

## **Wedded Bride 321**

### Chapter 321 Wedding (Part One)

"Firstly, Miss Bai and I are good friends. Though she has a history with my husband, that is all in the

past now. And it is still not proper for you guys, the journalists who came here today to bring it up.

Today is her wedding day, the most important day in a person's life. Don't you think we should also be

sensitive to the groom's feelings?" Autumn said half-jokingly.

"We heard that Mr. Lu had a fight with Rachel. Is that the reason why he doesn't come here today?"

A frown appeared on her face. "I don't know from which channel you heard this, but there is no truth to

it. Do not believe everything you hear. The truth is, Charles is on a business trip that he could not get

out of. It is impossible for him to come in time, that's why he sent me and Chris to attend this wedding.

I sincerely wish Miss. Bai a wonderful and happy marriage that she can cherish the rest of her life.

Some people may never meet their destiny, but she surely has met her true love. I sincerely hope that

she will be happy forever." She had said everything on her part and she didn't want to waste any more

time with the journalists. Seeing Autumn and Chris arrive, Rachel was quite surprised. She instantly

approached them while holding Edward's arm. After having a few photos with the journalists, she

welcomed them enthusiastically. "Autumn, Chris, I am so happy that you two are here."

Rachel warmly hugged them. Anyone watching would easily believe that they were good friends. Only

they knew that this was all for show. As for their true feelings for each other, they would never let other people know.

Edward kept looking at Chris. Indeed, he was very happy to see her here.

"I knew that you would come." Rachel was teary eyed, exciting the journalists. The rapid and loud

clicking of their cameras could be heard and flash bulbs went off endlessly. For them, seeing Rachel getting along well with her ex's wife was major explosive news.

"Don't cry. Since it's your wedding, remember to not let those tears ruin your make up." Autumn smiled

deliberately. She knew that she had to act well. As the wife of Charles Lu, she must represent their

relationship well. If evidence of any trouble in their relationship was caught by the reporters, they would be shown in all media for everyone to see. Then their life as a couple would definitely be affected.

Wasn't that just acting? Very much so. But everyone could do it, including her.

Autumn softly wiped the tears from Rachel's face and comforted her, "Today is the most glorious day of your life. You have to keep your make-up fresh and intact. Don't cry anymore. I don't think Edward

would want a bride with a smudgy face."

Rachel laughed and said to the two, "I know. I know. Come inside."

"Yeah." Autumn and Chris then went into the hotel. They were brought to a garden behind the hotel.

Rachel and Edward had chosen to have a garden wedding. Also the banquet was served as a buffet.

All guests could freely choose whatever they want. There were chairs, which had balloons tied on the

backrest, neatly placed on the grass. A pavilion which had elegant flowers decorated all over it was the

center of the whole set up. The scene was both luxurious and and breathtaking.

However, Autumn and Chris did not care about the decorations. They barely noticed it as it had nothing

to do with them.

After about half an hour, the wedding ceremony began.

They had to admit that Edward was really into Rachel, Seeing that the arrangements were all according

to Rachel's style and taste. Even the wedding gown she was wearing was customized by a world-

famous designer. With the sunlight shining on her, she was undeniably beautiful.

It was a forest-style wedding. It seemed like at any moment, the Wizard of Oz would suddenly appear.

The scenes from the movie, The Wizard of Oz, were subtly implied in the theme and decoration of the

wedding. Green carpet and purple wisteria were used in the front area.

As for the bridal bouquet, eustoma was used as the main flower, with cute, yellow buttercups

surrounding it. It was simple yet prominent. The Welcome Board's theme was also forest-inspired.

Green carnation was mainly used, with generous inclusions of white orchid. The small ornaments on

the tables were so lovely that many guests would take a picture of it upon seeing them when sat down.

The windows and other decorations were all very natural, the materials of which were imported from

the west. All these design and decorative elements combined to form the perfect wedding scene.

Autumn and Chris sat near the pavilion, giving the the best view of the event.

The host, invited by Rachel, was a very famous person in the entertainment circle. "Ladies and

gentlemen, let's enjoy this event in the pleasant outdoors, especially with this gentle breeze blowing.

Let's all wish the couple a happy wedding! They will soon step up on this stage! All the best wishes to

the future, aspirations to their perfect marriage and the rest of their lives, full of love, begins here."

The voice of this host was full and sounded great. Because of his introduction, the guests' attention

focused on Rachel and Edward.

"Distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen, a wonderful day to all of you! It's a lovely day. Flowers

are blossoming; birds are singing in the trees; everything is perfect.

I'm honored to be the host of Mr. Lu and Miss Bai's wedding. I am happy to announce that the

ceremony shall now begin.

Dear friends, let's all focus our attention to the front as the handsome groom walks down the aisle. The

dashing groom is now making his way towards us, in a classy suit.

Mr. Lu must be the happiest man today.

We know that though he is a successful businessman, Mr. Lu is not a playboy. Mr. Lu, do not take

offense, but how do you feel about marrying your true love at this age?

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The host gave the microphone to Edward for his reply. He smiled, while looking towards the direction

where Rachel would soon appear. "I have done many things in my life and I have had many

achievements. But they all pale in comparison to the day when I met Rachel. I look forward to the rest

of our days when we can love each other forever and enjoy a happy life in the future."

The host politely smiled and said to the guests, "We can understand the excitement of the groom. And

now ladies and gentlemen, please direct your attention to the dream door and welcome the beautiful brides! Now the bride is enchantingly walking to the dream door! She looks all mystical and classy in that white wedding dress. Oh she's like a fairy walking out from the forest."

Their wedding was special. No seniors were in the ceremony. Therefore Rachel walked to the groom by herself. She was still calm after walking a long distance and stood opposite Edward. Edward couldn't help but give a wide grin, unable to contain his excitement.

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"Mr. Edward Lu, the road to happiness is the road to your well-being. This road may be rugged and bumpy. Or it may be flawless and smooth. From now on, as the man in this relationship, you are supposed to stick to your responsibility and obligations. You have to take care of everyone you love and build a happy home with your heart. Are you ready?"

"Yes, I am ready." Edward replied in a resonant voice. Filled with excitement, he approached Rachel and knelt on one knee. In full view of all the people present, he asked Rachel, "Rachel, the love of my life and my forever, do you promise to be my wife?"

The host then told Rachel what she should do. "For the beautiful bride, if you accept the bridegroom's

proposal, please take the flowers from the bridegroom's hands and gently hold him up."

Rachel took Edward's flowers and held him up as the host instructed.

The host continued, "Love is a kind of fate. It is a gift from God to let two people who are strangers to

each other, unexpectedly meet during an ordinary day and eventually get closer. Your marriage is a

boon from God. Now, I do advise the bride and groom to stand face to face, hand in hand, look in each

other's eyes, and answer these questions." Then the host asked the groom first, "Mr. Edward Lu, do

you promise to take Miss Rachel Bai as your wife? As her husband, do you promise to forever love her,

protect her, encourage her? Whether in prosperity or adversity, whether for richer or poorer, you will

never give up to share hardships and difficulties, and live together for the rest of your days. Do you

promise? "

"Yes, I do."

After the groom's reply, the host turned to the bride, "Miss Rachel Bai, do you promise to take Mr.

Edward Lu as your husband. As his bride, do you promise to forever love him, support him, understand

him, encourage him. Whether in prosperity or adversity, whether for richer or poorer, you will never give

up to share hardships and difficulties, and live together for the rest of your days. Do you promise?

"..... "Yes, I do." When Rachel said those three words, there was an evident flash of unwillingness in her eyes, but she still said yes.

