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Chapter 1491: Edward Has Been Giving You Birth Control pills!

Her little face was so serious that it was flushed red. She was trying really hard to poop.

“Mommy, it hurts...” Paige was still crying because of the pain in her stomach.

“Don't cry.”

Paige's big eyes were filled with grievance.

Candice, on the other hand, was not as cold-blooded as she appeared to be. When she saw how upset Paige was, her heart ached. However, if she did not take it seriously and got her poop on her own, Paige's stomachache would persist.

Besides, Paige's personality was different from George's. Paige had been pampered and had probably never been hurt since she was young, so whenever something happened, she would rely on the people around her.

However, if that continued, it would not be good for Paige's future growth. Paige needed to slowly understand that there were many things that others could not help her with and that she could only rely on herself.

As crying sounds came from the toilet, Chloe wanted to rush in a few times but was stopped by Teddy.

“Teddy, if anything happens to Paige, can you bear the responsibility?” Chloe shouted at Teddy.

“The Madam is inside. She will take good care of Paige.”

“She isn't Paige's biological mother, so she can't decide what's best for Paige.”

"In that case, Ms. Nicholson, you have even less right to decide for Paige!" Teddy said with a serious expression.

Chloe gritted her teeth. She was really pissed off by Teddy. She did not understand how a servant could be so arrogant in this household.

"I told you to get out of the way!" Chloe scolded.

"I won't."

"I'll say it again. Get out of my way!" Chloe threatened fiercely.

Still, Teddy did not move.

"Slap!" Chloe suddenly slapped Teddy's face hard.

It was deafening, and Teddy's expression was a little ugly. However, he could not fight back.

Chloe had been holding her emotions in for a long time, angry at how Teddy was always against her. Hence, she had to take the opportunity to teach him a lesson.

"Are you going to give way or not?" Chloe threatened again.

"I won't." Teddy still did not move.

Chloe raised her hand and slapped Teddy's face again. It was still as hard as the slap before.

"What are you doing?" At the same time, a stern male voice suddenly sounded in the hall.

Chloe was shocked, but in the next second, her eyes reddened.

She quickly ran to Edward's side and said with an aggrieved expression, "Edward, Paige's stomach hurts a lot, but for some reason, my sister refuses to send Paige to the hospital. I was very anxious to send Peggy to the hospital, but Teddy kept stopping me. So, I couldn't help but slap him. Edward, what's wrong with my sister?"

She made herself sound like the victim. However, Edward did not even look at Chloe as he walked straight to the bathroom.

Half of Teddy's face was red.

Edward's eyes turned cold. He asked, "What happened?"

"Paige was in class today when she suddenly had a stomachache. Madam just did a simple checkup on Paige and confirmed that she had eaten something bad today," Teddy reported.

"My sister isn't a doctor. How can she tell that Paige has a stomachache? What if it's not?" Chloe stood at the side and deliberately added fuel to the fire.

"Paige should be fine." Teddy ignored Chloe and continued to report to Edward,

"I can hear her crying inside, but I believe Madam knows her limits."

Edward nodded and said, "I'll go in and take a look."

Teddy stepped aside.

Edward opened the door to the toilet and walked in to see that Paige's face was red as she tried her best to poop. Candice was by Paige's side, holding her chubby little hand as if she was helping Paige push.

When Paige saw her father suddenly appear, she burst into tears again.

"Daddy."

Candice really wanted to throw a fit at that moment. It was not easy to calm Paige down and make her focus on pooping, but she did not expect someone to appear halfway through.

“Daddy, my stomach hurts.”

As Paige spoke, she wanted to get down from the toilet bowl and get Edward to pick her up. However, Candice held Paige down and said to Edward, “Get out first.”

“Paige-”

“Get out first!” Candice's expression was serious.

“I'll get Finn to come over,” Edward said.

“You don't believe my judgment either, do you?” Candice asked Edward. “No, I just think that since Paige is in so much pain, we can help her to poop in other ways..”

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“The reason why Paige isn't so brave is because you protect her too well. It's just pooping. Which child didn't poop by themselves?” Candice asked Edward.

Edward pursed his lips.

“Daddy.” Paige looked pitiful.

Edward felt a little sorry for her.

“If you trust me, go out and wait.” Candice was very serious.

“Daddy, don't go.” Tears rolled down Paige's eyes.

Edward hesitated for two seconds before he turned around and walked out.

“Daddy...” Paige called out to him loudly.

However, Edward closed the toilet door behind him.

Candice then turned to look at Paige, who looked extremely pitiful, as if she had been abandoned by someone.

Edward must have had great self-restraint to not throw away all his principles after seeing Paige's expression.

“Now, Daddy is gone too.” Candice forced herself to be cold. “You can only rely on yourself.”

“Mommy, I hate you.” “Paige, listen to Mommy. You must poop on your own.”

