

My Eye 371

Chapter 371 The Dining Party (Part One)

"Mrs. Lu, what brings you here today?" David was busy at that time, but he was stunned to see Autumn there. So he stopped for a minute and approached her. "The president is not here right now."

"Where is Leila?" Autumn asked subtly.

"Leila is out with the president; there is a dining party planned for this evening. Why are you here at this odd time?" David seemed to be out of favor these days; Charles took Leila with him no matter where he went. David knew that Leila helped Charles sign several big orders, which no doubt indicated of her strong ability to handle work professionally. So David could understand why Charles thought so highly of Leila.

David was not bitter, but it did not mean that Autumn was not angry about it, either. She frowned as she further asked, "David, in the past didn't you always accompany him on such occasions? Since when has it become Leila and why?"

David was stunned, as he realized Autumn was jealous, so without wasting a second he explained, "Please don't misunderstand the situation. Leila has helped Mr. Lu bag several big orders recently. The partners in today's dining party were all received by Leila, and she was able to handle them. That's reason why Mr. Lu took her along. Don't think too much."

"Is this absolutely true?" Autumn was confused and frowned, as she felt things were not that simple. They could not be so black and white especially with Leila involved.

"It's true. You really don't have to worry about it." David said in a soft tone, "How about... I drive you home now? it is quite late. Mr. Lu could be late tonight, as a few days back he left a dozen partners without saying a word after learning that you were sick. Leila stayed here all night working and finally the partners chose not to leave the company. So Mr. Lu is going to apologize and set things right."

"No, but thank you for the offer." Autumn was so happy to hear that Charles left the partners immediately and ran to the hospital to see her. Maybe... she was really too suspicious over nothing.

"I'll go home by myself." Autumn handed the food she packed over to David and said, "It's the food I brought for you. Have a good

table in the cafeteria as they began to eat the food Autumn brought them. Alice said, "Although Mrs. Lu left the company

is." David sighed and went on, "Mrs. Lu has always been incredibly nice, and she treated us like family while

for a moment and then said anyway, "It's not surprising that Mrs. Lu overthinks so much. As a bystander, even I think that the relationship between Mr. Lu and Leila is not that simple as it may appear on the surface. I mean, they go in and out together every day. Rumors are already doing rounds in

said coldly, "Mr. Lu only cares about Mrs. Lu. How

no idea about that." Alice frowned. "Leila has always been making excuses to take the private elevator with Mr. Lu these days, and they also engaged in social activities together. Anyway, it's spreading downstairs now. But we are in the secretarial office

frowned and said, "We know they go out for work, but

caught by Mr. Lu having such a lewd conversation." David frowned tightly. Alice was not the kind of person who liked to gossip. She had always engrossed in doing her job perfectly since she got in Shining Company's secretarial office, and she was not willing

much more capable than Leila at work, but she would just not like to get in all

she start gossiping about trivial matters that do not

frowned. "I would not have said that usually and I'm

in other people's business. That was why she could see it clearly, the rumors were spread from the secretary office. Except for her and

all efforts to get close to Charles, and ultimately spread the rumor herself. What a devious woman

"David, I'm not gossiping with you, it's

Chapter 372 The Dining Party (Part Two)

Leila was sitting next to Charles. During the gap between two courses being served, Charles would talk to Mr. Xu, and occasionally Leila would also join in and bring up the cooperation between the two companies. The atmosphere was warm and optimistic, but only Charles knew that Mr. Xu was avoiding the substantive issues. He was like an old fox who would not lose sight of the falcon until he saw the hare.

As the wine was being poured, Mr. Xu declined the offer as he said he could not drink wine unexpected, which made Charles anxious. Charles had read the information of Mr. Xu. He had a strange habit. If he disliked a partner, he would definitely not consume alcohol. But if he would join them for a drink, then... the deal would be in their favor.

So he must get Mr. Xu to drink his wine.

"Mr. Xu, I really appreciate that you have come from so far to join the party. There are some misunderstandings between us, and I'd like to take this opportunity to clear them. I'll drink three glasses of wine first." Charles gulped down three glasses of liquor, and then said to Mr. Xu, "You see how sincere I am, and now it's your turn. How about doing me a favor and taking a sip?"

