

A Bird in the Cage by Wild Dandelion

Chapter 131

[/ A Bird in the Cage By Wild Dandelion](#)
Chapter 131 I'm Not Leaving

"I can't leave until I see to it that Leo and Cammy's matter is handled properly, Ry. I keep having the feeling that both of them have broken up, and all of you are just keeping it from me. No, I'm not leaving!"

No matter how Ryan, Jasmine, and Leonardo tried to convince her, she seemed to make up her mind.

In fact, Old Mr. Walker's words couldn't manage to persuade her wife, either. With no other choice. Ryan could only call Catherine for help.

Calling her behind everyone's back, he was gentle in his tone because he needed her help.

"Catherine, I know it's not convenient for you to come out now after your abortion, but I have all the

necessary arrangements with the doctors over at Arinth, and now, Grandma wouldn't leave. She said that she can only rest easy once she sees you. How about I pick you up from the apartment right

now?"

"There's no need! Tell Leonardo to call me later. It will be more appropriate if he comes and picks me instead," Catherine agreed readily.

After hanging up and emerging from the lounge, Ryan didn't notice Jasmine following right behind him.

Actually, she wasn't there to eavesdrop on his phone call intentionally. She just wanted to discuss how to deal with Old Mrs. Walker.

As soon as she heard Ryan call out Catherine's name, she was stunned.

Since the day Jasmine found them staring at each

other, she had already thought there must be something strange between them. When she recalled the few times that she saw them interact, she finally realized something.

Her best friend was having an ambiguous relationship with her husband behind her back.

With that in mind, the blood in her body seemed to freeze up, and she couldn't recover from the shock at all.

After all, she never anticipated this feeling of betrayal. She and Catherine had promised to be honest to each other, so how could her friend do something like that behind her back?

Even if Ryan and Jasmine didn't love each other, they agreed not to tell anyone about it. She believed that Catherine knew nothing about the fact that she and Ryan were just pretending to be a sweet couple. That meant that Catherine was

willingly being the mistress of Ryan even though she knew Jasmine loved him.

She was devastated because she had been utterly fooled by her best friend and her husband all this time. If she didn't find it out by accident, she wouldn't even have anticipated when Catherine would chase her out and rob her of her rightful position as the young mistress of the Walker family.

When she thought of that, she could feel hatred welling up inside her. She had to take revenge on her so-called best friend. She needed her to know that there was a price to be paid for betraying their friendship.

Thus, she quietly hid herself when Ryan emerged from the lounge.

She wasn't going to let them know that she had already knew the truth.

Returning to Old Mrs. Walker's bedroom, Ryan told Leonardo to call Camilla and invite her over.

Naturally, Leonardo hoped that Catherine would come too, but he didn't know whether she would agree to come or not.

While he verbally agreed to do so, he left the room and planned to lie that he had called her, but Camila wasn't available.

Coincidentally, he met Jasmine in the corridor, and she asked what he was doing with a forced smile.

"Ryan asked me to call Catherine, Jasmine. But I'm worried that she won't come."

"Why wouldn't she come?" Jasmine asked with a smile.

"Don't forget that she already has your baby and you're the baby's father. You should pluck up the

courage to call her. Don't be afraid. She won't decline."

"But the baby..." At that point, Leonardo was so anxious that he almost told her the baby wasn't his.

Observing his expression, Jasmine could tell that there was something going on behind his words. Then, she recalled that Ryan had mentioned Catherine had an abortion.

Who was the baby's father, Ryan or Leonardo?

If it was Ryan's, how could he have agreed for her to abort it? If it was Leonardo's, would Ryan have allowed her to mess around with his brother?

"Forget it. I don't think you can do it. I will help you persuade her to come here. Just go to pick her up," Jasmine remarked with a smile.

Of course, it was better if Jasmine could do it for him. After all, Leonardo always knew that his sister-in-law always had her way to deal with tricky things.

A Bird in the Cage by Wild Dandelion

Chapter 132

[/ A Bird in the Cage By Wild Dandelion](#)

Chapter 132 Back at Walker Manor

Holding the phone in her hand, Catherine was waiting for Leonardo's call, but she ended up receiving a call from being Jasmine calling.

In her mind Before she picked up the phone, Catherine she had guessed that it was about the same thing for Jasmine to call her.

As she expected, Jasmine was calling When she answered, it was to invite her over to Walker Manor as she expected.

"Okay. Tell Leonardo to contact me."

Naturally, Leonardo was overjoyed that he got to see her again. For someone to who just meet his first love in his life again, he was content with just

having one more merely a glance at her even if it was from afar. He called

After calling Catherine to confirm the time and place they should meet up where he would pick her, he realized that it was at the square as usual. Half an hour later, they met at the square again.

Leonardo was incredibly grateful for Catherine's help, deeply believing and also thought that she was a very kind woman.

At Walker Manor, they met with Old Mr. Walker and Old Mrs. Walker Leonardo's grandparents.

Since this was Old Mr. Walker's first time meeting with Catherine, he really thought was convinced

she was his future granddaughter-in-law, so h. He carefully sized her up and was very, satisfied with her.

"Not bad. Leo is still not that mature. I hope you

can be patient with help him to be a better man,." Old Mr. Walker muttered.

