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Chapter 21

This was the first time in his life that he had done such a thing in the car.

But he could no longer hold it back. Damien had visited his parents' manor just now, and his father told him that in the shareholders' meeting tomorrow, he was planning to sign an agreement that clearly distinguished the ownership of shares of each member of the Radbury family. The marriage between Damien and Ava was a marriage of convenience that was closely tied to the Radbury family and the Nagel family's business relationship. Both families derived benefits from each other, and Ava was supposed to have some of Radbury Group's shares too. But according to Karen, even though Ava was the Radbury family's daughter-in-law, she was still an outsider. Hence, if she and Damien were to get a divorce one day, she wasn't supposed to get anything from the Radbury family. His parents were obviously keeping their guard up when it came to Ava. And it seemed that they were already planning for Damien and Ava's divorce.

A divorce?

Damien sneered. So, this woman was already starting to look for her next husband, huh? "Selden Oakley. I've investigated him. He's the second young master of Oakley Corporation. Quite a good candidate for your next husband, I would say." Damien stopped thrusting himself into Ava, and there was a mocking expression on his face.

"What nonsense are you spewing?" "Since you like him so much, you shouldn't have climbed onto my bed back then." "I don't..." Ava's body ached all over. She wanted to shove Damien away, but she was unable to move at all. He grabbed both her wrists and put her hands above her head. He then pried open her legs with his knees and forcefully thrust himself into her again. Damien's movements were not gentle at all. With every thrust, it was as though he wanted to swallow her up. Even though Damien was a playboy, he didn't appear skilled at having sex at all. His thrusts were way too forceful and brutal, and he seemed to derive pleasure from her pain. Ava bit her lower lip to stop herself from moaning in pain. He was grasping her neck, and she wasn't able to breathe at all. Finally, she fainted. When she woke up again, she was already lying on a bed.

She realized that she was lying on the bed in the master bedroom, and that the bedsheet had been changed back to the original one. Someone had also put on pajamas for her. Every inch of her body ached horribly. She raised her hand and saw that her arm was covered in bruises.

There was also a burning pain in her neck. He had choked her back in the car. Was Damien trying to kill her? Ava struggled to get up. This was when a servant walked in. "Young missus, the young master ordered me to make you some porridge?" "Huh? He asked you to make me porridge? The servant didn't say anything more. She merely put down the bowl of porridge and left. Ava hesitated for a moment and picked up the bowl. It was hot, and there was her favourite pumpkin porridge inside.

Was he taking a carrot and stick approach towards her?

She smiled bitterly. Why would Damien know what kind of porridge she liked? The servant was probably worried that she would die and specially prepared this for her.

After finishing the bowl of porridge, Ava walked out of the room and encountered Beth at the stairway.

Beth glanced angrily at Ava. She was feeling annoyed after seeing Damien carry Ava home in his arms earlier.

"Ava, don't get too pleased with yourself. Damien only showed you a tiny bit of concern because he was afraid that you would die." "Is that so? Are you saying that he's concerned about me?" Ava chuckled. "You... Stop dreaming. Why would Damien be concerned about you? You don't even have an idea how much he hates you! To him, you're as shameless and sl*tty as your mother!" "Watch your words!" Ava's biggest soft spot was her mother. She knew very well that Damien hated her, and she didn't want to pay any attention to Beth's words.

But she would never allow anyone to insult her mother! Beth, though, couldn't care less. She continued mocking Ava. "Why? Are you angry from embarrassment? You're just a b*stard child who came to this world because my father got horny one night and slept with a random woman. Your mother resorted to so many shameful tactics to force my father into letting you have the 'Nagel' surname. Don't tell me that you really think of yourself as the young mistress of the Nagel family!"

Beth sneered. She didn't have the slightest awareness that right now, she was a mistress, just like Ava's mother.

