

My Eye 391

Chapter 391 On A Vacation

On their way back home, Chris barely uttered a word until she asked a rather pertinent question, "Autumn, do you know... why Edward does not want to start a family with Rachel, after all they did just get married?"

Chris frowned, as she wondered what he was thinking. "He is old and just married Rachel, so he should be thrilled after learning that Rachel is pregnant? But Rachel's expression reflected that... my dad didn't want her to get pregnant, " Chris said confusedly.

Then she added, "I first noticed his weird expression and aversion when Rachel brought up the topic of having a child in our home." Autumn also got confused upon hearing Chris' dilemma. After a while, she too recalled what Gary told her right before they left and suddenly came upon a realization.

'Maybe... the fight Edward was involved in years ago had led to his impotency?

If that is the truth, then Edward's weird attitude and Gary's words could be justified and understood, ' Autumn thought.

"What are you thinking about?" Chris cast a glimpse at Autumn and asked.

Autumn stopped introspecting and added, "Nothing. Chris, if Rachel comes to bother you with this matter again, please just stay away from her. You shouldn't get involved in this drama, it will only lead to trouble with her involved."

If Autumn's guess was the truth, then Chris had better keep away from this, or else, she could cause trouble for herself.

Autumn was just about to leave for a vacation with Charles soon, but now suddenly all she could do was to worry about Chris.

"I understand." Chris nodded her head and added, "I'm not close with Rachel at all let alone sharing any relation, so there is no reason for me to get involved in her mess. I would be a fool not to know better."

Rachel's unborn baby, but she still wouldn't persuade Edward

Autumn felt assured as she heard Chris' promise and said, "In short, stay away from Rachel

good to me!" Chris nodded with a smile.

for their much awaited trip. As Chris was still asleep, they

it was sunny after two days of rain, seeming to indicate

like a green paradise in the middle of the sea. As the boat approached it gradually, Autumn could see it more

get off the boat carefully. Then he took all their luggage and went to the hotel where they reserved a sea-view suite.

like I had

up and said, "Can you believe this is the first time that we have come for a vacation together luggage away and promised to Autumn, "I will spend several days to go on vacation with you every year happiness. She stretched out her hand, as she entwined her finger smiled, wondering why she was so to the seaside. They wandered on the beach hand in hand. It was almost dusk but they were able to enjoy the beautiful scenery of the dimming sun and settling waves. Autumn he made a right decision to take her on a vacation. Even looked at them with admiration. Although she never complained for not having any wedding pictures, Charles understood what she was thinking and so they had no time to take wedding pictures. This became walked towards the couples suddenly. Autumn was

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Charles wrote down his phone number and email on a piece of paper and handed it to the photographer who promised to give him the photos he took of Charles and Autumn. "I will send them to you once I get home," the lensman assured. There were no wedding pictures before, and Charles was very glad that he could make up for it now. The couple were so overjoyed and profusely thanked the photographer.

Dinner was equally enjoyable as Charles and Autumn had their share of sumptuous seafood. The next day, the couple went snorkeling and then climbing. Autumn knew she would always treasure their stay in the island resort, calling it the best days she had ever spent with her husband.

Meanwhile, Leila could not wait to get back to work as soon as the wound on her face started to heal. On her return, the rumors about her relationship with Charles had become widespread. The woman worried that if Charles heard of the rumor, he would treat her differently, and her efforts would have been for nothing. The other concern was David, who had left with Charles on the day they came to visit her. So she was quite anxious to see her boss again.

She had been waiting for hours, but still Charles did not show up and his office door remained shut.

Finally, she asked Alice who happened to walk by. "Alice, why hasn't Mr. Lu shown up yet?" Leila inquired. She had pulled her co-worker aside.

Surprised, Alice replied, "Oh, Mr. Lu said he was going away for a week with Mrs. Lu. They're on their honeymoon."

It was Leila's turn to be stunned.

"Honeymoon?" she nearly squeaked.

Her thoughts were in a scramble.

Inwardly she groaned. 'I've been doing everything so Charles and I would become closer, ' she thought. 'But once they get back from that honeymoon, their relationship will surely be stronger. What am I supposed to do now?'