“Boohoo...” Paige cried.

“Be good.” Candice held Paige's hand.

Paige bit her lips and could only try to poop again. She was forcing it out so hard that her face turned red again. She even made the sound of children trying their best to poop.

Candice was actually anxious because she was afraid that Paige would not be able to control her poop at such a young age. However, Paige was doing the right thing.

Paige worked very hard for a long time until finally, she pooped and a lot at that. After Paige pooped, her stomach instantly stopped hurting.

She looked at Candice in surprise. "Mom, my stomach doesn't hurt anymore."

"It's because you were brave enough to poop the bug out. Without the bug biting your stomach, it won't hurt anymore."

"Yes, yes." Paige was thrilled.

Candice heaved a sigh of relief.

She wiped Paige's butt clean. "If you still have a stomachache, you must tell me."

"Alright," Paige said obediently.

Candice held Paige's hand as they walked out of the toilet.

"Paige, how are you?" Just as they walked out, Chloe suddenly ran over and hugged Paige.

"I'm fine after I pooped," Paige quickly said.

"It's all my fault," Chloe suddenly cried out loudly, looking extremely remorseful. "I shouldn't have given Paige ice cream just because she wanted to eat it. If I had known earlier, I wouldn't have given it to her. It's all my fault for making your stomach hurt..."

Her mood changed really quickly, and it was the first time Teddy witnessed it.

"I'm fine now, Aunt." Paige was probably shocked by Chloe's sudden crying.

At that moment, she could not help but lean closer to Candice.

"But seeing you in so much pain, my heart aches for you. Paige, will you forgive me?"

Paige, of course, was not mature enough to care. Hence, when she saw Chloe crying, she quickly nodded. "I'll forgive you."

"Paige, you're such a good child. Come, let me hug you." As she spoke, Chloe was about to pick Paige up.

However, Candice rejected her directly. "Paige, it's time to go back to class."

Chloe secretly gritted her teeth. She knew Candice just could not bear to see her and Paige getting along.

"Mr. Frank, thank you so much," Candice called out to the teacher who was waiting for her at the side.

"It's my job," Teacher Wang quickly agreed. "Paige, let's go. Let's continue with the class."

"Paige just had diarrhea. Doesn't she need some rest?" Chloe pretended to be a good person.

"No need," Candice said bluntly.

The teacher was at a loss for words and could not help but glance at Edward, who was standing at the side. Only after seeing Edward nod, he took Paige away.

Chloe was really jealous of how Edward indulged Candice. In fact, she thought that Edward would be angry at Candice for treating Paige like that.

She knew very well that Edward doted on her daughter very much, whom he treated like a precious treasure. However, she did not expect that he would compromise for Candice.

"Don't you have to go to work?" Candice asked Edward.

"I called Edward to come back," Chloe quickly said. "Because I was too worried about Paige, I couldn't help but inform Edward."

“It's okay. You can go back to work. If Paige's stomach still hurts, I'll call Finn over..”

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Edward nodded and said, “Send me off.”

It meant to see him off, which Candice did not refuse, and she followed Edward out of the hall.

Chloe looked at them and stomped her feet. Somehow, she had a feeling that she could not break them up no matter what.

How could Edward tolerate Candice so much? He clearly did not love her. If he loved her, he would not have stopped her from getting pregnant.

However, if he did not love her, why was he so nice to Candice? Was it just because of political reasons that he had no choice but to treat her well?

Outside the hall, Candice sent Edward into the car.

The moment Edward got into the car, he said, “Candice, are you very dissatisfied with the way I educate Paige?”

Candice was stunned. She thought that Edward had called her out to tell her that she was too stern with Paige just now. After all, in front of so many people, Edward had also considered her reputation, but she did not expect Edward to suddenly ask her about Paige's education.

“It's my first time being a father to such a young child, so I don't have any experience either. I'm always afraid that I won't take good care of her, and then...” Edward hesitated.

At that moment, it felt to Candice that he wanted to say he would not be able to answer to Paige's mother.

“George didn't grow up by my side. He only came back to me when he was six.” Edward seemed to be explaining why he doted on Paige so much.

“No, I think Paige is wonderful. She has a good personality and a good upbringing. It's just that she's too dependent. However, I understand you. After all, it's very difficult for a single father to be a good father.”

“I've already made arrangements for Paige to go to kindergarten. From now on,

I'll listen to you when it comes to Paige's education.”

Candice smiled.” Alright.”

She agreed right away. She thought, even though she and Edward could not become a husband and wife who truly loved each other, they could become life partners who trusted each other.

Everyone's pursuit of marriage and happiness was different. To her, she believed that becoming part of a family was also a kind of happiness, and it did not have to be a passionate love.

“I'm going to work,” Edward said.

“Be careful on the road.” Candice smiled, looking like a good wife and mother.

Candice watched the car disappear from her sight before she turned around and returned to the lobby.