Ava finally couldn't bear it anymore. She raised her hand and slapped Beth across the face. "How dare you hit me!" Beth wanted to raise her hand to slap Ava back. But she suddenly saw Karen entering the living room from the corner of her eye. She immediately put on a pained expression and leaned back. The spiral staircase was right behind her. Ava widened her eyes in disbelief. She didn't even use that much force when she slapped Beth just now. How was it possible for Beth to fall because of it? She reached out and tried to hold Beth, but the moment she touched Beth's fingertips, Beth

suddenly flashed a menacing smile. Ava was taken aback, and Beth slipped away from her grasp. "Beth!" Karen exclaimed. Beth fell and rolled down the stairs. The marble steps were cold and hard, and every single bone in Beth's body hurt. She continued rolling down until she reached the bottom of the staircase and fainted. The servants hurried to help her up, but they couldn't wake her up no matter what. "Ambulance. Hurry up and call for an ambulance!" Karen panicked and shouted loudly. Ava ran down the stairs and saw that Beth was lying on the floor with her eyes closed and her face pale.

"Slap!"

Karen slapped her forcefully across the face, and her cheek burned with pain.

"Mum, I didn't mean it. I didn't push her!" "Don't call me 'mum'! The Radbury family can't afford to have a heinous daughter-in-law like you!" After Karen said that coldly, she followed the servants, who were carrying Beth into the car. At this moment, the only thing she cared about was the baby in Beth's belly. However, the baby couldn't be saved. 12 In the hospital, the doctor told Karen, "Sorry, we tried our best."

Karen wailed sorrowfully. She was so sad that she almost collapsed. Ava subconsciously tried to help her up, but she shoved Ava away in disgust. "You heinous woman! Beth is your sister, and the baby in her belly is the Radbury family's heir. Not only are you infertile, but you also tried to end the Radbury family's bloodline!" "I didn't!" No matter how Ava defended herself, Karen wouldn't buy it. 2 After all, seeing was believing. "A woman like you has no right to stay married to my son! Bodyguards, capture her now! You better sign the divorce agreement immediately. I'll get even with you later!" The moment Karen gave the order, the Radbury family's bodyguards immediately held Ava down. Ava tried to struggle, but Karen slapped her twice across the face. Karen's gaze was extremely fierce, and it was obvious that she was about to punish Ava terribly. "I didn't push her. I really didn't!" "Shut up! Ava Nagel, it seems that you can only be cowed by force!" Karen was so furious that she kicked Ava twice with her high heels. This was when someone stood between her and Ava. "Stop it."

Damien's voice was calm but firm and domineering.

He turned around and looked condescendingly at Ava. "Harming your own sister like that, Ava Nagel, you're getting bolder and bolder indeed."

"I didn't make her miscarry..."

Ava felt that no matter what she said, no one would believe her. "Of course you didn't make her miscarry."

Damien sneered all of a sudden.

"I had never even touched her before. How could she have a baby?"

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The moment Damien said that, Karen and Ava were stunned.

The doctor quickly lowered his head and fled. "Damien, what do you mean?" Karen immediately asked. Damien didn't say anything. He grabbed Ava's arm and left, dragging her behind him. His movements were as rough as ever, and his strides were huge. Ava could barely keep up with him.

He only stopped walking after they got out of the hospital. Ava's face and arms were covered with red marks after being slapped by Karen and held down by the bodyguards just now. Together with the injury Damien caused her in the car, her whole body was covered with wounds. Damien gave her a profound look. He said nothing, let go of her, and walked towards the parking lot. Ava quickly followed him. "What did you mean when you said that you've never touched her?" Damien didn't answer her question. He walked over to his car and opened the door. Ava gritted her teeth and summoned her courage to stop him from getting into the car.

"Damien, can you clarify things? What on earth is going on?"

"Idiot."

He sneered. He then shoved her away, entered the car, and sped off. Ava tried to chase after

his car but failed. After thinking about it, she went back to the hospital. Before she could reach Beth's ward, Selden held her back. "Selden? Why are you in the gynecology department?" "I'm here for you." Selden had obviously come just to stop Ava after he heard about what happened.