Struggling with anger, she clenched her fists, which did not go unnoticed by Alice. She could not help but mock Leila, "They are husband and wife, after all, so there's nothing wrong if they went on a honeymoon trip, right?"

She continued to taunt Leila, "Why the long face? Are you all right?"

Leila quickly composed herself, and used her condition as an excuse. "Oh, I'm fine, although I suddenly don't feel well."

Alice pretended to be concerned. "If you're not feeling well, why don't you go home and rest some more. Mr. Lu did give you a holiday, didn't he?"

She looked at Leila closely and gave a slight smirk. Alice wished she could say her thoughts aloud. 'I know Leila has feelings for Mr. Lu. But how can she be so shameless as to ask me about his whereabouts like it was any of her business? Her ambition to break up the newlyweds by becoming his mistress is just a foolish fantasy!'

unclenching her fists. 'I like Charles and he will fall in love with me,

on the last day of Autumn and Charles's honeymoon trip. She dropped to the bed and watched rain pelting the windows of the hotel room. She sighed, "I was planning on going out for a walk, but I guess that's not going to happen. Tsk. Tsk. Such a pity to

beside her and rubbed his wife's arm. "That's okay. We can always come back

upset as Charles packed their luggage. "Hey, don't be sad. We're

the rain that had dampened Autumn's mood. She didn't want to leave because it was the best time she declared, "When we grow older, we can

you want to go, I will

used a local SIM card during their overseas trip. She replaced this with her own card upon arriving at Y City. As soon as the phone powered up, it started pinging to indicate several messages being

about to call Roger when Chris ran towards them. She was tasked to pick them up from the airport. It was difficult to be the bearer

Autumn

Otherwise, Roger

said Edward hit her. I need to go

Edward would beat the woman

forward and patted Chris on

go with you, " he

and

really become unhinged and get himself in big

Autumn held Chris's hand for comfort.

incident was the last thing Autumn expected. At that point, her good mood and happy memories from their trip were overshadowed by the distressing news. If it were only possible to

went to park the vehicle. Upon reaching the door, they heard something crash. The door was open and they entered just as a vase came flying towards them. The two women managed

Chris cried

face. He had broken everything he could get his hands

you doing

his daughter's presence. Slowly, he rubbed his face, hoping

you quarreled. What are

while

and paper strewn all over the floor

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Rachel also dialed Roger's number to tell him what Edward had done to her.

Hearing Charles' voice, she thought it was safe to come out of the room. And she quickly hid behind his back, to avoid being hurt by Edward. "Help me, please, " she reiterated her plea.

Rachel knew her unborn child was key to get a share of Edward's wealth so she would do everything to protect it.

"Come here, you bitch!" Edward roared and tried to grab Rachel.

He was so furious at seeing Rachel and would have reached her had Chris not held him back. The woman continued to cower behind Charles.

But Edward was unstoppable. He continued ranting, "Shameless bitch! You better tell me the truth. Who is that baby's father?"

Shaking from fear, she retorted, "Stop talking nonsense! Who else could the baby's father be?"

Rachel kept thinking that no one was aware of her affair with Roger so she had to keep up the lie that it was Edward's baby.

But her husband would have none of it. "I'll kill you if you don't stop lying!"

Edward was shaking in anger, too. And he badly wanted to beat up his wife after what she said. Chris, however, used all her strength to prevent her father from hurting his wife.

Despite her bleeding hand, she held on to Edward tightly, and hugged him. She cried, "Dad, you're going to kill her if you don't calm down. Please, let's sit down and talk this through."

But Edward was adamant. "Let me go, Chris! The only thing I want to do now is to get my hands on that woman!"

Eyes smoldering, he looked at his daughter and said, "I didn't trust you when you told me the truth about this woman. And I regret that now. If only I listened to you, I wouldn't have been cheated by this bitch! She needs to be taught a lesson, so don't try to stop me."

Rachel was not to be outdone. "What are you talking about? I have never cheated on you!" she screamed.

Fear, anxiety and nerves were getting to her, but she continued to deny his accusations.