"It's well-known that Miss Bai has a quite special characteristic. As a popular star in the entertainment circle, your choice of such a man as your husband really surprises us. On behalf of the the industry, mass media and fans, I would like to ask you a question: What do you really think of him?" The host asked with a smile on his face.

Rachel smiled in return. Who would like to marry a man like him if there was another way out?

She took over the microphone and graciously answered, "I can understand why you are curious with my decision to marry him. Actually, the answer is quite obvious. I have taken a tortuous course before, so I now clearly know what kind of man is most suitable for me in a relationship. As you can see, despite his age, Edward really values and cherishes me. I think it is my destiny to be with him and it... is the best thing that ever happened to me."

Rachel's words moved Edward to tears. He held Rachel's hands tightly, and swore to himself, he would be good to her all his life.

After taking back the microphone, the host continued, "Today is a big day for Miss Edward Lu and Ms.

Rachel Bai. Their love ends up in perfection. But as with any other marriage, I believe that there will be

more suspension points instead of just a full stop in their love story. They still have a long way to go.

They also need to remain in good company of each other to face unforeseen difficulties. Now, Mr.

Edward Lu, please part the veil from your bride. I believe the moment when you part the veil is the start

to your new life as husband and wife. You have to work together, hand in hand, to create a happy life

as one."

The next part of the ceremony was to exchange wedding rings. Edward had ingeniously prepared for a

drone to carry the ring. As the drone hovered close, he caught the drone, detached the box  
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from it and took out the diamond ring.

" 'I love you' is more important than 'I do', but inferior to 'staying together'. Only by staying together can

I get the chance to love you, as well as to fulfill this promise all my life. In this happy married life, it may

be far from being sweet, in which responsibilities and commitments are part of the package. Two small

rings reflect these responsibilities and commitments. As a symbol of your love for each other, you are

wearing your rings on the left ring finger. It is said that the ring finger, which is also called heart finger, can closely link your hearts as long as you wear it."

The arrangement of the wedding was brief and meaningful. The whole ceremony ended with the kiss of the new husband to his wife. Edward held Rachel in his arms with the biggest smile on his face. He thanked the guests who came. "Thank you for taking the time out of your busy schedules and coming to witness this most important day of our lives. We have prepared for you a banquet full of the best dishes to partake. Let us now celebrate and enjoy the rest of this day together. Again, many thanks to you all."

Edward, together with Rachel, took a deep bow to the guests. And then they went back to the hotel to change into a more comfortable attire.

Chris sat at a table with boredom, drinking red wine, one glass after another. Autumn slightly frowned at her, and said, "Hey! I think you've had enough. Slow down on the drinking!"

Autumn grabbed the wine glass from Chris' hand, "Don't forget why we came here today."

"Yes, of course. Sorry about that." Chris smiled wryly at Autumn, "Autumn, I just feel awful."

"I see that." As Autumn comforted Chris, she saw Rachel come out with Edward, all smiles. She

nudged Chris, "OK. Get yourself together. Here they come!"

The fact that Chris came to attend the wedding really pleased Edward. No sooner had the wedding

ceremony finished than he came out with Rachel to look for her.

Chris turned around and wiped her tears, waiting for them to come.

Rachel opened her mouth before Edward. She said to Chris, "I know that what you said yesterday was

a genuine mistake. No matter what happened, you still care about your father, right?"

Rachel said those words on purpose and intently. As was expected, Edward's face turned pale.

Sure enough, what Chris said yesterday was so offensive that he again doubted the intent of Chris's

presence. Rachel noticed Edward frown, and continued to add fuel to the flame, "To our surprise, you

show up today. You have no idea how your dad has been looking forward to your coming. Thank God,

you finally decided to come."

"So, what are you here for?"

Edward asked Chris with suspicion, "Did you come here to make trouble?"

Rachel immediately stopped Edward, and said, "Edward, don't say that. Chris is not a spring chicken

anymore. She knows better than to do such improper things."

"Yes, you are right. She is not a spring chicken any longer." Edward sneered, "But she did speak some extremely hurtful and inappropriate words yesterday."

### Chapter 323 Wedding (Part Three)

Chris kept her mouth shut. She thought to herself, 'Damn it! Why did I come here? Is it worth the bother to come here and embarrass myself?'

"Uncle Edward, do you know why Chris came here? She sincerely wanted to give you her most

heartfelt blessing." Autumn who had been watching, cut in and said, "Yesterday your conversation

ended in a bad note. She felt remorseful for it. But you must understand what kind of family she comes from. Since her childhood, a lot of which you missed, by the way..." Autumn slightly glared at Edward.

"She envied the other children whose fathers would buy them cuddly toys and beautiful clothes.

Although she had her grandfather and a good brother, she never stopped yearning for the love of a father. When the truth was finally revealed, she was wild with joy and couldn't wait to talk to you.

However, there was some misunderstanding between you and her. And Chris has grown up to be a proud person that she doesn't admit her desire for your love and attention. This is why your relationship novelbin

got worse and worse."

"Is what she said true?" Edward turned to Chris; his anger gradually dissipated. But he still doubted Chris' real intentions.

Rachel glared at Autumn and thought, 'What a nosy bitch! Now Chris will win her father over! You are surely happy about that. Bad things always happen to me whenever you are around!'

"Of course," said Autumn, "You don't know that Chris cried for a long time after you left. She kept blaming herself and told me she shouldn't have fought with you. It was not her true intention to make things worse. So I came with her today to help mend whatever rift you two have."

After a short pause, Autumn continued with a smile, "Uncle Edward, try putting yourself in her shoes. After all, she has just found out that you are her father. And way before she could adapt to this drastic change in her life, you told her you were getting married. She wasn't quite ready to accept you as a father, then you forced a stepmother into her life! It takes some time to digest everything that has happened. You just need to give your own daughter time to do that. I'm sure that she will accept you and your new wife soon enough."

Since Chris was his biological daughter, his heart was softened seeing how unhappy she was. "Silly, whoever I am getting married to, you are my dearest and the most important baby. I may get divorced and marry another woman, but you are my flesh and blood through and through. No one can take that away from you or from me. We are family forever," he said teary-eyed.

Rachel who was standing nearby heard everything. Her face darkened as she heard those words. But she tried her best to stay calm and just smiled. It was not difficult for her to feign magnanimity.

Edward stepped forward and put his arms around Chris. "I am sorry I treated you badly these days."

"I am fine." Chris shook her head as she replied. Rachel usually showed her weakness toward Edward to get his attention and for him to take care of her. But not now.

Chris learned this trick of hers and was using it now against her.

Chris implored Edward, her eyes welling with tears, "I ... It was my fault that we didn't get along. I desired for your attention. My heart was against it. I did not want to share you with Rachel, so I said those hurtful words and did things that would anger you. I hope you can forgive me."

"Silly girl. As your father, I won't fuss with your childish behavior." Edward replied with a smile, "Always

keep this in your heart and mind, that no matter whom I marry, you are the most important person in my

life!" It came as a complete surprise that her daughter loved him and needed him. Overcome with emotion, he said those words.

"I know now. Thanks dad." Chris dried her tears and smiled.

Happy with how everything worked out, Edward advised, "We have made peace despite some difficulties. Now, I think it is time for you to come and live with us. I know that you need time to adjust and like Rachel. But as you spend more time together, I am sure that your perspective will definitely change. I really want the two of you to get along."

"I'd better not." Chris shook her head as she refused the suggestion, "You and Miss Bai are now to get married. I don't want to be the disturbance. Besides ..."