"I have something to ask Beth." "Wait a moment! I suggest you not to go there right now, or you might be hurt in the process."

"What?" Ava was bewildered.

"Right now, Damien Radbury's mother is raging at Beth. She had never liked you, and now that Beth is done for, she would probably let out her anger on you too." It was obvious that Selden knew everything that was going on in the Radbury family. "Beth pretended to be pregnant, and she had bribed a few doctors in our hospital to play along with her. Now that she had been exposed by Damien Radbury, his domineering mother would definitely make a big scene. Let's not get involved in this. Come on, let's go out for a meal. It's your treat!" Selden tried to drag Ava away, but Ava wasn't in the mood for a meal at all. She still couldn't get over the fact that Beth had actually faked her pregnancy. .

Did this mean that Damien had never touched Beth, and that everything was just a lie? Then, why didn't Damien expose Beth earlier? Was it to protect her?

But he exposed her today.

Ava was so confused that her mind was a total mess. Could it be that... Could it be that he came to the hospital just to defend her just now? How was that even possible? "Selden, I have something to do, so I have to leave now!" She shoved away Selden's hand and ran out of the hospital in a hurry.

A few minutes after Damien was home, Ava arrived too. She threw her arms open and stood in his way. "Damien, if you don't make things clear today, don't even think about..."

Damien stopped in his tracks. He was a lot taller than Ava, and he lowered his head to look at her. She raised her head and asked, "You knew that Beth was lying, but you still willingly played along with her. Why?" Could it be because he had feelings for Beth? But if that was the case, why did he expose her in front of everyone today? What on earth was going on? "Damien, what are you trying to do? Is it fun to toy around with the members of the Nagel family like this?"

"Ava, if only you could learn to be a little smarter every now and then, things would have been a lot easier for me." Damien sighed. "What... What do you mean?"

"This. Sign it." Damien took out a folder from his briefcase, opened it, and put it in front of Ava. "What's this?" Ava's heart skipped a beat. She thought that Damien was handing her a divorce agreement. However, although it wasn't a divorce agreement, there wasn't much difference between the document in front of her and a divorce agreement. Ava glanced at it. It was a document that said that she would voluntarily relinquish all her shares in Radbury Group. "What do you mean by this?" "After signing this, you won't have to go to the shareholders' meeting tomorrow. It would only be an embarrassment." She sneered. "Is it very embarrassing for you to have me at your company?" Damien didn't say anything, and there was a noncommittal expression on his face. Ava read the clauses in the agreement carefully. All of them stated that in the future, she wouldn't get a single cent from the

Radbury family.

As expected, the Radbury family treated her like a thief. Her heart was already ice cold, anyway. This agreement didn't make much difference. "So, you're really divorcing me, aren't you?" She lowered her gaze, picked up a pen, and put down her signature without the slightest hesitation. "Aren't you even going to think about it?" Damien was a little surprised at how fast Ava agreed to sign it. He thought that she would make a big fuss or at least defend her rights. But right now, she looked like she couldn't care less about it, and it made Damien a little frustrated. This woman obviously only married him because of the Radbury family's wealth and power. What was with her holier-than-thou attitude right now? "Nothing from the Radbury family belongs to me to begin with. I'm not interested in your money at all."

She quickly finished signing the agreement. She then extended her hand. "Give it to me." "What?" "The divorce agreement. I'll sign it." Ava gritted her teeth. For a fleeting moment, Damien's expression changed. But he quickly plastered a cold expression over his face again. He took the agreement that Ava had signed, turned, and left.

Ava was stunned, and she became even more puzzled. "Damien, let's get a divorce. I agree to a divorce," she muttered underneath her breath. However, Damien left without turning back, let alone give her an answer.

