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Chapter 191 Marrying Her Will Affect the Intelligence of Future Generations

Ethan was usually very busy and unlikely to stay at home all the time. She thought that she should reach there later this time round, preferably after Ethan had left to avoid any embarrassing situations like yesterday morning. As for Lorian! If Lorian was alone at home, it would be fine. To be honest, she had a good impression of Loren and quite liked her.

At 10:00AM, Alice took a cab and returned to the villa. She guessed that Ethan should be out at this time. and indeed, she didn't see his car when she arrived at the villa. Ethan had told her the password for the gate that night, so she used the password to open the door before going straight upstairs. However, when she walked past Ethan's room, the door suddenly opened.

Before Alice could react, he pulled her in and pressed her against the wall, which stunned her. She thought that Ethan had gone out, so she never expected him to still be at home. He was usually swamped and rarely stayed at home, especially at this time. Did he put all his work aside to accompany Lorian? If so, it made sense. But Alice didn't understand why he suddenly pulled her over. Is he trying to settle yesterday's score? But didn't Loren come back last night? He should have been with her last night.

Alice raised her eyes and looked at him. At this moment, there was not much emotion on his face, as if he was as calm as usual, but Alice felt that he was completely different from usual. However, she didn't see much emotion in his expression at the moment. He wasn't angry or cold like yesterday. He was oddly

calm.

"You haven't left?" Alice secretly sighed as his reaction was dreadful.

Hearing that, Ethan raised the corners of his lips, seemingly smiling, and replied. "I'm waiting for you" It seems that she had guessed that I might not be at home at this time, so she chose to come at this time. Hell, she sure had thought it through

Therefore, he didn't go out and waited for her at home. It was indeed a wise decision. He noticed that she had left in a hurry yesterday and then saw a document in her room. He thought she might come back to get it, so he waited for her at home.

"Waiting for me?" Alice was stunned. He didn't go out but waited for her to come back. Shouldn't Lorian be the reason he chose to stay in?

"Is there something I can do for you?" Alice was flustered by this honor

"What do you think?" Ethan didn't answer but asked her back instead. There was a glint in his eyes, and his voice was extremely gentle. The speechless Alice shook her head, not having the slightest idea. She couldn't believe that he would skip work just to wait for her at home

"I'm so angry that I need someone to appease me." Ethan's lips hooked up slightly, forming a smile that seemed to mean something. Ethan's words carried a deliberate hint of ambiguity, but also a reminder of something. A reminder that he heard their conversation when she called Lorian last night, as it was something that Alice had said to Loren.

Apart from matters of the heart, Alice was quick to react to everything and immediately understood his meaning. She knew that he must have heard her call Lorien last night. Well, if he heard it, there was no need to hide it. Shouldn't he thank me for being understanding? Of course, this proved that he was with Lorien Last night

At that moment, he was leaning too close to her, and she could feel his breath on her face. She even smelled alcohol. Did he drink this early in the morning? Ethan was always self-disciplined and drinking so early in the morning didn't seem to fit his character. She claimed to be allergic to alcohol, but it wasn't

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severe as her other allergies, and it wasn't life-threatening

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Even so, she couldn't drink, nor could she stand the smell of strong alcohol. She was the kind of who would feel nauseous just by smelling it and would get drunk after just one sip. Thus, she never drank. When she smelled the alcohol on him, she wanted to get away from him, but there was a wall behind her. so she had nowhere to go.

"Where's Miss Thelva? Alice tried her best to remain calm and recalled that Lorien had stayed here last night, but now only he was at home, which was strange. However, her question, coupled with his earlier statement, made Ethan overthink. He said he was angry and needed someone to appease him, and she mentioned Lonen.

As Ethan squinted his eyes, he kept quiet and suddenly lowered his head before pressing his lips directly on her neck and biting her

Alice hissed in pain as he bit her very hard. Is he a dog? Why is he simply biting people? "Why did you bite

me?"

"I didn't marry a wife for nothing." Ethan whispered in her ear, and his breath sprayed on her skin. His meaning couldn't be more obvious

"But you didn't have to bite me, right?" Alice couldn't help but retort.

Ethan was taken aback for a moment, then smiled. "Yeah, you're right. I didn't marry my wife just to bite her. There are more important things to do" Ethan's gaze fell on her red lips. He smirked, and he leaned in toward her. However, at that moment, his phone suddenly rang. His gaze darkened, and he was clearly annoyed at being interrupted, but he didn't want to answer the call. Instead, he stretched his arms out and wanted to carry Alice, but his phone kept ringing.

"Your phone... Alice reminded him, wanting to shift his attention. With that. Ethan silently let out a sigh and took out his phone. His gaze narrowed slightly, but he still answered the call. However, she was still in his arms, and he didn't let her go. He even pulled her closer to him.

"Grandpa, Ethan said after answering the phone. Alice was taken aback. So, it was a call from Holland Knight. She had been living with the Knight Residence for a while now and had never met Holland. Lawrence said that he was staying with Leshe

I thought that you'd forgotten that I still exist." Holland sounded agitated. "Now tell me, who did you marry? Who is " Upon hearing that, Ethan furrowed his brows slightly, and just as he was about to answer. Holland spoke up again....

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Ethan furrowed his brows, and just as he was about to answer, Holland said, "The Knight Family doesn't lack money or power, and I'm not forcing you to marry someone of the same status. Even if you marry an ugly woman, I won't interfere; after all, your wife is for your eyes. Even so, you should at least marry someone smart. In the end, you married someone stupid. Don't you know that intelligence is hereditary? Could you bear the consequences if the intelligence of my great-grandchildren is affected?"

It was apparent that Holland already knew that Ethan had married Alice. Alice was too close to Ethan at the moment, so she naturally heard everything. She narrowed her gaze slightly when she heard Holland's words. At the same time, Ethan's face was clouded over.

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Holland, who was on the other end of the phone, didn't give Ethan a chance to speak and continued, "I've called your father and found out that you married her because of Caroline. Tell me, what are your plans now? Anyway, I can turn a blind eye to whatever you do, but I absolutely won't allow you to affect great-grandchild's intelligence. You're the only male descent of the Knight Family for your generation, and the future of the Knight Family is on you and my great-grandchildren. So, this matter cannot be taken lightly. You'll have to think about how to handle the problem now." After saying this, Holland hung up without waiting for Ethan to answer.

After the call ended, Lorien happened to walk out of her room, presumably awakened by the noise. She was still a little dazed. "Was that grandpa on the phone? I could hear him shouting just now," she said groggily.

