

My Eye 401

Chapter 401 Colin Targets Isla

Nancy masked her guilt by quickly assuring Charles. "Don't worry about me, Mr. Lu." She paused, inhaled quietly and then said, "I am fine. And I appreciate your concern."

As this went on, Autumn kept silent and focused on eating.

As planned, Autumn left with Chris to shop after dinner. They first went to the supermarket to get nuts and snacks for the Spring Festival. Then they headed to the shopping mall to buy clothes for Gary as a New Year's gift. Autumn regretted not having enough time to get her grandparents in the Zhao family any presents because it was already late. She made up her mind to go out and shop again another day.

Chris could not contain her excitement about the coming celebration. "I am so looking forward to the family reunion on New Year's Eve. We must celebrate with a party! My brother used to buy a lot of fireworks to light up the New Year and it was spectacular watching them rise and bloom in the sky!" she remarked. Autumn shared in Chris' enthusiasm.

"Yes, we absolutely must have a party for the Spring Festival this year. We need to cherish this time together with the family because next year, you're going to spend New Year with Sam's family," she told Chris. Autumn was teasing Chris as they loaded the stuff in the car trunk.

Chris blushed in shyness but smiled a bit.

On their way home, they drove by the supermarket and saw Isla who was being harassed by a man they were unfamiliar with. Autumn quickly stopped the car and went over to Isla, in an attempt to protect her friend.

Up close, Autumn saw a man dressed in an expensive suit, who was actually good-looking. But he had ill manners. True to form, the man's eyes glimmered when Autumn came into his sight. "Wow, what a beauty! Tonight must be my lucky night," he said brashly.

"Autumn! What are you doing here?" Isla cried out. Startled at seeing Autumn, Isla uttered, "This has nothing to do with you, Autumn. Just go, please."

From annoyance, Autumn's mood turned suspicious. "No! I can't leave you here alone," she declared. Autumn now stood in front of Isla and warned the man, "You stay where you are." She faced him boldly and added, "Stay away or you will regret it."

business that is none of your concern." He assumed a cockier stance before adding, "I just want to talk to

to glare at the man who kept advancing

worried about Autumn being involved in an

be afraid, Isla. We'll protect you and

I've already called the police. If you insist on causing trouble here,

them I'm a cousin, your elder brother. Are you going to let them do that to me?" Colin was actually Aron's cousin. He now seemed a bit anxious after hearing Chris say she had called the police. He was heading to a bar when he

said. Confused, she looked at Isla waiting for a

and explained,

pretty good idea about Colin's character. Isla described him as cynical and good for nothing. The memory annoyed her more and she threw Colin a look of

triumph and taunted Autumn, "Did you hear what she said?"

back. Still standing in front of Isla, Autumn pointed out, "You are Aron's cousin, and Isla is his girlfriend. So why are you

is just Aron's girlfriend, not his wife." Smirking, he added, "Even if they were married, there is always divorce. Since she is only Aron's girlfriend at the moment, it is within my rights to woo

Isla turned pale but inside, she was raging. It was obvious that Colin was just out to make

when they met, he would badger her to no end until she was terribly annoyed.

they would run into each other

was just Aron's girlfriend. 'What does Colin want from me?'

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Isla sighed and shook her head. "No, Aron is not aware of this. And I don't want to worry him because he will try to deal with the situation." She clasped her hands before speaking. "You know Aron is still dealing with Simon's death. But Colin's family is also causing him trouble. And if he finds out that Colin has been harassing me, I'm afraid he will try to settle the score violently and destroy himself in the process."

Autumn wanted to console Isla, and started to talk but decided to keep quiet. She was thinking only Aron could resolve the matter of Colin hounding Isla, since her friend was helpless in dealing with the situation.

Although Aron may decide to handle things violently, perhaps he can be persuaded to settle it in a civil manner.

Autumn finally spoke up. "Isla, I still think it's better to tell Aron what has been going on so he can think of a way to put a stop to it." As angry as she was over the situation, she was calm as giving her suggestion.