Mr. Xu maintained a cool composure as he said to Charles, "Mr. Lu, it's not my intention to let you down, but..."

He sighed and added, "I've struggling with poor health and high blood pressure for years now, so my wife doesn't like me drinking at all. You can afford to ignore others, but you still have to listen to your wife, am I right?"

Leila looked at Mr. Xu, as she thought that this old fox was just looking for an excuse to avoid drinking with them.

Leila then looked at Charles, who looked so embarrassed for struggling so much for striking a deal. Leila knew he was very enthusiastic to work with Mr. Xu's company, so she also made her mind upon recalling his interest and said to the waiter, "I need the glass with the maximum capacity, please."

the situation called for. Now she developed a stronger capacity for liquor, so today... In order to show their sincerity to Mr. Xu, she would take the challenge. However, the liquor Charles had ordered... was very strong and would make even

beverage, but when she thought of Charles, her spirit rose to fight the apprehensions away. Anyway, she had to let Charles realize that she was an indispensable

people started to look in her direction once they heard what she said. Charles could not help frowning ever so slightly, thinking how she would manage herself, when he saw her holding a large glass of

to stop her, as this was her job, and also the reason why he brought her here in

her, but refocused her priorities only to realize that if only landed the contract, Charles

said it aloud and walked towards Mr. Xu delicately yet seductively and said, "You said you didn't drink. What a coincidence that I don't drink, either. But today... in order to show you my sincerity, I am making

as he took a glance at Leila's empty glass. Leila picked up the liquor bottle which was

burning sensation like fire intensified but that did not stop her till the very last drop. After finishing it, Leila stumbled a bit and then Mr. Xu grabbed her and said, "Look at you,

Leila's waist. Her skin was fair, as she got drunk on the wine, her face turned crimson immediately. She looked even more

said, "I have to show my sincerity at its best since you are here, Mr. Xu. If I get

I will not leave you. How could anyone in their right minds possibly leave such a beautiful girl here?" Mr. Xu laughed aloud, as he wrapped his arms around Leila's slender waist with no intention to loosen the grip or even

she said, "Mr. Xu, you see how very sincere I am, anyway... you have

How about this, I will let

Mr.

Chapter 373 The Dining Party (Part Three)

Upon noticing Mr. Xu's scowling face, Leila grabbed several tissues and tried to clean up his shirts in a hurry as she panicked. "Mr. Xu, I'm so sorry. How about... we head to the rest room? There I will be able to help clean your clothes properly," she suggested in an apologetic tone.

"Fine," Mr. Xu replied, as he got back up.. As soon as they entered the bathroom, Mr. Xu closed the door deliberately. Leila took some tissues from the counter, opened the tap and soaked the tissues. "I'm

really sorry for getting you into such a mess with my clumsy actions, " she apologized as she rigorously kept wiping his shirts with tissues.

"It's fine, " Mr. Xu responded with a sly yet content smile. Leila's hands lingered around his chest for quite a while, which turned Mr. Xu on.

"Leila, " Mr. Xu called out her name, as he grabbed her hand and pressed her against the basin. "You are so beautiful, " he continued, as he stared at her with obsessive eyes.

"Am I?" Leila responded calmly, as she smiled at him. "Do you think that I am prettier than your assistant?"

Mr. Xu was shocked as he realized that Leila had found out about their relationship. "How did you know?" he asked, looking confused and curious.

"Her expressions showed how she felt about you very evidently, " Leila answered confidently. "When we were in the compartment, you didn't see her expressions. It looked like she was trying to kill me with her furious eyes. I am a woman, so I am sensitive and aware of these matters. I don't think she was so hostile towards me simply because I am more attractive than her. The only explanation for her hostility is you!" she explained as she perched herself on the edge of the basin.

"You are a good observer. There is nothing to hide really. Yes, she is my mistress indeed. But..." Mr. Xu said frankly, as he began to laugh.