"Besides what?"

"Besides, it is grandfather who raised me on his own. As he is getting weaker, I hope that I can spend more time with him and to take good care of him," said Chris. It was a better choice to live with her grandfather. For one thing, she hated Rachel. And for another, she couldn't imagine living away from

her grandfather.

Edward couldn't think of anything to counter her reasoning. There was a brief but complete silence

among them. Rachel forced her face into a unwilling smile and broke the awkward moment, "Wow!

Chris changed a lot overnight. What a good girl!"

"I agree." Edward echoed in a gratified tone as he looked at his daughter proudly.

"I ... May I talk to you privately for a second?" Chris asked Edward, taking a glance of Rachel.

Holding Edward's hand tightly, Rachel frowned. It was obvious that she was unhappy to let them talk in

private.

"Edward, I ..." Rachel was worried that this was some sort of plot, so she held on to Edward.

"Miss Bai, don't worry. It's just a few words with my father. It won't take too much of his time." Chris did

not hide her scornful look.

Edward pulled his hand from Rachel's grasp and patted her hand affectionately. Then he said, "I will be

right back."

After that, he and Chris walked away to talk. Rachel's shouting didn't make him change his mind.

"Miss Bai, stop crying!" Autumn sneered, "They are father and daughter. It's normal for them to have a

private talk. Miss Bai, I guess you don't mind it, do you?

You have said that you hoped for their reconciliation. If that's really what you want, you need to give them space." She added.

"You ..." Rachel tried her best to control herself, because it was a shame to flare up in front of so many guests. She pulled Autumn to a corner and asked loudly, "Autumn, what the hell are you doing? What is really your purpose? Why did you come today?"

"What can we do?" Autumn replied. "Chris is Mr. Lu's daughter and she wants to talk with her father privately. Are you unhappy with that? Don't be so selfish."

She stared at Rachel with disdain and added, "You said that you wanted them to get along well. Is that just a big lie? All for show?"

"Autumn, there is no one else here in this corner. There is no need to pretend. Do you really not know what I am thinking about?" Rachel scoffed loudly. "Tell me exactly what you want? I have given up Charles. You have him now. Isn't that enough? What else do you want me to do?"

"Tell me what you want!" Rachel was getting frustrated. Autumn stared at Rachel indifferently, "There

are a lot of men out there and many are obsessed with you. But you decided to choose a rich old man like Edward. I don't know yet what you actually want. But I warn you, if you dare do anything to hurt him, you will have to go through us and we won't let you off the hook easily. We will make sure that you pay. After all...

You made your choice and if there are consequences, you will have to endure them." Autumn mocked, "Don't tell me you actually love Edward. It's ridiculous. You may fool the press, but you certainly are not fooling me."

"Am I not?" Rachel responded with a sneer, "No, of course not. If there is anyone who knows well, the real reason that I chose Edward, it's you."

Autumn said nothing. She just kept staring at Rachel. She knew why Rachel chose Edward, but she was sure that Edward wouldn't lose too much. Autumn's silence encouraged Rachel to keep talking.

She laughed with disdain, "Autumn, do you think you and that childish and immature Chris will beat me? You are dreaming!"

#### Chapter 324 Wedding (Part Four)

"I'm telling you that I am now Edward's wife, his rightful wife. There is nothing you can do to change this. As long as I serve him well, do you think... that you can drive me away from him?" Rachel said

confidently.

"We will find out soon, " Autumn retorted with a sniff. "Let me remind you to behave yourself.

Otherwise, you will end up with nothing, " she added.

Autumn walked away, leaving Rachel standing there, seething in anger. However, she couldn't lose her temper now. She had to pretend to be happy and smile throughout the entire occasion while burning inside.

Chris grabbed Edward's arm and they walked towards the lawn. They didn't stop until they came to the edge of the lawn. "Chris, just say it. I'm your father and I will try to satisfy all your wishes, " Edward began in a soft tone, looking at Chris.

"I..." Chris muttered hesitantly. She dragged Edward here to give him a warning. 'After all, he is my father. I can't just watch him end up with nothing. If he is willing to follow my advice, Rachel won't be able to swindle his money even if she leaves him in the future.' "Dad, here is the thing..." she continued after a pause.

Edward still could not believe what he just heard. "What... did you just call me?" he asked. It sounded

better than hearing his name pronounced the winner in a competition.

Edward couldn't believe his ears. Therefore, he wanted Chris to say it again.

"Dad..." Chris said shyly. She knew that Edward would listen to her as long as she softened her

attitude.

"Could you... say it again?" Edward sobbed out emotionally, his eyes filled with tears.

"Dad..." Chris frowned at Edward. "I have something important for you." She glared at her father.

"Well, go on, " Edward complied, wiping his tears away. Only one word from Chris let down Edward's

guard. 'She isn't my foe but my dear daughter. I am willing to do anything for her, ' Edward thought.

"I know that you always hope that I can get along well with Rachel, but..." Chris' voice became more

serious. "But you know that she used to be Charles' girlfriend as well. I have seen that she tried

everything, all means to get his money. Dad, I'm not trying to turn you against her. I just want to remind  
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you and warn you. Keep your guard up at all times."

Chris continued calmly without a shiver nor hesitation in her voice.

Edward understood Chris' misgiving, so he didn't get annoyed. "I understand your concern. But after

being with her these days, I could see that she has changed a lot. That's why I wanted the two of you to spend some time getting to know each other. Perhaps this is just a misunderstanding, " he said with a calm expression.

"Perhaps you're right." Chris nodded. "But dad, we all have our own opinions. You are convinced that she is a kind and tolerant woman, but I think she married you for reasons other than love. I can't force on you, my opinion of her. Likewise, it will be difficult for you to change what I think of her."

"Okay." Edward agreed. 'We have enough time in the world for that. As long as Chris speaks to me calmly, I will try to listen to her, ' he thought. "So what's your plan?" he asked.

"Well, because you really like her, there's nothing I can do about that. I won't interfere with your decision anymore. I'm cool with her as long as she treats you well." Chris replied. "I won't try to break you up as you have resolved to live with her. Well, you have just gotten married." She rolled her eyes.

"But this is my serious reminder. I heard that you transferred all of your shares in one of your hotels to her. I hope that you won't do it again, " Chris said with arms crossed.

"You can't and you shouldn't entirely trust her for now. You can give her anything you want once she has your baby or if you think that she can really be trusted in a couple of years. By that time, you have

my confidence and I won't stop you, " Chris concluded. Her argument was pretty convincing.

"What you said... makes sense, " Edward admitted. 'Chris must have already accepted me as her

family to be concerned like that. Otherwise she wouldn't have come here and warned me. She is doing

this for my sake, not for anyone else, ' he thought. "Well, I will remember everything you said. What

else do you want to say to me?" he asked with a satisfied smile.

"Well, I have big news for you. Dad, I'm also going to get married." Chris said, as her face turned red.

"Get married? Already?" Edward was stupefied. 'I have just acknowledged my daughter. But now I am

going to have to marry her off so soon, ' he thought bitterly.

As the old saying goes, a daughter is her father's lover in his past life. Edward was not ready to see her

get married so soon.

Suddenly, Chris being opposed to his marriage with Rachel made sense to him. 'Now I finally

understand her feelings when she learnt that I was going to marry Rachel. I can afford to take care of

her and give her anything she needs or wants. Why does she want to get married at such a young

age?' he thought.

"Yes." Chris smiled at Edward. "We have just settled it a few days ago. You have met him before. His name is Sam."

