

Chapter 372 Regretting His Decision

“What exactly happened?” This time, Layla’s voice was very soft. Holding him in her arms, she ruffled Ryan’s hair gently.

Ryan’s shaking shoulders had stilled by this time. He had already calmed down.

Ryan moved gently and came out of Layla’s embrace. Without saying a word, he took a box of tissue and began to clear his face.

Ryan did not want anyone to notice his tears or his weakness.

He was not weak, nor could he ever be. He still had people who he wanted to protect.

He couldn’t show his fragility.

With that, Ryan’s usual indifference and aloofness returned. It was as if that crying man a few seconds ago wasn’t him, but someone else.

Layla saw the change in Ryan’s behaviour clearly. Her eyes slowly cooled down and she looked at Ryan deeply.

“Let me ask you seriously, what happened between you and Amber?” Layla stared straight at Ryan and asked.

She wanted to see if what she heard was really true or there was more to this.

Ryan’s action of cleaning his face suddenly paused. He answered without looking at Layla. “Nothing.”

“Really? Then why did Elena leave you?” Layla asked without any mercy.

Ryan’s heart trembled when he heard Layla’s question. She did not ask anything excessive but Ryan was unable to answer.

Right. If he did not do anything, why did his wife leave him?

Layla waited for a long time but did not get any response. She eyes turned deep.

“I am not clear about the matter between you and Amber, but I didn’t want to believe when I first heard it. However. . .” Layla suddenly paused. She leaned forward slightly and narrowed her eyes. “Your silence is proving something else.”

“Amber Thomas is the daughter of Thomas family of the capital. She was my business partner when I was pretending to be a cripple.”

Ryan’s eyes were somewhat blank. He said softly. “A few people wanted to harm to Elena, but they mistook Amber as Elena, causing her getting pregnant. The Thomas family and Langford family were arranging a marriage but Amber did not want to get married, so she asked me to play along with her and claim her child to be mine. She said if I did not finish this act, then she would use her means and release Elena’s photo to public.”

His voice dropped, turning raw. “I originally wanted to refuse but I later found some clues which proved that the people who harmed Amber were related to Elena’s kidnapping last time. I didn’t dare to act rashly at that time. I thought if I agreed to Amber’s request it would give me some time to investigate about those people. But I did not expect this one mistake would cause so many things.”

If Ryan had known that this would be the outcome, he would definitely not have agreed to help Amber in that act.

Layla frowned. She did not know Amber very well so she could not deliberately judge what kind of person this woman was.

But from what Ryan said, it could be seen that Amber was not someone to be trifled with.

Layla thought for a moment before asking, “Where is Elena?”

This was what she wanted to know the most.

When Layla heard about this matter, the first person that came to her mind was not Ryan, but Elena.

There was once a time when Layla herself suffered from the pain of betrayal. Therefore, if there was someone who could understand Elena’s pain, that was Layla.

Ryan’s eyes dimmed when he thought about Elena. “I don’t know where she is.” His voice was hoarse and filled with pain. “She was here when I left for some work yesterday. But by the time I returned, she was gone. . .”

“How can she just disappear? Didn’t you find her?” Layla asked with worry. Elena was unfamiliar to this place. She was worried Elena would meet with some trouble.

“I did but there was no news about her. But I feel that it has something to do with Foster family. Elena doesn’t have any friends or relatives here, so only Spencer can help her.”

“Spencer? Spencer Foster?” Layla frowned and asked with uncertainty. “How is he related to this matter?”

Ryan nodded. “He is Elena’s friend. He’s the one who helped Elena escape the Hai city in the first place.”

Layla fell silent. She did not expect so many things to happen in such a short time.

She cast a concerned look at Ryan. His pain and headache were obvious.

Layla reached out and patted Ryan’s shoulder. She said gently. “I know you did this to protect Elena but you also have to remember that a woman cares about her husband the most. When you find Elena this time, don’t hide things from her anymore. Tell her everything. She is a sensible person, she would understand your point.”

Layla had only met with Elena once, but that one interaction was enough to prove many things. In order not to bother Ryan, Elena was willing to pretend to be stimulated. This showed that Elena loved Ryan very much.

If a person loved someone truly, she could never withstand her partner’s betrayal.

Layla understood Elena’s actions.

When your heart brakes, nothing matters to you anymore. You just want to run away from everyone and everything.

Once Layla had also run away leaving everything behind.

The incident of that year suddenly came to Layla’s mind making her frown. She took a deep breath and shook off those unpleasant memory from her mind.

She needed to solve her son’s problem first.

Ryan leaned back on his chair and looked up at the roof. He was now regretting his decision of not telling Elena the truth.

Even if she did not want to listen, he should have told her.

Only if he told her. . .

Ryan blewed out a frustrated breath. He felt very helpless. He didn’t expect that he couldn’t even protect his wife, so what could he do?

Layla saw Ryan’s dejected face and said, “Okay. Take care of Amber’s side yourself. And remember you can’t hurt Elena anymore, even if it is to protect her.”

Layla paused and looked at Ryan. Only when she saw him nod, did she continue her words. “I will use my authority to help you find Elena. You also keep an eye on the Foster family. If there is any news, you must come back and report it to me.”

However, Ryan refused Layla at the next moment. “No, Mom. You don’t need to do this.”

“Why so?” Layla’s face instantly turned cold.

Ryan turned serious. “Marcus Foster already knew about our relationship. If you interfere in this matter, he would definitely try to find troubles with you.”

Layla was closely related to the royal family while the Foster family and the royal family were old allies.

The Foster family was now relying on the support of the royal family to do whatever they wanted.

Ryan and the Foster family never got along. If the Foster family used royal family’s support to harm Layla, it was also possible.

Ryan did not want to drag his mother in this mud.

Layla’s heart warmed when she saw her son was worried about her safety. However, she still put on a stern face. “You don’t need to care about me. Right now, you just need to find Elena first.”

After finished speaking, Layla suddenly remembered something. She turned to Ryan, “Where are the twins?”

She hadn’t heard Ryan mention about the children all along.

Ryan’s face darkened. He said gloomily, “Elena took them away with her before. I’ve sent people to bring them back.”

“Fine.” Layla did not think much when she heard Ryan would bring the children back.

“You better you away that face and get back to work. Find Elena as soon as possible and reconcile with her. I don’t want my grandchildren suffer because of your stupidity. I’ll use my connections to help you.”

The twins had taken Layla’s heart from the moment she saw them in Ryan’s house a few months ago. She did not wish those two little lives to suffer due to adults’ faults.

“Mom, you must be careful on the royal family’s side. If you live under someone else’s roof, you should always be wary of people.”

It was not easy for Layla to sustain all these years alone. Therefore, no matter what, Ryan couldn’t let her face any more danger.

Layla smiled. “Don’t worry about that. The people of the royal family have been looking for the prince these days. It is said that they have made some progress. Thus, the royal family has no time to care about other matters.”

Ryan could not help but frown upon hearing this. “Didn’t the prince die two years ago?”

There was only one prince in the royal family who had died two years ago. Ryan still remembered that the day the prince died, the royal family turned the whole Western Europe upside down.

“It was said that there was another prince who was left outside. However, we do not know who exactly it is, so we can only wait for the king to announce it.” Layla said calmly.

Ryan nodded absentmindedly. He wasn’t in the mood to care about who the prince of the royal family was. Right now, he only wanted to find his wife.

“Mom, how did you know about this?” Ryan suddenly asked.