Alice then glanced at Lorien and then at Ethan. "I have some matters to take care of," she said. Alice remembered that she had already told Rosy that she would be leaving early and would arrange for it accordingly. However, because of Pierce's situation, she had to rush to Cliaria, thus delaying the matter.

Rosy had previously told her not to talk to Ethan about it, as Rosy would handle everything. But now that Lorien was present, it wasn't appropriate to discuss certain matters in front of her. So, Alice decided to return to the Knight Residence and talk to Rosy to resolve the matter once and for all.

The reason Ethan married her in the first place was because of Caroline, and Caroline should be doing well in the Knight Family. After all, everyone in the Knight Family genuinely liked her and treated her well. Besides having a lively and outgoing personality, Caroline was adaptable. Holland's concern about her affecting the intelligence of the next generation of the Knight Family was completely unnecessary, as she had never slept with Ethan since they got married. However, now that she had heard Holland's words, she felt it was necessary to step down and let Ethan have a smart offspring with his beloved.

"Where are you going? I'll take you there," Ethan suggested. He knew that Alice had heard what Holland said just now, and those words were indeed hurtful, so she must feel uncomfortable. "Don't worry about what Grandpa said. I'll handle it," Ethan explained softly

Things had happened too suddenly just now that he hadn't expected Holland to comment on his wife. I won't allow such events to happen again in the future. Right now, all Alice wanted to do was to return to the Knight Residence to see Rosy and deal with the matter of leaving early. She wouldn't mind if Ethan accompanied her there since he was also involved.

Just as Alice was about to say something, her phone suddenly rang. She was surprised to see that it was a call from Keith. He had just taken Apollo with him this morning. Why is he calling me now? Did something happen. to Apollo?

Alice thought it might be about Apollo, so she quickly answered the call. Ethan also noticed Keith's on the caller ID and knew that it was Keith calling. He couldn't help but frown when he saw how quickly she answered, as if she was afraid of delaying something. She and Keith?

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"Alice, can you come over here? We're waiting for you at..." Keith's voice rang over the phone. It was obvious that 'we' referred to him and Apollo. Since Ethan was standing in front of Alice at the moment, naturally heard Keith's words. He slightly narrowed his eyes, showing a hint of coldness. Keith is asking her out again?

"Okay." Alice agreed without hesitation as she was worried that something might have happened to Apollo since nothing else was as important as Apollo's affairs. As soon as she agreed to meet them, she completely ignored Ethan and dashed out.

As Ethan watched her leave, his gaze parrowed slightly. She's so anxious to leave just because of the phone call from Keith? What else is happening between her and Keith that I'm not aware of?

Lorien was a little dumbfounded. Did Alice ignore Ethan and just leave like that? On top of that, Ethan didn't even stop her and just let her go. Lorien thought this matter was becoming more and more interesting. The whole place will be livelier when Grandpa's here.

Following that, Ethan immediately called Caleb. "Find out where Keith is."

Shortly after, Caleb quickly gave Ethan a call. "Mr. Knight. I found out that Keith has invited Mrs. Knight over and is preparing to propose to her again." Caleb was shocked when he found out about this and immediately reported it to Ethan. Ethan's expression immediately turned grave. What's going on? Hasn't Keith given up yet? It seemed like someone else was trying to steal his wife. Ethan never showed mercy to his enemies, nor would he go easy on them.

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"Find out what Keith is up to now." If Keith had too much free time, he would come.

with ideas to go after his wife every day. Ethan wouldn't let that happen, so he planned to keep Keith busy.

"Alright. Got it." Caleb was stunned for a moment but quickly understood Ethan's meaning. Although Ethan didn't say it outright, Caleb knew that he was supposed to investigate Keith.

When Alice went over, she realized it wasn't because something had happened to Apollo, but that Keith simply wanted to ask her out. She saw the flowers in Keith's hand, and her eyes flickered. Suddenly, she managed to guess what Keith was about to do.

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With that, Alice directly said, "I support Apollo's decision to reunite with the Rowland Family. I won't interfere in his affairs, and let's not waste each other's time by discussing anything else." Since she couldn't marry Keith, she directly turned him down and didn't drag things out. Keith, being a tactful person, immediately understood what she meant and held back from saying anything. Alice then spoke to Keith about some things related to Apollo before leaving.

Originally, Alice planned to return to the Knight Residence, but she received a call from Archie on the way, who said he had found some information about the person who had contact with Charles. He said the person was currently at the Shayan Hotel, so Alice changed directions and rushed to the hotel. That person was very cautious, and Alice had been searching for days but to no avail. They finally managed to get something, so she didn't want to miss this chance.

Meanwhile, it only took Caleb an hour to find out what Keith was up to. "Mr. Knight, I've found it." Caleb's efficiency in handling things was high. As soon as the call went through, Caleb's voice came through, but his tone sounded a tad odd.

"Speak." Ethan's gaze narrowed slightly before he spoke decisively and straightforwardly. He didn't expect to get results so quickly.

"What Keith does is a bit complicated, and also..." Caleb paused and added reservedly, "Mr. Knight, shall I send the information for you to take a look first?"

"No need." Ethan refused. Whatever Keith was doing, it wouldn't affect his plans. He had already warned Keith, but he didn't heed the warning. When faced with an enemy, Ethan never held back. He always struck to kill with one blow, and since Keith was his love rival, he had all the more reason to strike him down.

"So, should we take action against him?" Caleb gulped nervously, and he sounded cautious. He noticed that Ethan had gone insane lately. He couldn't have investigated Keith for no reason. Since he had found out, there was no way he would sit idly by. The only thing Caleb hadn't expected was the situation to be so complicated as Ethan decided to take action without going through his findings...

"What do you think?" Ethan squinted his eyes and smirked. His smirk was cold and arrogant. There was no way Ethan would hold back when Keith was about to propose to his wife.

"Understood." Caleb let out a sigh inwardly. Although he had concerns at first, since Ethan was adamant, he naturally had to carry it out resolutely.

"I'll go too." He felt that this matter would be handled better if he went there personally.

Caleb was dumbfounded as he never expected Ethan to be there in person. It was apparent that it was a pressing matter. Ah, why did *Keith have to provoke Ethan* And why did he have to *propose to Ethan's wife so openly*? Now he *even* planned to propose to *Ethan's* wife again. *Isn't* he asking *for* trouble? Two me

n rivaling *in love spells* trouble, *they say*. *What would* happen *when these two* et? Just thinking about it was stimulating.

