

My Eye 411

Chapter 411 A Horrible Man Over The Phone

"How could you be out here? You should be in your room resting." Charles was upset and yet shocked to see Autumn in the doctor's office. "Autumn, this child will be aborted, as we have decided that after carefully considering your present poor health. We will have another baby when you are physically and psychologically fit. Please do consider my advice."

"Irrespective of whatever is said and done, I will keep this baby!" Autumn remained adamant. Supported by Chris, Autumn moved towards the doctor and pleaded for her child's life. "It is my earnest hope that I could carry my baby in my womb until delivery. My revered doctor, I place all my hopes upon you to do what you must to keep it healthy!"

Autumn was too weak to speak any further. Upon seeing Autumn out of breath, Charles lost no time to comfort her, "Autumn, for the time being, it is more important to cure your illness than to keep this baby, otherwise, you could stand losing your life let alone bringing life."

"I am fully aware of the risk." Autumn spoke to Charles as she began to sob, "I know I have been mentally unsound and have been bringing you trouble and hurting you. I feel immense regret about it. But this baby.. I can not afford to abort it. It is a life and I am the mother."

"You are being quite unreasonable!" Charles found it impossible to meet Autumn's wishes, as Autumn was, at that moment, too feeble to carry her baby any longer.

Chris and Sam added their advice, "Autumn, you better abort this child now. You will have another one when you regain your health, which would also be healthy for the baby."

"Autumn, as Chris suggested, you must take care of your health so as to produce a healthy baby." Sam regretted remaining silent about Autumn's abnormal behavior for the first time, which worsened the situation where Autumn was caught in now.

"Thanks for your kindness and concern. I understand your reasons and motivations." Autumn smiled at those present there. "But this baby shares my blood and flesh, a bond inexorable. There is nothing that will make me change decision and kill it. I need your fullest support as this may be my weakest hour."

"But what if....." Charles did not relent on the thought of beating Autumn unconscious before giving her an induced abortion, however... Autumn's following words put him in a dilemma.

love and care. Wendy bore her grudge against me

?Autumn's words shook Charles's certainty. He began to reconsider his decision in silence.

As it dawned upon him, he was... growing more and more

world with birth defects; you too would be mentally unsound to support it." Charles made his last attempt to change Autumn's decision, however, if

if it is physically handicapped." Autumn's decision stood strong through whatever everyone had to say.

moment, Charles also gave in and sought the doctor's suggestion, "Is there

doctor was somewhat puzzled but

assure you that this baby will come into being safe and sound, but I will

paused and added, "you

helps me sustain my baby and it is beneficial for it!" Autumn

drug, which was harmful to both your nervous system and your baby, shall be withdrawn immediately. You must also find out who administered this drug

to indicate their approval. "We will

and further went on, "Furthermore, you have to undertake more pregnancy tests than the ordinary expecting mothers. Once any birth defect is found, I will strongly advise you not to keep this baby but instead

are Doctor Zhao's granddaughter, I will

Chapter 412 An Investigation

Nancy was ashamed of her role in assisting in this heinous crime, as she held on to the receiver in terror.

"You can relax and take a breath. I am not calling you to keep drugging Autumn." The mystery man over the phone said rather coldly, as he decided to switch to a wiser and safer course to take revenge from Autumn and sustain Nancy's role.

"Please spare me! Under no circumstance would I continue to harm a pregnant woman. Please... just send back my son as I have obliged to your previous requests." Nancy pleaded with overburdening guilt as she entertained a tiny glimmer of hope to run away from the mess.

"You don't need to worry about that, as you are allowed to discontinue from your current task." The man continued to add in a detached tone. 'I will wait patiently and then give Autumn and Charles a stunning blow for my vengeance and satisfaction, ' he thought to himself.

"For the time being, all you really need to do is to take good care of Autumn. I will contact you if necessary." The man hung up the call after saying that. Nancy was eager to learn more, only to be left out of his devious plan.

Nancy felt rather powerless to deal with that.

"Nancy." Chris came to the kitchen, found Nancy burdened with tears, and asked anxiously, "Why such tears? Is everything okay?"