The next day, Radbury Group's shareholders' meeting was held as plan. And Damien only returned home late at night. Ava thought that as usual, Damien wouldn't come back. Hence, she went to sleep without waiting for him. She was awakened in the early hours of the morning, and when she turned around, the pungent scent of alcohol filled her nostrils. He was drunk again. Throughout the two years of their marriage, he would never come home unless the servants carried him back when he was drunk. Most of the time, he would be spending the night with some random woman.

Ava moved aside to make room for him. The bed was big, but the moment Damien lay on the bed, he clung on to Ava. "Ava, you're trying to run away, huh... In your dreams." He was so drunk that he was muttering unintelligibly, and he wrapped his right arm so tightly around her waist that she couldn't move at all.

She had no choice but to pry away his fingers one by one. This was when his cell phone screen lit up. Even though Ava didn't do it intentionally, she saw what was on the screen.

It was a text message.

"I had a really pleasant time with you today, Hopefully we'll get to go on a date again in the future."

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A date?

It turned out that he wasn't entertaining the company's shareholders. Instead, he went on a

date with a woman. Ava watched as the phone screen slowly dimmed, and there was an upheaval of emotions in her chest.

Heh, she had just told him that she wanted a divorce the day before, and he had already gone on a date with a woman today. He acted swiftly indeed.

He was in such a rush to get rid of her, wasn't he?

As she looked at the man beside her, who was sleeping soundly because of how drunk he was, she felt tremendously disgusted. If she had seen his true colours back then, she wouldn't have ended up in this state today. It seemed that their marriage was really over. She forcefully pushed him away, but he tightened his grip around her waist. He was hugging her tightly. It was a warm embrace, but it disgusted her to no end.

She suppressed the nausea in her chest all night.

At dawn the next day, Damien finally woke up.

As soon as he let go of Ava, she shoved him away and ran into the bathroom.

Damien heard her retching. Damien sat up slowly. He was dizzy from the hangover, and he felt extremely uncomfortable. He should be the one retching instead. He had really drunk too much. He didn't even remember how he got home the night before. A few minutes later, Ava walked out of the bathroom. The moment she opened the door, she bumped into a sturdy chest. Damien stood at the door and asked, "What's wrong?"

"Nothing much. I just feel disgusted," she said coldly. Damien subconsciously sniffed himself. Did he reek that much of alcohol? Ava sneered. "Every single second you hug me, I feel absolutely disgusted." Damien's expression immediately turned dark. "In that case, you don't have to sleep in my bedroom anymore. Or you're just going to get disgusted whenever I'm in the mood to come back."

"Right. I've been meaning to do this too." Ava smiled and said, "Bring the divorce agreement over. I'll sign it and move out immediately." "You want to escape after making a mess, huh? Ava, life isn't so easy." "What happened with Beth is your mess, not mine." Ava entered the walk-in wardrobe to get changed. She then went out.

It was a Saturday, so she didn't have to go to work. After thinking about it for a moment, she decided to go and see her mother.

However, before she could reach her mother's place, she received a call from her father.

"Where are you? Hurry up and come back!"

Ava sighed softly. She was almost at her mother's place already, but she had no choice but to ask the cab to go to the Nagel family's residence instead. The atmosphere in the living room was extremely dreary. Beth was sitting next to her mother, Cecelia Jerrison, and she was crying profusely. Meanwhile, her father, Keenan Nagel, wore a dark expression on his face. "What have you been doing at the Radbury family? How did you allow your sister to end up like this?" As soon as Keenan saw Ava enter the house, he questioned her sternly. Ava saw the situation in the living room and immediately understood what was going on. After it was exposed that Beth had faked her pregnancy, the Radbury family had probably stirred up trouble with her family members. "Dad, Beth is the one who was obsessed with Damien and tried to snatch away my husband. Now that she failed to make my husband cheat on me and got into trouble instead, you're questioning me for what happened. Why?"

Do you want me to cry in front of you too?" "You..." Beth stood up and sobbed as she said, "If you didn't deliberately push me downstairs that day, I wouldn't have fallen. This only happened to me because of you!" Now that it had been exposed that she was faking her pregnancy, Beth had totally lost all dignity in front of Damien. And Damien's mother, Karen, was no longer taking her side.