Chris tried to reason with her father. "Dad, killing her is not worth it. At what cost, your freedom?"

to pacify him. "Let's all calm down and talk. Fighting will never solve

continued to hold on to him. Then he turned to Charles, "You shouldn't involve yourself in this mess. This has nothing

hung on to Charles, begging, "Help me, for

Rachel, "You married my uncle

closer to

that made Rachel jealous of Autumn. 'Why is Charles

spoke again, "Sit down,

to be seated. "What happened?" Chris asked again, looking at her father, then

woman?" Edward said scornfully. "She can answer your

snarl at Rachel again. "Tell me honestly...

that? I

seemed very certain that child could not be his.

man roared, jolting

again, so he threatened her, "I guess

leaning nearby and was about to whack a shuddering Rachel when Chris rushed towards him to prevent him from becoming more violent. "Dad, please don't

moment's hesitation, she carefully asked, "Uh... how do you know you're not

opening and blurted out, "Yes, what makes you think you're not this

momentum, Rachel went on, "I've always treated you respectfully and with love, and I have never cheated on you since we

noticed, Rachel added,

grabbed a glass that escaped his wrath earlier and hurled it towards Rachel while cursing her. "Bitch! I will

found her courage and warned, "Strike me again and

made Rachel feel safe,

the bold statement.

ahead and call the police! But I don't think they

only wish is to have a baby. What could

to her husband, she added, "Why do you treat me like

a

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Edward stared at Rachel while recalling his ordeal. "When I was given the news, I went to seek the opinion of several other doctors, going to hospitals here and abroad, asking if there was a way to reverse my condition. But everyone said the same thing. There was still no cure for this medical condition."

His eyes then took on a look of steel. "And then you tell me that your pregnancy test says you're having a baby? Do you really think you can fool me? Not everyone is as stupid as you are!" he spat.

Edward drew a long breath and then exhaled deeply. He was beginning to regret not listening to Chris' advice before deciding to marry Rachel. He even defended Rachel in front of his family, hoping to make them see that Rachel was really a kind and wonderful woman and that they simply misunderstood her. Now everything he'd said and done seemed so ridiculous. Everyone, except himself, saw Rachel's true character.

No one was more surprised at the revelations than Chris. And she knew underneath the anger, her father was really just saddened by Rachel's deception. This time, the woman was truly reaping what she had sown.

But Edward was her main concern. "Dad, you know how too much anger is bad for your health. You need to calm down. Here, have some water, " she offered.

Chris handed him a glass, and then assured her father, "No matter what happens, I'm here for you. You will never be alone."

Edward suddenly felt uncomfortable hearing his daughter's reassuring words. He realized he owed the girl so much for everything that had happened in the last twenty years. And if he'd only listened to her warning about Rachel, things may not have gotten worse.

It was true what people said that experience was the best teacher. But it was lucky for Edward who could do something about bad situations.

Seeing that she was not gaining any sympathy, Rachel bawled out loud and clutched her husband's leg. "Edward, I am truly sorry. Please, please forgive me," she begged.

In her heart, she knew Edward would never trust her again, so Rachel decided the best thing to do was grovel. Perhaps, that would soften his heart even just a little.

"For a moment, I lost my mind. I am truly sorry. And I won't ever dare betray you again," she vowed.

She clung to Edward's leg, pleading, "I really regret my behavior and actions. I know I was wrong. But I am sorry for it now. Please give me a chance, Edward."

But her husband would not be pacified. "Get away from me!" he shouted.

He was so disgusted about what she had done and could not contain his rage, even with her apology. He went with his emotions and kicked Rachel hard. The impact caused her to fall, and her head slammed into a teapot.