"I will, Grandpa!" Since the show had begun, she would be a good actress.

Now that she was here, she had to keep up her performance.

"I was worried that you and Leo have split up, Camillamy. Tell me, does your family agree for the both of you to be together?" Old Mrs. Walker asked Catherine while holding her hands.

"They are very satisfied with him. You can rest easy don't have to worry and please focus on your recuperation recovering. I'm sure Ryan will deal with everything here perfectly."

"That's good. That's good. I guess I we can finally go to the airport with peace of mind now."

"Prepare the car, Luca!" Ryan ordered happily. Finally, his long-hang hearte could rest easy as well.

"Since the two of you are pregnant, you shouldn't go through the trouble of going to the airport with us," Ryan advised the two women.

While Ryan and Leonardo sent Old Mr. Walker and Old Mrs. Walker their grandparents to the airport, Catherine and Jasmine were left alone at home. Seeing Catherine,

When Jasmine saw Catherine, she could feel her heart aching terribly, but she didn't show it. As usual, she held Catherine's hands and talked to her.

"Since it's just the two of us, how about you t. Tell me, is if the baby is Leonardo's?" At that moment, both of them were sSitting in the living area of Ryan's master bedroom suite, when Jasmine

asked Catherine that question.

"The baby is hisit was, but I have already aborted it." Catherine had no choice but to lie to her like that. She didn't want Jasmine to know that she kept the baby nor that the babyit was Ryan's.

"You aborted it?" Jasmine pretended to be surprised.

Meanwhile, Catherine nodded seriously.

“Why? I wasn’t it a good opportunity for you to marry into the Walker family this way? Or after all that what have happened between you and Leonardo, you still don’t like him?”

“I don’t like him. No.”

“Then, what are you planning to do from now on?”

“I may not fall for anyone else ever again. I just want to live alone peacefully,” Catherine answered, indifferently and emotionlessly.

Jasmine frowned. In her mind, Catherine was still lying to her. If Catherine wouldn’t fall for anyone ever again, why was she still pestering Ryan?

What was so bad about marrying into the Walker family, Leonardo? She could officially be the third young mistress of a member of the Walker family. However, it seemed like she would rather be an underground lover instead of marrying into the family officially. It was seriously baffling to Jasmine.

“What do you think of Ryan?” Jasmine suddenly asked. For a moment, Jasmine noticed that Catherine was slightly startled by the question, but the latter she reverted to her normal almost instantly.

“What about him? I should be asking you this question. You’re his loverwife. You should answer this question. I don’t know much about him.” When Catherine said that, she observed Jasmine’s expression while saying so. Her friend even though Jasmine didn’t seem differented like from usual.

However, Catherine could feel that something was different about her. It was, as if Jasmine had known knew something and thus asked that kind of question.

Could Ryan have told her? He couldn’t have. Perhaps it was just Catherine’s speculation.

“I was just thinking my husband is so mature and reserved about this.. I’m sure a lot of women like him. My husband since he’s so mature and reserved. I can understand it if you don’t like Leonardo because he’s still young and not that charming. Perhaps he would end up like his

brother one day? If that was the case, would you consider him then?”. Jasmine probed.

A Bird in the Cage by Wild Dandelion Chapter 133

[/ A Bird in the Cage By Wild Dandelion](#)

Chapter 133 Fortunate

"That's impossible, Jas. I believe in feelings, and I do indeed have no such feelings for him."

"Oh." After Jasmine said that, there was a moment of silence between them.

In the past, they wouldn't feel awkward even if neither of them was talking. But today, Catherine felt awkward because things were different, because she was thinking that Jasmine probably had known their relationship, judging from the way that Jasmine was talking.

However, Catherine wasn't going to come right out and apologize since Jasmine didn't want to expose her. If it turned out Jasmine didn't know anything, wouldn't that be a huge blunder on her part?

To avoid the awkward situation, Catherine randomly found another topic and asked about

Jasmine's baby.

"You have to take good care of the fetus, understand? Didn't you say you were infertile and I was worried for so long because of that? It's good that you're finally pregnant. Now, you won't have to worry about your place at the young mistress of the Walker family," Catherine mentioned softly.

"You have no idea. Ever since I got pregnant, Ryan has been taking better care of me. I consider myself fortunate for being able to marry into the Walker family."

Fortunate? Didn't Jasmine once say that she was forced to marry into the Walker family? Could it all have been a lie?

As if Jasmine understood what Catherine's

thoughts were, she smiled and explained, "At first, I was forced to, but I gradually found out that he was a reliable person. He may look all stern most of the time, but he's actually quite caring when it comes down to it. Unknowingly, I fell in love with him. Now that I have his baby, I have to cherish him even more."

"That's good. I hope the two of you can be happy!" Catherine wished them well from the bottom of her heart.

Actually, there was some bitterness in her heart, because what Jasmine had described was exactly how Ryan was. Sometimes, he would be quite evil, but when he cared about someone, he could make any woman lose themselves.

Even she, Catherine, had unknowingly developed feelings for him... No! She couldn't fall in love with him.

Jasmine didn't seem too sad for one who might have guessed that something was going on between Catherine and Ryan. With that, Catherine thought Jasmine was probably as strong as how Ryan described her to be.