In the evening, Keith suddenly received a phone call. "Boss, something happened." The voice on the other end of the line was panicked and fearful.

"What happened?" Keith's expression instantly changed as Milton's SOS call was too out of pocket. He viewed the call as a bad omen, sensing an incoming storm.

"Something big happened, Boss. You should come and see for yourself." Milton didn't explain in detail. It wasn't that he didn't want to, but he didn't know how to. Besides, he wasn't even sure to what extent the damage was. But the situation was alarming, and it seemed to have reached a critical level.

"Okay, I'll be there right away." Keith's expression became solemn. What he was doing was very special and important at the same time, so he couldn't afford any mistakes. Now that Milton mentioned a big problem, it meant that the situation was very serious, and he couldn't help but worry.

"What's going on?" When Keith arrived and saw the scene before him, he was shocked. It was a heart-wrenching sight.

"Boss, you're finally here. I don't know the exact situation yet, and we're still counting the losses, so we don't know the extent of the damage yet." Milton heaved a sigh of relief upon seeing him, but the worry and tension on his face didn't diminish in the slightest indicating that the situation was still severe.

"Do you know who did this?" Keith's gaze was icy cold, and his expression was terrifying.

"We don't know yet. Boss, could it be our mortal enemy?" Milton guessed because he couldn't think of anyone else.

"Is he capable of this? You've overestimated him." Keith refuted Milton's words. He knew best how powerful their mortal enemy was. Even the most sophisticated organization would find it difficult to investigate his affairs, let alone invade and cause this much damage. So, who could it be? Someone had this ability to not only investigate his affairs but...

Someone suddenly came into his mind, and following that, a man appeared and ambled toward him. As Keith looked at the man in front of him, he blinked his eyes, and for a moment, he thought it was an illusion caused by his imagination. *Speak of the devil, and here we have the devil himself*—Ethan.

"Ethan, is it you?" After Keith came back to his senses, he gasped for breath. He knew it wasn't his illusion but rather a cruel reality. Was it Ethan who ruined his career just because he proposed to Alice?! And now he dared to appear in front of him? *Is Ethan here to show off?*

"What else could it be?" Ethan glanced at him expressionlessly, as if it was a trivial matter. Keith clenched his fists tightly, and at this moment, he wanted to punch Ethan hard, but he held back.

"Ethan, you are too cruel." Keith loathed him for what he had done. He had spent five years achieving what he had now, and he didn't expect it to be ruined by him

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"Who says she's your woman? Both of us are single so it's none of your business if I want to marry her." She's also the mother *of my son*, added Keith silently in his heart. Although he was once again rejected by Alice, he had no intention of giving up.

"Ethan, kill me if you can do so. Otherwise, I'm going to marry Alice." Keith suddenly laughed with a firm and provocative determination in his smile. Even if Ethan destroyed his career, he would never surrender or give up Alice.

No matter how ruthless and powerful Ethan was, he dared not kill him. Keith had already made up his mind to marry Alice. "Do you think you still have a chance?" Ethan raised his eyebrow and looked at him with disdain.

"Of course. Ethan, don't overestimate yourself. Alice liked the flowers I gave her that day, and we had a good chat. If we compete fairly and let Alice choose for herself, she might not choose you. She's more likely to choose me. So, it's not me who doesn't stand a chance—it's you." Even in

such a situation, Keith couldn't admit defeat in front of Ethan. He felt that Ethan was too arrogant and domineering and would only force Alice. Alice was afraid of Ethan and wouldn't truly like him. This time, Ethan didn't say anything. He just took out a document and placed it in front of Keith.

"What is this?" Keith didn't take it seriously at first, so he just glanced at it, but after that one glance, he was completely stunned. He quickly looked over and stared at the document for a long time before finally reaching out to take it and flip through it.

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As soon as he flipped through it, Keith saw the photo and names on it. His lips moved, and his hand twitched a few times, but he didn't say a word. Then, he picked up the document again and stared at the heading for a long time as if he didn't recognize them. The words 'marriage certificate' were printed on it.

At this moment, Keith was completely stunned, and his mind was blank for a while. He never thought that Alice and Ethan had already been married. When they were at the Woland Residence, Alice told him that she and Ethan were husband and wife. He didn't believe it at all, but now that he had seen their marriage certificate, he had to believe it. Damn it, since Ethan had *marriage certificate*, why didn't he *just show it to me directly*? *Why* did he have *to be* so ruthless and ruin my *career*?

However, Keith definitely couldn't say this out loud. Otherwise, he would look inferior in front of Ethan. Keith had the urge to confront Ethan. *So what if you have a marriage certificate?* But Keith knew very well that having a marriage certificate was really impressive. It meant that he was protected by the law,

Keith felt unbearably frustrated at this moment, and after holding it in for a long time, he finally blurted out, "Ethan, are you crazy? Why would you bring your marriage certificate with you wherever you go?" "I'm sure you'd like to do that too, but do you have one" Ethan glanced at him and replied nonchalantly. At this moment, Keith was rendered speechless by Ethan's retort. He felt like he was about to vomit blood. "Alice definitely didn't marry you willingly. You just have forced her to marry you." When Keith recalled the situation that day, it was obvious that Alice was afraid of Ethan, so she must have been forced by him. Otherwise, there was no way that she would agree to marry Ethan.

Keith spoke the truth, but Ethan looked at him calmly and suggested, "Then, why don't you try forcing her

yourself?"

At this moment, Keith wanted to curse. How could he still force Alice to marry him when Ethan had already done so? Ethan was intentionally showing off and blatantly flaunting his actions.

"Ethan, you're a bandit. Do you think everyone is a bandit like you?" Keith thought for a moment and retorted. He was so infuriated at this moment that he wanted to suppress Ethan's arrogance.

"Bandit? Well, as long as it works, and my woman likes it" Ethan laughed as if he was enjoying his victory. If he wasn't a bandit, how could he get himself a wife? If he wasn't a bandit, how could he have obtained the marriage certificate? So, he was glad to be a bandit)

Keith was speechless again after being refuted by Ethan. He was filled with hatred as he saw Ethan's smile, and he wanted to tear it off his face. Ethan was ruthless, truly ruthless. Not only was he ruthless in his actions, but also in his words. His words cut like a sword.