In the hall, Chloe seemed to be blaming herself.

When she saw Candice return, she quickly went up to her. “Sis, did Edward scold you because of me? It was all my fault. If I weren't so worried about Paige, I wouldn't have called Edward, and it wouldn't have caused a conflict between the two of you-”

“Slap!” Candice suddenly gave Chloe a hard slap across her face.

Chloe was stunned. She covered her face and looked at Candice in disbelief. “Sis, why are you venting your anger on me because you and Edward had a conflict? I was just concerned about Paige. Do you have to hit me like this?”

“Slap!” Candice slapped her again.

The deafening sound echoed in the hall.

Chloe's face was swollen from the slap, and she was also infuriated. She could not believe that Candice actually hit her, and Candice even slapped her twice. She then raised her hand, wanting to slap Candice back.

“Try it!” Candice's eyes narrowed. Her sharp gaze was lethal.

Chloe's raised hand froze in mid-air. She was shocked by Candice.

“Those two slaps are for Teddy,” Candice said coldly.

She could hear clearly from the toilet that Chloe slapped Teddy twice.

“You still have three days left, and you'd better restrain yourself. Otherwise, next time, it won't be as simple as an eye for an eye!” Candice threatened.

Her cold voice sent shivers down Chloe's spine.

Chloe bit her lips tightly and watched as Candice turned around to leave after saying that. It seemed like Candice did not take her seriously at all. Was it just because she became the Leader's wife she could be so arrogant?!

All of Chloe's suppressed emotions erupted at that moment. She shouted at Candice, "Candice, do you really think that you can get carried away just because you're the Leader's wife? Let me tell you, Edward only married you because you're Dad's daughter. Do you really think Edward loves you?"

Candice stopped in her tracks. She had always known that Edward did not love her. Even if she was confused sometimes, she knew her limits.

She realized from the first time she heard him call out Jeanne's name after he fell asleep that their marriage was a political marriage and that their happiness only came from helping each other.

"You really want to get pregnant with Edward's child and secure your position as Leader's wife, don't you?" Chloe mocked. "I didn't want to say it at first because I was afraid of hurting you, but now I think I have to remind you so that you don't think too highly of yourself!"

Candice frowned.

Then, she heard Chloe enunciate each word from behind her.. "Edward has been giving you birth control pills!"

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Candice remained silent for a long time because of what Chloe said.

She had always thought that she and Edward could have no feelings for each other. It was very clear that they were together because of a political marriage, so they just had to treat each other with respect and accompany each other peacefully for the rest of their lives.

That was all she asked for, but was she asking too much of that marriage?

"Sis, I really didn't want to tell you, but I can't stand seeing you so stubborn. I'm afraid you'll get hurt in the end." Chloe calmed herself down a little and started to make herself seem like a good person again.

Chloe actually did not want to tell Candice so soon. She wanted to say it when Edward was around, so she could cause a conflict between them and then take advantage of the situation.

She admitted she was a little impulsive now, but she also felt that she had to say it. After all, it was too difficult for her to get close to Edward.

She had never seen a man ignore her to this extent. In the past, she could easily make any man who liked Candice like her. Only Edward, whom she wanted the most, could not be hers. Since she could not get him, she had to create opportunities for herself to get him.

Now, she had figured it out. Although she could not seduce Edward, she could create a conflict between Edward and Candice.

Once they had a conflict, it was very likely that they would get a divorce. Once they got a divorce, she would have a chance. After all, the reason why Edward and Candice were together was because of her family background. Without Candice, she could replace her.

As intended, it was a well-played game.

“How did you know?” Candice asked her.

Just a second ago, she looked as if her world was crumbling down. However, at that moment, she looked as calm as water, like nothing had happened.

Chloe was certain that Candice was putting up an act. That woman had indeed changed too much after being in a coma.

She said, “I couldn't sleep this morning and woke up a little early, so I walked around Bamboo Garden and accidentally saw Teddy making breakfast in the kitchen in the back garden. I wanted to greet him, but I saw him put some white powder in your breakfast. I instinctively thought it was a little strange, so I didn't disturb him. It wasn't until Teddy left that I quietly walked in and picked up the torn wrapping paper. I then went back to the room to put it together and saw the words 'Emergency Contraception Pill' written on it.”

Candice still did not seem to believe it, or rather than saying she did not believe it, she just wanted to confirm it because she did not want to wrongly accuse anyone.

“Do you still have the wrapping paper?”

“Yes.”

“Show it to me.”

“Alright,” Chloe quickly said.

The two of them went upstairs one after the other and entered Chloe's room. Chloe took the wrapping paper out of the drawer and started to put it together again.

Candice, however, immediately began to piece it together at a shockingly fast speed, which surprised Chloe. It took her at least two hours to piece it together, but Candice only took 20 minutes at most.

Did that woman not only have a higher EQ but also a higher IQ?