It was good that Jasmine was strong. Catherine hoped that sheher friend was strong. That way, she could leave without worrying that Ryan would threaten her again.

Eventually, they stopped talking about thisThey dropped the topic there. When Catherine recalled that she had never met Robert in Walkerthe Mmanor in the few times she had been here, so she asked Jasmine out of the blue.

"Why don't I see Robert around?"

"He was here before you came. But by the time you said you were coming, he suddenly said he had to go back to the office and left."

"Does he also work in Walker Group?" Catherine asked.

"I don't think so. Ryan is the one managing Walker Group, a corporation that is shareholder-based. I heard that Robert is managingin charge of some of Walker Group's investment companyies, but I don't really know the details. I mean, it's not really appropriate for me to keep probing when I just married into the family."

"Do you have his photo on your phone?" Catherine was a little curious as to what Robert looked like.

"Of course not. I'm his sister-in-law. Why would I have a photo of my brother-in-law on my phone?" Jasmine answered with a smile.

After chatting for a while more, they went out for a stroll together.

Although it was an August morning and, it was

pretty hot outside. However, there were plenty of places to hide from the heat in the garden. While they strolled around the place, they casually chatted, and it was pretty relaxing.

After sending the Old Mr. Walker and Old Mrs. Walkerold couple off, Ryan and Leonardothe brothers arrived back home. When Ryan didn't see Jasmine or Catherine the women in the house, he got a little anxious.

After all, Catherine just had an abortion, and she wasn't supposed to be up and about.

When he called Jasmine, he sounded a little worried. "Can't you two pregnant ladies just stay in the room? Where have you gone?"

Upon hearing that, Jasmine thought to herself. What did he mean by saying “two pregnant ladies”? Since when did he care about his own wife?

Then, she realized that Ryan was worried that something trivial He must be afraid that something would happen to Catherine since she had just had an abortion. How considerate of him!

“We are staying under the cooling shade of a tree,” Jasmine replied calmly. :

Without another word, Ryan rushed out to look for them.

A Bird in the Cage by Wild Dandelion

Chapter 134

[/ A Bird in the Cage By Wild Dandelion](#)
Chapter 134 You Are Free

At that momentAt the moment, the worries and eagerness that Ryan was feeling surprised himself.

“What... what are the two of you wandering around for when you’re both pregnant? What if you catch a cold? Also, tThere are bugs on these trees. What if one of themyou were bittens one of you?” Ryan reproached both of them harshly when he saw them, glancing atbut his gaze was focused on Catherine with displeasure.

Thinking that his concern for her was too obvious, Catherine was shocked, but she smiled.

“Look at how much he cares for you, Jas. I’m so envious,” Catherine joked as usual tolike it was normal so that she could divert their attention.

However, now these words meant totallysounded different things tofrom what they used to mean in Ryan’s and Jasmine’s ears.

Both of them thought that Catherine was jealous, and Ryan’s expression seemed a little unnatural.

“It looked like he’s a little more concerned about you,” Jasmine mentionedteased with a smile even though she was actually sneering deep down.

Upon hearing that, Catherine felt her heart skip a beat, and she didn’t dare to look at Jasmine or Ryan.

Instead, Ryan voiced out.

“What are you talking about? Why would I be concerned about her for no reason?”

"Of course you are. Don't you think you care more about your brother than me?
Now that both

Camilla and I are pregnant, you would naturally care about Camilla more."

"Rena's not home, Leonardo. Why don't you send Camilla home?" Ryan wasn't sure he didn't know what was going on with Jasmine today, but he didn't want to argue with her so he turned to Leonardo instead.

"Aren't you having dinner here?" Leonardo asked Catherine.

At that moment, Catherine didn't want to stay there a minute longer, and it seemed like Ryan understood her.

"No. I'm a little tired. I'd better go back. Why don't you send me back?"

"I just remembered that I have something to tend to, so I'll be back late tonight. Why don't you stay home and take care of Jasmine for me,

Leonardo? She's pregnant and there are few lesser servants around today. If anything were to happen, she wouldn't worry as much with you around. I will give Catherine a ride back on my way to work. Let's go!"

Although Leonardo wanted to fight for the chance to send Catherine home, he realized how pitiful Jasmine would be if Ryan was leaving too.

Now, Catherine and Ryan were even publicly traveling around together. How disrespectful could they be of her?

Feeling the resentment in her heart, Jasmine couldn't reveal it to them. She had to so she put on a smile and agreed, "That's good too. Stay at home and be my errand boy then, Leonardo."

Even though Catherine did not want Ryan to send her home, she couldn't directly refuse him now that he went through such lengths to

explain other people had all agreed.

"How about this? I will just take a taxi home when we're out of Walker Manor and in the city," Catherine suggested.

"Come on, don't be shy. Are you worried that I'll be jealous or suspicious of something going on between the two of you? Don't be silly. Out of everyone, you'll be the last that I suspect," Jasmine coaxed Catherine while patting on the latter's little hands. However, Catherine felt even more uneasy.

Just then, Jasmine's gaze flickered—She must have known the truth!

"Let's go!" Ryan urged in a deep voice and went first to the garage to get his car.