"I know what to do," Isla suddenly blurted out. With a small smile, she said, "Tomorrow my parents will be coming to Y City to discuss my wedding with Aron's grandparents. I'll tell Aron about it then."

"That sounds good," Autumn agreed. She only hoped Isla would really push through with telling Aron.

Autumn escorted Isla to the door of her home just to ensure she was home safe. Nowadays, living a comfortable life was not a guarantee against facing danger.

At the end of the year, Autumn finished her last proposal and gave orders for her employees to take their annual leave.

She knew taking a break was necessary because they would soon be faced with several big cases when they returned to work after the new year. She wanted all of them to be well rested.

Isla left the officer earlier to pick up her parents from the train station. John and Jina wore down jackets that their daughter bought earlier in preparation for the meeting with Aron's grandparents.

their work at the farm, they rarely

their daughter. They were also laden with packages, which made Isla feel guilty. "You know it's not necessary to bring me so

favorites," said Jina. They also brought freshly-picked carrots from the village that were not available in the big city. Then Jina shyly asked, "Isla, do I look

it," Isla told her mother. She escorted them to her car and drove directly to the hotel

and her parents approaching, Aron stood up excitedly to greet the three and his grandparents

brought the two families closer together. Joanna especially enjoyed chatting with Jina. As the elders got along, Isla

I'm just tired because I stayed

was served, Mike poured out wine, as a sign of respect for John, whom he found

looked at one another and nodded, as each realized how right

up. "Aron and Isla, I think, are already old enough so they should no longer postpone their wedding. So I suggest that an auspicious date be

wholeheartedly agree," Jina replied. "And that's why we came

we are quite honored to welcome him as our son-in-law. His relationship with Isla may have faced challenges but I believe they are fated to be together for good." Jina looked at her daughter and said, "It is time to discuss their

a sheet of red paper from her coat and explained, "I requested a village elder to divine Aron's and Isla's dates of birth for an auspicious day for the wedding. And he gave a day in May next year as the

examined the date neatly brushed on the red paper and nodded her approval. "An auspicious day, indeed," she said to Jina. She was about to bring up the matter of betrothal gifts when she heard a familiar

the group and walked over haughtily. "Why, is there a party going on

brings all of you here?" Joanna rose to question Fiona's arrival, displeasure

Chapter 403 Meeting For A Wedding (Part Two)

"Mind your words!" Mike stared at Fiona in anger. "We are arranging for their wedding. It is justified if Isla calls you Aunt beforehand. I don't see any reason behind you having an issue with that or blaming Isla for such a lame reason!"

"Dad, " Fiona replied with sarcasm in her voice. "Before Isla gets married and becomes a part of my family, it would have been more courteous on her part to have called me Mrs. Chen. I mean, just to avoid any troubles she may cause to Aron."

Aron snapped back with growing hostility toward Fiona, "My marriage with Isla is my business. It would be much better if you can just refrain from such unjustified and uninvited interference into this."

Nothing but bad would follow on the arrival of Fiona and her family, as Aron expected.

"How dare you?" Fiona was violently angered but unable to give any counter-blow due to the lack of reason.

"No more of such quarrels and disputes over here anymore." Joanna expressed her displeasure to Fiona, "Get out of here or else behave yourself. Stop making a fool of yourself in the presence of our guests."

"Mom, I am speaking out of concern for Aron." Unwilling to rest her laurels in trying to make the situation worse, Fiona urged Joanna, "The reason behind my speaking such unpleasant words is only because Aron is a part of my family. Moreover, Becky comes from an eminent family. She is beautiful and courteous. She shows much reverence towards you. Indeed a suitable and deserving wife for Aron."

"Fiona!" Joanna shot back, unable to control her anger, "That is absolute nonsense!"

"There is nothing wrong in what I am saying!" Fiona's deliberate arrogance was very much apparent as she continued, "Becky, I think, is much more suitable for marrying into my family instead of Isla whose family is of no match to mine in any way."