Candice quietly pieced the wrapping paper together. Then, she saw a string of words on the packaging paper.

Chloe looked at Candice's silence and deliberately fanned the flames. “Sis, whv

do you think Edward won't let you get pregnant?”

Candice, too, wanted to ask why. If he did not want to have more kids, he could just tell her directly. There was no need to hide it from her in such a way. As long as there was a reasonable reason, she could accept it.

Fine, a woman might not find it easy to accept. After all, a woman would definitely want a family and children of her own after she got married.

“Sis, I really don't want to sow discord between you both. I'm just worried that you'll be fooled by Edward! I see you treating Edward's two children as your own, but look at how he's treating you. To stop you from having children, he even gave you birth control pills. Everyone knows that birth control pills have side effects. If you take them for too long of a period, you would become infertile!” Chloe was all riled up.

She was deliberately exaggerating, to incite Candice's hatred for Edward. She believed that no woman could accept such a thing..

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In a marriage, it was equivalent to having an affair, or even worse.

Candice could not possibly have no self-esteem at all. After being bullied by Edward to that extent, she would definitely make a fuss for the sake of that so-called position as the Leader's wife, right?

Chloe was just waiting for the drama to unfold.

At that moment, Candice picked up all the wrapping papers in front of her. Chloe looked at Candice's actions and assumed that Candice would definitely bring it to Edward to question him.

She was laughing sinisterly in her heart when she saw Candice suddenly walk into the toilet with the wrapping paper. She quickly followed her and watched in disbelief as Candice threw the wrapping paper into the toilet bowl and flushed it down.

“Candice!” Chloe was so angry that she even called her by her name! “Let's just let this matter pass. Other than you and me, don't tell anyone else.”

“How can you do that for the sake of your position? Don't you care about your dignity?” Chloe looked at Candice in disbelief.

She did not expect such an outcome — for Candice to choose such a method for the sake of power and reputation. She had always thought that Candice had strong self-esteem and could not tolerate being deceived or even hurt like that.

“Accompanying the king is like accompanying a tiger.” Candice looked at Chloe.

“Do you really think Edward and I are equals in this marriage?”

“Even if that is the case, you should clarify things. There's no need for you to swallow your anger—”

“This is my business.” Candice immediately interrupted Chloe. “Chloe, no matter what your motive is for today's incident, I should remind you not to provoke Edward. You can't afford to offend him, and neither can the Nicholsons.”

“You make it sound so righteous and honorable, but aren't you just loving your current identity? Of course, it's normal. No woman in the world wouldn't want to be the wife of the Leader and be admired by thousands of people. It's not that I don't understand, but I just look down on you for being willing to stoop so low for the sake of benefits. I look down on women like you!” Chloe said indignantly.

“Whether you look down on me or are deliberately trying to break me and Edward up, you know that very well. I don't want to waste my breath with you here, but I will say one last thing. When you leave here in three days, you best not do anything for the next three years. Otherwise, no one can protect you.”

“Protect me? When have you protected me?” Chloe sneered. “You can't wait for me to leave because you're afraid I'll snatch your position. Ever since we were young, you've known that men like me more, so you're also afraid that Edward would fall for me! Candice, I know exactly what you're thinking.”

“I know exactly what you're thinking.” Candice said coldly, “But before you do it, Chloe, you'd better think about how much you're worth.”

“If you can do it, why can't I? How am I worse than you?” Chloe did not want to hide her true feelings anymore.

She did not want to play any games with Candice. If everyone wanted to shed all pretense of cordiality, so be it.

“If it weren't for you, I would've married Edward! If not for you, all the glory would be mine! It was you who stole everything from me. Even if I want to snatch it back now, it's not wrong.”

“Your mistake is that you don't know your limits,” Candice said nonchalantly to Chloe.

At that moment, she stopped talking to Chloe, turned around, and left Chloe's room.

That was all she needed to say. If Chloe wanted to court her own death, so be it. She had no compassion for Chloe as a family at all. Deep in her heart, she felt like they were just strangers.

When Candice returned to her room, she lay on the bed and stared at the ceiling in a daze.

In the end, she could not be as indifferent about it as she wanted to be.

Although she was not overly sad about it — after all, she already knew that Edward had no feelings for her, and she was actually holding back her feelings for him — she was just a little disappointed.

If he had made it clear from the beginning, even if she could not accept it, at least she would not have felt cheated or been so silly as to go to the hospital for a checkup to see if there was something wrong with her body.

Now that she thought about it, she felt that she was being too conceited.

Chloe looked at Candice's cold back and felt like she was going to go crazy from anger..

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It did not go according to her expectations at all. In fact, it was completely out of her expectations.

How could Candice be so calm? How could she let that matter go as if nothing had happened? She had finally created a conflict between them. How could she just flush it away like that?