Everyone was taken aback, and no one moved quickly enough to catch Rachel.

loud thump when the head and teapot collided, and soon Rachel's

looking at the others for assistance. Then he barked orders, "We need to

car. Edward and Chris followed close behind. Arriving at the hospital, Rachel was rushed into the emergency room. She would need surgery. Edward looked stricken as he stood silently, watching doctors and nurses take care of

her indiscretion, he truly loved the woman. He married her even against the wishes of his family. He envisioned their union to be peaceful and happy. It was only later when he realized that Rachel

on him now that she may have been putting sleeping pills in his water, for how could he not be aware that she was always going out as soon

the present

worry, Dad. She'll be all

managed a sad smile, and then patted

was now worried that if something terrible happened to Rachel, she would use it as an excuse to keep her from Rachel or anyone else who would try to harm her, even if he had to pay a heavy price for get your hand treated first, "

Edward's house and worried it could get

nothing serious. "Really, I'm okay, "

said, "It's just a small

ignored her wound and only wanted to stay with

personnel. "Chris, you need to have that treated. It was bleeding a lot earlier. I'll be

she was outnumbered, Chris agreed to be seen by a nurse. She felt pain shoot up her arm as it was being sterilized with antiseptic.

the plane and it was already past dinner time. They would most likely stay at the hospital until very about Rachel. I'm sure she'll be fine," she said.

and said, "I'm not worried about Rachel. It's my father I'm

woman! Why does she keep causing trouble for

console her. Then she looked her

in the end. Just cross the bridge when you get there,

support offered, Chris realized everything that happened only really involved her family. Yet, here was Autumn standing by her. She felt guilty all of a sudden. "I'm so sorry, Autumn, that you've had to be involved in

to drag them to Edward's house to help deal with her father and

apology. "Chris, we're family so there's nothing to worry about. Stop thinking of

declared, "I am not leaving you alone here. Charles and I would be worried about

Chapter 395 A Divorce Deal

Chris smiled at her father. "You take it easy, Dad. We're all here for you."

She sat down beside him and gave him a hug of reassurance.

By 10 o'clock, Rachel was out of surgery, although she had yet to wake up from anesthesia. Her forehead was plastered and her face was still pale. Edward asked about his wife and was relieved to be told she was out of danger.

He asked the medical staff who had handled the patient during surgery.

A doctor still wearing surgical scrubs and a mask approached Edward and the rest to report on the outcome of the procedure.

"I handled the operation," said he, after taking off the mask.

An anxious Edward inquired, "Doctor, how is she? When will she wake up?"

The surgeon patted Edward's shoulder to assure him Rachel was in recovery.

"I had to stitch her forehead which was cut open. The stitches will be removed in a few days. But..."

The doctor paused a bit, and then looked at Edward, his face quite serious. "Your wife is pregnant and is already in a delicate state. The accident, unfortunately, put the baby at risk for abortion. I'm sorry," said Rachel's doctor. He explained the patient needed complete bed rest and must not be subject to undue stress, otherwise she would be in danger of losing the child.

Edward shook the doctor's hand and said, "Yes, thank you for taking care of her. And we shall follow your instructions."

He was getting impatient for the physician to leave. While he appeared to be concerned about Rachel, Edward really wanted nothing to do with her pregnancy. Still, he was asked to see his wife after she woke up and was taken to a room.

Then he turned to those who were with him to ask them to go. "Charles, thank you for your efforts and kindness," Edward said, shaking Charles's hands. "You all go on home to rest. I'll stay behind to be with Rachel."

Chris, however, insisted on staying with her father. "I'll stay here with you to help out."

Edward thought of arguing with his daughter but eventually gave in. "Charles, Autumn, you can go home now and rest. Thank you for being here with us through all this," she said graciously, thanking Charles and Autumn.

preparing to leave

to stay at the hospital and wanted to get home after a

women then exchanged

know what to do," Chris reassured

Autumn off, Chris went back to the ward and saw her father was not there. She went to

her question. "I need to smoke to relax. Don't worry, I'm all right,

sorrows in cigarettes. If not for Chris' support and company, Edward was almost certain he would be facing a huge scandal once

thought of his earlier impulse to strangle Rachel to protect Chris's shares in the company. But he

protect his daughter and ensure they will have

father in silence, Chris decided to talk

you want to go about resolving this

an option for Chris. Something had to be done to put an end to the

fingers through his hair, shrugging. "I haven't thought of anything yet,

his daughter that had she not been holding him tightly during his confrontation

things may have ended. Seeing his daughter's stricken look, he quickly reassured Chris, "You don't have to be afraid. I wasn't going to put you through something traumatic

you scare me, Dad. I sincerely hope you will never do anything beyond

could no longer control his tears while listening to Chris. He gave her an affectionate hug and said, "My dear daughter, I promise that I will control my temper and won't act on impulse in

the conversation to Edward's marriage. "Since you're not the baby's father, how do you plan to handle the situation with Rachel?"

was curious

simply shook his head. "I

her," he admitted to his daughter.