Jina shot back with a sneer, "Since you do not show my family the due respect, there is no point for us to be in

immediate impulse was to leave the

to pacify Jina and whispered to her ears, "Fiona means to spoil my wedding. We should stay here to make her

to Isla. But, my dear Aunt, if you consider Becky to be the ideal bride for

was violently angered and humiliated

Colin? Colin was excellent enough to marry a girl with good appearance, good manners and good family background, but... Becky was far

no match for Colin. And that too

to the seat and pacified Jina, "I was a poor orphaned boy. You

"Only Mike and Joanna have the rights to

"My parents are elders in our

his complaints, "Such elders who wish ill of their juniors

Mike, despairing of the virtue from Colin and his parents, retorted harshly at Fiona, "You will be welcome as felicitators or... removed from here if you

you as your grandson. You have lavished your love upon Aron more than

our relationship, I would give Aron all my shares to kill your wild thoughts. Do you want to have a try?"
Mike pointed

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"Mom, I can understand you are just worried about me." Isla smiled reassuringly and said, "But you should also have faith on Aron. I know, he will never let me down."

The reassuring words of Isla came as a soothing balm on the wounded heart of her mother. Yet it took Jina a few minutes to gather herself. After she calmed down, Joanna spoke, "It is our family's responsibility to prepare for the wedding. You can just give the list of guests to us. Moreover, if you have any customs need to be complied with, please let us know. We are going to become a family very soon. Please don't hesitate to tell us if you find anything inappropriate on our part."

"Okay." Finally, there was a satisfying smile on Jina's face. The situation became cheerful once again. All the people at the table began talking harmoniously with each other. The wedding was a much awaited auspicious moment not just for Isla and Aron but for both the families.

Amidst all the cheers and niceties that were being shared among everyone, one soul that was still extremely distressed was that of Fiona. No matter how hard she tried to get along with the happy tide that flowed in the party, she could not stop worrying about the probable outcome of the marriage on her and her son's future. Mike promised a big gift to Aron on his wedding. Fiona guessed that the gift must be Mike's share of the company. Hence she tried with all her might to stop Aron from marrying.

The very thought of Aron living a happy life was unbearable for her.

"Jina, our family can take care of almost everything but... we have no idea about your local customs. We don't want anything to fall short in our attempt to prepare for your family. I have discussed it with Aron and plan to give you 8.88 million dollars. If you think it is not enough, we can give more. So how do you think about it?" Joanna had discussed it for a long time and chose such a lucky number as the price for Isla's gift. Isla was a very good girl for Aron. The money was just a token to show Aron and his family's respect for her. And she deserved the money.

"Mom, are you kidding?" Fiona let out a scream out of shock, "How could you give her so much money?"

Indeed, 8.88 billion dollars was a great amount of money for Isla's family. They lived in a poor country and had never seen so much money before. When they heard this number, even they were shocked.

But they decided not to accept it all because they didn't need so much.

Fiona and said in a low voice, "Did you forget what father told

and said, "If I don't say anything, your parents will give all they have to Aron. So I won't listen turned to Joanna, "They are so poor. How could you give them so much money? They will never see so much money if you don't give them. Coming from such a poor family, even Isla

"Isla will be my grandson's wife soon, I will not allow you to

The people like Isla and her family do not need so much money! It looks like we are making a business deal with their family and we buy their daughter in such a hefty

beyond words hearing such demeaning words from his daughter-in-law. He threw his chopsticks to the ground out of rage. He shouted at Fiona, "Get out of here. Now! I

changed ever since Aron came back to this family. You withdrew all your affection from Colin

The money you are going to use for Aron's wedding belongs to Chen family and Colin! How could you use

that Colin was the rightful heir to all the money that belonged to Mike and Joanna while Aron had no rights to

and said, "Both Colin and Aron are my grandsons and I have never treated them unfairly! I have given Colin

that apartment!" Fiona sneered and said, "In a word, I won't

my gift

more but was interrupted by Mike and Joanna, "Albert, if you still take us as your parents, just take her out of here. I don't

looked at Fiona and then at his

listening to Fiona's opinion on every matter, but he didn't dare do anything against Mike's will especially when Mike was angry. After a long

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"You..." Fiona was literally shaking in anger and humiliation. Her face became red. She could barely tolerate the insult but looking at her husband and son coyly giving in to the situation, she had no other choice than to become quiet.