"But what?" Leila asked as she continued to smile.

interested in you now. How much does Mr. Lu pay you? I will pay double as long as you are willing to come work with me at

Leila said in a sweet tone, as she pulled his collar playfully. "You haven't answered my question yet. Who even hesitating for a second. Mr. Xu then pounced on Leila in an attempt to kiss her. All of a sudden, someone kicked the door open. "Leo, dare

flustered. Leo immediately panicked at the sight of Carol standing at the door. Leila could not understand why he would fear his assistant like this especially considering

down from the basin, and then smoothed out her clothes. Carol came inside blazing with anger when she saw Leila's gloating expression. "You're such a bitch. I know that you were trying to covet Leo all night long. I will teach you

down. This is not what you imagined. It is just a misunderstanding, " Leo explained,

always use your cousin to threaten me. You know her

out their real relationship. 'Carol is not only his secretary but his wife's

snapped back. "Why can't you just change your nature as you always promise you will? And if that was not enough, you hit on

This is all my fault. Please don't be mad at me any longer, " Leo said drawing out a smile, trying to calm her down. "Let's go now. There are so many people staring at us. We should stop embarrassing one another by creating such a debacle, "

You should have been prepared for this the moment you decided to flirt with another woman, " Carol replied in contempt. "I'm telling you that I must kick

can't tempt him

who would let others bully her in such a harsh manner. As Carol made the move first, it was safe to strike back in defense. They two then began to fiercely fight with moments. With no intention of stopping they kept

Lu, Leila is fighting with my assistant. If you could please help me solve this matter, I will sign an one-year contract with you... no actually, make it

rest room, dozens of people had gathered outside whispering to one another. "Knock it off!" he howled authoritatively, right from the entrance.

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"Oh it's nothing. I am just fine, " Leila responded as she shook her head slightly. The very next second, tears suddenly started to trickle down her flushed cheeks and then she was unable to hold it. She had worked so hard and tried especially hoping that Charles would pay special regard to her if she bagged the deal. But now her hope had shattered into small pieces. Everything was so messed up beyond repair which meant that all of her efforts were in vain.

"Are you in pain?" Charles asked softly, looking at Leila who was injured. "I will take you straight away to the hospital, " he added.

Her face was scratched while there were many bruises across her body. Her clothes were nearly torn. Upon seeing this, Charles took off his coat, and draped it around Leila. "Please put it on and wait here while I clear the bill. After that I will take you to the hospital."

After he paid the bill for the meal, he drove Leila to a hospital. On the way to get there, both of them sat in silence and did not utter a word to each other. Once they reached, the doctor began with cleaning her wounds with alcohol while Charles waited outside for her. Fortunately, it was not serious at all and she just had to apply some ointment over the bruises every day. Charles was relieved upon hearing the doctor say that she would recover very soon.

"Let me take you back." Charles insisted on dropping her back. As they arrived around her house block, she did not get off the car immediately. Slowly, she turned to Charles and said, "Mr. Lu, I am so very sorry and embarrassed for how things unfolded today. And I really appreciate what you did for me with all my heart. Thank you so very much!"

"Why are you apologizing to me? You don't have to say sorry to me without any reason, " Charles replied with confusion and honesty.

"I really did consider and plan to sign the contract with Mr. Xu today. But now I have screwed it up. And we even lost the chance to cooperate with Mr. Xu. It is all my fault. You lost face and business because of me today. I am really sorry," Leila explained in an apologetic and sincere tone.

"Is that all?" Charles, instead of getting angry, burst into a hearty laughter.

Leila felt so guilty for what happened as she had worked hard for a long time to get the project from Mr. Xu successfully. In this way, Leila thought Charles would get impressed by her.

However, as she learned that Charles did not seem to care about it, Leila felt a little shocked and yet anxious. "Mr. Lu, why are you not worried about it?"