If it worked, that was all that mattered! At this moment, Keith had to admit that Ethan was right. There was no clear line between right and wrong in matters between men and women. Whatever you do, as long as it worked, as long as you could marry the person you like, it would suffice. In the end, he was one step behind Ethan..

"Ethan, you can go now. I admit that I'm unlucky today" Keith realized that if he continued to argue with Ethan, he would just make himself bitter. So, it was better to let Ethan leave quickly. He had already lost this battle, and he had lost it badly. He had once thought that no matter how overbearing and

domineering Ethan was, he would never give up his decision to marry Alice. Alas, all of these weren't as powerful as a piece of marriage certificate.

At this moment, Ethan was feeling especially good and didn't mind Keith's attitude since his goal had been achieved. He knew that from this moment on, Keith had given up and would no longer have any intention of marrying his wife. Finally, Ethan left feeling satisfied.

"Boss, we basically finished checking the inventory. The most important and core items are still intact and haven't been destroyed." After Ethan left, Keith stood in the same spot for a long time while staring blankly into space until Milton came to report the situation to him. Keith's gaze slowly turned

toward him. He seemed to be both relieved and incredulous. With Ethan's abilities, he couldn't have missed the most critical items, could he?

"However, there are traces of it being tampered with, but they aren't destroyed in the end," Milton seemed to sense his doubts and added cautiously. Milton had more or less learned what happened. It meant that Ethan had indeed discovered their most important and core items, but he hadn't destroyed them, which meant that he definitely showed mercy on them.

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Milton's words were clear-Ethan had discovered what was most important to them. Yet, he did not destroy it, which meant he had shown them mercy.

A glint flashed across Keith's eyes, and he had a faint smile spread across his lips. He never thought Ethan would go easy on him since he had proposed to Alice. Hence, it was unbelievable that Ethan still decided to let him off. Although Keith could fix those things that Ethan had destroyed, he would be so busy that there wouldn't be any time for other stuff. However, if the things Ethan left for him were ruined, he would not be able to fix them. By then, everything would be doomed.

It proved that Ethan had everything under control. It was his choice to either keep or ruin certain things. That was also the reason why Keith loathed him. Still, he could not help but thank Ethan for showing mercy. At that moment, he knew Ethan was inhumane! Thus, he had no choice but to lower his head in defeat.

No matter how arrogant Ethan was in front of Keith, he was offended by Keith's words. It was true that Alice was forced to marry him; she only did it for Caroline and not because she had feelings for him. Thus, the first thing he had to do now was to make her fall in love with him.

After Ethan had dealt with his love rival and was going to head home, he received a special text. Within a split second, Ethan's eyes darkened and narrowed. "Prepare a chopper. We're going to Rythens."

When Caleb heard his words, he was startled, and his expression changed. Ethan rarely used his private plane, so it must have been an urgent mission if he had used it, especially if he needed a helicopter.

He immediately knew what was happening when he heard that Ethan was going to Rythens.

"Yes," replied Caleb. Without any hesitation, he immediately made a phone call.

In the meantime, Ethan took out his phone and dialed Alice's number.

In the past, he would not need to inform anyone about his whereabouts. Now that he was married, he needed to tell his wife. Although some things should be confidential, he still felt conditioned to inform her about his departure.

As soon as the phone rang, Alice picked up the call. She was heading to the address that Archie gave her. Rather than getting close, she stood far away and observed, wanting to see if she knew that person. When her phone rang, she jolted and immediately answered it since she was afraid of being caught.

Initially, she was going to decline the call, but when she saw it was Ethan, she subconsciously answered it.

Ethan was surprised when the call went through instantly, but he was delighted since Alice had answered. his phone quicker than Keith's.

Thanks to his good mood, his voice was gentle as he spoke, "I need to be on a business trip for a few days. It might take about three to five days."

Hearing his words, Alice blinked slowly, mildly taken aback. She thought he was going to tell her something important. Why did he inform me about his business trip? I'm going to divorce him and leave the Knight Family soon.

She did not know how to respond when Ethan specifically called her to inform her about this. In the end, she hummed in response and said, "Okay."

On the other end of the phone, he chuckled and replied. "Good girl"

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She quickly blinked her eyes again and thought, I just replied with an OK. How does that make me a good girl?

Just as she was confused, she heard Caleb's voice from the other end of the phone. "The chopper is ready. Mr. Knight."

Alice's eyes

twitched when she heard that there was a helicopter. Although she did not know Ethan's job, she knew it was a unique and dangerous occupation. Now that she knew he would use a helicopter, she could guess that his work would be urgent and full of risks.

Since he was also Caroline's father, she could not help but remind him, "Please be careful."

"Okay." Ethan's voice filled with delight. "I'll hang up now."

Then, he immediately did so, leaving Alice staring blankly into space as she gripped her phone. She felt that Ethan was strange to have called her.

After guarding the hotel for a long time, she noticed a man with a mask walking out of the building. He looked almost the same as what she saw in the picture. However, the person she hired to follow the man could not get a picture of his face. Plus, he wore a mask, so she decided to come personally. She wanted to know if she knew this man, and only then would she be able to plan her next step.

The man was masked, so Alice could only see his eyes and forehead. She had always had a keen eyesight and strong memory. When she first saw the man, she knew he was a stranger, but when he stepped out of the hotel and raised his head, she could feel a sense of familiarity when she saw his eyes.

The man was quick. Since he only glanced over for a few seconds, she could not grasp more information.

After he left, she thought for a moment before leaving.

This time, she returned to the Knight Residence. Just as she stood by the doorway, she could hear people talking inside the house. Their voices were so loud that she could listen to them even if the door was closed.

"I can let it slide that he's married someone who's not his status; he could even marry an ugly woman for all I care. However, I don't want that woman to affect my grandchildren's intelligence."

Alice was familiar with that angry voice. After all, she had just heard it from Ethan's phone this morning. It was none other than Holland.

She did not expect him to be here so soon, though.

In the living room, Marie was shushing him. "Why are you shouting? Do you want the others to hear you?"

Holland was so furious to the point where he even raised his voice higher when he heard her. "What is there to be afraid of? I'm telling the truth. Look at Alice. She gave the company to others and even tried to steal the company's confidential files! That is the most foolish thing I've ever seen someone do. How great could her child be? What if she gives birth to a child as foolish as her?"

"How could you say that? I think she's great. Look how well she taught Caroline. Marie had just seen Caroline and was satisfied with her. She felt that since Alice was able to teach Caroline well, Alice would not be an ill-mannered person.