Now that all her efforts had been in vain, she was naturally venting all her anger and hatred on Ava.

"You're so good at escaping responsibility. So, was I the one who asked you to seduce my husband? Or was I the one who asked you to fake your pregnancy and miscarriage so that I would get myself into trouble?"

"You... It's all because you aren't able to give the Radbury family an heir. I was worried that the alliance between our two families would be destroyed, so I had no choice but to come up with something!" "You're making yourself sound so noble. So, you're saying that you did all these for our family? Haha." The more Ava thought about it, the more she found it hilarious. Beth was the one who stirred up trouble, but all the members of the Nagel family were sitting in a row and looking at Ava, as though Ava was the one who did something wrong. Beth's mother, Cecelia, stood up and said, "Your sister didn't handle this well, but why would you make things worse? Now that our family has offended the Radbury family, does it do you any good?" "Since when did I make things worse?" "If you didn't belittle me and slander me in front of Damien's mother, why would she hate me so much? She used to like me! Well, look at what you've done. Now, the entire Radbury family is angry at our family. They even withdrew the investment they had promised to make. Are you happy now?" Beth said.

Ava was taken aback. The Radbury family withdrew their investment? What was going on? Seeing that Ava didn't know what was going on, Keenan said coldly, "Yesterday, during Radbury Group's shareholders' meeting, they canceled two major projects that we were supposed to cooperate on. Nagel Group suffered quite a huge loss because of this." "How could this be?" Ava never had the right to inquire about whatever was going on in Radbury Group. Hence, she had no idea about this.

But she knew that her family put in a lot of effort so that they could have a marriage of convenience with the Radbury family. Now that Radbury Group had suddenly withdrawn their investment, it meant that they no longer cared about maintaining their relationship with the Nagel family. "If you had behaved well in the Radbury family, Beth wouldn't have caused such dire consequences by doing something so minor. Ava, I'm very disappointed in you," Keenan said with a cold expression on his face.

From the beginning to the end, he had never cared about Ava's feelings. All he did was blame her.

Ava's heart sank. 2

She had always known that her father liked Beth more.

Back when she insisted on marrying Damien, her father was actually reluctant. In his opinion, Beth deserved such a rich and successful man more. However, Ava's mother resorted to dirty tricks, which resulted in Ava marrying into the Radbury family. Ever since then, to her

father, she was nothing more than a tool that enabled the Nagel family to do business with the Radbury family. When he needed her, he would treat her well and smile at her. Whenever things went wrong, he would treat her with disdain. This time, it was obviously Beth who had gotten the family into trouble, but the blame fell on her. "Dad, I will try to ask Damien for help regarding the withdrawal of the investment." She gritted her teeth. Although Damien wouldn't listen to her at all, now that the Nagel family was in trouble, she had no choice but to bite the bullet and ask Damien for help. In her opinion, what Damien wanted the most was to divorce her, and she had already agreed to it. Hence, he might be nice for once and help her out. Beth sneered. "You'll ask him? He's busy going on dates with a woman he met during a blind date. He obviously doesn't care about you at all. You'll probably get chased out of the Radbury family soon. Who are you to ask Damien for help on the Nagel family's behalf?" "What are you talking about? A blind date?"

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"Didn't you know? Damien's mother arranged for him to go on a blind date with a woman. They met yesterday and got along really well!" Beth's tone was rather gloating. She no longer had a chance with Damien. After Karen found out the truth in the hospital that day, she couldn't care less about Beth.