"Mr. Xu called me just a moment earlier and he asked me to sign a five-year contract with him tomorrow," explained Charles. Charles received the call when they were in the hospital, but he forgot to tell Leila the good news.

hearing this news, Leila was stunned and her eyes were shining with joy. She looked at Charles with expectant eyes as she asked, "Did Mr. Xu

paused for a while and added, "So you don't have to feel guilty for this. In fact, I

reminded of what happened. "It was not smooth at all. I lost my standing before so many people.

she stared at Charles. "Mr. Lu, would you think that..."

didn't catch that?" Charles was confused

am a shameless woman to have acted in such a manner?

her questions, Charles was unable to respond immediately since he never considered this before or even looked at

as to get the contract from their cooperative partners. No matter what route they took to reach the destination, Charles only

never really cared or thought about what his

upon them a little since Charles never once forced them or even urged them to adopt the honey-trap method. It was their own choice and no one asked them to do that yet it was their preferred method.

course I won't judge you. I can understand where such actions come from and I appreciate it because all what you did is in the best interest of our

And please join work only once you have recovered and

sense the hesitation in his eyes

some steps so as to let

for me today again, Mr. Lu. I really appreciate it." Leila got off the car and headed upstairs once

home as it took him a lot of time to drop Leila home after the hospital trip because of the

he found that Autumn was wide awake, reading magazines in

did not expect it would take you so long to return..." As she put down the magazine, Autumn rest and take care of your health." Charles, moved by Autumn, asked her with worried eyes, "Are you feeling better now? I am free tomorrow. I will take you to the hospital to have a physical

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Isla put her arm around Autumn and assured her friend. "I will be right outside. If he dares to hurt you, just shout and I'll come in, " she said before stepping out.

Autumn watched as her friend left, grateful for the support.

She then turned to Roger and said, "Have a seat."

Taken aback by her calmness, Roger sat opposite Autumn and thought to himself, 'This is weird. Why isn't she driving me away?'

Eyebrows raised, Autumn started, "So what brings you here? Have you come to apologize again?"

Roger tried not to squirm in his seat as the woman stared at him.

She already caught him off-guard with her calm exterior.

"Yes... yes, " he stammered.

Roger was surprised that Autumn got straight to the point, not even expecting her to ask about his reason for coming.

Composing himself, he continued, "I am truly sorry for what happened between us before. Miss Ye, I really wish you would accept my deepest apology."

Eyes flat, Autumn remarked, "I remember you attended my birthday party. So that means you're aware I am no longer Miss Ye. Please address me as Miss Zhao."

She paused, making Roger even more uncomfortable. "I already told you the last time we met that I've already put all of that behind me. Yet you're still here, persistent on following me to apologize for that, twice or thrice already? It's totally unnecessary, " she said, indifferent.

Leaning forward a little, she then added, "I'm beginning to think you're just looking for excuses to get close to me. But let me tell you now, I know exactly what you're up to, Roger. And I hate your scheme." The truth was he was harassing Autumn on orders of Rachel. Since she was close to a few directors, Roger thought doing her bidding would increase his chances of getting more movie roles. With Rachel repeatedly telling him to seduce Autumn, he had no choice but to create opportunities for them to meet in order for him to carry out his plan. He had already told Rachel that Autumn had romantic feelings for him. But today's confrontation with her was likely going to spoil his plan.

Roger needed to think fast. In his rush to see Autumn, he hadn't carefully thought of what to say to her. Apologizing several times wasn't going to work.

she asked him

sigh, she told Roger, "If you have nothing to say, please leave. There's a lot of work to do with the New Year coming and I just don't have the time

to action.

so he had to do something before Autumn drove him away. Besides, he knew Rachel was watching from across

hear it, " Autumn said as she leaned back on her seat. She tapped her fingers

he decided to throw

he declared, "Miss Zhao...

he changed his tactics and pretended to be obsessed with her. Roger knew it sounded silly, but he had already run

for your phone number, the first time we met? And it really was a shock for me to learn that you were married. I was humiliated and that was why I behaved badly. Forgive me, please?" he pleaded.