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Marie felt that since Alice was able to teach Caroline well, Alice would not be an ill-mannered person.

When Holland heard her words, he scoffed and replied. "That's because Caroline is one of the Knights. It's in her genes. If Alice is her biological mother, she will be as dumb as her mother."

Alice had a grim expression when she heard it. She could not care less if they talked behind her back. However, she was upset that Caroline was dragged into this. The way she could hear them from outside meant that Caroline could overhear the conversation too if she was on the second floor.

Not wanting to listen to it anymore, Alice pushed open the door.

Since Holland was still mad about what she did, he gave a long face and scoffed when he saw her. On the other hand, Marie looked awkward. She stood up and greeted Alice, "You're back, Alice."

"Hello, Old Mr. and Mrs. Knight." She greeted them politely but with a distant tone.

Marie was surprised since she did not expect Alice to address them in such a way. "Oh dear, you don't have to be so distant with us. After all, you're Ethan's wife. Just call us Grandpa and Grandma. You must be tired from all the outings. Let me get the servant to prepare some fruits for you."

"Thank you, Old Mrs. Knight." Alice looked at her and smiled. Her tone remained the same.

At that moment, Marie was startled as she looked at Alice. Initially, she thought Alice was upset because she had heard what Holland said. "Don't mind his words. Alice. Your Grandpa is just bad-tempered. He means no harm."

“Don’t worry, Old Mrs. Knight. I won’t be offended.” As Alice spoke, she still had a smile plastered on her face. Although she was not offended by Holland’s words, she felt that some things were better to be made clear. Thus, she looked at Rosy and said. “You should explain the situation to them, Mrs. Knight. The child I give birth to will not affect your family’s intelligence.

After all, she and Ethan were not living together since their marriage was fake. Moreover, they were getting a divorce soon. Hence, there was no way she and Ethan would have a child, nor would her child have anything to do with the Knight Family. In other words, the children’s intelligence from the Knight Family would have nothing to do with her.

A glint flashed across Marie’s eyes, not only because of how Alice spoke to Rosy but also how she addressed her.

Initially, she thought Alice was distant because it was their first meeting. However, things seemed unlike what she had expected. At that point, Alice kept her distance from the Knights and had no intention of maintaining a close relationship with them. Rather, she was trying to keep them away from her.

That was the first time Marie had ever encountered such a situation. After all, those noble people would never have such an attitude toward them, let alone a woman who was Ethan’s wife. Alice was either too stupid or too rational.

Even Holland, who was angry, was surprised by her reaction. When he looked at her, he saw her standing there quietly, neither upset nor dissatisfied. However, he could feel an aggressive aura coming from her. It was so intense that it felt like she could wipe out everything into non-existence without moving an inch.

No. I must be imagining things. There is no way Alice has such an intense aura when she is just a useless woman, thought Holland as he shook his head.

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As for Rosy, who was quiet throughout the conversation, her expression changed when she heard Alice’s words. “I...”

Alice could be decisive and have the strength to kill them, but she always held back against Rosy for the sake of Caroline. Yet, she was not one to be a pawn to others. “I think it’s best to explain things clearly to avoid unnecessary misunderstanding, Mrs. Knight.”

Eventually, she still respected Rosy and did not make things awkward. “If you have any spare time. I hope we can finish things as soon as possible.” After all, her priority to return was to deal with her marriage with Ethan. The result would be the same whether Holland had said those words. It did not mean anything to her.

“Yes. Of course.” Rosy quickly nodded, seemingly as if she was afraid that Alice would spill something else.

“Okay. I’m going to see Caroline. Then, Alice ignored the others and went upstairs.

To her, the Knights were just strangers. All she cared about was her daughter.

“What is that attitude? Is this how she treats the elderly?” Holland had never been disrespected in his whole life, so he was baffled when Alice went straight up the stairs without saying anything else.

By then, Alice was already on the second floor. Although Holland’s voice was not as loud as before, she could still hear him. She made no reaction, nor did she stop walking. It was as if he was talking about anything else but her.

Hearing his words, Marie glared at him and said, “What attitude? What did you expect from her? If I were Alice, I would’ve splashed your face with water when I heard your words, but neither did she get mad or lash out at us. She didn’t even seem displeased at all. What more do you want from her when she’s already so well-mannered?” Marie knew Alice’s stoic expression was caused by Holland’s words.

Thinking about it, she sighed and said. “I dare you to cause more trouble. Ethan chooses to marry her, which means he’s satisfied with how she is. Do you think he’ll be happy if he finds out you’re making things hard for his wife?”

“I’m not doing anything to her. I’m just telling the truth. If she disagrees with it, she can just say it aloud. With how silent she is, it makes me feel like I’m the bad guy.” Holland lowered his voice even more. “I’m all riled up because I saw the news about her stealing the confidential files from the company. I didn’t expect that she’d be back so soon.”

“What do you mean silent? Is being well-mannered a bad thing too? Do you want her to go nuts on you?” Marie was furious.

He touched his nose awkwardly and said, “Yes, she is well-mannered. No wonder she taught Caroline well.”

Hearing his words, she could not help but give a snarky comeback. “Ethan is the one who chooses her, so Alice has to be a good girl. Don’t tell me you’d rather trust the rumors than Ethan’s taste in women?”

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“I’ll observe more about her,” Holland said in a defeated tone.

Marie glared at him and scolded, “Observe? She doesn’t need your observation. She’s Ethan’s wife, not yours.”

“I’m Ethan’s grandfather. Shouldn’t I be on the lookout for him?” He refused to back down.

In that split second, she wore a grim expression. “You don’t. Alice is already married to Ethan and is a part of the Knights. What else do you want from her?”

Looking at her face, Holland immediately softened his voice. “Nothing. I’m just saying.”

Marie took the opportunity and reminded him again, “No.

You can’t even say anything bad about her or renege on your words. Some words are not meant to be said. They are harsh and will disrupt the family’s peace.”

“Okay. I understand,” he replied sulkily.

Only then did she turn to look at Rosy, who was quiet all along. "What did Alice mean when she was talking to you? What misunderstanding?"

"It's nothing. Maybe those rumors are wrong," Rosy replied weakly. Since she felt guilty, she glanced at Marie before lowering her head.

Looking at her reaction, Marie frowned and asked, "What does she mean by wanting to deal with stuff with you? What kind of stuff?"

The more Marie spoke, the guiltier Rosy felt. This time, she dared not raise her head, and her voice was faint. "It's just something about Caroline."