"I know him." Edward said with a tone of jealousy. 'I remember him. He is a handsome young man. I heard that he ran his company well. Well, if that little brat can take care of my daughter, then he deserves her.' Edward raised his brow but nodded in approval inside.

"Dad, you will be there at my wedding, won't you?" Chris asked with expectation.  
"Of course I will!" Edward exclaimed. "How could I not? You're my daughter. I should be the one to give you away. When is the date?"

"Next spring," Chris replied. "Sam and his parents wanted to do it before the New year, but grandpa insisted on delaying it. He said that he needed some time to prepare for my dowry and the wedding dress, book the hotel and finish a ton of other trivial matters."

Chris added, looking at her father.

Edward frowned when he heard this.

'I know how important the dowry is, as I have just prepared that for my own wedding. Sam is from a respectable family. If we don't prepare a handsome dowry for Chris, his family might be resentful

against her after marrying him.

Chris is my only daughter, and I don't want to see her living a tough life after getting married, ' Edward told himself.

"I hate to see you get married so soon. But as long as you love him and he loves you, I won't get in

your way. Tell Gary when you get home, that he doesn't need to take care of your dowry. I'm your father

and I will be the one to prepare it for you. And it will be a handsome dowry. It won't let others look down

upon you. You have my word on that, " Edward told Chris confidently.

"You don't need to bother with that, " Chris refused immediately. "Grandpa said that he had already

prepared for my dowry including the house, a car and so on, since I was born. Charles said that he

would transfer some of his shares in his company to me. That's enough. I don't want to cause you any

trouble."

"You're still too formal to me, " Edward complained. "You're my daughter and it is my duty to do these for you. No one should think that it is troublesome."

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Edward sighed and said, "I also want to make it up to your mother. So even if it costs me all my money,

I want you to have a luxurious wedding, to make you happy."

Then he took Chris' hand and said, "Come with me."

They went back to the main reception area and he pulled her up to the stage. By this time, all the

guests were enjoying the delicious food together and chatting with each other. Some were moving from

table to table getting reacquainted with other guests. Edward picked up the microphone, cleared his

throat, and then spoke into the mic, "Distinguished guests..."

Rachel panicked a little when she saw Edward go to the stage with Chris. 'What the hell are they going

to do now?' She had a bad feeling about this.

She wanted to drag Edward down from the stage as she heard what Edward said. But she just stayed

in her chair and dug her nails into it.

"It's not just my wedding today. I have another piece of good news to share with you," Edward said

excitedly. "I have been single for so many years but actually... I have a daughter," He announced.

"What?" novelbin

"How could it be possible?" There was a second of complete silence, then gasps could be heard from

all sides, then a wave of chatter began.

"It must come as a shock to all of you to hear the news but it is the truth. Actually, I just found it out recently. My daughter is no one else but this lovely girl standing here beside me." Edward was proud of having such a beautiful daughter.

"Many people here today must know her already. We do move around in small social circles so she may be familiar to you. So, yes, this is Chris, my daughter." Edward introduced Chris proudly.

"Does Miss Bai know this?"

"Can she accept her? Did you keep this secret from her before you married her?"

The reporters swarmed towards him onstage like bees and asked him some harsh questions, shoving their microphones and recorders into his face.

Edward was a little embarrassed and he said, "I think it will be more convincing if Rachel can answer those questions herself."

Edward looked around and found Rachel in the crowd. Then he smiled and stretched his hand towards Rachel.

Rachel had to come to the stage with everyone looking and said, "On this matter... Edward has never lied to me, nor kept anything from me."

Rachel gave a smile then looked at Edward with affection and added, "There is no secret between us. He told me immediately as soon as he found out and gave me the choice whether I would still want to be with him or not. He promised that he wouldn't take it against me if I was not OK with it."

"So you don't mind it at all? Are you OK with being Chris' stepmother while she is only a few years younger than you?"

"I don't mind it, really." Rachel shook her head slightly with a smile and said, "I am the luckiest woman to marry Edward and I don't want to lose him. He respects me so I will accept everything about him, even his past. Moreover... Chris and I get along well so at least we can be good friends even if I am not a qualified stepmother."

Rachel said it with great disgust, but she concealed it perfectly.

She never expected Chris could be so tactful in making Edward willing to reveal her to the public in such a short time.

Edward was satisfied with what Rachel said.

Chris kept an indifferent face.

Edward gave a smile and added, "Today is the most important day of my life. I married the woman I love and I got reunited with my daughter. I am the happiest and luckiest man in the world."

Rachel leaned against his chest and smiled. A reporter asked, "I heard that Chris has just gotten engaged to Mr. Lin and they will be getting married soon. As her father, what do you want to say to them?"

Rachel was so annoyed when this topic was brought up. She felt compelled to throw the reporter out but she couldn't do that.

Edward replied, "Actually we have talked about it just now. I promise that I will make her the most beautiful and the happiest bride in the world when she marries Sam. As for her dowry..."

Edward thought for a moment and added, "I will give all my shares of my company to her as well as cars and apartments to make sure she will have a grand wedding."

Then he continued, "Please tell Sam that if I hear that he doesn't treat my daughter well, I will have reserved a place in hell for him."

"We promise to tell him, " the reporters said.

Chris stood on the stage, with her hands over her mouth, unable to move or speak. She didn't want

Edward's money, but...

Edward was in such a good mood so he could be a little drunk. After the wedding and when all the

guests had left, Rachel stared at him with complaining eyes.

Chris cast a glimpse at Edward and said, "I need to leave now, Dad."

"OK." Edward said with a smile, "Remember to come back and visit me often."

"Okay." Chris agreed then turned back and said to Rachel, "Please take care of my father."

"It isn't over yet." Rachel said to Chris in a low voice, "I look forward to the next chapter of this story

and what will happen next."

Chris sneered and left together with Autumn. She felt much happier and said to Autumn, "Thank you,

Autumn."

"You're welcome." Autumn said with a smile, "But it was really satisfying to see Rachel so helpless."

"Me too." Chris sneered and said to Autumn, "She has fallen into her own trap. She believed that she

could get everything she wanted by marrying Edward but I won't let her tricks come true."

"But they are a couple now. Maybe Edward will change his mind if she complains to him too much, "

Autumn said with worry.

"I will have her expose her true intentions and character one day, " Chris promised confidently.

Gary had already seen what happened today when Chris came home and told him her purpose. Gary

thought for a long time and sighed, "Fine. At least we can keep part of his fortune in this way. We can't

just watch Rachel steal all his money without doing anything."

"I am just worried that you would be angry at me, but now I feel happy because you understand me."

Chris didn't tell Gary her intentions before she went to the wedding and now she felt assured that she

got his support.

"Silly girl." Gary scolded her in an affectionate tone.

Autumn wanted to say something but was interrupted by a call from Charles. He said, "I'm afraid that I

have to stay here for another few days."

Chapter 326 Let's Have A Baby

Autumn was happy to receive a call from Charles. However, soon after she heard what he had said,

her face turned sour. She gripped the phone tight as she asked him with a trembling voice, "Why?"

Charles did not notice the change in Autumn's tone and continued, "There's an emergency that needs my immediate attention. I have to stay here to deal with it. But rest assured, Autumn. I will try to come back as soon as I can."

"I..." Autumn fought back the urge to call him back, for she knew that Charles wouldn't leave the work unfinished and come back for her at this point. Also, even if he did give up his work and come back on her calling, she was afraid he might resent her.

She just sat there perched on the corner of the bed all alone, in a room full of silence.

The dim yellow light seemed to spread across all corners of the room. There she was lonely and sad inside this big room.