Mustering all he could to convince her of his sincerity, he drew on his acting skills to appear earnest and apologetic while explaining himself to Autumn. Roger would do everything to win her trust.

repeatedly told myself to stop pursuing you. And believe me, I've been trying my best to stay away from you. But I just couldn't get you out of my mind! So I thought seeing you on the pretext of apologizing would be

excuse I could think of to meet you, "

held her gaze, hoping to convince Autumn of

on her fourth finger. Then she said, "I

paused, thinking of a

said. "But I still can't get you out of my mind. I

to hold Autumn's hand but was brushed off impatiently. Still leaning comfortably in her chair, Autumn continued to watch Roger's acting.

laughed with undisguised

want me to do?" she challenged. "Divorce

Autumn's words, sweat

instigate a divorce between Autumn and her husband. After all, Charles had already taught him a hard lesson. That's why he planned on meeting her while Charles wasn't around. Roger was certain that once Charles learned of him being entangled with his wife again, he could kiss

admitted though that Autumn's proposition came as a complete surprise, and was at a loss for words.

Autumn's voice broke into his thoughts. "Perhaps you don't want me to get divorced, but rather to keep seeing you while I'm still married. Let me see... we can

said in his mind, then

continued. "That way, your marriage won't be compromised. And our relationship wouldn't be embarrassing. That should solve the problem, and there

Chapter 376 Rachel's Schemes

"Not necessarily."

Looking him straight in the eye, Autumn sneered, "My husband is more mature and well-rounded than you. You're nothing compared to him. Have you even looked at yourself? There's nothing you could be proud of."

Hearing Autumn's words left Roger baffled.

He realized he had been too confident all along.

And now he was going to meet his inevitable end.

"As for the other points you confidently raised, I found nothing that can change my mind. Betraying my husband is the last thing that I would ever want to do," Autumn said, relentlessly undermining Roger.

After all of what had been said, Roger felt like a fool by Autumn's words.

"You need to wake up, Roger.

Even if Rachel has a stellar career, she is a substandard play-writer," she continued further.

"I don't understand what you mean," Roger said, pretending to be confused.

He felt more uneasy at the mention of Rachel. He wondered how Autumn came to know about their relationship. But he had no choice but to deny it at all cause.

"Don't you know about Rachel?" Autumn asked, pouncing another question to Roger with full confidence.

"Rachel is easily one of the most powerful personalities in the world of show business!"

am well-aware of

it's actually the other way around," he said in

go now. This conversation isn't going

feel free to reach out to

me more time," Autumn called, stopping Roger in

important

back to his seat and heartlessly said, "I can remove the quarrel between Rachel and you because you decline any knowledge of her.

want another agreement to

"And that is?"

looked at her with intuition after discovering

be rewarded well if you decide to engage into the service because I have my husband to render whatever you like.

you fancy above

asked Roger with great

you mean by saying so?

was tied with Charles and Zhao family. Rachel, on the other hand, only relied on

believed he could get whatever he

he could meet

you over? It is more of a collaboration than a bribery,

looked at Roger with disdain and continued, "I understand that you find it hard to disclose what you and Rachel have evolved. But you must understand that it's just an easy job for me to uncover what you have with Rachel. But don't worry, I

still waiting for you to

a gesture of mutual willingness

Chapter 377 Let The Show Begin

Roger shrugged his shoulders with resignation. "I don't know what good it will do her," he said.

"She just told me what to do, but not once did she say why," he told Autumn. "I'm thinking she really hates you, so you better watch your back."

"I know," Autumn nodded in agreement. She stepped aside to make a phone call that would introduce Roger to TV production teams. Turning to Roger, she said, "Thank you for warning me about Rachel's ploy. To show my appreciation, I have hooked you up with two TV crews, for starters."

"Thank you very much, Miss Zhao!" Roger cried out in joy.

The directors of these two teams were quite well known. And Roger bagging a role in any of their productions might just be the breakthrough he needed to become famous. So he could not thank Autumn enough for the opportunity.

In a clipped tone, she said, "Call me Mrs. Lu."

Roger was slightly embarrassed about his behavior, seeing Autumn's serious demeanor.

But he quickly recovered, putting on a smile. "So Mrs. Lu, what do you want me to do next?" Roger knew he owed Autumn a big favor and was determined to pay her back.

He suggested, "Do you want me to break up with Rachel and show her how mean I can be?"

"No, don't do that, " she replied. "It's more important now to get along with Rachel. Say yes to whatever she asks of you. But remember, you must report all these to me. If you need my help, just let me know."

Then Autumn issued a warning. "You better not be playing games with me because I promise, you won't like the consequences."