"I am fine." Nancy managed to reply with sense and reason, "I feel sympathetic about Autumn's trouble, as she should have been happy to be pregnant. Unexpectedly..."

Chris, with burning hatred, denounced the culprit, "I will teach the ringleader a good lesson!"

Chris sighed and continued, "Nancy, you can rest assured. Charles will find out the criminal involved very soon after conducting a meticulous investigation."

"Charles..." Nancy was struck with severe shock as she stammered, "An investigation will follow?"

a thorough investigation!" Nancy thought to herself as she was now under way." Chris nodded gently. "I just came here to ask you to prepare more nutritious dishes for Autumn

nodded and offered, "I will buy a silky fowl to prepare

I appreciate your concern." Chris added, "You will be

I ought to do... it is my duty to take care of Autumn."

collected, as she was

Autumn was within herself

dear granddaughter, you are too strong for keeping this baby, even after considering your physical condition and the risks."? Amy expressed her concerns and anxieties.

and countered, "Since Autumn has carefully decided to keep this baby after knowing all the factors, we should extend our fullest

"How are you feeling now?

and I am ever grateful for all your blessings. Thanks for your love and care." Autumn nodded and reassured Arthur, "My dear grandfather, I am feeling much better. You don't need to worry about me. I will be just

no powers to influence Autumn's mind, even though he was laden with anxieties.

heater to ensure Autumn would remain cozy in the bedroom. Abby, who happened to be pregnant as well, was deeply affected by Autumn's

as you may upset and scare Autumn." Abby was easily moved. Andy was fully aware of her sympathy touched her belly naughtily. "Are you keeping a baby as my mother

beaming smile. But Abby lost no time in carrying Cindy away lest Cindy hurt Autumn carelessly, "Autumn, you better head upstairs and have

too feeble to hold her attention

Charles and asked, "Has the culprit... been exposed or

Charles, but for reliable evidence,

Chapter 413 Inquiring

"Wake up, Autumn, it's time for dinner." After carrying the food upstairs, Charles entered their bedroom, turned on the light and shook Autumn awake. However, Autumn, who had been sleeping for hours, woke up in a daze and told Charles that she was not hungry and wanted to go back to sleep.

"Oh, please get up and join me for supper." Charles frowned. "Get out of bed and eat something, love. Please don't forget, you're carrying our baby so now you have to eat for two people."

Their relationship was now treading on delicate grounds owing to Autumn's occasional outbursts which were caused by her illness. Taking advantage of her sobriety, she apologized sincerely, "Charles, I'm sorry for all the trouble I've been causing lately. It must be very hard on you, I am so very sorry..."

"Oh it doesn't matter, Autumn. Please forget all about it, " Charles interrupted her immediately, as he looked into her eyes lovingly. "We're husband and wife, and you deserve everything I do for you."

"I mean it, my behavior was unwarranted for and I can't imagine what I made you go through on my account." Autumn looked back into his eyes deeply. She was fully aware of how her illness had affected those around her, and bearing that guilt in her mind, she wanted to express her apology to her closest ones without losing control of her emotions.

"Look, Charles, if I lose my temper again, just leave me alone until it passes because I do not know what I am saying and it means nothing, " Autumn advised. "I really feel guilty about bothering you so much."

"Don't say that, " Charles said sadly as he helped Autumn sit up in the bed. "No matter how long or what it takes, I will find a way to cure you and help our baby be born safely, " he added firmly to assure her.

After only a few bites, Autumn put the bowl and chopsticks down. Her appetite had almost died. So Charles helped her to lie down. And soon she fell in deep slumber.

In most cases, pregnant women gain a couple of pounds, but instead of gaining weight, Autumn was shedding weight owing to the stress and side effect from the medicines. Charles was heartbroken as he realized this.

In the early hours of the next morning, Isla came to visit Autumn. Tears welled in her eyes at the sight of Autumn, who was thinner than the last time she saw her. "Oh, dear, how haggard you seem. Damn it! Who on earth has done this to you?"

Isla cried and cursed the unknown culprit, and then blamed Charles for not protecting Autumn completely.