"Autumn, is something wrong? You seem unhappy."

Charles finally realized that something was bothering Autumn, so he immediately asked her, "Are you upset because I can't come back soon?"

Sure. That must be it!

Even though Autumn was thinking about it, she didn't share her thoughts with him. Instead, she forced a smile and said, "No, I'm not upset. I attended Rachel's wedding with Chris today. It was rather odd."

"Why did you attend her wedding?" Charles waved his head unconsciously as his curiosity increased.

Autumn simply narrated the entire story of what had happened today and then she said, "Charles,

Chris is Edward's daughter. Nothing can change this fact. I think this was her attempt to save Edward's fortune..."

"I understand." Charles took a moment before he responded, "But if the same thing happens again,

Just be careful. Don't be impulsive, just be prepared. Rachel is not so easy to deal with."

"I know what you mean." Autumn nodded quietly as she introspected.

"Once I come back, I will take a break and take you out. What do you think of that?" Charles comforted

Autumn softly. Autumn finally seemed happier with the hopes of tomorrow glimmering in her eyes. She hesitated but, then determined to express her feelings to Charles she said, "Charles..."

"Um, yes?" She felt assured of telling him how she felt once she heard his mild response.

"I... I miss you so very much." Even though she was all alone in the room, Autumn's face still flushed pink as she thought of Charles in silence.

She held the phone anxiously, hoping that Charles would give a loving response.

Charles paused with surprise upon hearing her, soon he began laughing out of sheer happiness. He

recalled the smell of her skin as he fiercely said to her, "If only you were here..."

He then reminded himself of long distance separating them, he sighed sadly, and then whispered, "All

right, wait for me at home!"

Autumn giggled, as she decided to surprise him, "Dear, why don't we have a baby? It feels like the right

time to start a family..."

She heard nothing from the other end of the call, for a second she thought the call had disconnected.

As she grew anxious and upset over his apparent silence she cautiously asked Charles, "Why you are so silent?

Do you not want to have a baby now?"

"No! Definitely not! Why do you think I'm unwilling to do that?" Charles laughed loudly as he continued,

"I just feel you brought up this topic rather abruptly. Why do you want to have a baby right now?"

Autumn sighed, and replied in a low tone, "I know you always wanted to have a baby. But at that point

in time, I thought it was too soon since our wedding to have a child. But now, I changed my mind. It

makes no difference whether we start our family sooner or later. Also, every time I see Cindy, I cannot

help wondering how our baby would be like. Will she or he be as lovely as Cindy?"

Autumn said to Charles as she was losing faith, "It's just a suggestion. If you do not agree we can revisit this topic later..."

"You foolish girl, I'm extremely keen to start this chapter of our lives." Charles smiled, for he actually longed to have a baby with Autumn. Earlier even though Autumn hadn't made her thoughts clear, he could figure out that she didn't want to have a baby so soon into the marriage.

This was the perfect opportunity for him, and he was definitely going to seize it.

He could not wait to come back home and hug her.

But he hid all his excitement and said to her, "Wait for me. Once I complete this work, I will rush back to you."

"That sounds perfect." Autumn nodded. Just as she was going to add something, Leila interrupted their conversation from the other side as she called out to Charles. "Mr. Lu, it's time to go."

Autumn's smile disappeared. What was happening? Was Leila standing beside him all this while when they were having this rather intimate conversation?

Autumn was disappointed about this. But indeed Leila felt more malcontent.

Leila felt uncomfortable as she heard Charles and Autumn speak so sweetly with each other. As the

time for a meeting was approaching, Leila could not bear their flirting anymore. She urged Charles to

leave soon, because on one hand, she did not want to hear their chat anymore; and on the other hand,

she wanted to remind Autumn, she was accompanying Charles and was always lurking in the

shadows.

Upon hearing Leila's voice, Autumn stopped in her tracks. And Charles did not wait for her to react and

quickly said to her after looking at his watch, "Dear, I have to hung up now. There is a meeting

scheduled for right about now. I will call you later."

Charles then hung up the call almost instantly, without waiting for Autumn to say a word.

She forced herself not think about this. After waking up the next morning, she went to work and called

Rachel.

"Miss Bai, will you please tell me if you have fit up the hotel? When can we come and measure the

entire place?" Autumn asked in a rather indifferent tone.

Rachel sneered and impatiently replied, "I'm afraid we will need more time to finish it. Miss Ye, don't

you think it's too unprofessional for you to push me in such a manner? I mean I just got married."

Rachel was still angry about what had happened yesterday. She believed it was Autumn who was to blame. That's why she was constantly tried to embarrass her.

"If you can accomplish it before your wedding, I will not interrupt you now." Autumn said that without any emotion. "I am asking you one last time, When will you complete it?"

"Wait for my notice." Rachel smugly said to her, then hung up the phone rather abruptly.

Rachel felt better seeing that Autumn was controlled by her.

As for Autumn, she definitely knew Rachel was making things difficult for her. She had another idea.

She instantly called Andy, "I'm sorry to interrupt you, but I really cannot handle this. Could you please help me?"

#### Chapter 327 Explain This To Me

"It will be my pleasure." She would do anything as long as the release conference wouldn't be held in Rachel's hotel.

Autumn and Isla went to measure the dimensions of the new venue with great interest. After Andy hung up, he turned to call Edward directly. It was Edward who he called to book the hotel, so he had to

inform Edward as he canceled it.

But the most important thing was that Andy attached great importance to his family; he would never

bear to let his little niece getting upset. He would also have a hard time if his wife found out.

"Mr. Xu." Edward was always nice and polite as long as the phone was connected. Both of them did

things in a similar manner, but if people really wanted to compare them, Edward would not dare to

offend Andy. Although knowing that Andy was younger, Edward believed him for dealing with things in

a much sharper way.

"Mr. Lu, I'm calling you regarding something important." Andy said in a cold tone, "I booked the holding

location of the release conference at your place earlier, but..."

"What is the matter?" Edward frowned slightly, as he had a gut feeling this had something to do with

Rachel. After all, Rachel was heading all operations and management of the hotel now.

"It seems like as the date for the conference is close approaching, the company I worked with has been

receiving news that your hotel has been redecorating, so I only found it fit to change the venue to avoid

being too late and running into some troubles." Edward frowned after hearing what Andy had said; he

knew it must be Rachel playing tricks. Edward sincerely apologized knowing he was responsible for the

loss, " I am so sorry. I have been so busy preparing for my wedding recently. I didn't have the time to

take care of the things in hotel. I apologize for this neglect from my side. Please do accept my apology,

Mr. Xu."

Edward maintained his calm as he said to Andy through the phone, " How about this? I will invite you to

dinner later and also return the deposit to you, in a bid to make up for my mistake."

"That's not necessary!" Andy continued, "I'm not that poor, Mr. Lu. But since you did think it necessary

to extend such a gesture... I don't think we are able to corporate with each other anymore."

Andy sneered, "Take care of yourself and your affairs then."

A fire of rage was rising in Edward's mind, as his grip on the phone got tighter.

He would have let it go had it been someone else, but it was Andy, someone he could not tread on his

toes.

Edward went for jog every morning. After receiving this phone call, he suddenly felt a pang of

depression and stress. So he turned around and jogged back in the direction of his house.

Autumn's phone call woke Rachel up and she could not fall asleep after that. She wore a pair of

pajamas as she walked downstairs to get something to eat. As soon as she opened the refrigerator and prepared to fry an egg, she spotted Edward coming back.

With a rather confused look she asked him, "What's wrong? Why did you come back so soon? I'm going to make some breakfast. Would you care for some?"