Chris shudder. Divorce may be the best idea to deal with the marriage between Edward and Rachel following her cheating.

divorce is the answer?" she

definitely! What other recourse is there?" he replied.

it in the trash. He grimaced and added, "I can tolerate most

be taught an important lesson for her

Dad..." Chris sighed.

Chapter 396 Shameless

"Enough! Let go of me," Edward cried out, trying to wriggle out of Rachel's hold. After struggling for a moment, Edward threw off her hand in exasperation. "I know you are using this child to take advantage of me and get back at Charles. But let me tell you, there's no way I'm going to let you get away with it," he said, words laden with threat.

"I don't want to know whose child you're carrying right now, neither do I care. Just sign the divorce papers while I'm still asking nicely. Do you understand?"

"Edward, don't forget you're kind of a big deal in Y City. We've just been married not so long ago. If we get divorced now, the news will surely get around. Aren't you afraid the effect it will have for you?" Rachel asked, trying to change his mind.

"Edward, please don't do this. I'll listen to you in the future no matter what happens. I'll abort this baby if that's what it takes. I'll do anything for you!" Rachel begged.

"Stop! I don't want to hear your excuses anymore!" Edward said, refusing her request.

"It's over between us. I might be a man who cares about dignity but I'd rather take the chance than living with a woman like you. And don't you forget, you're also a public figure. You're a celebrity for Christ's sake! If your affair comes to light, not only will you be disgraced, but your career will also be ruined," he told her the stakes.

"So what are you waiting for?" he asked, raising his eyebrows.

"Sign the papers now!"

"Why are you doing this?! Are you really going to be so hard on me?"

Rachel yelled miserably.

She suddenly felt that the man in front of her was very strange. She realized he had definitely changed. He wasn't the same person who promised to take care and love her all his life. "Have you forgotten what you said at our wedding?! Have you forgotten your vows?!"

"How dare you mention that? Do you know how disgusted I am of what you've done?" Edward exclaimed, glaring at Rachel.

"I admit that I did love you very much, and I did promise to take care of you for the rest of our lives. But what about you? What have you done as my wife? I am indeed much older than you, and you might refuse to marry me if you minded it. But you married me and you must keep your words. After all, who would want an unfaithful wife?"

never cheat on you again,

know that I've gone too far and it was really foolish of me. If you give me my mind. We're done,

file a divorce suit against you

of your child. You can go straight to him after you sign it. I think he'll be the

of Roger. But who was he kidding? He would always just be a boy toy who she

made up his mind and would not change it no matter what happened, she realized that she had

"What is it?"

Edward asked, indifferent.

your property equally and that means I'll take half

about two months, but she already had the gall to take half of his property. She really was demanding too much that

say that you want all my dad's property?" Chris, who just returned after buying

in return,

the gloves have already come off, I don't have to hide my purpose anymore. I will divorce you only if

" Edward said,

decided to show your true colors, huh?" he continued, standing up. "Since we cannot reach an agreement, there is no need for us to do so. Tomorrow, I will

that, he turned and walked away, leaving Rachel staring

leave. When Chris got home, she soon discovered that Charles had already gone to work, leaving Autumn at home. "How did it go with Rachel? Is she alright?" Autumn asked as soon

couldn't be better, " Chris replied, sarcasm clear in her

the divorce papers this morning, she asked for

that?!"

almost couldn't believe her ears after hearing
dad was able to come to his senses this time. Instead of

Chapter 397 Do Whatever It Takes

Roger frowned and considered what was being asked of him. "It's impossible, " he finally said.

"Yes, I'm an actor, but I'm not as popular as she is. I don't see how Rachel will benefit by being linked to me, " Roger pointed out.