Marie frowned even deeper when she looked at Rosy. "You're the lady of the Knight Family. You should act more generous when dealing with stuff. Moreover, you're Alice's mother-in-law, so you should try to understand her as much as possible."

"Yes, I will." Rosy did not dare to look at Marie and kept nodding.

Marie glanced at Rosy one last time before sighing. To be honest, she felt that Rosy was a woman who was capable of handling everything but often acted stingy and calculative on some matters.

On the other hand, after Alice had gone up the stairs, she went straight to Caroline's room. When Caroline saw her, she immediately flung herself into Alice's embrace and hugged her tightly.

"Sweetie." Alice knew that she must have heard what Holland said. Although Caroline was still young, she had always done her best to protect Alice. That was how she knew Caroline was upset by Holland's words.

"Are you going to leave, Mommy?" Whenever Alice tried to bring up this topic, Caroline would find ways to avoid discussing it. Yet, at that moment, the kid took the initiative to mention it.

"Yes." Alice did not want to lie to her. Although her daughter was still young, she had always treated her equally.

"If you want to leave, just leave, Mommy." As Caroline spoke, she gripped Alice's hand even tighter, with sadness filling her voice.

Hearing her words, Alice felt a pang in her heart. She knew precisely why Caroline would say such a thing. Caroline must have thought that the Knights were bullying her, explaining why she decided to let her go. At such a young age, Caroline had been protecting her, caring for her at all costs.

Inevitably, Alice was touched and heartbroken by this sight. If she could, she would not want to leave her baby behind.

"Just go, Mommy. I'll take care of myself. I will behave, so you don't have to worry about me," said Caroline as she hugged Alice tightly. She did not want her mommy to leave, but she rather her mommy led a happier life than this. Although this was her place to stay, it was not Alice's. No one would protect Alice in this house, not even Ethan, because she knew he was never there for her whenever she needed him.

Since she was still young and did not have what it took to protect Alice, she was willing to let her leave.

"Oh, Caroline..." Alice felt like crying and held back her tears, not wanting to leave Caroline. In that split second, she even selfishly thought it would be best if Ethan had never found her. That way, Caroline would still be her sweetheart. Yet, Alice knew she could not do such a selfish act. After all, Caroline was a part of the Knights, so she belonged to them.

Eventually, Caroline let go of Alice and looked at her sadly. "Mommy, can I see you if I miss you?" she asked.

Hurt filled Alice's heart as she quickly nodded. "Of course. I'm leaving to handle some things, so I won't be able to use my current phone number, but I'll give you a special way to contact me. That way, whenever you miss me, you can contact me with this."

"Okay. I will." Caroline nodded obediently and smiled. "I'll contact you whenever I miss you, Mommy." She was satisfied as long as Alice wanted her and contacted her.

"Caroline, I have to leave because of something important, not because of some person or matters. Do you understand me?" Alice did not want her to have any grudges against the Knights and become unhappy. Yet, what she told her was the truth. She had to leave because of a personal matter, which had nothing to do with the others.

When Caroline heard her words, she was surprised but then nodded. "Okay. I won't be angry with Great-Grandpa. I'll be good."

Looking at her, Alice became distressed. *How is my sweetie so well-behaved and considerate? I wish I could just take her away with me.* But she knew it was impossible.

After Caroline went to bed, Alice finally left the room. Caroline had clung to her and refused to sleep since she knew her mother was leaving. When Alice looked at the time, it was almost 11.00PM.

Holland and Marie were not in the living room when she went downstairs, but Rosy was. She could tell that Rosy was waiting for her. "Mrs. Knight." She came downstairs and greeted her politely, her voice as

distant as ever.

Rosy breathed a sigh of relief when she saw Alice. Then, she stood up and asked softly, "Is Caroline asleep?"

"Yes." Alice hummed in response and said nothing more.

"Let's go to the study room. It's quieter there." Rosy did not dare to look at her.

Alice could not care less about her reaction and followed Rosy to the study room.

As soon as they arrived, Rosy piped up, "Please don't be mad because of what Old Mr. Knight said, Alice."

Alice was surprised by her words, but she soon smiled and said, "I'm only here for one reason, Mrs. Knight, and that is because of Caroline. To me, the Knights are all strangers. I couldn't care less about what they think of me."

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"To me, the Knights are all strangers. I couldn't care less about what they think of me."

The statement elicited Rosy to ask, "What about Ethan?"

"It's the same," Alice replied without hesitation. It was the truth anyway.

At that moment, Rosy was startled. She looked at Alice and wanted to say something but swallowed her words eventually. Instead, she took out the agreement that Alice had signed before joining the Knight Family. "This is the agreement that we first signed. Since you did well, I'll give you some compensation."

Alice did not look at the agreement. She thought there was something more vital than that. "Are you done with the divorce procedures? Should I be present? Or should I provide any paperwork?" Since she wanted to cut ties with Ethan, she wanted to do it thoroughly. Laws protected marriage, so she needed to make things clear when divorcing.

Taken aback, Rosy did not expect Alice to be so straightforward. She returned to her senses and said, "I'll ask someone to deal with the divorce procedures. You don't have to be present or prepare any paperwork. I'll deal with it. When it's done, I'll send someone to deliver you the papers."

Alice did not doubt her words since she was absent when applying for the marriage certificate. At that time, Ethan did not ask her to provide any paperwork, and Caleb gave her the marriage certificate after not more than thirty minutes. Thus, when Rosy said she could handle the divorce procedures herself, Alice trusted her.

"I don't need the divorce decree. You can just take a picture and send it to me." No matter how carefree Alice was, she did not want to have a divorce paper in her house. All she wanted was for the procedures to go through.

"This is the compensation." Rosy pushed the cheque to Alice.

That did not receive a glance from Alice either. She stood up and said, "I don't need it." She added when Rosy was about to respond. "Of course. I don't need anything else either. I will earn whatever I want by myself."

However, Rosy did not seem to believe in her. "You're a woman, Alice. Nothing bad will happen if you have more money on you. Don't be—"

Before she could finish her words, Alice cut her off. "Please tell Ethan I'll transfer the 72 million he gave me to Caroline's card."

Hearing her words, Rosy froze. She did not expect Ethan to give Alice 72 million, a much larger sum than hers. Moreover, she was surprised and unsettled that Alice refused to accept it. "Just take the money, Alice."