This time, Old Mr. and Mrs. Walker and Old Mrs. Walker both brought Alexander and his wife to Arinthabroad. Worrying that something could happen while they were there, he Ryan also sent

Luca to escort them.

If not absolutely necessary on formal occasions, Ryan would usually like to drive on his own whenever Luca wasn't around.

After bidding Jasmine and Leonardo goodbye, Catherine quickly followed behind Ryan.

Given that in order to be considerate of Catherine, who just had her supposed abortion, Ryan strode away but not too quickly.

Once they were by the car, Catherine silently got in and sat in the backseat.

"You have to take care of your own body. Otherwise, it wouldn't be the Walker family's responsibility anymore," Ryan declared in a stern tone.

Ryan He couldn't seem to understand why she couldn't didn't take care of her own body when he had been considerate of her this whole time.

"I know! Actually, you really don't need to send me off."

A Bird in the Cage by Wild Dandelion

Chapter 135

[/ A Bird in the Cage By Wild Dandelion](#)

Chapter 135 Keep a Your Distance

Ryan frowned. What was Catherine trying to do by being so courteous? If she didn't need Ryan him to send her, did she want Leonardo to send her instead?

Did she not know why Ryan he insisted on sending her off? It was all because he knew she that Leonardo always ask Leonardo to dropped her off at the square.

From Walker Manor to the square, and then from the square to her apartment. It took her she would then take a taxi back to the apartment. Because of that, she had to spend half an hour more on the journey home. Did she really think he was willing to send her home this way?

"You're reckless!" he snorted.

Although she didn't know what he meant by that, she Catherine didn't want to provoke him further. because sShe was going to leave him soon anyway and just wanted some peace.

Seeing Catherine not so, she didn't respond. Seeing that, Ryan thought it meant that she felt guilty. and he had guessed it right.

She wanted some peace, but he had no intention of sparing her just yet.

"Your baby is gone, so and you don't seem to want to be together with Leonardo, Catherine. If that's the case, keep your distance from him. I'm sure you don't need me to tellach you that, right?"

"Of course not. I know what I should do," she replied calmly.

Not only did she want need to keep a distance from Leonardo, but she wanted to keep a distance from Ryan as well.

Today, her Catherine's attitude angered him Ryan at every step, but when he wanted to piss her off, she remained calm, which his anger would always dissipate when he talked to her. Because of that made him he felt even more frustrated.

However, she happened to have just gotten an abortion, so he couldn't say anything to make things difficult for her. Instead, he could only endure it.

Just like that, neither of them said another word.

After Ryan sent her back to the apartment, he had dinner with her there.

"You should hurry back and keep Jas company. She's pregnant. I'm sure she wishes for you to be

there by her side," Catherine advised.

"Do you really want me to be by her side? So Then why did you get jealous today and say that I cared more about her than you?"

Upon hearing that, Catherine was speechless. All she wanted to do was to divert Jasmine's attention away from her and Ryan's strangeness, but he misinterpreted it this way.

"I hope that hope you can go back to her and that the two of you will be more loving can be closer. I mean what I say. This is the truth, and I don't care

if you believe me or not."

For some reason, these words reminded him of the time he falsely accused her of reporting him.

Perhaps what she had said was the truth. Sometimes, he would think to himself that thought Jasmine probably meant weighted more to her

than he ever did.

"If that's what you wish, I will go back to her right away! You rest well for the time being. Go back to, and serve me after the month is up your lochia ends!"

After saying that, Ryan left.

Not long after he left, Catherine's cellphone rang. It was Jasmine who was calling.

"Did he send you back home, Catherine?"

"Yes, I'm home."

"Say hi to Mr. and Mrs. Green for me. I realized that I haven't been to your home in for more than two years now. I was thinking of visiting them tomorrow around nighttime. What do you think?" On the other end, Catherine heard was Jasmine's enthusiastic voice, as usual. However,

Catherine could feel that something had changed in her voice.

Since Jasmine had guessed that there was something was up with between Catherine and Ryan, what was Jasmine planning to do suddenly asked when visiting Catherine's parents, Catherine wondered, and Catherine wondered what Jasmine's intention was.

No matter what it was, she couldn't let Jasmine go to the Greens' residence. What if Jasmine told Catherine's parents about what their daughter's relationship with Ryan underground love was like?

As Catherine imagined, Jasmine wanted to split her and Ryan up so that she could maintain her stable status in the Walker family.

With Catherine's upbringing, Jasmine was sure that Mr. and Mrs. Green didn't know anything about Catherine being Ryan's mistress. Otherwise,

they would definitely not let their daughter off.

But why did Catherine end up being Ryan's mistress? Had they had a relationship a long time ago or did they fall for each other during Jasmine's wedding?

These were all mysteries to Jasmine. Despite how eagerly she wanted to confront Catherine for the answers, she was afraid that she would alert them instead.

That was just the way some mistresses were. If Jasmine continued to pretend Catherine never existed, the latter would just quietly live in the background and never surface. However, if

Jasmine were to confront her, Catherine would probably go all out and insist and fight for the status of the official wife.

“What a coincidence. They are both away on a business trips. How about we wait for them to

come back?” Catherine refused tactfully.

“Huh? A coincidence indeed. When will they be back?” Jasmine quickly asked.