Beth was indignant, so she continued finding out information about the Radbury family. Ava sneered. She hadn't even signed the divorce agreement, and the members of the Radbury family were already in a rush to send another woman into Damien's embrace. They couldn't even wait another day. It seemed that the text message she saw yesterday was from that woman. "Ava, that woman is the eldest daughter of the Newton family, Selina Newton. Not even I can compare to her when it comes to looks and family background. An illegitimate daughter like you is nothing compared to her," Beth said with a smile. "Selina Newton," Ava thought. "Miss Newton is a lady from a respectable family. If you have a tiny bit of common sense left, you should quickly divorce Damien voluntarily so that you wouldn't embarrass yourself and our family!" Beth's words were extremely sarcastic, and her laughter was like a slap on Ava's face. Ava said nothing and bit her lower lip.

Selina Newton. This name sounded a little familiar. Ava thought about it for a long time and finally remembered that she had met Selina once during Radbury Group's anniversary banquet. Selina was a breathtakingly beautiful woman, and she was the center of attention wherever she went.

Ava heard that Selina's father was a leading entrepreneur in the internet industry, while her mother was a well-known fluid mechanics expert in the country who had won numerous awards. Her family background was enough to rival that of Damien's. To Karen, Selina was probably the perfect future daughter-in-law. "Dad, if there's nothing else, I will take my leave first." Ava hurriedly left the Nagel family's residence. As she walked out of the door, Beth's mocking voice rang out. "Heh, does she really think that she stands a chance against

Selina Newton?"

At Radbury family's manor. Damien had come to see his father. However, his father wasn't around. Instead, Selina was sitting alone in the living room. "Uncle and auntie went out because they had something urgent to attend to. They asked me to wait here for the time being," Selina said.

They had officially met yesterday. At first, Damien thought that his father had arranged for him to discuss business deals with members of the Newton family. When he saw that the other party was a young woman, he immediately understood what was going on. As Radbury Group and the Newton family cooperated a lot, he didn't embarrass Selina by walking away from the blind date. He didn't expect to see Selina again today. "Since they are not here, I will come back again tonight. Damien nodded politely and was about to leave. "Hey, wait a moment." Selina rose and stood in his way. "What's the matter, Miss Newton?"

"I know that it's quite awkward that both our parents had arranged for us to meet. I feel very embarrassed too. But if you leave just like this, it would be even more embarrassing for me. Mr. Radbury, will you be so ungentlemanly? "Miss Newton, you've probably heard that I am married." "Auntie said that you're about to get divorced." Selina chuckled. "But don't worry. I don't care whether you are staying married or getting divorced. I just hope that you can play along with our parents so that I don't have to go on any more blind dates." "What do you mean?" "I don't like blind dates, and neither do you. But if we reject each other, our parents will definitely arrange for us to go on blind dates with other people. That would be annoying, wouldn't it? Why don't we pretend to get along and fake it in front of our parents so that they stop pestering us?" Selina's demeanour was gentle and playful, and she didn't look like a cunning woman. Damien thought for a while and decided that it wasn't a bad idea. At least, he would be able to pacify his mother. He nodded in agreement. "Mr. Radbury, since you've agreed, why don't we continue putting on an act? Let's go outside, take a walk, and pretend to chit-chat. What do you think?" Selina suggested. Damien glanced at his watch and didn't object.

That night, Damien did not go home.

Even though Ava was used to Damien not coming home, tonight, the loneliness was especially hard to endure.

Ava sat by the window and tried to read a book. Even after around an hour, she couldn't even finish reading one page. She chuckled self-deprecatingly. Wasn't it good that he wasn't home?

If he were to come home, he would be back with a divorce agreement for her to sign.

The doorbell rang. Ava sat up almost immediately and rushed over to the door. She opened the door before the servants could.

However, the person outside the door wasn't Damien.

There was a surge of despondence in her heart.

"Excuse me, may I know if Damien Radbury stays here?" A breathtakingly beautiful woman stood outside the door, and she was wearing an intricate dress. Her handbag was limited edition, and she was obviously from a wealthy family. "Excuse me, who are..." Ava was

stunned.

"I am Selina Newton."

Ava's heart sank.

