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Chapter 451: Eden Humiliated, With No Place To Hide

Edward's eyes were cold.

However, Henry could not care less either.

As he made a call, Edward looked at him coldly.

Meanwhile, everyone was silent.

Henry picked up the phone. "Dad, there's something I need to report to you."

"Okay," the person on the other end of the phone answered.

"It's like this. Because of Jasmine, Eden made a small mistake, which may have caused some losses to the company. However, Eden realized his mistake and promised not to do it again. But now, Edward and his wife are not showing Eden any mercy and want to send him to prison. If that happens, Eden's life will be ruined—"

"The company has been handed over to Edward, so he will handle anything work-related."

After saying that, the call disconnected.

Henry's entire body froze.

He originally wanted to ask Old Master Swan to help save him from humiliation. After all, Eden was the son of Old Master Swan's eldest son. Old Master Swan may not treat Eden very well, but he still valued him, and there was no way he would ignore Eden. However, at that moment...

Henry's hand that was holding his phone trembled.

The senior management meeting room was pin-drop silent.

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Jeanne's eyes moved slightly.

She glanced at her phone and saw a pop-up message on the phone that she had turned to silent mode. After that, she looked at Henry again.

Everyone seemed to be waiting for an answer from Henry. However, he did not say a single word for a long time.

At that moment, Eden was starting to be afraid.

If his grandfather wanted to help him, his father would not have that expression on his face.

No.

He could not go to jail, not even if he was dead. He was the young master of the Swans. How could he go to jail?

After that, how could he gain a foothold in South Hampton City? How could he look the others in the eye?

He looked at his father in panic. "Father, what did grandfather say? Is he going to come over now?"

That was his only hope. He knew very well that if Jeanne wanted to be vicious, she would really send him to jail.

Meanwhile, Henry was trying hard to hold back his anger. Then, he suddenly turned around and punched Eden hard in the face.

Caught off guard, Eden was almost knocked off his feet.

However, as if Henry still had not vented all his anger, he punched Eden fiercely, again and again.

Everyone in the room was stunned.

After a while, someone came forward to stop Henry.

Elaine pulled Henry back while Richard protected Eden.

"Henry, calm down," Richard called out to him.

"Calm down? How can I calm down knowing Eden did such a thing? Instead of sending him to prison and disgracing the Swans, I might as well kill him right now! A life for a life. I will die with him!"

As he said that, he was about to rush over and beat Eden up again.

Eden was in an extremely pathetic state, and he had never in his life been humiliated like that.

What was more, he had fallen from grace in front of so many of Swan Enterprise's senior management.

"Henry! Henry! Calm down..." Richard and Elaine kept trying to persuade him.

The scene was chaotic.

"Actually, we don't have to send Eden to prison." Among the chaos, a clear female voice suddenly sounded.

Henry was still raising her fist to hit Eden. However, when he heard Jeanne, he stopped.

Jeanne said, "Although Eden made a mistake, he doesn't have to be sent to prison if he can learn from his mistakes and make up for the losses."

Henry glared fiercely at Jeanne.

Eden was also looking at her, not knowing what kind of tricks that woman was playing.

Faced with their doubts, Jeanne was very calm. "Eden is a first-time offender, and I also got to know that Eden is very capable in Swan Enterprise. Even though the Swans should be responsible for the tens of thousands of Swan Enterprise's employees and get equal treatment if they did something wrong, I have to say that letting Eden go straight to prison will also be a loss for the company. Therefore, after weighing the pros and cons, Eden can choose another way to resolve this matter."

Jeanne was the one who said he should be sent to prison, and now, she was also the one who said he could resolve the matter in another way.

It seemed like she had the final say in everything.

Eden suppressed his anger. At this moment, he did not dare to refute Jeanne's words for fear that the woman would suddenly go back on her word.

"How do we resolve this?" Henry quickly asked.

As long as Eden did not have to go to prison, everything would be fine.

"Eden should make up for all the losses he caused," Jeanne said.

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"I'll pay!" Henry gritted his teeth.

It was just 270 million dollars!

He gritted his teeth and took out his wallet from his pocket.

"Director Henry, please hear me out first." Jeanne's eyes narrowed unhappily.

At that moment, Henry did not say anything else.

Jeanne said unhurriedly, "First of all, Eden caused Swan Enterprise to lose 270 million dollars. For that, he will have to pay the compensation according to the current market's interest rate."

Henry gritted his teeth. Although he was dissatisfied with the result, he could only endure it.