"Fine." Colin walked up towards Fiona and said, "Mom, let's go. It's an important day for Aron and your presence is ruining the party for everyone."

Then he quietly escorted her out. Albert followed them immediately.

One could have heard a pin drop in the room for a while. And then Mike spoke. He covered his face with his two hands and heaved a sigh, "I'm so unfortunate to have such a disobedient son."

"Calm down. Otherwise, it will effect your health." Joanna patted Mike's back gently and persuaded him, "We all are well aware of Fiona's nature. This is nothing new to us. So there is no point in getting angry with her."

Mike managed to bring a smile on his face but could not hide the pain. He turned to John and said, "I'm so sorry for... what happened today."

"It's Okay." John spoke after exchanging a glance with Jina, "Actually, that lady needn't worry so much. We have discuss about the money for our daughter's wedding well in advance."

He stopped for a moment and added, "We... don't want any money from you."

"What?" Mike, Joanna and even Aron were taken aback. Aron said to John, "Please don't take Fiona's words to your heart. The money... is paid by me. It has nothing to do with my grandparents. So please don't feel the pressure to take it."

"It's not the money that concerns us." John smiled and said to Aron, "The economic gap between my family and yours is immense. But it doesn't matter because we believe that Aron will treat Isla well. No matter whether Aron is rich or not, we give our consent to their marriage."

don't want to be considered to have allowed Isla to marry Aron only for his family's fame or money.

to bring Isla up and now she has to

really love Isla from what you said to Isla's aunt. I think your heart for Isla is the

and pay visits to us often with Isla. That will make us happier than anything else." Then she added, "Let's make a deal.

all their might to persuade

a small episode. When they all came out of the restaurant, Isla took her parents to the shopping mall and

days before she went back to the countryside with

home including Emily to celebrate together. Chris called Edward

Edward called her back and Chris finally felt assured. She charged him out of concern, "Why didn't you answer

There was a

Where are you now? I will pick you up and we will spend the night together." Chris

laughed and said, "Sorry my Dear, I can't come back. I'm traveling

expected that Edward would go on vacation

after this month." Edward added, "Just wait for me for few days and

about to hang up the phone but Chris stopped

"My friends are waiting for me, " he

the matters between you and Rachel... all been settled?" This was one sensitive topic that Chris never wanted to discuss with her father.

then he replied, "Not yet. But Rachel has signed on the divorce agreement. I think... we can divorce

Chapter 406 The Spring Festival (Part Two)

It was the liveliest New Year for the Lu family. In the past, only three people spent New Year's Eve together. While other families were celebrating Spring Festival together, there was nothing to be cheerful about for the Lu family. Charles never cared for the grand festivities so it did not matter whether his family had a party or not. So Spring Festival was usually quiet and cheerless. Gary was usually upset over the lack of celebration, but could do nothing to change the situation. So this year was totally different since Autumn and Sam were now members of the Lu family and would be participating in their first family reunion.

Even better, the Zhao family also decided to participate in the New Year festivities as well. Gary stared at Autumn, who had wrapped her arms around young Cindy. He was looking forward to having a great-grandson as soon as possible.

There was delicious food, merry-making, and laughter in the house. The joy was unmistakable.

With a big smile, Gary called out, "Gather together everyone. It is now time for red packets." He rubbed his hands together before bringing out the red packets. "Everyone will be getting a red packet. It is my New Year's wish for each of you," he announced.

Everyone chorused, "Thank you, Grandpa!" Gary was tremendously pleased to see how his family sincerely appreciated his gifts and how much fun they were all having. After Gary, Arthur also gave away red packets to everyone. Autumn was teary-eyed with joy as she received two envelopes. Seeing her sentimental, those around her burst into laughter.