Since Catherine couldn't say something like they weren't coming back, she had no choice but to delay it for as long as possible.

“Probably in a month.”

A Bird in the Cage by Wild Dandelion

Chapter 136

[/ A Bird in the Cage By Wild Dandelion](#)

Chapter 136 I Want to Visit Your Parents

“Who has been takingis in charge of your father's company all this time?” Catherine's lies were full of holes. This, which made got Jasmine believethinking that her opponent wasn't as impressive as she had thought. As long as she put in a little more effort, Catherine was no match for her.

“Mr. Johnston is.” Although Catherine couldn't remember Elroy's father's name, she had vaguely heard her parentsthem mention his namem before, and they were always very evasive.

“Sure. I will wait forvisit them to after they come back before I go over.” Jasmine was convinced that ilf Catherine didn't dare to let Jasmineher go over to her parents' placethe Green's, that had to

mean she was definitely hiding something. Despite agreeing with Catherine upfront, Jasmine was secretly planning a surprise visit to the Green family behind Catherine's back.

Finally, Jasmine's reply allowed Catherine to cope with her nerves a little. So, Catherine replied with a

smile, “Okay.”

Since Catherine was planning to leave Ryan within a month, she thought thatthought Jasmine would probably no longer have the impulse to visit her parents then.

Just like that, half a month passed by in a hurry. During this time, Ryan had never stepped foot in the apartment that Catherine was in, and he didn't return to Walker Manor either.

Now that Luca was suddenly not by his side, he had to deal with a lot of things personally. Naturally, he was much busier than before.

Of course, it wasn't like he had never thought of Catherine whenever he had a break, but he needed to calm himself down first, so he tried to ignore her existence.

In his mind, he kept reminding himself that she was his friend with benefitssex partner at the end of the month. From then on, he wouldn't be committedhave any feeling for to her nor show her mercy.

While Ryan was suppressing the urge to see Catherine, he didn't realize thatnotice something undergoingwas secretly happening behind his back.

Ever since Cayden openly went against him, Cayden had begun his plan to purchase the Green family's factory. At the time, Ryan had instructed Luca to keep a close eye on Omegabooks Co. and the Green family's every move, and Luca didhad done exactly what he had beenwas told.

LucaHe even knew about Cayden's intentions. It just so happened to be that it was around the same time thatwhen Catherine entered Walker Manor and announced that she was expecting Leonardo's baby.

Although Luca didn't know if the baby belonged to Ryan or Leonardo, he knew thatknew Catherine was a schemer. So, Luca didn't tell Ryan that the Green family was negotiating the sales of the factory because he didn't want Catherine to have any reason to continue staying by Ryan's side.

AfterEvery time Ryan asked Luca about this a few times, Luca just kept said there ying it was nothing new, so after a few times. So, Ryan graduallyslowly forgot about itto follow the news. because that was how much hHe trusted Luca that much.

On top of that, Ryan thought thatthought Barry only said thatsaid so to spite him. After all, why

would Barry fight with him over one woman when Barry could get any other woman he wanted?

As fFor Catherine's father, Christopher Green, he was more than happy that someone would offer such a generous deal for his less-than-efficient factory.

Therefore, the acquisition proceeded smoothly.

Soon, Christopher's factory changed ownership to the Winters family. The only condition that Christopher proposed was to let all his existing workers keep their

job while he was no longer the manager. Cayden agreed to those terms, and on the 16th day of after Catherine's fake abortion, all the proceedings were completed.

As for the funds that the factory originally owed Walker Group, they would be able to be paid by Walker Group once the funds came in from Omegabooks Co.

Before this whole deal was completed wholly, Cayden didn't contact Catherine, because he didn't want her to worry about this the whole time it.

When Cayden completed the discussion this afternoon, he immediately called Catherine.

"Hello! How are you doing?" When Catherine greeted him, she was clearly drawing a line between them with her distant tone.

Her words of hello instantly rained on Cayden's parade. Fortunately, he understood that she didn't want to involve him, probably for his own good. That was why he could continue smiling and speaking to her.

"Hello! I'm good, of course. Never can't be better."

His humorous reply brought Catherine's memory back to two years ago when he could always make her laugh.

"I promised you freedom, Cath. Now, you're free! This afternoon, Omegabooks Co. acquired Alan Ball. Your father is no longer willing to manage the factory, but the factory will pay him a considerable pension for his work. You won't have to worry anymore and leave him to live your life as you please."

A Bird in the Cage by Wild Dandelion

Chapter 137

[/ A Bird in the Cage By Wild Dandelion](#)

Chapter 137 Goodbye, Ryan

This was perhaps the greatest news and the worst news, but Catherine didn't know what she really thought about the news it.

As she stood there stunned and speechless, there was no change in her expression, except for the only thing that seemed to happen was that tears kept falling pouring out from her eyes.

Catherine didn't even know how long she had been waiting for this day, when she could no longer be manipulated and controlled by Ryan.

Now that she didn't have to worry about her father's factory and Jasmine didn't seem sad after had guessed knowing her relationship with Ryan, Catherine Catherine didn't seem really sad.

Although she could finally live her life freely, although she did so with a her heavy heart was heavy.