The pregnancy was supposed to be a blessed period, but no one was happy about Autumn's pregnancy now. After cursing for what seemed like a long minute, Isla sat on the bed beside Autumn and asked her with red eyes.

so foolish as to insist on keeping this child after knowing what you do about your condition and the consequences?" Isla wept just at the thought of

incomprehension and advice.

of a mother's unconditional love.

At the same time, she was worried about Autumn. Ambivalent feelings haunted her all

her that she was now actively cooperating with doctors and would be

time. By the afternoon, Autumn was caught in a bad mood swing again. She clamored for Charles to settle accounts, and asked

furiously to see

When Isla arrived this morning, Charles went to the office to take care of things at office. He was in a meeting when he got the call from Isla. As soon as he heard that Autumn was in bad condition, he hurried home,

while, the meeting room became very lively and the shareholders were discussing Charles. As Leila, nothing will work in my favor so as long as she is alive...' she cried out in her heart, feeling tired and helpless of being

how can I win Charles over

next to her with more information said, "Mrs. Lu really is pregnant, but so what? It is said that she is also ill now. Who knows whether the

Leila immediately reached over and asked

judgmental glance at her, annoyed that she, a secretary, was eavesdropping on their conversation, abandoning

health. I did not

Lu, this is Leila. Where

will not be able to come back. Please inform that the meeting has been canceled and will be rescheduled,

message." With that, Leila hung up the phone, announced the news, and apologized politely

could he leave in the middle of the meeting? This is not the

if I am asked

took everyone away with a smile before she sat down in her

Chapter 414 The Evil Thoughts

"I am not going to call to account here today, " said Leila with her face drawn into a frown. After pausing for a moment, she continued, "Actually, I am here to inquire about a person and I hope with all my heart that you could help me."

Upon hearing this, Burke frowned. He stared at Leila for a few seconds before asking abruptly, "Is this why you called me here today?" He was very clearly stunned by her straight forward nature.

Shocked by his reaction, Leila reached out to the freshly baked marbled meat and dipped in generously barbecue sauce and wrapped it in a crunchy lettuce. She then pushed it against his lips with a smile almost seductively and said, "No, you misunderstood me. I just had this sudden urge to dine with you today. After all, we were classmates in high school and have known each other for a long time. For me, you are not just a friend but are like one of my family members. We all work in this city away from home. And you are the only one I can trust."

Right after saying this, Leila sighed and continued, "I know the hospital rules and regulations that bound you. But..." She paused strategically and finally said, "I always felt like I was different from others for you, and almost special I would like to believe."

He stared at Leila who seemed both upset and yet disappointed. Burke was unable to bear her looking like this, after all she was right. She had always been special to him. He hesitated for a quite a long while, but finally replied, "Leila, now that you are well aware about the regulations of the hospital, then you must know that we can't disclose any information about patients as it violates their privacy. If it ever comes to light someday, I will be held criminally responsible and risk losing my medical license. With such a big risk looming over my head I am really sorry. I can't do anything to lead there."

Leila was now getting agitated after realizing that she came all the way to meet him in person but only to be rejected. She never thought that Burke would decline her request. As she grew impatient to leave, Leila forced herself to calm down. If it weren't for Autumn, how could she come to him?

After cooling down, Leila smiled to hide her anger and disappointment.

"I understand. I know the patients' privacy should not be compromised with. But I really care about her and I am growing increasingly scared and anxious by the minute." Leila smiled subtly pretending to hide her concern and continued, "You also know that it was Autumn who introduced me to Shining Company and helped me get a job. I heard from Mr. Lu that she is sick. I also asked Mr. Lu about her health condition, but he didn't find it important to tell me. I just want to know what happened. Perhaps I could help her in some way. After all I do owe her a great deal."

"Do you want to know about Autumn Zhao?" Burke asked with a smirk.

"Yes, I do." Leila nodded slightly almost like she was really worried. "Autumn is my benefactor. Now she is sick and I am really worried about her. I just want to know about her health condition. Of course, I mean no harm to her."