Edward did not answer Rachel, but walked straight to her in anger and grabbed her by the wrist, "So what trick did you play this time?"

"Get away from me! You are hurting me!" Rachel frowned as she struggled to free herself from Edward. She thought she had done nothing wrong for him to react so harshly. So Rachel retaliated with confidence, "Let me go. What did I do or rather what do you think I did?"

Finally she got rid of his grip and said, "What are you doing? Are you crazy?" She stroked her swollen wrist and raised her head to look at Edward's red eyes. Rachel was now beyond scared to say anything, "Why... are you looking at me like this?"

"I will ask you one last time, are you playing tricks again?" For a moment, Edward felt Chris had said nothing wrong about Rachel. Rachel was not a simple woman as she appeared.

"What the hell are you talking about?" Rachel frowned, "How can I possibly know what you are

referring to if you don't tell me what happened?"

Edward snarled, "Well, now I will be more direct. Did I not explicitly tell you not to offend Andy while I let

you take control of the hotel's management? But look at what you have done instead..."

Edward went on in an angry tone, "I reminded you on numerous occasions that Andy was our most

important client and that you must meet all his requirements, Rachel. I also told you he booked the

meeting hall in our hotel, so why then were you in such a haste to redecorate it like an idiot?"

"I..." It did occur to Rachel not once that Edward was angry about this. With a rather embarrassed

expression, she looked at him as she did not know how to explain the situation.

She never expected it; all she wanted was to insult Autumn a little, but it just went to get so bad.

Edward looked at Rachel coldly and said, "Well, Andy Xu called me now to withdraw the release

Conference. Even worse, Giant Promise Company would now never corporate with my company from

now on. Do you have any idea how much of a loss that is?"

Edward asked, "You'd better have a sane explanation for this, Rachel. Why would you do this?"

"What are you doing? You are grabbing the first chance to fight with me on the very next day after our

wedding?" Rachel was unwilling to show weakness as she said to Edward, "Do you think it is a foregone conclusion since I married you? Don't forget, I had your permission... before the hotel got redecorated."

"When was that? How could I not remember such a crucial thing?" Edward asked with a frown.

With a sly smile, Rachel said, "When you transferred the hotel to me, I told you that day that I wanted to make a few small changes in the hotel. You agreed with it at that time. How could you forget so soon?"

"But you didn't mention redecorating the meeting hall?" Edward regretted his hasty words so much, if he knew that such a thing would happen. Maybe he shouldn't have given the hotel to Rachel.

"But you did not say that I cannot." Rachel grew upset as she did not expect things to escalate so far ahead. She was just trying to embarrass Autumn.

Edward had suffered a loss and he fell into silence.

Rachel couldn't figure it out. The purpose of her actions was only to let Giant Promise Company be disappointing at Autumn for a planning company could not even do such a small thing. She even

thought Giant Promise Company might replace Cloud Advertising Company.

In this way, Cloud Advertising Company would have no chance of standing up again to such a novelbin

situation.

Chapter 328 Have A Love Affair Stealthily With Another Man

However, she never once expected that the Giant Promise Company would come forward to protect

Autumn in such a big manner, and this shocked her.

Edward shook his head helplessly as he glanced at Rachel; he knew nothing good would come out of

looking into it anymore. He had no other way to turn so he let out a weak sigh.

Rachel didn't dare to offend Edward at this point. Once she found that he had calmed down, she began

acting like a brat. "I am so sorry. I didn't mean for something like this to happen. Had I known this would

happen, I would have postponed the renovation. I just didn't expect such consequences, " Rachel said

with an apologetic look.

However, her words failed to move Edward, so she had to make persistent efforts to convince him. "I

am sorry, Edward. This is all my mistake. It is the first time I have taken such a big responsibility to

manage such a huge hotel and I just wanted everything to be perfect, but... I really didn't expect to

mess it up in this manner. I really did try my very best. "

She suddenly burst into tears as she spoke. After a small pause, Rachel went on, "I didn't think it would get so serious. There should have been time to take some precautionary steps, but... I was busy preparing for our wedding and it distracted me from the business. I told Miss Ye to slow down and drop the haste, but she declined my suggestion."

"Miss Ye? Who are you talking about?" The moment he heard this from Rachel, Edward felt things falling into shape.

Rachel looked up at Edward with a pitiful look, as her eyes glistened with tears. "I mean Autumn, Charles' wife."

She now found a new motive and determination which was to blame Autumn. "Perhaps it is because I am Charles' ex-girlfriend, and it always does seem like she is against me. I explained it to her many times that Charles and I had nothing now, but she just turned a deaf ear towards everything I ever said."

She said as tears kept trickling down her cheeks which began to annoy Edward. "Stop crying. Enough with the melodrama, " Edward interrupted her impatiently.

"There is no use of crying now, " he said with a sigh.

"Edward... Do you still blame me for how things went down?" As she wiped her tears away, Rachel

asked in a shaky voice as she stared at Edward.

He took a big breath and then began speaking, "There is no use of blaming you now that everything

has happened. But you have to remember that no matter what you are going to do, you have to be

careful and be aware that everything has consequences. Don't do this again, okay?"

"I understand that and I will never ever commit such a mistake again." Rachel replied in a soft voice, as

she gradually fell into Edward's arms and added, "Edward, I will ask for your approval before every

decision I make and consult you when I conceive new ideas. And I promise I won't be so hasty again. I

am so sorry. Please forgive me."

However, Edward was not relieved after hearing her words, instead he furrowed his brow and said to

Rachel, "Were you not about to prepare breakfast? Please go ahead. I need some space to calm down

now. Don't cry anymore."

Slowly, Rachel sat up upon hearing his cold response. "Edward, wait." She stopped Edward who was

about to leave. "I have something to discuss with you. I have been worried about it for quite sometime,

" she added.

"What is this about? Is something wrong?" Confused and also worried, Edward asked her.

"You know that Chris is a simple girl, but now she lives with Autumn. They literally spend the entire day

together. I fear that under Autumn's company she may be spoiled. So I think it is better in her interest to

ask her again to consider living with us, after all we are a family. What do you think?" Rachel said

calmly, but indeed, she was still very furious since the moment Chris took property from Edward

yesterday.

She hoped Chris would come back to live with them, but it was not because she really cared about her,

but instead what she really wanted was to drive a wedge between Edward and Chris. This would be a

easy for Rachel as long as Chris didn't get any help from Autumn.

"But..." After hearing Rachel's suggestion, Edward turned hesitant as he actually considered it. But he

did not agree with what she said since he thought Autumn was not a scheming woman.

"Edward, you may have noticed too that Autumn detests me, " said Rachel who continued to persuade

him. "With that said, I am sure she will try to cast a shadow between Chris and me. But Chris is a part

of our family and I really don't want her to bear a grudge on me like Autumn does."

"This is not the right time to talk about this." Edward looked very impatient.

"Edward, but..." Rachel grabbed his sleeves as she could not accept failure. "Edward, please sleep on

it and don't just dismiss me. Now that Chris is spending all that time with Autumn, she even asked to

divide your property yesterday. It must have been Autumn who asked her to do so. If she goes on like

this, won't you be handing over all your possessions to her without even as much as getting to know

her?"

Rachel was so anxious that she was not subtle as she said all of that. Edward looked at her with a

baffled expression and asked, "Do you really mind what I said at our wedding yesterday?"

However, Rachel was too anxious to comprehend his mood swings. "Of course, Edward. We are

married now and I am your wife. This is our common property now. I cannot stand by while give it to

others for no reason."