After dinner, Autumn asked Cindy to go out to the yard to join her in setting off the fireworks. Others started playing mahjong in the chess room. Emily, who said she was already tired, went to rest early.

Cindy, however, could not mask her sadness even as she tried to enjoy setting off the fireworks. Autumn, who happened to look at her, was concerned about Cindy's mood and decided to ask why she was feeling blue despite the festivities.

She walked over to Cindy and gently asked, "What's wrong Cindy? Why do you look upset? You can tell me." She caught Cindy's hand in hers and then wrapped an arm around her shoulders.

"Sister Autumn, I..." Cindy found it difficult to speak as she felt Autumn's kindness. Then she could no longer keep the tears from streaming down her cheeks.

Seeing her distress, Autumn hugged Cindy tight to comfort her. She waited patiently until Cindy had calmed down, and then asked, "Why are you so sad, Cindy? I can't bear to see you like this. Please, tell me so I can help you out."

Autumn. "Sister Gina said my mom was pregnant and I would have a baby brother or sister soon. She also told me that once the baby was born they would no longer like me." Cindy wrapped

was still clinging to Autumn. Then Cindy looked up and said,

her. Autumn felt very bad for the little girl who must have been secretly upset for several days. So she took a deep breath

my mom and dad would only love the baby. She also said my grandparents would act the same way." Autumn understood that Cindy was still

her slightly that Gina could be so cruel saying such things to the little girl. Autumn hugged Cindy tighter, and then lifted her face before talking. "Cindy, listen to me. You have nothing

forever. You must always remember this. Parents do not

say something that would ease Cindy's fears. "Even if they have a baby soon, they will not stop loving you. While it's true your parents will pay more attention to the baby, it's only because little babies need a lot of care because they can't do anything for themselves yet.

Autumn told her but still felt anxious. "Are you sure my

patted Cindy on the back. "To your parents, you are a treasure, someone very

of relief at seeing the child less anxious. In order to distract her, she asked Cindy to help her start the fireworks again. This time, Cindy

talking about her pregnancy and everyone listening were happy about the news. No

teased her, "Autumn, I

Autumn requested Cindy's grandmother to take care of the child. Then she went to sit down beside Abby and asked in a low

Then she answered, "Of course I am pregnant!" Almost hissing, she told Autumn, "I had a pregnancy test before the Spring Festival. I am already two months pregnant now." She looked at Autumn's face, her

Autumn looked more worried than cheerful. And this added to her confusion. "What's the matter Autumn? Aren't you happy for me? You look kind of worried,

hesitated slightly then continued, "Please

Chapter 407 Cindy's Fears

Cindy looked at her mother, considered for a moment, and then walked towards Abby. Fear was written all over her face. "Mom..." she called out.

Abby smiled at her little girl in encouragement. "Come. Don't be scared." She thought of what Cindy had been suffering through recently and felt guilty and sad. She held out her arms to the girl and hugged her for reassurance. Then she gently asked, "Can you tell me what Gina said to you?"

Cindy felt her heart pounding. She kept quiet, hesitant to answer her mother. Then she saw Autumn, who gave her an encouraging look while Abby kept repeating, "Don't be scared, I won't allow anyone to hurt you."

The girl shut her eyes for a moment. Claspng her hands together, she began, "She said you and Dad wouldn't like me anymore and would drive me away once the baby was born."

Just the thought of being sent away made Cindy break down and cry. Then she pleaded with her mother, "I promise to be a good girl from now on. Just please don't send me away."

Everyone who heard Cindy was aghast and felt pity for the girl in tears. Abby turned to Andy and said, "Look what you've done. You made Gina a part of our family, fed her, and let her stay in our home, but what did she do? She fed Cindy all this nonsense! Cindy is only a little girl and I won't let anybody hurt her." She hugged Cindy protectively. "If you don't ask Gina to leave, I will never go home with Cindy," Abby threatened.