It might not have been a big deal for the Winters family to acquire buy her father's factory, but it was a big deal for her. How was she going to repay Cayden for his money and kindness?

Because of that, she was as happy as she was sad, and her heart was heavy yet relieved at the same time.

All these complicated emotions turned into tears as they fell out of her eyes for her to vent her emotions.

"You are realtruly free, Cath. Don't you believe me?" Cayden asked gently.

"I believe you! Thank you!" Catherine choked up when she replied.

"If I needed you to thank me for everything I did, I wouldn't have done it, silly."

The more selfless he was, the harder it was for her.

When Catherine thought about how Ryan had treated her,, she was filled with doubt, distrust, and the expectation of endless torture in bed....

Even if he once had showedn her any signs of passiontenderness, it would probably just be part of anhis elaborate plan to conquer her.

Now that she no longer had any longingaffection for him, she decided to leave because sheand didn't want to stay by his side a second longer. If she even showed a trace of reluctance, she would despise her wretched self.

"Apart from saying thank you, I really don't know what else I can say to you," Catherine mentioned

softly. All she could do right now was to thank him.

Just as she had planned, she would become stronger, and she believed thatbelieved she would be able to repay himCayden in this lifetime.

"Will you continue to stay by his side?" Cayden asked.

"No, I'm leaving today." After all that Cayden had done for her, he deserved some truth.

"Why don't you come over to me?" Cayden suggested softly. When he said those words, he sounded a little nervous and uncertain.

"You said that I was free, right? I don't want to go to be with you, Cayden. I just want to spend some time alone. I will find a way to repay what I owe you one day."

"You misunderstood me, Cath. I hope you don't use the word owe. When I suggested for you to come over to me, I didn't mean I wanted you to be my girlfriend or anything like that. I'm not that despicable. I was just thinking that Ryan might not leave you alone so easily, and I'm the

only one who can protect you. Trust me,"

"No! There's no reason for him to not let me go. If you really mean me well, let me be completely free. I'm begging you. I have been far too exhausted from the last two years. I just want to find somewhere that I can breathe freely. I hope you can understand that and also hope that you can forget me," Catherine insisted.

Compared with Ryan, Of course, it wasn't that she didn't want to go to Cayden was a much better choice for her. When she compared him to Ryan. However, she didn't think that she was worthy, since she had been tainted and was expected to carry Ryan's baby in her belly for one.

Secondly, Moreover, Catherine she felt like she would repeat the past was doing the same thing she did with Ryan earlier if she went to Cayden right now. She didn't want an unequal relationship dynamic like that anymore.

"I respect your choice, Catherine. But you have to promise me that you will come to me if things aren't going well for you, do you understand?" Naturally, Cayden didn't want to force push her too much because she wasn't too happy in a mess at the time.

"Sure! will," Catherine answered softly.

After hanging up the phone, she called Maria into the room.

"Can you help me buy a chicken, Maria? I heard the elder say that some of the old folks suggest that I eat some chicken soup was good for people who were weak during my confinement. It would be best

if you can buy a dark bone one."

"Okay, sure. I'll get it right away," Maria responded happily.

Ever since Catherine's abortion, when Maria would always ask Catherine what she wanted to eat, and Catherine would always say that she had no preference. However, Maria always hoped that her service would help to

improve Catherine's mood and appetite, so that so the former she would feel at ease when she took taking the salary that she was given.

A Bird in the Cage by Wild Dandelion

Chapter 138

[/ A Bird in the Cage By Wild Dandelion](#)

Chapter 138 Leave

"Thank you, Maria!" Catherine uttered those with further to meaning two different things.

Actually, she was leaving and she felt sorry for leaving right now Maria, because she knew that Ryan would definitely fire Maria the servant.

However, Catherine didn't have a choice right now since she couldn't consider the well-being of everyone.

She couldn't even say goodbye to Maria, or Ryan would find out that Catherine was leaving. And once Ryan found out, Catherine suspected that Ryan would do everything in his power and wouldn't let her leave to stop her from leaving so

easily.

Getting up, she quickly changed out of her pajamas and into a comfortable cotton dress.

Catherine bought some of the things here, but they were mostly of the things in this bedroom were bought by Ryan's, except for a few that had been brought here by her.

When she opened the closet to grab a few of her own clothes, she caught a glimpse of the wardrobe filled with pajamas. For some reason, her tears began falling just like that.

This was one of the most hypocritical things that Ryan had ever done. Why did someone like him buy so many pajamas for her? He must have been crazy then.

After Catherine thought about it a self-deprecating thought for a while, she quickly

grabbed a few clothes and slammed the door.

At that point, she didn't want to look anymore nor turn back. She had to move forward. She had to live her life anew with her precious little baby right now.

Tonight, she was going to stay at home for one night and tell her parents that she was divorced. Then, and she was going to tell them that she needed some time to take her mind off it and relax.

That way, she could finally leave everything behind without any worries.

Not wanting to lengthen her time there To avoid any delay, Catherine simply packed a few simple clothes into her suitcase and opened the door...

She was going to say goodbye to this apartment that she had stayed in for two years against her

own will.

Also, she was going to say goodbye to the demon of a man, Ryan Walker.

In the end, sShe truly hoped that hoped they would end up asbe strangers from now on and never meet forever again.

