

## Chapter 347 Twenty Million

"Eris, what the hell do you want?" Brian knew that he had to reach a compromise. Looking at her, he smiled bitterly and added, "You should know the situation my family is in right now. Our company is going bankrupt. I have no choice but to marry into the Cook family if I want to save it!"

He grabbed her wrist and pulled her back to the passenger seat. "We've been together for a long time. You know that I treated you well when we were together. I gave you clothes, handbags, designer watches, and jewelry. I supported you in all your endeavors. I always tried my best to make you happy. In the past, I really wanted to marry you." +

Remembering their memories when they were still together, Eris was moved. +

"My family's business is on the brink of collapse. Most of our hotels have been now closed down. We have already laid off a third of our employees. In order to stay afloat, we have already sold off most of our assets. I have lost everything!"

Eris bit her lip.

"You came to me because you want me to compensate

you financially, don't you?"

Eris snorted and didn't deny it.

With a wry smile, Brian said, "If things were the same as before, you know that I would do whatever I could to make it up to you. But now, I have nothing. There's really nothing I can give you. Eris, we have been together for so many years. When we were together, we really loved each other. But now that we've split up, can we just go our own separate ways in peace?"

Eris remained silent. After a while, she turned to look at him. "In peace? What do you mean?"

"I've already given you the apartment. Besides that, you still own the apartment that your parents left you. If you manage your finances well, you could surely live a comfortable life. Eris, you are young, beautiful, and resourceful. You can find anybody you want in the future."

"Brian! What do you mean?"

"For the sake of our friendship, go have an abortion. Okay?"

Brian tried his best to persuade her.

"Have an abortion?!" Eris took a deep breath. "No way!"

"Eris, you have to be rational about this. Let's put it this way. The only way for me to save my family is if I marry into the Cook family. We two can't be together anymore. Even if you give birth to the baby, what can I do? Can you imagine what the baby will go through if it grows up

without a complete family?" 8

Eris put her hand on her belly and gritted her teeth. "I won't do it anyway."

"Okay, then don't! Let me ask you, how will you raise a child on your own?" Brian asked her. 5

"I..."

"You won't be able to count on me. I'm about to get married. I can't possibly raise that child. Even if you sue me in court, the most you'll get is a few hundred dollars every month according to the law."

"Brian!"

"It's not that I'm cruel. I'll have a new family and children of my own in the future. I just won't have the time to pay attention to an illegitimate child. You should go on the Internet and see how much it costs to raise a child on your own. And it's not just money. You'll need a lot of time, too. Will you raise the child yourself, or will you hire a nanny? If you take care of the baby on your own, you'll have no time for yourself for many years. You won't be able to pursue your career until the kid reaches kindergarten. And if we look into it, it will take at least four years until it can go to kindergarten. You know how fast the entertainment industry is changing. Who do you think will remember you after four years of absence?" 2

Listening to his words, Eris' face darkened.

"Even if you hire a nanny to take care of the baby, you need to know that hiring a skilled nanny in Ywood will cost you thousands of dollars per month. And that's not just it. You'll also need money to buy baby's formula and other daily expenses. You'll be needing at least twenty thousand dollars every month! And when the child grows up, you'll need an even bigger budget for education. Are you sure you can support this family by yourself?" ⑦

Eris clenched her fists.

Brian continued, "Even if you can somehow afford to support this family, what will you do in the future? You know that it's hard for a single mother to find an excellent man. Things will be very difficult for you! I'm sure that it isn't the life you want. Am I correct?"

Eris thought deeply. She had never thought about those questions before. Raising a child was not as simple as she thought. As soon as she knew she was pregnant, she didn't take the time to think about those things carefully.

Clenching her fists, Eris looked up at Brian and said, "We two—"

Without hesitation, Brian cut her off, "Eris, it's already over between us. We can't go back together anymore." ①

Eris remained silent. She felt like she was in a daze. She hated how ridiculous it was. Although she didn't want to

admit it, her first thought when she learned about her pregnancy was to get back with him. The thought of starting a family with Brian filled her heart with joy. ④

But now, she was woken up to the harsh reality. His words were like cold water, extinguishing all her expectations. Realizing this, her eyes dimmed.

"Eris, we have been together for more than four years. I do have feelings for you. But I have no choice. You are right. Grace is truly not as good as you in every aspect. I really don't like her, but I have no choice. It's ridiculous, I know. But for so many years, my parents have raised me. Now it's time for me to repay them for that. I can't back out this time." ②

Eris closed her eyes.

"Eris, listen to me. Just have an abortion. It's what's best for you."

'He is an ass!' Eris shook his head and frowned slightly. She realized that his main purpose was to make her get the abortion. She felt as if her world was spinning. And then, all of a sudden, she made up her mind. ①

"Eris..."

Eris shook off Brian's hand without showing any emotion.

"Eris!"

"Stop pretending. If I didn't know you so well, I would

have almost believed your words."

"Eris..." Brian muttered.

Eris stretched out her hand and touched the leather seat. She scoffed, "Didn't you just tell me that you had nothing? Then why do you still have your luxury car?"

Brian explained, "Well, it's necessary for me to appear as if all is well. If I changed my car or started taking taxis now, the media would sense that our family isn't doing well and our company would take an even bigger hit." 

Eris shook her head. Now that they weren't together, she saw Brian's true face. She believed that his parents had sold all their properties. But she knew that Brian was lying when he said that he didn't leave any assets for himself. She would never buy it.

"Eris—" 

"Enough! Stop playing the victim here. I won't listen to you anymore!" Eris said coldly. "If you want me to have an abortion, no problem. But you have to give me twenty million dollars!" 