"Secondly, Eden will also have to compensate for the losses he caused Lawrence Enterprise."

Henry glared at Jeanne.

At that moment, the rims of Eden's eyes were red.

"Lawrence Enterprise only suffered a heavy loss this time because of Eden's intentional actions. So, I will give Eden the specific amount according to the losses, and Eden will compensate accordingly. At the same time, Eden needs to solve the in-store bulk-buying campaign in Minze District. I don't care what method you use, but the campaign must end today!" Jeanne enunciated each word clearly.

Eden was at his limit.

After all he did, he was just asking for trouble. He had dug a hole for himself and suffered a huge loss!

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"Do you have any objections?" Jeanne asked Eden.

Eden's face was cold. Although he did not speak, he had no choice but to nod his head.

"What I said just now are all losses that Eden should make up for." Jeanne made herself clear. "Making up for mistakes is only one aspect. The important thing is to pay the price so that you can really learn a lesson! You have to give an explanation to all the employees of the Swan Enterprise."

“What do you want?” Henry asked Jeanne fiercely.

“Director Henry, please watch what you say. This isn’t what I want. I’m just thinking of a way to save your son!”

Henry was made speechless.

Naturally, Jeanne did not care about Henry anyway.

She looked at Eden and said clearly, “Remove him.”

Eden looked at Jeanne fiercely, while Henry also tried his best to suppress his anger.

“Remove Eden from his position as the president of the Swanhaven Bank,” Jeanne said righteously. “As a leader, he should be responsible for his actions!”

Eden’s reddened eyes stared straight at Jeanne.

He really wished he could drag that woman down with him right there and then. It was far better than being trampled on by her now.

He really wanted to kill Jeanne, and one day, he would definitely kill her.

“What do you think, President?” Jeanne did not ask for Eden’s opinion at all. Instead, she turned around and asked Edward.

“Very good,” Edward affirmed.

“What about the others?” Jeanne asked.

The other senior executives naturally did not dare to express their views.

“Director Henry?” Jeanne asked again.

Henry gritted his teeth.

Although he could not accept it, he had to. He said, “I accept it.”

“So... What about Director Eden?”

Eden clenched his fists. “I accept the company’s punishment for me!”

Jeanne nodded. “Since everyone has unanimously approved it, general manager of the general affairs department, please make an announcement to the entire company today of the removal of President Eden from Swanhaven.”

“Yes.” A staff member, who was sitting in for the meeting, immediately agreed respectfully.

“I’m done with my side of things.” Jeanne looked at Edward.

Edward nodded and said, “The meeting is adjourned.”

After that, under everyone’s watchful eyes, he held Jeanne’s hand and walked out of the senior management meeting room.

Once they left, the others also left one after another.

In the end, only Henry, Elaine, and Eden were left.

As for Richard, compared to Henry and Elaine, he was slightly more easygoing. He was ranked in the middle anyway, so no matter who managed Swan Enterprise, it would never be his turn, so he did not have such big ambitions. Hence, he did not form an alliance with Henry and Elaine.

Now, only three people were left in the meeting room.

Henry was so angry that he kicked the chair in the meeting room.

“Enough. Being angry is useless! Fortunately, Jeanne still knows her limits and didn’t send Eden to jail.” Elaine comforted him.

“It was enough for Edward to show off his power in front of us, and now, Jeanne too!” Henry said fiercely, “As the eldest son of the Swans, I’ve had enough of it!”

“What else can we do? Edward has Swan Enterprise deep in his grasp, and there’s nothing we can do about it. Moreover, we’ve known how good father treats Edward for a long time now. You have to put up with it!”

“I can deal with Edward, but for me to endure Jeanne as well? It’s impossible!” Henry was enraged.

“That’s true.” Elaine’s expression was also a little ugly. “For putting me on the spot and humiliating me today, I have to teach that little girl a lesson. Otherwise, she will think that the Swans are easy to bully! However, if Eden had married Jeanne and not Jasmine back then, he wouldn’t have gone to the extent of...”

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Elaine turned to look at Eden.

At that moment, Eden was furious. His clenched fists were trembling non-stop.

He had never been so humiliated in his life.

He looked at Elaine with a ferocious expression. “I will never let that woman off. Never!”

“Let’s think about how to deal with your own mess first!” Henry said coldly, “I was hoping you would take back the family from Edward’s hands, but now it seems like I have really overestimated you!”

With that, Henry left in anger.