Chloe gritted her teeth. She refused to believe that she would not be able to affect Candice and Edward's marriage. With that, she composed herself and picked up the phone to make a call.

The call connected. "Hello."

"Edward, I'm sorry. I'm sorry..." Chloe sobbed.

"What's the matter?" The other party sounded indifferent.

"I didn't do it on purpose. I really didn't. I-I..." At that moment, Chloe was even getting a little emotional and sounded like she was about to cry.

"If you can't explain it clearly now, you can call me back when your emotions have stabilized. I'm very busy." He was so cold that he was almost inhuman.

So many men in the world loved her, but how could Edward be so cold-blooded to her?

She quickly said, "I didn't mean to tell my sister about Teddy giving her birth control pills. I just let it slip. I'm really afraid that it'll affect your relationship. I don't know what to do. I..."

The more she spoke, the more sorry she sounded. It was as if she had done something terribly wrong and was extremely guilty when, in reality, a triumphant smile was stretched across Chloe's face.

Candice wanted to let the matter rest peacefully, but she would not let Chloe get what she wanted. She had to expose the conflict between them so that they had to talk about the matter!

"Edward, what should I do now? What do you think I should do to make up for the mistake I just made? Otherwise, I'll feel bad for the rest of my life." Chloe kept making herself seem like the victim to make herself seem pitiful.

However, the other party hung up the phone. He was so cold to her that Chloe wanted to smash her phone!

No men could resist her pitiful appearance! What right did Edward have to treat her like that?

Edward hung up the phone and sat in the huge office.

The highest administrative office of Harken was right beside the moat. Even though it was not high up, nothing was in front of it to block the view.

“You guys should head out first,” Edward said coldly.

“Yes.”

The people who had been respectfully accompanying him left. After that, Edward took out a cigarette and lit it.

He thought, sure enough, if he lied once, he would have to cover the lie up with more lies until he could not pull himself out from the lies. Then, when the day come when those lies were exposed, it was too late!

He smoked one cigarette after another until the entire office was filled with the smell of cigarettes.

He put out the last cigarette butt and picked up his phone. He opened the surveillance application on his phone and looked at the surveillance camera in Bamboo Garden.

Candice was playing with Paige in the hall. There was a smile on her face, and she looked no different from usual. However, was it good or bad?

At night, Candice coaxed Paige to sleep. Just as she was about to return to her room, she stopped in her tracks when she passed by George's room.

It was because there was something about George's diary that she could not describe. It was as if she had an uncontrollable impulse to look at that diary. For some reason, it seemed to her that there was a lot of truth written in that diary.

Nevertheless, she controlled her emotions and walked past George's room. She was just at the door to her room when she saw Edward return in his suit.

No matter how late it was, his aura was still powerful, and he would never let her see how tired he was.

“You're back.” Candice smiled. Edward nodded. “Yes.”

“Have you had dinner?”

“I have,” Edward replied.

“You should rest early.” Candice naturally took his hand.

It was as if nothing had happened between them and things were still the same between them — as if Candice did not know that he had put birth control pills in her breakfast.

When they returned to the room, Candice went to the bathroom to prepare a bath for Edward. “You should take a shower first.”

Edward nodded and watched as Candice busied herself for him as usual. By the time he came out of the shower, Candice had fallen asleep..

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She looked like she was already asleep, but she left a dim light for him. Hence, Edward carefully got onto the bed and turned off the lights.

The room instantly turned dark. Edward reached out and pulled Candice into her arms, but Candice did not resist. As he lowered his head and kissed her, she also... responded to him. It seemed like what Chloe had told him in the afternoon was fabricated and Candice did not seem to know about it at all. Of course, it was not fabricated. After all, she really did take the morning-after pill that he secretly gave to her.

Under the night sky, the two bodies became more and more intimate. They were doing intimate things that husband and wife would do... "Can we use condoms?" Candice suddenly asked in the dark.

Edward's body stiffened.

"Will the pills have any side effects?" she asked.

She was simply asking him for an answer. She was not angry at all.

"It won't," he answered.

He had admitted to having given her birth control pills.

"Alright." Candice nodded, which meant that she allowed it.

However, Edward did not move and stayed on top of Candice, pressing her body down under his.

The two of them remained silent in the dark.

"Aren't you angry?" Edward suddenly asked after some time.

The sound woke Candice up, and she was in a daze for a long time before she realized what Edward had just said. She said, "I'm not angry."

Edward fell silent again.

“Of course, I wished you would tell me earlier.” Candice added, “So I wouldn't have much hope.”

“Were you looking forward to it?”

“It's what you think. I just thought that you and I hadn't used any contraception when we had sex because we wanted to have a child. That was why I thought we would have a child together, and I looked forward to it. But if you had told me earlier, I might not have had such thoughts.”

“Do you want to know why I did it?”