"I don't need it, Mrs. Knight. It's not like I hate money, but I just don't need it." Alice knew what Rosy was thinking and thought it was funny. After all, was her performance in the Knight Family not enough to prove her point? Why would she keep on bugging Ethan after she left?

At that point, Alice did not feel the need to explain her purpose to Rosy because the latter's doings were disrespectful.

"You don't need money? Your company is now in the hands of others, and you tried to steal the confidential files of Galerprises when you had just worked there not long ago. You have nothing. Even if you were to look for a job, no one would be willing to take you in. How is it that you don't need money?" It was clear that Rosy did not trust her. The more Alice refused to take the money, the more unsettling Rosy felt.

At that, Alice smiled and said nothing. Then, she turned around and left the study room.

Before she walked out of the door, Rosy yelled, "You refuse to take my money, nor do you want Ethan's. Is it because you have other plans?"

Alice did not turn around but scoffed and said, "I plan to act like a stranger if I meet you on the streets. Not only you but everyone from the Knight Family aside from Caroline. I hope you'll remember this."

Stunned, Rosy looked at Alice with mixed feelings and thought she was acting.

Meanwhile, Alice ignored her and left the study room to pack her stuff upstairs. Since she did not have many things, she was done in just a few minutes. When she headed downstairs, she met Rosy again and smiled politely to make way for her to pass through.

Her actions baffled Rosy as she gazed at her with a complicated expression. "Don't you blame me, Alice?"

"It's not worth it." Alice smiled brightly at her.

Rosy was startled, and her countenance shifted. However, looking at Alice's smile, she realized she had nothing to say. In the end, she could only move aside and allow her to leave.

After Alice had left the Knight Residence, she immediately started according to her plan.

Three days later, Ethan returned to the Knight Residence at 8.00PM. Holland and Marie were out, and Rosy was the only one in the living room. When Ethan saw her, he asked, "Is Alice not back yet?"

The startled woman immediately had a change of face and uttered softly, "No." She did not lie, though. After all, Alice indeed had not returned, and she would never either.

"I see." He hummed in response. Then, he asked another question. "Where is she?"

Rosy's face changed drastically, and she lowered her voice even more. "She didn't say anything about her whereabouts." It was true. Alice had indeed not told her where she would be going.

"It's late. Why isn't she back yet?" Ethan asked without noticing anything wrong. As he went up the stairs, he dialed Alice's number.

Her phone was off.

"Again?" He sighed. "What kind of habit is it to turn off your phone?" Although he seemed to be complaining about her, his voice was laced with adoration.

As Rosy watched him walk up the stairs, she parted her lips, seemingly trying to say something. However, she soon held back her tongue.

In the meantime, Ethan went to Caroline's room. When he saw her reading a book quietly, he smiled and approached her. "Do you know where Mommy is, Caroline?"

Hearing his voice, Caroline raised her head and looked at him without saying anything, obviously trying to ignore him.

The usual cold shoulder treatment rendered him clueless about the latest situation. "What's wrong, Caroline? Are you upset?" he asked.

"No. Mommy says that I'm already grown up. Sometimes, I must learn to let go and not dwell in sadness."

She sighed softly. Truthfully, she missed her mommy dearly.

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She believed that she had already grown up and should learn to protect Alice instead of being a burden to her.

"How thoughtful of you." Ethan chuckled. *She is such a considerate child. She listens to Alice's words.*

"Mommy is gone. What else can I be other than being thoughtful?" As she spoke, she glanced at Ethan with disdain but suppressed her dissatisfaction when she remembered what Alice had told her.

When he heard her words, he was startled. "What are you talking about? Isn't Mommy coming back late because she has some business to attend to? Why do you talk like she's not going to be back?"

"Mommy is gone. She abandoned me and wants me to stay here. I will be a good girl and listen to her."

Ethan's expression shifted, but he subconsciously assumed Caroline was mistaken. "No. Mommy won't abandon you. She won't leave."

Initially, she was suppressing her emotions, but as soon as she heard his words, she could not stand it and raised her voice. "Mommy is gone! She's truly gone! She won't be back anymore. She will never return to the Knights!"

Ethan froze and grabbed her shoulder, staring deep into her eyes with a question. "Who told you this?"

Met with his gaze, Caroline became frightened and lowered her voice. "Mommy told me herself before s he left. Plus, she's been gone for three days."

"Three days?" He breathed heavily and squashed his emotions, trying to soften his voice since he was afraid of scaring Caroline.

"Yes." She nodded.

Ethan narrowed his eyes at her reaction. *Whether or not Caroline is telling the truth about Alice's departure, Alice hasn't returned home for three days. Yet, Mom didn't say anything about it. She even told me that Alice was just going out. Did she know that Alice had already left?*

As he thought about it, he recalled that Alice would not leave without a trace. She was a woman who would never do things by halves. Thus, Rosy should be aware of it. As such, he stood up abruptly and left the room. When he went downstairs, Rosy was still sitting in the living room doing nothing but lowering her eyes, seemingly deep in thought.

When Ethan saw her, he cut to the chase and asked, "Mom, where is Alice?"

Rosy froze at his interrogation. After some time, she slowly raised her head and looked at him. "Alice... She's gone."

"Gone? What do you mean by gone?" His heart dropped. He could have had his suspicions on Caroline, but it was useless when he heard Rosy's words.

"Just... Just go," she stammered with guilt.

For a moment, he said nothing and merely stared at her.

"Alice said she could be at ease and leave since Caroline has gotten used to us. Then, she just left." Rosy avoided the important and dwelled on the trivial. It was true that Alice had said those words, but the agreement was the main part of the cause, which she chose to conceal.

As Ethan heard her words, he suddenly recalled what Alice said. Indeed, she had told him that Caroline had gotten used to the Knight Family. As he thought about it, he kept staring at Rosy without moving.

Creeped out by his stare, she could not help but add, "Alice said that we can contact her if anything happens. When Caroline misses her, we can call her too."

Truthfully, Alice had never said those words. After all, Rosy was being forceful against her, and even if Alice were reluctant to leave Caroline, she would not utter such words. However, she did say such a thing to Caroline and even left a contact number for her, so only the kid knew how to reach out to her.

Frustrated by the situation, Ethan took out his phone and redialed Alice's number, but her phone was still off. "Where can I find her? Tell me." He gripped his phone and looked at Rosy. "Tell me, Mom. Where can I find her? Did she leave any other contact before she left?"

She was startled and slowly shook her head. "No." She and Alice had an unpleasant conversation before she left because Alice refused to take her or Ethan's money.