Autumn nodded. "Yes, you may not be as popular, but..."

Her eyes bore into him as she spoke. "After several months, it's very likely you'll be famous by the time the two TV shows where you play roles in are shown. And Rachel, who has nearly nothing, will think you are her last hope to recover what she lost."

Confused, Roger raised his hands to show that he was still clueless.

"So, what should I do now?" he asked.

Autumn was wondering if he finally understood her deviousness.

She smirked as he tried to absorb what she was thinking. Autumn made it a point never to hurt others unless they hurt her first. Rachel had already caused too much trouble and it was time to do something so the woman could not hurt her again.

Then she told Roger, "Of course you can do something. However..."

Autumn paused for effect. "You have to do whatever it takes, no matter what the cost."

Her words may have been vague but the message was clear and Roger understood. Autumn stood up to leave and said, "I've said enough. I leave it up to you, including whether you will or will not do it."

She gave him a daring look, and the latter formulated a plan in his head.

recourse would be to blackmail him, and that would definitely destroy his career

to call a reporter from Entertainment Weekly. Roger went straight to the point.

photos that you might be interested in, "

day, photos of Rachel and Roger were splashed on every tabloid, magazine and online. In it was Rachel, in all her naked glory, a complete

the photos achieved two things: it destroyed Rachel as was intended, and it made

roles in two TV shows they were filming. So the shows became a hot

and became interested in his shows. Besides, it was a known

expected, Roger's popularity grew as a

it still made people more aware of him. As

Roger's assistant. "You've become a real celebrity now! And everyone

sharing the news about people's reactions to

but the topic wasn't as hot as he expected it to be. He knew that an actor needed

give Rachel a chance to blackmail him and end his career before it

Rachel's infamy and use it to his

hospital, she was blocked by reporters wanting to interview her. She tried calling Roger to ask for help, but only his assistant answered. "I'm sorry. Roger is busy working now. I'll

up, furious, struggling to think about

to her, Roger had arranged for a press conference

media swarmed his house, blocked his gate and made it impossible to evade them. Aware of why they were there, Edward decided to talk so they would stop hounding

Rachel, I know nothing about the photos that came out, " he began. "Our marriage has come to an end and

say about her, "

reporter shouted out a

Chapter 398 The Boss-Employee Relationship

More drama was needed, Roger thought. So he stood up, bowed deep and said, "While I had to admit to a romantic relationship with Miss Bai, I will make it clear it was in the past. I am now appealing to the public to please respect her privacy, especially her married life even if we, as artists, are susceptible to gossip. While publicity is good for my TV shows and help people recognize me as an actor, I would appreciate not hearing baseless comments about my private life."

But the press wanted to know more. "Did you know that Miss Bai and her husband Edward Lu are getting a divorce and he wants to divorce her?" a reporter inquired.

Ever the actor, Roger pretended to be stunned by the news. "But why? I've long ended my relationship with Miss Bai so it can't be the reason for their parting, " he said.

Roger sought out a camera, looked directly into it and said, "Edward, I know we have never met. But I want to sincerely apologize for any trouble I may have caused your marriage. And while Miss Bai and I have parted a long time ago, I will not blame you for whatever actions you may take regarding the matter."

His admission was well accepted and gained him more recognition that was very good for his TV shows. And the media began to shift their attention from gossiping about Roger's private life to his acting career.

Rachel, however, was furious over Roger's claims made during the press conference. She hurled everything within reach and shattered every breakable item in sight. The nurse who came in was appalled at the mess and expressed her displeasure. "Miss Bai, this is a hospital. You have no right to behave that way!"

But the patient was raving mad and screamed, "Out of my sight!"

She pointed at the nurse and menacingly said, "Get out of here!"

But the nurse would not be cowed. "This is our hospital, a public facility, and not your house or private room. We will not tolerate smashing hospital property!"

Unfortunately, the nurse was well aware of the scandal Rachel was involved in and looked at the woman contemptuously. "Whatever issues you have does not justify your behavior."

But Rachel was unstoppable. "How dare you speak to me that way!"

She sneered and assumed a more superior attitude. "What gives you the right to disrespect me?"