“When I found out the truth this afternoon, I wanted to know why. After all, I've thought about it a lot. I don't know how having another child will affect you, and I really can't think of why. But now, I don't think there's a need to know. You have your reasons, and I'll respect your choice,” Candice said lightly.

“Why are you compromising and tolerating me?” Edward asked her.

“Isn't this our marriage? When I agreed to this marriage, I was prepared for all this. In fact, the current state of our marriage is much better than I expected. I always thought that you were a cold and serious person who did not understand relationships. However, you're much warmer than I thought.” What she said was true.

Candice did not make it up because she wanted to show how magnanimous she was. The marriage was indeed much better than she had expected. She did not have to talk herself into thinking she was satisfied.

“You... Do you love me?” Edward suddenly asked, and it even caught him off guard.

Candice had thought that problem would never arise between them because once it appeared, it would affect the relationship between husband and wife.

She said, “Do you care about these things?”

"I don't know." Edward gave an ambiguous answer.

"For me to be a good wife to you who doesn't cause trouble for you, think more about you, and take good care of your children," Candice said, "that's what you care about, right?"

"I'm greedier than you think." Edward enunciated each word.

"It's best not to." Candice refused.

Edward's throat moved slightly.

"This will only burden you." Candice was really calm. "The best relationship we can have is when I don't fall in love with you and you don't fall in love with me.

Only then can our marriage be more stable."

"Why don't you love me?" Edward asked her, "Before this, you probably didn't know that I gave you birth control pills, but why didn't you fall in love with me?"

Candice was silent for a few seconds.

"Are you rejecting me here?" Edward asked.

His slender fingers pointed at her heart. Was it because her heart had rejected him and that was why she did not love him subconsciously?

"No." Candice said, "You're the one who talks in your sleep, where you often call

Jeanne's name."

Edward was stunned. In the darkness, he looked at Candice quietly.

'When did I start doing that?' he asked her.

"Not long ago, or a month ago, or a little earlier, or a little later. I forgot," Candice said.

She said it so casually, like she did not care.

"Paige is Jeanne's daughter, right?" Candice felt that since everything was out in the open, she should just say it all.

Only after airing everything out in the open could their marriage be better. Moreover, Edward had already been married three times. He could not possibly get divorced again, right?

No matter what, the Leader of a country could not treat marriage as child's play.

"Yes," Edward replied.

"You like Jeanne very much, don't you?"

"Yes."

"You've always liked Jeanne, right?"

'Yes.'

"Other than her, you won't like any other woman, right?" Edward hesitated.

"You don't have to answer. I know," Candice said calmly.

There were no emotions in her voice.

“So you don't have to feel guilty or bad toward me. When I first agreed to this marriage, I accepted that it would be a political marriage. Actually, I didn't have much expectations for this marriage. However, after we got married, I realized that our marriage was much better than I thought. I always thought I wouldn't be able to get along well with your children and that I wouldn't be able to be a good wife and mother. But for some reason, after coming here, I feel that everything is at my fingertips, physically and spiritually, and I've accepted the role faster than I thought.”

Edward remained silent. It was as if he could not say anything.

Candice said, “Marriage can also be just a family relationship. In fact, I have this feeling like we've always been family, not just to you, but to George and Paige as well. So, I think we're doing really well now. You don't have to feel sorry for me just because you don't like me. I really don't have such high expectations. Perhaps I have one more request.”

“What request?” Edward's voice was a little deep.

Perhaps he was suppressing his emotions, or perhaps he was just saying those words emotionlessly.

“Stop lying to me.” Candice said, “You can tell me anything. Even if I can't accept it now, I'll accept it slowly. However, if you lie to me, I'll feel unworthy of myself. Take the fact that you don't want me to have children for example. I even went to the hospital for a physical examination today because I thought that my previous accident had done something to my body. I was a little worried that you would be disappointed if I couldn't have children... Things like that make me feel that I'm embarrassing myself..”

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“Things like that make me feel that I'm embarrassing myself.” Candice's voice was clear and emotionless.

It was as if she was just stating a fact or she was telling someone else's story that did not affect her much. Edward, however, did not reply.

The quiet night was especially peaceful, and Candice did not say anything else.

All she needed was to state her thoughts clearly. As for whether Edward wanted to listen or do as she said... To be honest, she had no confidence he would and could not control it, so she would not force it.

She closed her eyes and slowly fell asleep.

In her dreams, she felt someone hugging her tightly, as if he was afraid of losing her. She also seemed to hear a voice whispering in her ear, saying, "One day, you will hate me..."

She denied it or wanted to deny it, but she was too sleepy to open her eyes.

Deep down, she believed she would never hate Edward. She was respectful of his position and understood their identities. Since she understood that, she would not allow herself to fall too deep into it and hate him

At that time, she really thought so, if she did not... start to recall many things later on.

The next day, Candice did a stretch. As George did not have to get up early to go to school at home, he basically had breakfast with them, so she did not have to get up alone.