Roger was quick to assure Autumn that he would stick to his part of the bargain.

"We both know that a man being used cannot be suspected, in the same way a suspected man cannot be used. Mrs. Lu, now that you have decided to cooperate with me, please believe I will not let you down. Besides, how can I forget what you did? You introduced me to excellent TV crews!"

Flashing a smile, Roger continued, "By the way, I'll probably need your help tonight with some acting."

Curious, Autumn arched her brow.

"And what do you need me to do?" she asked.

out the

she demanded that I

pushing me to do it, and I think if I fail to do that tonight, she'll drop me as her

along with Roger's plan. "All right then. Since I happen to be free

to show Rachel that Autumn was also a good actress. She would cooperate with Roger

about to leave, Autumn called out, "Wait! There's something else. Will you please let me know if she is really

and replied,

plan, he added, "I will send you a message by phone when and where

do that. I'll go there myself, but thank you, " she

then escorted Roger to the

wrong with you, Autumn?" she demanded. "You know very well that Roger is one of Rachel's people. And you do

Aron, who just lost his father and now had problems with his uncle. But she was also concerned about Autumn and didn't want her

concern, Autumn assured her.

she said, "I know what

at her friend.

Autumn, what are

Roger I am aware of his relationship with Rachel. And

my side than have to keep an eye

wanted to

made sense. Still, she remained distrustful of

someone like him?" Isla asked worriedly.

but you don't know Roger, " Autumn

Autumn was finally able to read Roger clearly. Behind the glib and slick facade was a very ambitious man. And his goal was very clear:

Roger was smart and shrewd and looked for people to help him achieve his goal. Knowing this, Autumn was not the slightest bit worried that Roger

can make him famous in just a short amount of time. That's why

I need to trust him. I

out a

Chapter 378 Causing Trouble

"You should order, " Autumn said in an uninteresting manner.

She then looked back to see if Rachel was there. Unable to find her, she looked at Roger and asked him quietly, "Where is Rachel?"

"She said she would come to have dinner with Edward.

Maybe she's just late." Roger shrugged. "She'll be here soon."

As soon as he finished talking, Rachel came in with Edward in tow, with their hands tightly intertwined.

Rachel felt particularly special as she walked in, more so when she spotted Autumn and Roger. With a sly smile, she patted Edward's hand, feigned surprise and said, "Look! Charles' wife is over there!"

Upon hearing this, Edward turned to the direction where Autumn was. He could not see Roger's face, who was sitting opposite to Autumn. Unsure whether the man with Autumn was Charles, he asked calmly, "Why is she here?"

"Maybe she's having dinner with Charles. Let's greet them."

Rachel said softly while holding Edward's arm.

"It's totally unnecessary, " Edward protested coldly, his eyebrows slightly furrowed.

Even though his spat with Chris had already been resolved, there was still tension between him and Charles. As such, he didn't think there was any reason to greet them, but Rachel still insisted.

"Edward, I know what you are thinking. Remember that Charles is Chris' brother. He has taken care of her for many years and we should be thankful to him for doing that. It will be awkward if they see us here without greeting them. Don't you think so?" she asked.

"Plus, we don't usually see him in Y City. Come on now, it won't take long. We'll leave right after greeting them," Rachel ushered, persuading Edward further.

"Well... Alright. As you wish," Edward replied.

He felt Rachel's argument was reasonable enough so he walked with her over to meet Autumn. However, upon reaching her, he realized that the man with her was not Charles.

"Miss Bai, what brings you here?"

Rachel, feigning surprise.

up and greeted her, "What a coincidence! Are

"Yes."

at Autumn, she then continued, "Edward and I are going to have dinner and I did not expect that I could meet you

stopped speaking, glancing at Roger

I am closer to my goal, I

to Roger," Autumn innocently said, even though

well-known star but not as popular as you,

"Hello!"

reaching out his hand. "Wow! I did not expect that you two knew each other. I am actually your fan," Roger said, acting as if Rachel was a

"Wow, really?"

The three of them were clearly playing their part, as they all had their own plans.