Andy was shocked at what Cindy said. He felt pain for his daughter after learning of her ordeal. He approached the girl, squatted in front of her and said, "Cindy, come."

She hesitated, and reached out to Andy. He looked at his daughter and saw the once cute and naughty girl gripped by fear after reliving Gina's cruel words. And she had suffered in silence, with no one noticing.

She stood quietly and then was hugged by her father. Cindy was still shaking inside. Andy gently asked, "Did she say anything else? Did she do anything to you?"

Cindy quickly bowed her head. "She..." Starting to sniffle again, she said, "She pinched me. And it was painful." Looking at her father, she went on, "Then she told me not to tell anyone about what happened."

Again, everyone was shocked by the revelation. They never thought someone so young could bear so much suffering. Abby felt her heart break as Cindy narrated what Gina did. She quickly pulled Cindy to hug her tightly and burst into tears.

down into tears along with her

everything to protect his children. He promptly called his so-called aunt and demanded she take Gina away immediately. If she did not leave, he threatened to call the police.

the situation, the woman turned nasty, insulting Andy and blaming him for not rewarding her family even as he had benefited from their care when he was young.

got exhausted from talking. Then he spoke emphasizing every word. "You should be thankful I did not call the police to take Gina away. I don't know how much I benefited from you, but I am aware of every gift and the money you received from my family every year. You don't want me to lose my temper so you'd better do as I

took a deep breath to calm himself and spoke

hugged Cindy again and reassured her repeatedly that she would never be abandoned no matter how many children they had. The little girl looked at

that the problem was settled early on. Even if Cindy suffered, she would heal

did not even dare imagine what would have happened to her daughter

playing the game and they all decided to go home. While watching TV

evening's events. They agreed that once they had a baby,

heavy feeling so she got out of the bed. "Where are you going?" Charles

and headed down to the kitchen. Before she reached the bottom of the stairs, she heard Nancy answer the phone. Although she tried to keep her voice low, Nancy's voice could be heard clearly from the stairs hear Nancy saying to the caller, "Don't hurt him, please. I'll give the money you want, to listen, then pleaded, "Yes, I know. But it's a large sum of money, which I don't have right now. So please now know what to do. I will do it as soon cry. It was the first time Autumn saw Nancy look so sad filled with money she received as Spring Festival gift. She made sure Nancy would be aware she was coming down the stairs, to let the woman cleaning? Stop that now. Come here and sit a moment, " she invited. She spoke in mild

Chapter 408 Mystery Man (Part One)

Autumn stood firm. "Just take it, please. And it's getting late so you'd better get some rest." Then she stood up and headed towards the kitchen, which was her original plan.

Nancy wondered why Autumn really came down. "What do you need, Mrs. Lu?" she asked. Autumn's generosity made her feel somewhat guilty.

"Oh, I was just going to heat some milk, " Autumn replied. She turned to look at Nancy and said, "We are family, Nancy. So, if you're ever in any kind of trouble, we'd like to know. Charles and I will do all we can to help you."

Nancy nodded and said, "All right." She put the red envelop inside her pocket, bowed and thought, 'While this money is not nearly enough, it is still better than nothing.' Nancy decided to assist Autumn.

"Mrs. Lu, let me heat the milk for you, " she offered. She hurried to the kitchen. Then she secretly took out a small packet of powder from her pocket. Hesitating for several seconds, she then sprinkled it into Autumn's milk.

'Autumn, I didn't do it on purpose, ' she thought to herself.

'I need money to pay that man, otherwise...' Nancy frowned slightly.

Autumn took over the milk and said, "Thank you." She smiled and told Nancy, "Why don't you get some rest now. Good night."

Nancy bid Autumn good night as well. But as she watched Autumn going up the stairs, she called out, "Mrs. Lu..."

Autumn turned around. "Did you need something?" From where she stood, Autumn thought Nancy was saying something but she couldn't quite hear it because of the sound of firecrackers exploding outside. Then Nancy simply smiled and said, "Oh nothing. Thank you again."