She was just thinking about how familiar this woman looked, and her gut instinct was right. Was it a trend for third parties in a marriage to come straight to the men's homes nowadays?

Ava straightened her back vigilantly.

However, Selina merely flashed a sweet smile. "You're the Radbury family's nanny, aren't you? Here's the thing. Damien left his cell phone in my car. I can't contact him, so I have no choice but to send it to his place."

Ava felt as though she had been struck by lightning.

Nanny? Cell phone?

It turned out that Damien and Selina's relationship had progressed to the point that they were sitting in each other's car. But which part of her looked like a nanny? Ava glanced down at her clothes. Although she wasn't wearing makeup at home, and she wasn't as well-dressed as Selina, her pyjamas cost more than 10,000USD and was from a luxury brand. What kind of nanny wore such expensive pyjamas? "Well, Miss Newton, you might have misunderstood. I'm not a nanny..." Compared to the fact that Selina was sending Damien's cell phone over, she was more bothered over Selina mistaking her for a nanny. Selina immediately smiled apologetically. "Oh, I'm so sorry. Then, you must be the legendary Miss Nagel. I was just wondering why the Radbury family has such a young and beautiful nanny." "The legendary Miss Nagel?" "Yes. I've heard a lot about you. I'm glad to have the chance to meet you today!" Selina was so gentle and polite that even though Ava was extremely annoyed, she had no reason to fly into a rage at all.

As the two women shook hands, Damien parked his car in front of the door.

"What are you doing?"

Damien's expression froze when he saw that the two women were standing together the moment he got out of the car.

Selina was about to say something when Ava walked over to Damien and took his arm. "I was just joking with Miss Nagel. We are at the Radbury family's residence, but she didn't realize that I'm your wife. Isn't it funny?"

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From what Damien could remember, Ava had never been deliberately intimate with him like this before.

Damien prodded Ava's head away. He then stepped aside.

"Ava Nagel, have you taken the wrong medicine today?" Ava blinked. She swayed all of a sudden and pretended to look weak as she coughed. "Then, are you home so late because you knew that I'm sick and went to buy medicine for me?" Damien glanced at Selina, who was standing beside them looking a little embarrassed. He then whispered beside Ava's ear. "You're good at acting indeed." "After doing it for so many years, I've naturally become good."

Damien flashed a smile so fleeting that Ava didn't see it. However, Selina saw it clearly.

"Go in. I have something to talk to Miss Newton about."

He then pushed Ava into the door, and walked over to Selina. The two of them stood outside for about ten minutes. Ava had no idea what they were talking about.

She had probably gone crazy just now. She wanted to show her authority as Damien's wife in front of Selina. But Damien didn't play along with her, and she just ended up embarrassing herself even more.

Seeing that Damien had drove her away so that he could have a private conversation with Selina, Ava reckoned that their relationship was progressing quickly. Well, that was expected since both of them were from wealthy and powerful families. Ava could even hear Selina's crisp laughter. Damien had never made Ava laugh so happily before. . It was

highly possible that Selina would soon become this mansion's new hostess. Why would Damien

pay Ava any more attention? Ava went back to the bedroom alone and started packing up her clothes and cosmetics, one after another. She had bought a new 30-inch suitcase, and it was so large

that it could fit a grown person. However, it wasn't enough to contain all the memories that she had made throughout the past two years. In fact, she and Damien shared very few good memories together. Most of the time, she was lost and dejected After she was done putting everything into the suitcase, she hesitated for a moment. In the end, she took everything out again. Should she give up just like this? Was she really

giving up? Ava once thought that as long as she

got to marry into the Radbury family, everything would be perfect. But now she knew that imagination was often better than reality. Everything was beyond her control, and she was merely going to Damien like a moth to a flame.