Leila revealed a bitter smile, gazed at Burke and said, "But if it is not convenient for you to release this information then please let's just forget it. It doesn't matter. I can completely understand."

afraid I really cannot possibly help you even if I could.

out that she had all of the physical examinations and tests conducted in the hospital where you work. So why

and he did all physical examinations personally. He is the only one who knows all about her case

expect things to take such a drastic turn. If Burke couldn't do her this favor, then there was nothing she could

curious about what's wrong with her?" Confused,

she reacted almost immediately, "I just told you that I really cared about her. And I just want to know if I could help her. There are no

"I heard that Autumn will return to the hospital tomorrow again for some

grateful to you for this favor. Thank

she was growing more impatient and anxious now that the information about Autumn was kept confidential, it was difficult for Burke to stumble upon it, so she

morning, Leila headed straight to the hospital. At around nine o'clock, Charles drove to the hospital with Autumn.

the director's office,

was waiting for them in the office and had pushed all appointments of other patients for later. There were only three of them

the director's arms and eagerly asked, "How is she

I can tell that the baby is fine just by looking at the type-B ultrasonic." The director stopped for a while and

tightly with relief and a cheerful

look at them, the director said, "Even though the baby is fine, I cannot be certain that something bad would not happen to this little baby. And also

of Doctor Zhao, so I have to be frank with you. I still strongly suggest you not to keep this baby, after all you are still quite young and can try again when you are in a better condition. And your present health condition is not very stable and

interrupted the director calmly and said in a firm tone, "Now that I have decided to give birth to this child, I will not change my mind. Please don't try to persuade me like this. I thank you for

sigh and said, "Well, now that you are sure about what you want to do, I hope you and the baby will be fine and will lead a healthy life. But remember that you have to

"Thank you. I will keep it in mind. Now we shall head

Chapter 415 Autumn Was Irritated

"Oh, now I understand it all and their need to keep everything low-key." Leila sneered and thought that Autumn wanted to keep this baby simply to maintain her strong grip on Charles' heart.

"Yes." Burke sighed and said, "Actually, as a doctor, even I would have strongly suggested her not to keep this baby because of her poor health condition. Are you her friend? If you see her next time, please persuade her to abort the baby and it's for her own benefit."

"OK, I will do what I can." Leila nodded her head and said to Burke, "Wait, I have another question. If she gets irritated or has another one of her bad mood swings, what will happen?"

"What will happen? God I hope it does not happen. Both she and the baby would be adversely affected." Burke added, "All in all, it's too dangerous for her to be pregnant now. Please tell that to her and try to change her mind."

The doubt in Leila's mind was confirmed. She looked at Burke with narrow eyes and said, "I have to leave now. There is an important thing for me to attend. Thank you for letting me know."

"What? Wait..." Leila left immediately regardless of what Burke said. He didn't even know why she came all the way to the premise.

Leila took a file from the company, then went home and went to Dream Garden finally.

She wondered whether she could enter the house successfully because the last time she had visited, she had been blocked out by Yvonne.

Leila parked the car at the gate and rang the doorbell. Suddenly, she heard a woman's voice.

The people of Zhao family often went to Dream Garden for Autumn since she had fallen sick. Abby had seen Leila before and warned Charles because of her so Leila left a bad impression to her.

"Why are you here? What do you want to do?" Abby inquired her intentions rather impolitely.

"Do we... know each other?" Leila cast a glance at Abby with curiosity.

I know you. Just answer what you are being asked directly!" Abby commanded Leila to respond in

was about to say something but Autumn came out from the house at this moment. Autumn looked at Abby with smile and asked, "Why are

tone, "You shouldn't have come out of the house. The wind is too strong and you could

doesn't matter." Autumn answered, "I was feeling bored as I have been staying home for so long. You needn't send it next time. You are pregnant and it's too tired to

that I can have someone to talk with." Abby held Autumn's hand

Seeing that Autumn didn't even cast a glance at her, Leila called her. But Autumn frowned in

you come here for?" Autumn took a deep breath to calm herself down knowing how harmful it

sweater with low collar, showing her shiny diamond necklace on purpose. Autumn was shocked when she saw this necklace, thinking how she could afford something

that her plan was working, Leila

to her to

to her, "I warn you not to come here again. Charles doesn't

file is really urgent and Mr. Lu hasn't come to the company to work since Autumn got sick, so I... had no choice but come here to find

walked up towards Leila. Leila pretended an expression

come from?" Autumn pointed at the necklace.

because it was the same as the one Charles brought back from Europe

remembered that Leila followed Charles that time.

many horrible doubts and Abby found that Autumn was about to lose her calmness so she supported Autumn immediately and

shouted at Leila while persuading Autumn, "Get out of here right

Abby's words, instead, she stayed put and tried to get Autumn irritated so that she would miscarry she worried about Autumn.