Autumn brought the milk to the bedroom, and after drinking, soon fell asleep.

and they could wear beautiful clothes and eat lots of delicious food. But the thrill ended once they grew up. For adults, it was just a common festival

when Autumn was informed that Wendy's execution had been carried out. It was death by shooting. And since Yvonne was locked up in jail, Autumn, as Wendy's only other

Wendy would be executed, Autumn was still stunned after receiving the call from the police. After a long pause,

her mother was gone. Then everything that happened came back clearly to her,

noticed the change in Autumn's face. "Are you okay?" He looked at her with concern, wondering why she

the phone and told Charles what the call was about. "The police asked me to take

Autumn for a while, and said, "I'll go with you." The couple left shortly, and headed to the prison facility where Wendy's remains awaited. It was snowing hard and there were cracks on the road, which made it difficult to walk on their way in. After waiting

Autumn couldn't help shuddering as she held

asked. She shook off the feeling of dread, and replied, "I'm fine. Let's

Since she and Yvonne were Wendy's only surviving relatives and Yvonne was unable to attend, it was Autumn who took care of all the preparations. Looking at Wendy's smiling photo on her tombstone, she suddenly felt

her with even the slightest bit of mercy, maybe her life would not have

with no opportunity to make amends.

as the wind blew. Then she laid the flowers on Wendy's grave and left immediately without looking back.

the walls of Y City prison was small windows that

gave the people languishing in jail the hope that they

while staring at the sun's rays as it came through that window. Sometimes, she would see birds flying by. It was from that window where she often

guard had called her and the cell door was soon opened. Still,

suddenly heard a stranger voice calling her name. When she turned around, Yvonne saw an unfamiliar face. She adjusted her vision

quickly averted her eyes, and suddenly felt numb

Chapter 409 A Mystery Man (Part Two)

"Ahhh!" Yvonne screamed. She felt pain radiating to the rest of her face and completely folded her body on the floor, fearful of being struck again.

The mysterious visitor was breathing heavily. Then, he said, "To be honest, I hate Autumn much more than I hate you." Not only was his face disfigured, Autumn had destroyed his life as well. He swore he would make Autumn pay.

"What do you want me to do for you?" Yvonne whimpered. She peered at him, feeling both pain and fear that this could be her end if she did not agree to his demands.

"I'm sure you are dying to get out of this place, " said he. He hunched down and looked at Yvonne with a sneer. "I could help you get out of here." Yvonne was listening. "But... you have to do everything I tell you."

She thought, 'What do I have to lose?' Yvonne was sick of the dark and dreary hole she was stuck in. If it meant leaving the place, she wouldn't mind doing this stranger's bidding. "Okay, I will do whatever you ask. Just take me away from this dreadful place, " she decided.

The stranger clapped his hands in glee at Yvonne's submission.

Not long after that visit, Yvonne was reported to have escaped prison. Autumn could not believe the news, thinking it was just a hoax. But the police called to warn her about the escaped felon and asked to report Yvonne's whereabouts urgently.

Still Autumn found it incredulous that Yvonne would be able to break out of prison. For certain, she had help because it was not something she could do alone.

Autumn opted to keep this development a secret, even from Charles. But he knew it somehow. He was worried about Yvonne and decided to check on Yvonne's visitors. He came upon an unfamiliar name: Ferry Fang.

Charles asked his wife, "Autumn, do you know anyone named Ferry Fang?" She looked at him blankly. Charles doubted she had any idea about who the man was. He also noted that lately, Autumn's memory was quite erratic, and getting worse.

"I don't recall anyone by that name, " she finally replied. Her efforts to remember the name were futile and this made her a bit impatient. Suddenly, she snapped at Charles, "Don't ask me anything more about it. I am already very confused!"