"Others?" Edward burst into sneer as he replied in a harsh and cold tone, "This so called others you

mentioned is my daughter, and don't ever forget that. She is my own and only flesh and blood in this

entire world and I would do anything for her."

"I..." It was only then that Rachel realized that she had said something terribly wrong. Ambushed,

Rachel hastily tried to explain herself, "Edward, you misunderstood me. That's not what I meant. I just

think that we also have to manage our life, but now you have given almost half of your property to

Chris. What will we live on?"

Upon hearing this, Edward laughed grimly. "Rachel, that is my property and I can give it to anyone. It is

none of your business and it will never concern you. You are in no position to doubt my decision. I

know exactly what I am doing. You better remain within your limit," Edward said harshly.

He turned to leave after he finished speaking his mind without looking back, leaving Rachel alone there

as she was.

Time would tell a true friend from a false one. Though Edward was unable to certain what kind of a

person she was, he was sure that he would find out sooner rather than later if they kept their marriage

going.

Squinting, Rachel felt that everything had changed for the worse so soon after their grand wedding. It

only led to her hatred towards Autumn to intensify.

But now that she had said those words, Rachel was unable to fix this. She had an appointment in the afternoon and it was already time for her to leave.

She went back into her bedroom, and changed her clothes. As she was about to leave, she saw Edward sitting on the couch, reading a newspaper. He even didn't take a look at Rachel as she went out. They just got married yesterday, but now he had turned so indifferent to her which seemed to ridiculous.

Seeing this, Rachel stepped towards Edward and said in a soft voice, "Edward, I have some work to do novelbin and I need to go out for a film shooting now. But I will be back for dinner with you, okay?"

"Em, sure, " he replied without a shard of emotion.

After she got his uninterested approval, Rachel turned to leave. She drove to a hotel, looking around carefully before entering the building to ensure no one was following her. After she got out of the car, she rushed to a room.

She rang the doorbell and soon the door swung open for her. A strong arm stretched out, pulled her in and closed the door immediately leaving an empty hallway behind them.

Rachel giggled as her slim waist was grabbed by the man. "Keep your pants on! Let me catch my

breath for a moment, ' Rachel said in a bashful and flirty tone.

"Honey, I missed you so much. We haven't seen each other in days," said the man. He was dressed in

a bathrobe; one could peak at his chiseled upper body naked through the opening. The man had a

rather muscular, strong and defined body. He was also a famous star in the entertainment circle. After

kissing Rachel's neck, he was unable to hold off his urges while Rachel just enjoyed his kiss with her

eyes closed.

Chapter 329 Rachel's Dirty Secret

"Honey, you're so hot, " Roger Han said, fawning over Rachel.

He picked her up sideways, throwing her on the bed. He looked at her intensely, pulling the towel off as

he ogled her body. He made sure to take in charge, roughly losing himself inside her as he rocked back

and forth.

Rachel lay in Roger Han's arms after being spent, running her fingers seductively across his chest.

"Roger, I can't help but notice you seem... to be more aggressive than before, " she praised him,

overwhelmed with satisfaction.

"Really?" he asked, suddenly grabbing her by the fingers.

"Are you implying that you want one more round?"

Appalled by what he said, Rachel scoffed in return. "You wish!"

"You have no idea, aren't you?" Roger Han said, acting miserable.

"I'm a man in my prime, but I haven't had sex for days. You're not even here for long. This is the only chance that I have."

"I can't stay here, " Rachel said as she sat up, getting serious.

"Today is the second day of my marriage. How could you ask such a thing? Do you want Edward to divorce me?" she asked.

"Why not? File a divorce if that's what you want."

Confused, he asked her, putting his arms around her waist. "I don't get it. What's so good about him?"

He's such an old man. He can't please you as much as I do, right?"

"You don't understand, " Rachel said, frowning slightly.

"He can give me what I want."

"I don't know what you're talking about, " he said, getting angry.

"How long are you going to keep our relationship secret?" he complained further.

Realizing that he was getting furious, Rachel quickly turned in an effort to comfort him.

She was a woman who had her own needs. Now that Edward was too old to satisfy her sexually, she

needed to use another man to satisfy her lust.

Despite being unknown and new from show business, Roger Han had a good physique and looks to

note for. Getting rid of him was not something she thought of doing any time soon unless she got tired

of him.

"Haven't we talked about this before, sweetie?" Rachel gently asked him, her soft palms touching his

face.

"You need to relax and be easy on this please, " she added with a shy smile, her eyes imploring.

"Rachel..." Roger Han started quietly. "As a man, I would like our relationship to be out in the open for  
novelbin

everyone to know about. I just can't keep hiding all the time. Do you understand?"

"I do. I clearly get your worries, " she assured him helplessly.

"But you have to put in mind that our social classes differ. Even if my marital status was out of the

question, having you in public will be a total disgrace to you. Or do you want people to turn you into a laughing stock?"

This made Roger Han grimace.

"It's not exactly what I want. But I'm not comfortable with you being with Edward all the time."

"You have to be patient, " Rachel said, trying to calm him down with a mocking smile.

"I'm a bit disappointed that Chris is the one getting the majority of his inheritance. You do know that I married him for his fortune, right? I don't know what to do, " she said, confused.

Roger Han had gotten his information about Rachel and Edward on television.

"Did you honestly got married to him only for his fortune?" Rodger asked.

"Yes, I did, "

Rachel answered quickly with no hesitation.

"So... Does that mean that by the time you get his property, you'll still be with me?"

Roger Han asked with a cunning smile.

He felt he needed to assist Rachel at her time of need. He initially met her at a commercial shoot and eventually found her interesting. His main motive was to use her in order to find his way to success.

"Do you have any clue how I'll get through this?" she asked, quickly noticing the assurance on his face

so she went on to give him a promise.

"Find a way to convince Edward not to give most of his fortune to Chris and I'll be yours when I acquire it."

Just when he saw Rachel expecting something, Roger Han took the chance to ask her something he always wanted to ask.

"There's news going around that Director Zhang wants a supporting actor for his drama. Since you're well acquainted to him, do you think you could give me a recommendation?"

Rachel thought her answer through before responding. "If you can help me with my problem with Edward, I'll promise to help you with your request."

This put a smile on Roger Han's face. "Don't forget the promise you just made to me now."

He then threw himself at Rachel but she immediately turned and pushed him away. "What are you doing? I only need you to help me figure out a way," she yelled, surprised.

"Don't worry. I got this," Rodger said, giving her an assuring smile.

"Being Edward's daughter, Chris will surely get most of her father's fortune, " he said, trying to form a game plan.

"If you don't really want her to get all of his fortunes, you should consider giving him a baby so that he gets happy about being a father. This will automatically give your child a huge amount of inheritance. It would also be best if the child is a boy."

Rachel smiled upon hearing his suggestion. 'It will make him realize that I'm still in my youth if I give him a baby. This will make it easier to get his fortune and make my reputation better, '

She thought, hugging Roger Han out of pure joy.

Then, the two started making out, giving in to their body desires.

When it was all over, Roger Han lay in the bed as he stared at the woman he just made love to. Having been there for quite some, Rachel needed to get dressed.

"If you really want the pregnancy to happen, we need to be together much more often, " he said with a light smile on his face. "This is how it works, you know. We have to work a little bit harder."

"How about I call you when I get the time?" Rachel asked in return.

It was quite obvious that Edward was getting old already. It would then be difficult for him to acquire

children so it had to be Roger Han himself.

"How about Director Zhang?"

Roger Han asked, leaning over the bed.