At that moment, Elaine comforted Eden. “Don’t worry. You’re still young, and I think highly of you.”

Eden’s body tensed as he tried his best to suppress his emotions.

He definitely had to get up again and let everyone look at him in a new light!

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In the president of Swan Enterprise’s office, Edward walked in holding Jeanne’s hand.

Then, he naturally picked her up and sat her down on him on the huge sofa. The two of them looked very intimate.

Edward asked, "Why did you let Eden go?"

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Jeanne glanced at Edward.

She did not think of letting him off. In fact, she planned to use this time to get something on Eden. She would first demean his self-esteem and then send him to prison.

On one hand, she really wanted to take revenge for Eden treating her like that, but seeing that Eden was now going against her everywhere, she had to get rid of the man.

However, Old Master Swan had sent her a message.

She handed her phone to Edward and said glumly, "Take a look for yourself."

Edward took it and saw a message on the screen. "Don't send Eden to prison. As for the rest, it's up to you. Take it as your birthday present to me today."

At the end of the day, Old Master Swan was still cunning.

He rejected Henry during the meeting because he did not want Henry to stir up trouble. When Old Master Swan handed the Swan Enterprise over to Edward, he handed everything over to him. By doing that, he was letting everyone know that Edward had absolute control over the company and they should listen to Edward in the future.

However, Eden was, after all, a descendant of the Swans and was quite capable. If she really sent Eden to prison, Old Master Swan would definitely not be able to take it, so he sent her a message.

She could identify from Henry's words that she was the key to Eden's actions this time.

Moreover, it was not appropriate for Edward to let Eden go.

Edward had to be fair and just. What was more, since it was obvious that Eden had offended her, it was a good idea for Old Master Swan to let her settle the issue.

The more Jeanne thought about it, the more she found Old Master Swan an old and cunning fox.

"Actually, you don't have to please him." After reading the text message, Edward said calmly.

"Hehe." Jeanne laughed evilly.

In that case, she could say goodbye to living with the Swans!

Old Master Swan had the final say in the family. If she did not show him respect, would she not be courting death?

Moreover, after removing Eden from his position and dealing him such a heavy blow, Eden would not be able to stir trouble for quite some time. Even if he wanted to, he did not have the ability.

After weighing the pros and cons, she decided to show Old Master Swan some respect.

“Speaking of which, Edward, do you want me to send Eden to prison?” Jeanne suddenly asked him.

Even though Edward was on her side during the meeting, she still wanted to know what was on his mind.

Edward remained silent for two seconds.

Jeanne furrowed her brows. “You don’t want to?”

After all, Eden was also part of the Swans, and a Swan would always stand with a Swan.

It was just like seven years ago when she asked Edward for help, but he did not in the end.

Actually, when it came to matters involving family...

She understood.

“If Eden doesn’t take the wrong path, he’s not bad,” said Edward.

Jeanne smiled.

She knew that, deep down, Edward did not want to send Eden to prison. In that case, why did he tell her that she did not have to please Old Master Swan?

What a hypocritical man.

He was just as cunning as his father.

“The Swans’ business is huge, and I alone can’t manage it. Besides, I may not have time to manage it in the future, so someone has to inherit it. Although my eldest brother, sister, and even my third brother want to, they’re not young anymore. Even if I give it to them, how long can they manage it? In the end, it has to be given to the next generation.”

“So, you think Eden can do it?”

“Eden isn’t the best, but he can manage the company reluctantly. Moreover, it’s not too difficult to manage a company well,” Edward said casually.

She thought he was a little arrogant!

To say that managing a company with a market value of 100 billion was not difficult? Who was he kidding?

“Do you think Eden can do it now?” Jeanne asked.

She was worried that the fellow would reuse Eden soon.

After all, Eden was a Swan, and Edward had made it clear that he would be the next successor by having groomed him.

In fact, she was also a little puzzled.

No matter what, Edward was only four years older than Eden. Why did he want to groom Eden as the successor?

With their age gap, who knows if Eden might also be dead when Edward died?

“No,” Edward said bluntly.

Jeanne’s eyes moved.

“Eden has already gone astray, so it’s very difficult to pull himself back on the right path.” Edward said, “I didn’t stop you from sending Eden to prison today because I’m very clear Eden can’t turn back now. So, it’s not a shame to teach him a lesson and destroy him completely. But, of course, you didn’t send him to prison. From an emotional standpoint, I think I can accept it.”