Autumn's outburst. "What is wrong with you?" he asked worriedly. He already sensed something was not right with his wife, especially her sudden change

off his hand. "I'm fine, " she snapped. Autumn quickly stood up and announced, "I'm tired and will
his wife's receding figure, anxious about her seeming abnormal

upstairs. Stealthily, she made a call and said, "I've done what you asked. I've been giving Autumn the drug and she's now showing signs of insanity. Will you let me

the person on the other line said. He continued to speak, "But you have to keep giving it to her until Autumn becomes totally unstable. And

our deal. I already gave you money so that I could see my son, "

if my son is harmed while being held in custody all menacingly, "Nancy, there is no trade-off to speak of here." He sound, " Nancy agreed. She knew there was no way out stranger was now smiling, was behaving abnormally, unable to hold her temper or even remember things. and losing hit Charles several times until he gave up. Everyone who home. She threw him out of the house in anger, which left Arthur he advised Arthur, "The symptoms manifested by her may be drug-induced. I've seen this in this assumption, he thought of was the only other person in close contact with Autumn daily, and was responsible for preparing food for annoyed when his sleuthing yielded nothing. There was even one day when he came off work as he searched

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Even though Charles knew that Autumn didn't do that on purpose, he could not help but feel a pinch of disappointment with her.

"Never mind, it was just a simple meal." Leila said with a rather assuring smile, "Please do help yourself."

Leila wasn't hungry but she kept persuading and urging Charles to eat more.

"Mr. Lu, can you... please tell me what happened?" Leila encouraged him to open up, "Maybe you will feel better once you speak it out. And you can trust that whatever you tell me will remain between us."

"I am fine." Charles let out a bitter smile as he simply could not even think of troubling anyone else with his burden.

"Then... you can just tell me whenever you decide to talk about it with others." Leila drew the line there and stopped nudging him to open up as she knew how Charles didn't like the women who were too enthusiastic around him. She cleaned up the table carefully after dinner and said to Charles, "I need to leave now, Mr. Lu."

"Hold on." Charles put on his jacket as he offered, "I'll drop you back home. It's the least I can do."

Charles wanted to express his gratitude for Leila in a way that he could.

Leila nodded her head in approval. This had presented itself as a perfect opportunity to draw closer to him and she had absolutely no reason to refuse it.

On their way to Leila's home, she didn't say anything because Charles wasn't in a good mood. When his car pulled over outside her home, Leila said, "Would you join me upstairs for a cup of tea?"

"No, thank you. I have troubled you enough for one night." Charles didn't want to go home but that did not mean he would brazenly head to another woman's house and betray Autumn.

He finally decided to go home. Once he reached, the living room was pitch dark and he saw Autumn perched on the sofa with a sad expression as switched on the light. Autumn stared back at him and asked, "Where did you go? Why have you come home so late?"

office." Then he added, "It is quite late. Why didn't you just

lying!" Autumn yelled at Charles with hatred and disgust, "I called you on your personal extension

What is it that you want to hear?" Charles got impatient. Her interrogation and accusations did

long time. So, when

you hesitating to tell me the truth?" Autumn walked up

weak from her attacks. He looked into her eyes and said, "Everyday you ask me these same questions. When will this madness stop? You are sick and you need to receive treatment in hospital. I can't bear to handle you

not sick!" Autumn flashed an angry stare at Charles, almost as though the man standing in front of her was not her husband but an enemy.

Chris up. She came out of her bedroom and persuaded Autumn, "Autumn, you are the only woman my brother loves. I can assure you that until my last breath. He will never have any mistress. He could not bear

as she responded, "You two siblings have united

had convinced her and gripped

every day without even looking in her

the dream and reality so she questioned Charles again and

about to speak to Autumn when Autumn pushed her aside and shouted, "Leave

don't think you are enough for me, Autumn Zhao?" Charles frowned and said, "I promised you time and again that I would never betray your trust because I only love you. So now what can I

else could

All she knew was that

and calm down while the other rather

She wanted to tell Charles that she was not doing all

her aid and supported her head under his palms as he kept calling her name. But she

the doctor told Charles with concern, "She is healthy

what?" Charles looked at the doctor nervously and said in a rather anxious tone, "You can just tell me about her real