She moved her body and looked at Edward, who was still sleeping beside her. She was actually a little surprised. Was it still early? Why was Edward not up yet? Why had he not left?

She could not help but take out her phone to look at the time. It was past 8 a.m. in the morning. Logically speaking, Edward should have already gone out by now, yet he was still lying on the bed.

Did he oversleep? Did their conversation last night made him so unhappy that it affected his sleep?

She hurriedly called out to him, "Edward, wake up. It's late." Edward seemed to move his eyebrows and nothing else.

"Edward... Ah!" Candice suddenly screamed.

She had only reached out to call him.

However, she did not expect that just as she reached out her hand, Edward would grab her. At the same time, he pressed Candice under his body at an astonishing speed and kissed her passionately without hesitation.

"Oh." Candice twisted her body and tried to resist, but he was so strong that she could not do so.

How could she resist Edward? Therefore, in the next second, she took the initiative to respond to him.

Early in the morning, the air felt different, and after a long time, the two of them came out of the bathroom together.

They had to admit that that was the best way to wake up immediately.

"You're late for work," Candice said as she helped Edward with his tie. "Is it okay?"

"It's fine if I'm late occasionally."

"Alright." Candice nodded and helped him with his tie. "It's done."

Edward took a look and the corners of his lips curled up into a smile. He seemed very satisfied with the tie she had tied for him.

After that, the two of them walked out of the room and went downstairs intimately. Downstairs, Chloe was already playing in the living room with Paige in her arms.

Paige, that heartless little girl, had completely forgotten that she had to wake her mother up with a kiss every morning. However, the moment she saw them, she was still very excited. Her small body pushed Chloe away, and she ran towards them.

“Daddy, Mommy, you're finally up.”

Edward picked Paige up from the ground. It was obvious that he doted on Paige.

“Did you guys wake up so late because... you're going to give me a little sister?” Paige asked innocently.

Edward's expression changed slightly, and he turned to look at Candice. He saw her calm expression. It seemed like she had overcome the issue of not having kids anymore.

However, Candice's calmness really made him feel a little uncomfortable. It was as if she had let go of all worldly desires and did not have much pursuit for anything. A person like that could turn around and leave whenever she wanted to.

Chloe was not far away from them. She did not know how they would get along after she deliberately exposed the conflict in their relationship yesterday. She even hoped that they would have a big fight and Candice would run away from home.

Once Candice left, she would have a chance to get close to Edward..

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However, what was going on now?

They went downstairs together and teased Paige in a friendly manner. From their faces, there was no sign that she had ruined their relationship.

To think that when she was teasing Paige this morning, she had deliberately told Paige that Edward and Candice were going to give her little sister for her to, in turn, provoke Candice. How could Candice be so indifferent to it?!

That woman was really willing to lose her dignity for status and power, and Candice was definitely not like that in the past. What exactly went wrong? Was Candice still the same woman?

"I have to go to work now, so you have to listen to Mommy at home, okay?" Edward did not answer Paige and directly changed the topic.

Children's attention was usually easy to divert, so Paige quickly replied, "Okay."

"You can't eat ice cream whenever you want anymore? You have a weak stomach. If you eat too much, you'll get a stomach ache. Look at how in pain you were yesterday. We also felt very bad when we saw you suffering."

"Yes." Like a little girl who had done something wrong, Paige lowered her head and accepted the criticism.

"I'm leaving now. Give me a kiss." After being a little serious, Edward immediately became gentle.

It was true. He was very good to Paige. In fact, he doted on her a little too much.

Candice stood at the side and watched their interaction. She thought to herself that it was pretty amazing that Paige's personality did not go astray under Edward's unprincipled doting.

Paige quickly planted a big kiss on Edward's face, and Edward tapped on

Paige's little nose,

Just as he wanted to put Paige down and leave, Paige's young voice suddenly said, "Mommy wants to kiss Daddy too."

'Why?' Candice pulled Paige over from Edward. "We can't make Daddy late to work. Daddy's very busy."

"Brother says that people who like each other kiss each other." Paige said very seriously, "I like Daddy. Don't you like Daddy, Mommy?"

Candice did not answer Paige, nor did she dwell on that matter. Anyway, kissing Edward was not a big deal, and she did not want to waste too much of Edward's time because of her.

Since she was sure of her position in the family, she had to do her part. With that, she leaned over and planted a kiss on Edward's cheek.

Then, Edward smiled and said, "I'm leaving."

"Bye, Daddy." Paige waved obediently.

"Bye." Edward looked at Paige and then at Candice, who smiled at him.

Seeing her smile, Edward's throat moved slightly.

He was actually afraid that she would do that because the more she behaved that way, the less she cared. He would rather she lose her temper at him. However, he was also afraid that after her temper subsided, she would turn around and leave.

Edward held back his emotions and turned to leave.