Chapter 416 Leila Got Fired

"Just stop your charade right here. I will not have any more of this drama!" Charles stared at Leila and warned her, "This is my house, not Shining Company. Please do me a favor and do not to come here unless it's urgent." He treated Leila as his secretary, it seemed that she thought of herself as Mrs. Lu-to-be though. She wanted to replace Autumn. It finally dawned on him why Autumn so strongly disliked Leila.

"I..." After seeing Charles' disgusted expression, Leila choked up realizing what a big mistake she had made. She was anxious and thought to herself, 'I shouldn't have come here. Besides, if I knew Charles would mind me buying the same necklace that he bought for Autumn, I wouldn't have done that to provoke him to anger. My action today was so reckless and miscalculated. Fortunately, I brought a document with me. It's a reasonable excuse to explain my visit.' She took out the document from her arms and said fawningly, "Our factory will halt the production unless you sign this document. So I had no option but to come here. If it was not an emergency, I would not have bothered you this way."

Charles scanned the document and signed his name fleetly. After handing over the document to Leila and notified as he wrinkled his forehead, "Take this document back to the company. I will call the HR Department to handle with your handover. There is no need for you to go to work tomorrow." He wasn't expected that Leila would take out a document, which increased his disgust at this manipulative woman. Although she was a qualified secretary, Charles insisted on dismissing her. After all, there was no need to risk Autumn's happiness and their baby's safety to make her stay in his company. It wouldn't take much time to find another good secretary.

Leila froze and was shocked at Charles' announcement. It was not appropriate for her to buy the same necklace as that one Charles bought. However, she thought there was no need to make such a big deal about it.

"Mr...." Mr. Lu, what do you mean? Why are you asking me to quit my job over this? Did I do something wrong?" Leila stood still and asked in surprise even though she knew exactly what had happened.

"What do you think of it?" Charles retorted angrily, "Do you think you can stay in my company after what you have been doing?"

"Did you mind my visit today with the same necklace as Autumn?" Leila was surprised Charles would fire her over this, so abruptly. She mulled, 'I have been doing my job well since the day I joined as his secretary. I am sure I have created a very favorable impression. Why is he so cruel and decisive? If I am fired, how could I get close to him and make him fall in love with me? I won't be resigned to his decision.'

"Mr. Lu, I... I explained what just happened. I bought the necklace simply because I liked it. The business matter was urgent, so I came here. I didn't mean to hurt Autumn, nor did I intend to disturb you. Please give me another chance, " Leila begged Charles as her eyes welled up with tears.

"I am not a fool," Charles said as his lips twisted mockingly. "Autumn told me you had feelings for me. I thought she was just suspicious and intimidated. But your behavior today..."

As soon as he saw the necklace around her neck, Charles finally realized Leila wasn't an innocent and simple-minded woman. He recalled David's words on the day when he changed a light bulb for her and confirmed his guess. Leila was manipulative and good at scheming. So it was necessary to fire her. It was late but it was better than never.

"Mr. Lu, I can explain..." Leila said quickly. When she found Charles was already leaving, she stepped forward and hold his hand. Charles shook her hand off and sneered, "If anything untoward should happen to Autumn, I will show you what I am capable of doing."

with despair. Her good days

over her face.

have Charles as her

moments since Leila turned to leave when two

frowned and thought, 'Is it possible for them to rob me in broad daylight? I guess they won't.' So she didn't

frustrated. Someone standing in her way

all the force she could muster. They didn't move as if they were pitted on the ground as anchors. It was obvious that Leila

indifferently, "Miss Zhang, our

boss except Charles. When she hesitated to go

trouble. No matter how

into the car, the two men wearing black suits each held one of her hands. She couldn't move. Besides, her eyes

all in a flutter. The only sound she heard was the operation sound of the car

against her will, she thought, 'I didn't offend any powerful influential

is your boss?

are you

anxiety when she realized the car was moving. However, no matter what she

It was indeed a torment

couldn't help thinking, 'Who am I to meet? Who

stopped and one man wearing a black suit said. He helped Leila get off the car. Minutes later, they stopped walking. Leila heard him say, "Boss, we have brought the

Chapter 417 Are You Suspicious Of Me

This was all she ever dreamed of and all she wanted for herself.