The next day, Ava did not see Damien at home. However, she did see his face in the newspaper. The paparazzi had taken photographs of him walking side by side with Selina into the Radbury family's manor. Even though the wife of Radbury Group's president rarely

appeared in public, and Ava's identity was kept a secret, everyone knew that Damien was married. In the past, Damien had gotten into quite a few scandals with rich men's daughters and celebrities. However, these scandals were considered minor and not a threat to his marriage. However, now, the photographs showed that Damien was entering his parents' home with Selina. Rumour had it that Damien had divorced his wife a long time ago and would be getting engaged with Selina soon. The more Ava looked at the news reports, the more she found the situation hilarious. The members of the Radbury family couldn't even wait for a few more days. She and Damien weren't even officially divorced yet, and they were already in a rush to announce who the next young missus of the family would be. It was a stark contrast to her and Damien's secret marriage. Radbury Group's public relations department was probably super eager to announce that Damien had found a future wife who was a match to him in terms of wealth and status. "If you know what's good for you, pack up and leave. Don't outstay your welcome." Karen entered the mansion and said rudely to Ava. "No matter what, I'm still Damien's wife right now. You're in such a rush to find him a new woman. Aren't you being a little too impatient?" "Hmph! Do you still expect me to treat you with courtesy after you and your sister faked her pregnancy? Ava Nagel, consider yourself lucky that I'm not chasing you out with a broom!" Karen's tone was full of disdain. After she chased Beth out, she vented out all her anger and resentment regarding the incident on Ava.

There was a surge of bitterness in Ava's heart. It was clear that Beth was the one at fault, and she was the one who was the most greatly affected by it. Why did everyone think that she had to take responsibility for Beth's wrongdoing now? It was really unfair. She was indignant and angry, but there was nothing she could do. "Hurry up, why are you still wasting time? Once Damien comes back, I will drive you out right away. Ava had no choice but to start packing. She was packing up so slowly that Karen kept glaring at her. But she couldn't help but hope that Damien would come home so that she could take another look at him. Just one look would be enough. However, when Damien came back, she was with Selina. "Damien, how was your date with Selina today?" Karen immediately greeted them affectionately, and she was smiling ear to ear as she looked at Selina, which was a far cry from the way she treated Ava just now. Selina blushed and quickly explained, "Auntie, Mr. Radbury and I weren't on a date. We went on a lunch meeting for work matters." The Newton family and Radbury Group had a business relationship all along, and right now, Selina was the Newton family's representative when it came to their cooperation. Hence, Damien and Selina did go out today to talk about work. Karen smiled and said, "So, the two of you had lunch together. Did you have a good time?" Selina answered Karen's question politely. Meanwhile, Damien looked at the bedroom upstairs. "What's going on?" "Oh, that woman is packing up. The two of you are signing the divorce agreement in a few days, so she naturally can't stay here anymore." Karen snorted coldly. Damien's expression changed in an instant. "Since when have I said that I want to divorce her?" "Damien, she's the one who said that she wants a divorce. I didn't force her." Ava could hear the three of them talking downstairs, but she stayed in the room and did nothing. She knew that right now, Damien and Selina were standing side by side. She

recalled the news headlines she saw this morning.

The two of them looked like a match made in heaven indeed. And she had always been an outsider in this large and grandiose mansion. She could hear someone walking up the stairs. She reckoned that it was Damien, but she didn't even raise her head. She merely continued putting clothes into her suitcase. "Don't worry, the lawyer I have appointed will be here tomorrow. After we sign the divorce agreement, you can be with anyone you want. But before the paperwork is done, please don't get involved with another woman," she said. All the members of the Radbury family cared about their reputation more than anything else. Damien probably didn't want to be known as a cheater. The person at the door didn't speak, so she continued packing her luggage and muttered, "I know that you and your family members think that all I want is the Radbury family's wealth, but since I've already signed that agreement, I won't take a single cent from you." The person at the door continued standing where he was. He watched quietly as Ava put her clothes one by one into a suitcase until it was full. She was taking away everything that belonged to her and leaving behind everything that wasn't hers. After a long time, she stood up and smiled at him. "Damien, do you know why I tried all means and methods to marry you back then?"