With Roger's announcement and Edward's decision to divorce her, all Rachel wanted to do was hide in the hospital to avoid facing the media and the public.

"I treat every

case, Miss Bai... you had better arrange to

her,

"I can afford another day's hospitalization, " Rachel

disdain and said, "This is not a

need. Those who have recovered need to be discharged, regardless of whether they can

that the nurse was unmoved by her appeal and remained adamant about her being discharged.

there was only one way to stay

undergo induced abortion. Is

romantic relationship, keeping the baby didn't seem worth

by the announcement, she showed no sign of it.

routinely, "Are you sure

have thought this through. I am left with no choice but to end this pregnancy,

knew no one would claim the baby and it

you want to undergo

soon as possible!" Rachel quickly replied.

be categorized into ten grades.

without any support is perhaps among the most unbearable, and Rachel knew this was
abortion with no family caring for

at Shining Company. She brought in a document for his signature. But after signing the papers, he tossed
it back to Leila and ordered,

herself despite his

began, coming closer to Charles. "I need to talk

Chapter 399 The Verdict

Leila played one last card. "Ah, Mr. Lu? Will you be attending the dinner party tonight?" she asked.

The dinner was in honor of an important client. During similar occasions in the past, Charles always had
her accompany him. And she was hoping he would do the same this time around. Every chance to be
with Charles was precious for her.

She was surprised when Charles, after considering briefly, said no. Frowning, he told Leila, "Ask David to
go with you. I have something else to attend to this evening."

Crestfallen, Leila said, "Okay."

She would have complied with whatever Charles decided. She thought, 'It's foolish to insist on Charles
attending tonight. He's already suspected I started the rumor about our inappropriate relationship.' As
she turned to leave, she decided, 'I need to stay under the radar in the meantime. Otherwise, I may lose
my job.'

Walking out of Charles' office, Leila was now livid. But she remained calm not wanting to show her
distress. Anger was useless. If her co-workers saw she was infuriated, they would only make fun of her.
And the worst was the possibility of losing her job all because of her desire for the boss.

Charles left the office early and gave notice he was not returning for the day. He went to Autumn's
office to pick up his wife. Since they had yet to visit Autumn's family after getting back from their
honeymoon, the couple agreed to visit and join the Zhao family for dinner.

"Grandma!" Autumn greeted Emily excitedly when they arrived.

Abby, meanwhile, pulled Charles aside and whispered, "How are things going with your secretary?"

Charles quickly assured her. "Please don't worry, Aunt Abby. I have no feelings for her, and I will never
betray Autumn," he promised. Abby looked him in the eye, saw that he meant every word and
remarked, "You better not."

She didn't trust Charles and wanted to hear his sentiments about the matter.

"I'm telling you, if you do anything to hurt Autumn, I will show you no mercy," she warned, her tone
deadly serious.

"I know," Charles replied.

He was aware Autumn's family, including Abby, was just protective of his wife and did not mind the distrust.

Autumn spied the two huddled in a corner and went up to them. "What are you two talking about?"

She looked from Charles to Abby. "Why so sneaky, hmm?"

"It's nothing. We're just catching

no need for Autumn to know about Leila's attempts

education, " Charles explained to his wife with a

Where is Cindy?" Autumn asked,

her around, " she frowned

"Cindy is with her

at home and spend time there."

was always a feast laid out for her. Amy had always been grateful that her son left them a pretty granddaughter. Autumn's presence made it easier to deal with the grief of losing her son Bowen. She

dark. Lowering her head, Autumn thought, 'Why is my grandfather talking about Wendy? I'm married now and starting a new life with Charles. And I've been quite busy lately, yes, but

Wendy at all, considering all that she did to her daughter. 'What she did

Why did you have to bring up

her to admonish Arthur. "It's okay, Grandma, " Autumn assured Abby. Then

happened to her?" she

she dropped her chopsticks on the floor. Concerned, Charles picked them up and asked his wife, "Are you all right?" Abby set another pair of chopsticks on Autumn's plate.

breath

slightly and turned to Arthur. "What was the

had no intention of telling Autumn what would become of Wendy. The woman

mother, or a mother's love, so he

Autumn decided to do after, he would respect

And she has been sentenced to

be executed soon, "

She appeared calm, but he was certain that she was controlling her emotions.

the courage to speak.