With her little suitcase, she left the apartment in a hurry and didn't stay a minute longer. Outside the apartment, she stopped a taxi and went straight home.

Sitting in the car, she felt restless.

When she looked at the timedate on her phone,

she realized thatrealized it would be two years in a week from when's time that she had signed over her life to Ryan.

"Wouldill running away like this be considered a

старосттуу сумуц

breach of her the contract?" She thought, "It shouldn't. While she was thinking about it, she decided that it wasn't since Ryan forcibly added the last six months."

As Catherine watched the familiar landscape flash past, the car drove on it was thisthe same route every time she went home, and it would always feel like she was walking on thin ice.

That was because sShe had never knew when her parents would find out and miswhether they would understand her choice before, so she was had always been cautious when she had headed back home.

"Mom and Dad, I'm home," Catherine muttered under her breath. It had been two years. Catherine started out as an ignorant young lady and hasd turned into a pregnant, unmarried mother.

“However, there was nothing for them you to worry

about. No matter how hard things were going to get, Catherine would hang on and not give them you any chance to worry about her.”

When Catherine she arrived home, her father wasn’t back yet, and her mother was alone at home. She

Opening the door quietly, Catherine could and heard her mother’s voice in the kitchen. At first, she and thought that thought her mother the latter was talking to her father. It turned out, her mother was just on the phone.

“You’d better stop your son from coming close to my daughter again. Otherwise, I won’t let you off so easily!” Catherine’s gentle mother had never been so fierce before. Catherine didn’t even need to guess to know that know her mother was talking to Mr. Johnston.

Since Mr. Johnston was Catherine’s

father Christopher’s long-time friend, she. Catherine had no idea why her mother would call him privately when her father was not around.

While this question flashed through her mind, she was more touched by her mother’s protective attitude toward her.

Although Catherine wasn’t their biological daughter, they treated her as if she was.

“Mom!” Catherine called out sweetly. Surprised by Catherine, Winnie frantically hung up the phone without even saying goodbye to the person on the other end.

“Ca... Cath, why are you back?” Winnie stuttered. Her face was red and she seemed very embarrassed.

“I missed the two of my parents, you so I came back home to visit.”

“Wait, why did you even bring a suitcase?” On top of that, that was the suitcase that she Catherine had brought when she got married. It seemed unusual to Winnie that she Catherine would bring it back now.

A Bird in the Cage by Wild Dandelion

Chapter 139

[/ A Bird in the Cage By Wild Dandelion](#)

[Chapter 139 Home](#)

At the same time, both the mother and daughter focused switched their attention on the little suitcase. Catherine wanted to immediately tell her mother that she was divorced, yet her parents.

All this time, Winnie had always thought they were a loving couple. So, so Catherine thought that Winnie might not be able to take it if she found out that Catherine was suddenly divorced out of the blue.

It was probably better if Catherine prepared her parents mentally before slowly built up to revealing the news so that her parents had some mental preparation.

"I just wanted to stay at home for a few days, so I brought my suitcase," Catherine explained gently

with a slightly coquettish tone.

Naturally, the sensitive Winnie would think the young married couple was fighting. She wanted to

So, she thought of giving her the young lady some advice as a woman in marriage for a long time. However, she thought that she would settle her daughter down first before slowly advising her mother-daughter talk.

After all, she didn't want to make her daughter feel unwelcomed at home after going through a rough patch. It would definitely hurt someone as sensitive as Catherine.

"Okay. You can come home anytime. Mom and Dad will always welcome you here. Look at how skinny you've become. I will make sure to whip you up some good food tonight."

"You're the best, Mom!" Walking forward, Catherine put down her suitcase and pounced into her mother's arms.

Ever since she got married her "marriage", Catherine she had never been so intimate with her mother before because she had been afraid to reveal her sadness to her mother and cause her mother to feel sad too.

However, she was going to release all her grievances today, and how bad she felt from Ryan's bullying over the past two years.

Holding her precious daughter tightly, Winnie gently stroked her hair. "This silly child," the mother signed in her heart. "She is sometimes, Catherine was just too sensible. Even when she obviously just got into a fight with her husband, she gritted her teeth and refused to say a word about it."

Quietly, Catherine shed tears while her mother dried them up for her. Winnie understood that

Crying was the best way to release everything bitterness and Winnie understood it. Right now, she didn't need to say a word at all. All she had to do was hug Catherine tightly and Catherine would be able to heal.

Just like that, the mother and daughter hugged each other for a while before Catherine sniffled and smiledgrinned.

"Did you miss me that much, silly girl? Alright, what would you like to eat? Beef stew?"

Beef stew. When Catherine recalled the beef stew she had in Walker Manor, she still felt disgusted by itsick.

"I don't want to eat anything spicy. It will give me

pimples. Just something bland will do. How about some steamed chicken or boiled shrimp?"

"You would never say no to spicy food before. Now that you're married, you put so much priorityfinally care about on your looks. I will go get the chicken and shrimp right now. Are you coming along with me?"

"No, Mom. I will just sleep at home. I am feeling very tired." Of course, she wasn't going to go to the market. It would just be hell for her, and she would probably vomit her guts out.

Staring at her daughter lovingly, Winnie took off her apron and put onchanged into a dress before heading out.

