

## A Contract Marriage With My Boss by Anna Shannel Lin Chapter 27

Sarah was so shocked when she heard the news. Her hands started shaking so much that her phone almost slipped out from her hand. She quickly calmed down and listened again. Emma was still crying, “Sarah, can you still hear me? My brother is still in the hospital. I hope you can come back and see him. Recently, he has been in such a bad mood, he started drinking and now this has happened! Please, I beg you.”

After a long time, Sarah cleared her throat and said, with her voice trembling, “I’m listening.”

Hearing her voice, Emma cried even more and said frantically, “Please come back to see him. Maybe if he saw you, he would recover more quickly. Sarah, please come!”

“Is he all right?” Sarah asked.

“I don’t know. He is still in the emergency room. He was badly hurt. His car drove into the rail of a bridge and smashed straight through it. His car almost fell into the river. When we found him, he was already unconscious. His head was bleeding, and the car was totally wrecked.”

Emma’s description of the incident startled Sarah. It was so vivid that she felt as if she could see it happening before her eyes. She then remembered her nightmare where Charles had jumped into the river from the bridge. She still hadn’t forgotten this man, or she would never have had such a nightmare.

On the other end of the line, Emma was still crying and pleading for her to return. At last, Sarah answered, “I’ll come back right now. I’m not sure if there are any flights, but I will try my best to come back as soon as possible.”

Grateful for her promise, Emma finally hung up the phone.

Sarah quickly got up and then got changed. Once she had packed all her things up, it was three o’clock in the morning. Then, she quickly went to the airport by taxi. The earliest flight, however, was at five o’clock in the morning. She had no choice but to wait at the airport.

Sarah started to feel incredibly anxious, partly due to having nothing to do at the airport. As soon as she thought about the scene which Emma had described, she

felt her heart breaking into a thousand pieces. Eventually, she became restless. In the last hour before the flight, she began pacing up and down the aisle beside her seat.

Finally, at about five o'clock, she was able to board. As she was already the first person in the queue, she boarded immediately and found her seat on the plane.

After a tiring journey, she finally arrived at the hospital at eleven o'clock in the morning. As soon as she approached Charles's ward, Emma quickly came over to meet her, calling, "Sarah!"

Hearing Emma's call, Sarah walked straight toward her. But suddenly, she noticed that there was a big crowd behind Emma. An old couple who were dressed very lavishly stood together with two young men behind Emma. Sarah didn't know how, but she immediately knew that the old couple was Charles's parents and the two men were his cousins. Perhaps their description was embedded somewhere in her subconscious.

Then, Emma introduced them to her. As expected, that old couple was indeed Charles's parents. Emma introduced her to them, saying, "Dad, mum, this is Sarah. She was Charles's secretary."

Maybe they had already heard of her, as when they heard Emma's introduction, their expressions quickly changed. Mr. Thomas, who was a seemingly kind and gentleman, nodded to her with a smile, "Hello, Sarah." However, Mrs. Thomas seemed very indifferent and didn't look up at her at all. It seemed that she didn't like her and felt no desire to welcome her.

Sarah was in no mood to think about their opinions of her. Emma took her to the door of Charles's ward, but since Charles had just been taken from an operating room and was in the CPU, Sarah couldn't come in and see him. Thus, she stood outside and looked at Charles, who was almost completely covered, head to toe, with bandages.

Seeing this scene, Sarah struggled with her conflicting emotions. She clutched her bag tightly and turned around to ask Emma, "Is he all right now? What did the doctor say?"

Emma's eyes were still red from hours of weeping and simply nodded, "He is better now. The doctor said that he should stay in the hospital for several months. How could he drive after getting so drunk?"

Suddenly, Sarah thought about last night when Emma told her that it was all because of her. She felt a little uncomfortable, so she asked Emma, “Emma, please tell me, why did he become like this? Is this really all because of me?”

Emma has also been fighting her own feelings for Charles. During these days, Charles had been so depressed, and all he had seemed to care about was Sarah, never ceasing to mention her name. Although she felt sad, she knew she couldn't lie to Sarah now. Thus, she told Sarah, “After you left, Charles became very unmotivated. He didn't even work, and he just started smoking more and more. He never agreed to meet anyone, not even me. Then he started going to the pub to drink every night. On the night of the incident, he was drunk but he still drove by himself. That's how it all happened.”