"Well, that sounds right." The man smiled grimly and pinched Leila's chin, taking a glimpse at her face under the dim light. A second later, he said with satisfaction, "You look pretty. I like it."

Leila remained motionlessly since she was gripped by fear not knowing his intentions. She was afraid the man would snap her neck if he got irritated and was not pleased by what she said.

Slowly, the man put down his hands and loosened his grip. Gazing at Leila, he addressed her in a vicious tone, "If you really want to be with Charles, then you have to listen to me and follow my directions carefully, or..."

However, before the man could finish his sentence, Leila interrupted him after seconds' hesitation. "Are you serious? Do you really get a way to let me be with Charles?" Though frightened, Leila still wanted to ensure if the man was telling the truth.

"Of course I am not joking, " replied the man with a sneer. "I promise you that you could be with him within half a year as long as you would follow my words. Just wait and watch, " he added.

"Okay, I will make the deal with you." Leila replied without any hesitation, when she heard this assurance from the man, especially as she got fired today and had not other hope.

Now that Charles dismissed her, Leila had no chance to get close to him at all. If she wanted to be with him, the only choice was to obey the man standing in front of her. He was the last straw that could save her from drowning alone.

"What do you want me to do?" Leila asked in a resolute tone; she had made up her mind.

She would like to do anything as long as she could be with Charles.

"Good girl, I like the sound of your determination!" After hearing this from Leila, the man patted her face with great content. "Go back and submit your resignation letter. Finish the handover procedure today itself. Then you could go back home and have a good rest. But you have to keep your phone alive all day long and I will call you if necessary. Remember that."

"That's it?" Shocked by the man's words, Leila widened her eyes as she didn't expect things would be so smooth. She did trust the man a moment ago, but now she began to be suspicious as to how things could unfurl in her favor so simply.

"Are you doubting me?" The man looked severe as he sensed the growing suspicion in her eyes. "The most annoying thing in my life is to be suspected by others. And I don't hope it will happen again, " he said in a harsh voice.

what is happening." Leila hastily explained. She was frightened by the man's fierce eyes and she was so afraid that she would annoy him which could lead him to kill her.

and added, "Just follow my words. Don't try to badger with Charles during this

a loud voice. As soon as he finished speaking, the large iron gate opened while two men in black suit walked in,

her eye with a black strip of cloth, Leila blurted out

is all that you need to know, " replied the man indifferently. As he was done with his sentence, the man said nothing more

was taken into a car and when she got off the car, she found she was right under the Shining Company the car and soon the car vanished from her sight. It was so

in her hands, she would suspect that everything she had just experienced was

However, Leila just put down the files in her hands and responded, "Well, David, I..." She paused for a bit and said, "I have to go through the

he

short. Instead of explaining

smooth and it only took her a few minutes since Charles had already notified the HR manager

filled with personal items, Leila walked out slowly. As she went

as her home. After all she did her work with utmost dedication and sincerity. Now she was forced to leave, and she felt hard to

that she would come back sooner or later. And she vowed to herself that the day she would need for her to dwell over this

of this, Leila let out

At Dream Garden

calm down since she was pushed today also. Charles took the dishes that he ordered

the

put the dishes down on

discontent as Charles entered.

could have been avoided if Charles

Chapter 418 Nancy's Trouble

"You..." Autumn was amazed and also happy somehow with his decision of firing Leila. There were many deals for him to manage, and Autumn thought he was a little too impulsive to make such an arbitrary decision.

"Don't you think you are being too impulsive to make such a decision?" Autumn frowned and balmmed him instantly.

"Not at all. I am sure everything will be fine." Charles answered in a delicate tone. "Now our baby and you are the most important things for me and I'm willing to do everything required for your welfare and happiness."