"Edward." Chloe, who was standing at the side, quickly called out to him and followed him out of the hall.

Candice watched Chloe's actions coldly. If she said he did not mind... she would be lying. However, because they had made their relationship clear now, she suddenly had a feeling that she was fine if anything happened between Edward and Chloe and she would not interfere.

Outside the hall, Chloe called out to Edward and asked with concern, "Edward, how are things between you and my sister?"

Edward was about to get into the car when he turned around and glanced at Chloe.

"How many days do you have left here?" Edward asked.

"My parents are coming back the day after tomorrow," Chloe quickly replied.

That seemed to be the first time in a long time that Edward had taken the initiative to ask her about something. For a second, she was really flattered.

"I see." Edward only responded.

"I'm really grateful that you took me in. Otherwise, I wouldn't be able to take care of myself, and it would've affected my parents' travel plans," Chloe said sincerely, and her smile was cute.

"It's nothing." Edward nodded. With that, he planned to get into the car.

"Edward." Chloe grabbed his arm fiercely.

Edward's eyes flickered, but at that moment, he did not push her away.

"I didn't affect your relationship with my sister, did I?" Chloe asked. She had a guilty look in her eyes, which would make men take pity on her.

No man could reject her like that.

Previously, she had never had the chance to show herself in front of Edward. Since she would be leaving the day after tomorrow, she had to seize the opportunity..

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"It has nothing to do with you," Edward answered in a different way.

Therefore, was their relationship affected? Did Candice take the initiative to kiss Edward because of Paige?

Did they wake up so late this morning and was Edward going to work so late because... they had a long argument last night?

She could not help but admire Edward and Candice. It was obvious that the two of them had a conflict, but they could pretend that nothing had happened. "If anything happens between you and my sister, I'll really blame myself."

"Don't think too much." Edward interrupted her. She really couldn't see much emotion on his face.

"I'm leaving."

As he spoke, he pushed Chloe away and got into the car. Chloe did not dare to say anything about that. Due to her identity, she was still a little wary of Edward.

She hurriedly waved and said, "Take care, Edward."

The chauffeur respectfully closed the car door for Edward before returning to the car and driving away.

In the car, as Edward took off his suit, he instructed the person on the other end of his phone, "Prepare another suit jacket for me." "Okay, Leader. May I know when you need it?" "I'll be in the office in 20 minutes."

"Yes." The other party was extremely respectful.

The chauffeur glanced at the Leader who was sitting in the back seat through the rearview mirror. All these years, the Leader had kept an absolute distance from women and would never let any woman touch him. It was as if he was keeping his chastity for someone.

He had been standing beside the Leader just now, staring at him as he got into the car, so he saw that woman touching the Leader's sleeve. However, the Leader took his suit off just because of that.

Before this, he did not know who the Leader was doing this for, but ever since he met his wife, he had a rough idea of who the woman he was doing it for was.

At night, after Candice coaxed Paige to sleep, she went back to her room to sleep.

Edward would probably return even later tonight. After all, he woke up so late that morning. Therefore, she left a dim light on for him and did not plan to wait for him to fall asleep together.

Yet, when she closed his eyes, she could not seem to fall asleep. It was not that she missed Edward. Instead, she kept thinking about the diary. She just had the urge to open it and see what was written inside.

What exactly was in it that made her think of it so much?

Candice turned over and sat up on the bed, frustrated. She wanted to go downstairs to get a glass of water so that she could get some fresh air and not think too much.

She was walking down the stairs when she suddenly stopped in her tracks. It was because she saw Edward, who had already returned. She watched as he sat at the bar counter in the living room, seemingly drinking alone.

Her heart skipped a beat. That scene should be an unfamiliar scene, but she suddenly found it extremely familiar. It was as if she had seen Edward like that before.

However, they had never interacted with each other before this, and they clearly did not know each other at all. Why did she find that scene so familiar?

Then, her head began to hurt. The more she tried to recall that familiar scene, the more her head felt like it was about to explode. It felt as if the truth was about to break free.

She bit her lip lightly, and just as she was about to go downstairs, she saw a woman walking over from the other side of the hall. The woman was always there, but she had just left for a while and now she was back.

She watched uneasily as Chloe sat opposite Edward, took Edward's wine bottle, and poured a glass for Edward and another for herself. Chloe was even drinking with him.

Candice watched for a few seconds before she turned around and went back upstairs. She just felt that it would be a little abrupt for her to appear at that time, and she was not that thirsty.

When Edward noticed her departing figure, he picked up the wine glass and downed it.

“Edward, drink less. It's not good for your body to drink too much,” Chloe quickly called out to him worriedly.

Edward ignored her and took the bottle to pour himself another glass.

“Edward, aren't you happy? Why are you suddenly drinking so much? If you're unhappy, tell me. I want to share your burden.” Chloe seemed very considerate..