She laughed, bearing in mind that what she and Roger Han had was something they both enjoyed and

benefited from. She knew she had to help him just as he did, too. Without thinking twice, she got her

phone and called Director Zhang.

After a few moments, Rachel could be heard thanking Director Zhang. "Thanks so much for this! If you

want, I want to treat you to dinner later on, " she said in a happy voice.

Turning to Roger Han, she asked, "Did you hear that? Your audition is happening this afternoon!"

Glad to hear the news, Roger Han tried to hold Rachel to express his gratitude, only to be stopped.

"Thank you, honey, " he said, voice full of appreciation. "Don't celebrate so soon. My part is to get you

to Director Zhang. Now the rest is up to you, " she said coldly.

"Just keep in mind that you can't blame me if things get wrong. If you fail at this, it's all on you, " she

added further.

"I know. Don't worry, it's never your fault if it doesn't work out, "

Roger Han said, clearly excited.

Rachel left afterwards. A few moments later, Roger Han heard someone knock. "Have you taken any

photos?" he opened the door and asked the person by the door.

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"Yes, I've taken enough photos, " answered the man by the door, who was Roger's assistant.

Looking at all the high definition photos, he pointed out excitedly, "These photos will be sensational if

they get out!"

But Roger warned, "We'll hang on to these photos and play it by ear."

The game plan was to keep taking advantage of Rachel, who even if she was married, was an easy

prey.

Since she was still of use to him, now was not the time to publish any photos.

His assistant, however, thought differently.

He couldn't understand why Roger refused to publish the photos, knowing it would make him an instant

overnight sensation.

But Roger shushed him. "It's settled. Just do as I say."

"We'd better head to the audition," Roger said, getting ready to leave.

Roger was determined to be as famous as Rachel one day. When that happened, he thought people

would condemn the woman for paying for his being a gigolo instead of laughing at him.

The audition venue was the same hotel where Autumn and Isla had an ongoing project. The women

just completed measuring space and were on their way out. At the lobby, Roger and Autumn crashed

into one another.

Roger's assistant swore angrily at Autumn. "Hey! What is wrong with you? Are you blind?

You do not want to hurt Roger Han!" he snarled.

Autumn was shocked. It was obviously Roger who wasn't looking. She ended up sprawled on the

ground, unable to avoid him. Despite this, his assistant had the gall to snipe at her.

As Isla quickly helped Autumn to her feet, she shrieked, "He ran into her first.

You're the one who's not looking!"

Unconcerned about the bickering, Roger looked at Autumn more closely. His face suddenly lit up at

seeing a very attractive woman in jeans and a white T-shirt.

Shifting to gentleman mode, he admonished his assistant, saying, "What is wrong with you? She was the one who fell!"

You should be helping her up!" Roger snapped.

Momentarily stunned at his boss' words, the assistant moved to help Autumn but Isla pushed him away.

"Spare us your false kindness," she spat.

Then she turned to Autumn, asking, "Are you all right?"

Still miffed over the incident, Autumn replied she was fine.

Autumn thought she might have sprained her ankle, but brushed it aside as nothing serious.

"Miss..." Roger trailed, fishing for a name.

He decided to block Autumn's path and apologized earnestly. "I'm really sorry about what my assistant said. Let me apologize on his behalf."

Bowing before Autumn, he implored, "Maybe I can call you later, so I can make up for it with more than just an apology?"

"There's no need for that," Autumn replied coldly.

"I'm good."

She side-stepped him and left. Though she admitted Roger was attractive, she sensed a very

unpleasant aura surrounding the man, making it difficult to talk to the guy.

With a protective arm around Autumn, Isla grunted at Roger and his assistant as they walked away.

Once out of earshot, Roger's baffled assistant asked cautiously, "What was that all about? Did I hear what I think I heard?"

Roger sighed, patted his assistant on the head and quipped, "Tsk. Tsk. You're not very perceptive, my boy." Then he ordered, "Now, go find out who she is."

"Right, right! Okay..." He bobbed his head, still baffled at his boss.

The audition went well. But even if it didn't, Director Zhang would have cast Roger, as a favor to Rachel.

"Congratulations, boss!" his assistant raved, handing him a bottle of water. He thought fame was within reach now that Roger had been cast in a drama supporting role.

Roger threw him a sidelong glance. "Me, not far from fame?" he laughed, but with eyes minus the glee.

"But it isn't just five minutes of fame that I'm after, " he stressed. "It's to be famous all over the country!"

Dramatically, he continued, "Just you wait and see. I can feel it won't be long now."

Then he remembered. "By the way, what did you find out about the woman I ran into before the audition?" he demanded as he took a sip of water.

"Er... uhm..." Somewhat embarrassed, the assistant reported that the mysterious woman was not among Director Zhang's staff. "The hotel doorman said she worked with an interior design company.

They were doing preliminary work for a project. I still don't get it why you're interested in finding out who

she is, " he asked.

Irritated, Roger snapped, "Just do what you're told and enough with the questions. Find out who she works for."

"Okay, boss,"

His assistant quietly replied.

In the car, Autumn's sprained ankle began throbbing. Seeing her friend ride out the pain, Isla couldn't help but curse Roger. "I knew at first glance that guy was bad news." She turned to Autumn, "You know what? When he was really close, I caught a whiff of his perfume which was obviously for women. He

probably slept with some rich lady, " Isla snorted, adding, "And he had the gall to hook you up! Talk about pompous and self-absorbed!

But you brushed him off, " Isla laughed.

Autumn laughed, too, and felt the pain in her ankle ease a bit.

Still worried about her friend, Isla decided, "We'll head to the hospital to get that treated."

She then drove off, anxious to get medical help.

After being seen by a doctor, and receiving instructions on caring for the injured foot, Autumn insisted on going back to work. But Isla would have none of that and drove her home.

"You stay home and rest, " she admonished Autumn. "Don't worry about work, I'll take care of it. You come in once you're feeling better."

Gary spotted the two women as Isla was helping Autumn inside the house. Worried, he asked, "What happened, Autumn?"

Mustering a smile, Autumn replied, "I'm okay. It's just a sprain.

Nothing serious, really. All I need is some rest. Don't worry, grandpa."

"Are you sure?" Gary looked her over then said, "All right then. Be careful and get some rest." He was a good elder, always considerate and thoughtful.

Isla helped Autumn get settled in the bedroom. Looking around the empty room, she quipped, "Charles should have been home already, based on his itinerary, right? He's not back yet?"

"Nope," Autumn sighed.

"We spoke on the phone and he told me he was staying for another two days," she added, sounding depressed.

Isla frowned, trying to keep a straight face. "Oh?"

In her last video chat with Aron, Isla mentioned that Autumn missed Charles. Then Aron dropped a bomb that he saw Charles in Europe while at a jewelry store where he was getting Isla a gift. Charles was with Leila shopping for jewelry together. From where Aron stood, it looked like Charles was consulting Leila before he finally picked out a necklace.

Aron never approached them and just watched the pair from afar.

Isla had decided to keep all this from Autumn. What did she know? If she ended up mistaken, she would still end up hurting her friend.

But with Autumn's news about Charles extending his stay in Europe for a couple more days, Isla felt

she owed it to her friend to share the secret. She'd leave it to Autumn to find out the truth herself.

Autumn sensed something was bothering her friend. "What's wrong, Isla?"

She noted Isla's worried look and became concerned.

After hesitating for a few moments, Isla sat down next to Autumn and gently said, "There's something I

have to tell you.

You decide what to do after listening, and remember I'll always be here for you."