"But..." Autumn was still worried.

"Don't think too much. It will all be okay." Charles stroked Autumn hands and said, "From now on, no matter what Leila says or does to you, please don't believe her. You can't be provoked to get angry or emotional for your and baby's health. Do you understand?"

Charles added, "I can't always ensure that Leila won't cause trouble for you any more but you can just remember that no matter what happens, you can control yourself and trust me. Okay?"

"Okay." Autumn nodded her head and said, "I will remember that."

After consuming her meal and having this warm chat, she was so tired and she fell asleep on the bed almost immediately. Nancy was sitting in the sofa staring blankly when Charles went downstairs. He wanted to ask Nancy whether she had something to do with Autumn's disease or not, but...

He decided to give her a chance to confess her guilty to him by herself.

"Is Autumn all right?" Chris asked him while she was also heading down.

"She just ate the meal and fell asleep. Where are you going?" Charles asked Chris out of curiosity.

I'm going to visit him. Charles, Autumn's condition is not so good, so please spend more time to give her company." Chris was concerned about Autumn so

nodded his head slightly and said, "She almost lost control today and after that

purpose so that Nancy could hear it. Then he saw Nancy suddenly sit right

everything to Chris. She was shocked and then blamed Charles, "You were too careless. I felt that Leila had some bad intentions the very first time I saw her. But you let her be your

Charles sighed. "All I want to do now is to find out who put the poison into Autumn's food or drink so that I can prevent him or her from committing

At the moment she heard Charles' words, she really wanted to tell Charles

as she recalled that

glimpse at Nancy, then

was really disappointed with Nancy. If she didn't confess her guilty as soon as possible, he wouldn't give her

and asked what he had found about his

would be clear in three days.

three days. If Nancy didn't confess in three days, he would talk to her directly. Then, Nancy wouldn't have any chance to draw any

to manage. Before he left, he told Autumn not to eat the food

head in

she went downstairs and happened to catch a glimpse of Nancy crying quietly. She wiped her tears

an apple from the table and took a bite. Seeing Nancy stand beside her restlessly, Autumn said, "Sit down please. There are only us

added, "I

do that." Autumn explained, "Only I will eat dinner at home tonight and Charles

Chapter 419 Be On Leave

Autumn explained to Nancy, "I don't know what happened between you and your son, but you are a member of Lu family. So if you are in trouble, remember to seek Charles' help. I believe he will give you a helping hand without any hesitation."

Autumn thought it was Nancy's status of housemaid that impacted Nancy's relationship with her son after a long separation.

"You..." Nancy trailed. She was overwhelmed with remorse and regret for her crime, because especially, Autumn gave her the red envelope to relieve her trouble at the Eve.

"Your kindness is too big for me to accept!" Nancy was shameful, "I remember my not having made it easy for you when you married into Lu family. You have every reason to hate me instead!"

"Your concern is absolutely unnecessary!" Autumn looked at Nancy in bewilderment. "You deserve my support, as you are a devoted member of this family. Be sure to ask for our supports in case of any trouble!"

Meanwhile, Abby's arrival was announced. Nancy promptly opened the door for her without wasting a moment.

Abby suspected Nancy of drugging Autumn and escorted Autumn back to the bedroom and warned her, "Autumn, you better keep Nancy at a distance."

"May I ask the reason?" Autumn was perplexed and said, "I was just chatting with her. I think there is no harm in doing so."

"Please pay heed to my advice. Nancy may be a suspect," Abby spoke in anger.