Glancing at Autumn, he asked, "Where is Charles?"

of Rachel and Roger's relationship. Edward in any case still treated Charles as a family member, and could not bear to know Autumn might be cheating on him.

Autumn replied calmly. She paused for a while

excitement and a soft smile on her face, but Rachel

see any reason to stay. She only

we have to go," Rachel replied with a smile.

you. Just enjoy your meal," she added.

back to Edward, Rachel softly said, "Edward, let's sit

your husband is Charles. I would not let you go once I

would never forget that I am his wife. There is really nothing to worry about.

with

walking away in disbelief. "What the hell is Charles doing? He should be watching over his

Let it be, " Rachel said, acting indifferent while browsing

See? It turns out that what I thought about her is right! She is even dating another man now, " Rachel

Roger very well. He is a known gigolo in the entertainment circle. I was surprised to see her dating him despite his involvement in someone else's marriage. And to think,

they are really having an

Chapter 379 An Affectionate Daughter

Moments after Roger and Autumn left, Rachel sent Charles a message telling him to keep close watch on Autumn, only to be rebuked. Rachel, then burning with rage and hatred, made a suggestion to Edward, "You have not met Chris in a long time, I suppose. So I am wondering why we don't go to see her right after dinner. I do miss her during this long absence."

"This sounds like a good plan to me." Edward nodded in approval after hesitating for a moment. He wanted to check if Chris was fine by taking the advantage of telling Charles something about Autumn.

As Roger could not sense anything strange waiting for them at the entrance of Dream Garden when he escorted Autumn back, he expressed his doubt, "I expected Rachel to ask Mr. Lu to wait here anticipating your arrival. I wonder what she is planning if not this..."

"That move is way too obvious. I told Charles all about our scheme including this dinner with you this evening. It is a waste of Rachel's time for her to warn Charles. This explains why Charles would not be here waiting for me." Autumn gave Roger a reassuring smile and said, "It is kind of you to play your role today in this charade. I must go home now but please do bear our plan in your mind."

"Mrs. Lu, I extend you my complete support and cooperation in this well devised plan." Roger pledged, standing outside her house, with sincerity, "It would be pointless for Rachel to challenge you, as I know how powerful and resolute you are. I would not ever consider getting myself tangled in a mess with you at any cost."

Autumn immediately turned complacent. As she entered home, Autumn found Chris sitting in the cozy sofa and casually eating a plate of fruit. At the sight of Autumn, Chris motioned her to share the fruit in a friendly manner, "Autumn, please enjoy these cherries which are so very sweet. They have arrived fresh via air parcel from America. It is all thanks to Sam's kindness."

"Sam, it appears, is trying to impress, pamper and woo you at every level." Autumn laughed, but Chris blushed with embarrassment. "Autumn, please do not tease me like this."

"I am simply telling you the truth as I see it!" Autumn added as she observed Chris' shy face flush pink, "Well, I will spare you this time only because you requested so nicely."

"Autumn, where is my elder brother? I have not seen him all day." Chris frowned at absence of Charles. "I have not seen him in a while too. I wonder where he is caught up..."

"Charles is busy running his company affairs right now and wants to complete some projects as soon as possible. We have decided to leave for vacation next week irrespective of anything else." Autumn could not hide her happiness just at the thought of her birthday gift, a trip with Charles. Chris too sensed her satisfaction. "My elder brother should have given you a surprise honeymoon in the beginning of your marriage itself, but better late than never, right?"

the matter Roger brought to her attention,

carefully in soft whispers as she feared the servants

asked rather casually despite noticing Autumn's soft tone.

is..." Autumn whispered to Chris, "Earlier I had suggested you should ask Edward to transfer a portion of his properties to you. How is

was referring to in such hushed tones and replied

official statement confirming my share in his properties. With that said it is rather unnecessary for me to press this matter. Autumn, is anything going on

pregnant in order to win Edward's trust, love

her disbelief, "Edward is just

bastard." Autumn tried to

even think of doing such a thing. Autumn, how did you learn about Rachel's plan?" Chris

I support you unsparingly." Autumn found it unnecessary

devious plans, Rachel.. Rachel..is more treacherous

responsibility to thwart Rachel's

are you? I hope to see

long since our parting."

arrival." Chris hung up and became anxious. "Autumn, please tell me how I

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Rachel put all efforts to ensure her expressions defy her emotions and thoughts. Internally, she was dying of jealousy, but she could not afford letting her anger reflect on her face let alone her actions. After all, Chris was Edward's biological daughter. If Rachel expressed animosity towards Chris, Edward might blatantly favor and defend Chris. If she lost Edward's trust and lost his favor, she wouldn't be able to get any money from him.