"Yvonne?" Arthur supplied.

Autumn nodded slowly.

and was given a two-year

I have to tell the truth. Wendy was responsible for your father's death. With Aron's help, we managed to add aggravating

understand and accept that. But I do

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Charles stared at his wife and remarked, "You have really changed, Autumn." He paused briefly, and then continued with his observation. "If it were the old Autumn, you would have asked to see Wendy immediately. You used to trust her so much and would have begged your grandfather to let her go. But now, your choice is completely different, and the change in you is so evident."

Autumn was eager to know what her husband thought. "But it's a good change for me, right?"

She had already felt the changes in herself.

For one, when Rachel had lost everything, she still convinced Roger to break up with her to further humiliate the woman. She justified her actions thinking there were just people who were like snakes that did not deserve sympathy, because they had a tendency to bite the lifesaver once they recovered. And to her mind, Rachel was one such snake.

So, Autumn felt no guilt kicking her when she was already down.

Besides, she was really tired of Rachel's constant pestering.

Charles gave his wife a reassuring smile and said, "Honestly, I have to say the changes are very good."

And he added, "Now, I don't have to worry about you being taken advantage of by people because of your kindness."

He was actually referring to Wendy, who often took advantage of her daughter's unconditional love and trust.

During those times, he was wishing for Autumn to be a little more selfish just to protect herself.

While Autumn insisted Wendy and her fate were of no concern to her, she was haunted by nightmares about her mother. So she slept poorly, and dark shadows circled her eyes the next morning. She freshened up, but slumped in the living room waiting for Nancy to serve breakfast.

"Good morning, Autumn," Nancy greeted her brightly.

"There is soybean milk and porridge for breakfast. What will you be having?"

Still reeling from lack of sleep, Autumn had very little appetite and settled for a little soybean milk and two dumplings that she asked Nancy to prepare.

As she ate the fried dumplings, Autumn asked, "Why don't you prepare milk for me these days?"

Nancy was startled by the sudden question and a funny look flashed across her face. She regained her composure before replying, "Well, you didn't drink the milk I prepared for you a few days before your travel. And you didn't ask for it after you came back. So, I was thinking you didn't like it anymore. Now you want to have milk again?" she inquired.

Autumn nodded.

Then she explained, "I don't sleep well without drinking milk. So I think I will have it again every night."

"All right, I will prepare milk for

the way, how are

small smile and said,

announced, "I am full now. Thank you. And I

much to do. But just as Autumn arrived at a restaurant where she was meeting Isla for lunch, she noticed a commotion in the street. Some burly men had blocked a woman's path and suddenly began dragging her away. Autumn caught a glimpse of the woman in distress and it appeared to be

but was not fast enough. By the time

restaurant, sat down and kept looking outside. Isla, who had ordered, was

wrong, Autumn?" she asked while handing

saw someone I knew, " she

it bothered her that the place where she saw the men and

mind, " she said, thinking she had made a mistake.

herself, Autumn saw the huge diamond ring on

blurted out in excitement, lifting

my God! Aron has asked you to marry him, hasn't he?" she

looked up, Autumn noticed the radiance in her face. "I almost freaked out. We were out on a date last night. He suddenly knelt down in front of me while everyone having

could not help

the

was touched, too. I had mixed

Isla kept thinking about the incredible evening and how excited she felt. She told Autumn that in her excitement, she hardly remembered how the ring

Isla, " Autumn beamed

for Isla or share in her excitement.

but continued to smile.

to sit

that should go to the woman's home to discuss wedding arrangements. But since Aron's grandparents were already quite old, it was decided by Isla and her parents to go to Aron's house instead so

to know when that

about were having their turn at

Chris, now it

be the first to know, "

their time. They had been through many challenges together, which only strengthened their bond as friends. It

felt life was getting

got home, the first thing she saw was Nancy, her face all black and blue. Immediately concerned, she rushed to her

her head down to hide