"It is not possible!" Autumn smiled and explained it to Abby, "Nancy has devoted herself to Lu family for so many years. I find it impossible to believe that she drugged me. If Charles heard what you just said, he would become offended."

too kind!" Abby sighed. "Drop the matter. Come,

someone with ulterior

occupied himself with public duty, when David entered his office. "Mr. Lu, I do not see

deeply. Charles spoke to David while packing his documents, "You have to take care to maintain our company's

what to do." David nodded and managed to ask Charles, "Mr. Lu,

and replied, "I have dismissed Leila to put an

survive this layoff period till the time someone else is appointed for the post. If Leila

duty." David escorted off Charles. Charles arrived home shortly after Abby left. Nancy gazed at Charles in the living room. Assuming that Nancy wanted to speak to him, Charles asked, "Nancy, do you have

about to speak but ended up swallowing it. She said,

disappointed to see that Nancy was still not ready to admit her mistake, "Nancy, from now on, you are not allowed to cook. Just carry on with

Is there anything wrong?, " Nancy asked. Charles gave an order to Nancy right away. Nancy realized

you." Charles dismissed Nancy roughly and then went upstairs to find Autumn. After taking a bath, Autumn changed into a pair of

suit and asked Autumn, "How are you feeling this

shook her head gently. "Have you completed your work

to complete! I have brought documents back home to work on. You go to

Autumn felt guilty for that. Had it not been for her poor condition, Charles would not have

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"Yes, " Autumn mumbled with a slight nod. "Yes, I gave Nancy the money. She initially refused it, but eventually accepted at my insistence. I suppose she is really in trouble."

Charles frowned, feeling annoyed and anxious at the same time. "Why didn't you tell me when you first learned about it?" he demanded. His mind was racing. If Nancy did something to hurt Autumn for money, he wasn't letting her off lightly.

Autumn tried to defend herself. "But it wasn't a lot of money, so I didn't feel the need to tell you." She was becoming upset, too. "Besides, if Nancy didn't tell you what was happening to her, it must be because she felt it was none of your business."

"You don't..." Charles paused after looking at his wife, then sighed with resignation. "You don't know that, Autumn. If only you had told me this, your condition might not have gotten so serious, " he pointed out, trying to be careful not to make his wife more worried.

"What are you saying, Charles?" Autumn asked, puzzled. "I'm saying this now hoping you'll pay more attention to Nancy and see for yourself if she needs any help, " she added.

Charles exhaled. "I know..." Then rubbing Autumn's shoulder, he told his wife, "Go on to bed. I still have some work to finish."

She nodded, somewhat relieved, and said, "I see. Good night, Charles." Autumn fell asleep after browsing through a parenting book.

Charles lost track of time while immersed in work. It was the middle of the night when he decided to get a glass of water downstairs. Unexpectedly, as soon as he came downstairs, he saw Nancy slip out of the house quietly. He debated with himself for a moment, but decided not to follow her.

It was February and the night wind was near freezing that it cut through the marrow. Nancy clutched her coat tighter to ward off the cold as she walked to the gate. There she saw a black car and got in. She was blindfolded and driven to a warehouse where Leila had previously been taken.

It was warm inside the warehouse, yet Nancy could still feel the chill seeping through her bones.

Once the blindfold was removed and she had adjusted her vision, Nancy saw a mystery man sitting in front of her. Reacting in panic, she tried to push him away, but another man in a suit, standing beside her, stopped Nancy.

lock him up?" She held back from hitting the man, but continued to shout, "I want

Nancy stumbled back as two burly men brought in someone beaten almost beyond recognition. They most of his face swollen, Nancy recognized her son and cried while cursing his captor. "You awful man! I gave you the money as you asked. Why did you still do this

justice or retribution exists in this world, Autumn Zhao should have long been

as she was over her son's condition, Nancy stared at the man and wondered why he hated Autumn so a short time, but she could sense she was kind and had a good heart. 'How could Autumn be involved with a man like this?' she thought.

me. So I will make sure she pays double!" he growled. He was breathing

money you wanted and did what you asked me to do, against my conscience. You should now keep your word and let my son go, " she

quickly, one of his henchmen

hug her son. "Stop! Stop it!" she cried out. In tears now, she

you want to save him from me?" the man jeered. He grabbed Brent by the hair to give Nancy a better look at her son's bruises and pained

begged again, "Please, please let him go. He can't bear it anymore.

She was left with no choice now.

Brent's hair. He stood

to see him let go of Brent. "What do you want me to do?" she asked.

Take her in my place instead." He pointed to his mother and said, "She has a great deal of money. Keep

"I'm useless to you now. Please, let me go, "

believe what

him, following orders against her will, coming without hesitation even as she feared for what could happen and this was how he was going to repay her?