Watching her mother leave, Catherine felt envious. At forty, her mother still looked elegant and beautiful. She even hadit was the kind of gentleness and beauty that were unique to a

homely and mature womean.

Catherine thought the reason whybehind her mother's beauty was beautiful was probably that her mother was bathed in her father's love.

Although they didn't have a child of their own, they didn't love each other lesser despite this crucial problem, regardless of whose fault it was. That was very rare.

Allin Catherine's lifememory, the Green family's situation always had major swings. Back then, the family business washad been thriving, but her father wouldhad always come home on time to accompany her mother. As a woman, her mother was incredibly satisfied with her life.

On the other hand, Catherine had to spend her life taking care of and protecting her baby.

At twenty-two, she was going to cut herself off

from love. These two years weren't kind to her and had exhausted all her patience for love. There was a time before when sheA woman who had had so much hope for love., in the end, she saw through the cruel reality and cruelty.

Sighing subconsciously, sheCatherine dragged her little suitcasesuitcase back to her room.

Obviously, she had lied earlier when she told her mother that she was going to stay here for a while. If she did, her mother would find out very quickly that she was pregnant.

This house wasn't somewhere she could stay for long. She had to leave as soon as possible and rent a place elsewhere.

A Bird in the Cage by Wild Dandelion

Chapter 140

[/ A Bird in the Cage By Wild Dandelion](#)
Chapter 140 You're Back, Cath

As soon as Catherine put her suitcase away, she heard the doorbell rang. and Her heart skipped a beat. Could Ryan be here for her already?

Fortunately, it was just a false alarm. Standing outside of their house door right now was a depressed Christopher, and he looked a little dejected.

Opening the door, Catherine smiled, "Welcome home, Dad."

"You're back, Cath? That's great. It just so happens I'm in a good mood today and I need a drink. Drink with me."

Happy? Was that him being happy earlier? Why did he seem sad to her when she saw him through the

peephole?

Perhaps he just didn't want her to worry. After all, her father was always so selfless to everyone at home.

"Sure. Mom went out for groceries so thatso she could whip upcook something nice for us later."

As soon as her voice fell, her cellphone rang. Glancing at the screen, she saw a call from the apartment and thought that i. It was probably Maria.

Since Catherine washad been already gone, she wcould tell Maria the truth.

"I have to take this first, Dad," she Catherine informed her father. After Christopher nodded, she quickly went back to her bedroom and closed the door behind her.

As soon as the call was connected, Maria asked her anxiously, "Where are you, Miss Green? Your body hasn't recovered are still in your confinement period. You can't be wandering around like that. If Mr. Walker finds out, he will reprimand scold me for it. Hurry up and cCome back before Mr. Walker finds out. Hurry up, please."

"I'm so sorry, Maria!. Help me tell him thatTell him I'm free now and tellsend him my goodbye for mefarewell. Also, thank him for helping me before, but I won't be going back there. You tTake care of yourself too. and tThank you for taking care of meyour help all this while. If he fires you, call me. I will keep a lookout to see if any of my friends

need—"

"No, Miss Green. You can't go. Mr. Walker will hold me responsible for you." At this point, Maria couldn't think about her future because s. She had more urgent things to worry

about now.

All Maria wanted to do was persuade Catherine to go back, because she cared for Catherine. On top of that, Ryan treatedgave Maria pretty wella pay too.

"He won't. Don't worry. He will know thatknows you have no way tocan't keep me there. Just tell him what I told you. Goodbye!"

"Miss Green= " Catherine heard Maria's relentless call the moment she hung up.

Now that Maria had called, sShe assumed that Maria would immediately report this to Ryan, and Ryan would come looking for her.

After giving it some thought, Catherine decided to send him a message because she didn't want him to causinge a scene at her home.

"Our contract is over, Mr. Walker. My father's factory has just completed its sale to Omegabooks today Co. and he no longer owes you a debt. I still want to thank you for all you have done to help me, and I wish you and Jasmine all the besta healthy baby and a happy marriage and blissful marriage. Also, pPlease don't come to looking for me. Now that I have finally returned to the personmy | beloved,. I will be very happy."

Catherine wanted to create an false impression that she had really left with Cayden. because heAt least, Ryan wouldn't go to war with the Winters family so simply.

Thinking of that, Catherine sent Cayden a message to tell him not to worry about her anymore ease his mind.

"I have left him and arrived at a very safe place, Cayden. Please don't worry about me."

As soon as Catherine sent the message, Cayden called her to confirm that she was really safe and not lying to her,

"Where are you right now? At least tell me so I can make sure he's not controlling and asking you to lie about your well being safe."

Cayden asked.

"I won't tell you where I am, but I am really safe. Don't worry."

"How can you prove it?"

"Are you silly? I wouldn't be silly enough to not ask you for help if I wasn't safe yet, would I ask you for help? Besides, he no longer has any reason to control me anymore. After all, we don't have feelings for each other. He can easily let go of me. Don't worry, I'm seriously safe."

. "Okay. That's good then. Take care of yourself.

You have to call me and send me messages often, okay?" When Cayden said that said so, he sounded like her boyfriend. Although he didn't make that clear, she still felt that felt he was close to her and would protect her at any time.