Chris was sitting right next to Edward when she suddenly heaved a heavy sigh. Edward anxiously asked her, "What's the matter? Everything is okay, isn't it? Your sigh has scared me."

"I am particularly worried..." Chris took a big breath before she explained, "I have a stepmother now. If she gives birth to some babies, will you still cherish and love me with the same veracity as now? After all I am only your daughter. Your son might grow to be more important. Besides, I am not living with you. It's only natural for you to ignore me in the future. You will provide for that child, watch him grow and guide him. How could you not love him more?"

Edward's face darkened as he heard Chris' concern, he had not considered this scenario earlier. Rachel laughed and tried to jump in again, "Chris, thank you for your gentle reminder. Edward, why don't we have a child? He will be cute and handsome. He will also have Chris as his elder sister to guide him..."

"Just shut your trap!" Edward snapped at Rachel furiously, as he frowned in contemplation, "I am too old to have a baby. If you want a child, then go and have a baby all by yourself. I do not share dreams of such a future with you!"

Edward's ruthless refusal astounded Rachel. It took her quite a while to gulp her pride and get past the shock. The moment she returned to reality, the words escaped her mouth before she realized what she was saying, "Why are you so angry at me all the time? I was just thinking about it and expressed it aloud."

Edward looked at Rachel with a cold stare to intimidate her and warned, "Don't even think about it anymore..."

Upon seeing Rachel's gloomy expression, Chris felt excited and proud of what she had accomplished. But she was confused by Edward's attitude and reaction. She did not expect him to act so harshly and treat her with such rudeness. 'They are newlyweds. Shouldn't he be happy if Rachel gives birth to a son? Why... is he so unwilling to even consider it let alone talking about it?'

Before Chris could try to figure out the reason for Edward's abnormal hostility, Edward started to console her, "Don't worry. You will be my only child all my life. I can't bear to share the love I have for you with anyone else..."

"Thank you for your warm assurance, Father." Chris replied as she flung herself into Edward's arms. Rachel looked utterly bewildered by Edward's reaction. She pondered over the matter, 'Even though Edward clearly said he did not want a baby, I am sure he will be excited if I get pregnant.'

come to my house and stay for a couple of days. I really hope you could spend some time with

inquired

He is transferring his shares of the Shining Company over to me, so ... I will be as busy as a bee over the next few

him to shower some love on Chris as well. He then eagerly said, "I will also call my lawyer and ask him to prepare

repeatedly, but Edward insisted nonetheless. Chris was

began to regret her suggestion

Autumn who was sitting nearby and pulled Edward by the sleeve. "Edward, don't forget the other purpose of our visit, " she reminded Edward gently.

she referring to?"

so he asked

was Charles. After a short pause upon seeing all the people in the lobby,

important to discuss with you." Edward rose to his feet and in a secretive tone said, "Let's go out for

to talk about, but he nodded after a moment's consideration and followed Edward out. It was freezing and windy outside. Charles

today?" Edward didn't get to the point directly. Instead he asked about Charles'

"There are a lot of things to handle with. I have been working

the polite conversation and jumped the gun, "I am warning you, don't forget to show care and love for your wife. If she cheats on you, you will lose

at?" Charles suddenly recalled the message he received from Rachel, so he explained unhappily, "Did Rachel tell you about this?

welfare." Edward scowled at him and tried to substantiate

about the meeting earlier itself, or else maybe he would have suspected her over nothing. He thought to himself, 'Damn Rachel! You are always trying to stir up trouble for us! You also married Edward, then why can't you move forward and stay away from Autumn and me.' Charles didn't want Edward to question Autumn's character, so