A glint suddenly flashed across his eyes, prompting him to ask, "Why all of a sudden, Mom?"

When the guilty Rosy met with Ethan's gaze, she replied faintly, "She... She told me that Coraline had already gotten used to us, so she left."

"I'm married to her, Mom. We have a marriage certificate. She's my wife, so why would she leave? Even then, we're still legally married. Why would she leave like this?" As he spoke, he narrowed his eyes and examined her. He could tell she was hiding something from him but could not pinpoint it.

"She just said she's leaving. As for the rest-

" Her voice gradually lowered, and she did not dare look at Ethan.

Before she could finish her words, he cut her off.

"I want the truth, Mom." He wanted to know what was going on.

Her body visibly tensed up before she lowered her head and remained silent.

However, Ethan did not give up just because of her silent resistance. "Are you still going to hide it from me, Mom? Will you talk to me, or will I have to find the truth myself?"

It was only then that Rosy quickly raised her head at him. She knew what he was capable of. If she allowed him to investigate things, he would discover the truth sooner or later. Thus, after a moment of hesitation, she decided to be discreet about it. "That's what we had agreed on."

"What do you mean?" He

frowned, confused by her words. Or, he might have known what she was talking about, but he refused to accept the truth.

As he slowly closed in on her, she could not handle the pressure anymore and confessed, "We had an agreement that she would leave the Knight Family after Caroline had gotten used to us."

Instantaneously, Ethan froze on the spot. His expression changed drastically, and his voice was dangerously low. "Who? Who said it?" His eyes widened at her. At the same time, Caroline, who had followed him down the stairs, was also staring at Rosy.

With all the pressure, she could not help but tell the truth softly, "It's me. I was the one who said it."

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The intense stare rendered Rosy with no courage to lie. "It's me. I'm the one who said it," she confessed in a low voice.

Ethan took a deep breath and questioned, "When? When did you make that agreement?" His voice trembled as if afraid of the truth."

She succumbed to the pressure. "Her first day at the Knight Residence."

In that split second, his heart dropped to the bottom of his heart. He closed his eyes, concealing his emotions, but his trembling hands had exposed him.

On the day he had gotten the marriage certificate with Alice, he had some urgent business to do and left Rodcaster. Yet, Rosy had said such harsh words to Alice on the first day she came here. He could only imagine how Alice would feel at that moment. She was his wife, yet he could not protect her; he was the cause of her misery.

In the meantime, tears brimmed Caroline's eyes as she looked at Rosy. She knew that Alice had come to the Knight Residence because of her, but she did not know that Alice had to endure such agony because of her. If she had known it sooner, she would have agreed for Alice to leave immediately

After some time, Ethan snapped back to his senses. His eyes were full of emotions. "We're legally married. Even if she leaves, she will still be my wife. With her personality, she wouldn't leave without any reason." Then, he looked at Rosy and continued, "Is there anything else I should know?"

He knew Alice well; she would do things nicely and never leave anything unattended. Therefore, she would never vacate herself just because of a promise.

Hearing his words, Rosy froze and gulped harshly. Initially, she did not want to say anything, but as soon as she saw his gaze, she replied honestly, "I let her sign an agreement."

His

gaze darkened at that revelation. He knew it, but this was the worst scenario he could ever think of. "Where's the agreement?" He breathed heavily.

He could have guessed what was on it, but he still wanted to peruse it. He wanted to know what Alice was forced to sign by Rosy.

Since Rosy knew that it was useless to hide the truth anymore, she took out the agreement and gave it to him. Grabbing the paper, he tried to suppress himself, but his hands were shaking. Instead of anxiety, there was fear.

After Ethan retrieved the agreement, he took a deep breath before looking at it. As he slowly scanned the text, his heart sank, and his hands trembled violently. Once done, he raised his head and revealed a smile filled with sadness, bitterness, and helplessness. At that moment, he seemed... lost.

Why? How dare my family forces her to sign such a thing! I always blamed her for acting so cold toward me and even accused her of not liking me. Yet, how can she not act cold when forced to sign such an agreement? How will she possibly love me? After all, the agreement clearly stated that she was banned from falling in love with me. How ironic this is, to forbid my legally married wife to fall in love with me?! This is all my fault. If I had known it sooner... If I had protected her... It's all my fault now that she's gone. Yet, I didn't want to let her go, but...

He knew Alice well, so he understood how severe this matter was. He searched for her for two days when she left. However, he was not afraid then because he knew she would be back.

Now that things had taken a turn, he was devastated to learn she would never return. *How will I find*

Suddenly, he recalled how he had her? *Where* could she possibly go?

"We've gotten a marriage certificate and are still legally married, so she shouldn't..." He stopped talking, sensing a bad feeling in his gut.

With her *personality*, she will never allow *this marriage to continue if she decides to leave*. She will find a way to get things out of the way.

At that thought, he asked tremblingly, "Mom, did you divorce us?" He knew Alice could not do it alone, but it would be plausible if the Knight Family were involved.

When Rosy heard his words, she replied, "No, not yet."

"Not yet?" Ethan's eyes brightened up. However, he soon frowned and asked, "How will she leave if we haven't gotten a divorce?" That was unlike her personality.

She gulped again and explained, "I didn't dare to handle the procedure since I was afraid you'd find out, so I made a fake divorce decree and sent it to her. That day, she replied to my message."

"What did she say?" he asked reflexively.

She hesitated momentarily. "She thanked me."

"Ha..." Ethan chuckled, but his laugh was eerie.

Although they were not divorced, he could not feel happy; everything felt ironic and sad. He could hardly imagine what Alice had gone through. *No wonder she said she isn't a part of the Knights. My wife... Am I worthy to be her husband? What kind of husband treats his wife this way?* Still, he wanted to look for her. *I need to find*

her!

Then, he turned around and looked at Caroline. "Caroline, do you know how to contact Mommy?" He was putting all hopes on her.

Ever since Rosy had given Ethan the agreement, Caroline had her eyes on it. Although she did not see the content, she vaguely guessed it.

Was Mommy forced to sign such an agreement on the first day she entered this family? Why? How dare they! How dare they bully Mommy! Mommy doesn't deserve any of this. She doesn't deserve to be in pain just because she wants to be with me.

As Caroline thought about it, she looked at Ethan and said stiffly, "I don't know."

Despite knowing how to reach out, she knew Alice would not want her to tell anyone in the family, including Ethan.