“Don’t you have any other personal feelings for Eden?” Jeanne suddenly asked.

There was a hidden meaning behind her words.

Edward furrowed his brows.

“I’ve dated Eden before. Aren’t you jealous?” Jeanne looked at him.

She felt that Edward treated Eden very normally. It was the same as how the elders treated the younger generation.

He was even so sensible to nurture Eden.

Did he not have any selfish motives? Did he not hate Eden?

“I’ve gotten my share,” Edward said.

“Huh?” Jeanne looked at him.

Edward smiled.

The man seemed to have become fond of smiling.

“I’ve gotten my share, so I don’t need it anymore,” Edward said. “Now, my mind is at peace.”

“When did you get your share?” Jeanne was suddenly very curious.

Edward looked at her. “Do you want to know?”

“Yes.” Jeanne nodded.

She really felt that Edward did not seem to care that she had dated Eden before.

If Eden’s matter had not been exposed, Edward would have treated Eden the same way.

What should be given to Eden would still be given to him.

She looked straight at the man in front of her.

After a long while, she heard him say, “It has been too long. I forgot.”

D*mn!

She really wanted to swear!

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"It's been too long. I forgot," Edward said casually.

What difference was there between saying it and not saying it?

She looked at Edward unhappily. However, Edward deliberately ignored her.

He changed the topic. "Are you going back to Lawrence Enterprise?"

"No, I'm going to buy your father a birthday present." Jeanne was a little indignant. Even though she had been schemed against by Old Man Swan, she still had to show him respect.

"Didn't you already give it to him just now?" Edward raised his eyebrows.

"No. I have to let your old man know he owes me a favor."

"...Smart." Edward praised her.

Jeanne smiled.

At least, in the future, when they encountered some troubles, perhaps they could give each other a way out.

Jeanne struggled to get out of Edward's embrace. She had always been swift and decisive. She would do whatever she wanted.

"I'll be heading off now."

"I'll go with you," Edward said straightforwardly.

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Jeanne looked at him.

"I'll go with you." Edward held her hand. "To go shopping."

"Don't you have work to do?"

"I don't have to."

"What an incompetent ruler."

"For you, I'm willing to be one."

She thought, 'Don't tease, or I'd be moved.'

Edward did not seem to notice Jeanne's emotions as he held Jeanne's hand and walked out of the office.

As the office door opened, Nox walked in.

Nox looked at the two of them and the way they held hands. He said in a high voice, "I heard I missed a good show today!"

The two of them ignored him at the same time, walking past him.

Nox stared at their backs, thinking, 'F*ck! How dare you ignore me now that you have a wife?'

He had gone to deal with some other things today. Before he returned to the company, he heard rumors that Eden had been demoted and directly removed from his position as the president of Swanhaven Group. He could imagine how miserable Eden was today, but he could not believe that he had missed out on such an exciting scene!

As for Eden...

To be honest, if it were not for the Swans or Fourth Master Swan grooming him to be his successor, Eden would have been beyond redemption and dead for treating Jeanne like that!

Eden was so stupid to not know what kind of situation he was in!

It would still be alright if he really learned his lesson this time and kept to himself. Otherwise...

Nox could imagine what would happen to Eden in the end!

He walked into Edward's office and sat on the sofa with his legs crossed.

In the past, he was the one who accompanied Fourth Master Swan.

F*ck.

Nox suddenly felt a little annoyed.

Why did he feel like Fourth Master Swan had abandoned him?

He even felt f*cking lonely!

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In the Swan family residence's Purple Pavilion Garden, Eden had come back from leaving the Swan Enterprise's headquarters in a sorry state.

He had received a notice of punishment from the company.

It had been announced company-wide that they had removed him from his position as the president of Swanhaven Group.

They had removed him but had not given him any other position.

Just like that, they had put him on hold in Swan Enterprise.

His expression was grim.

It was not easy for him to climb his way to that position.

He could not be denied that he had an innate advantage because he was a member of the Swans. However, he had also worked very hard to obtain the approval of the entire family and had taken over Swanhaven Bank with his own hands. Yet now...

However, because of Jeanne, he had nothing left!

Jeanne, that b*tch! He would definitely strangle her to death and make her lose her reputation in front of everyone.

He would make her feel as embarrassed as he was today.

He might even expose the thoughts toward her that he had kept in his heart the entire time.

After all, he had always shown disdain toward Jeanne, but Jeanne's recording had really humiliated him.

His expression was extremely ugly, and his entire face looked ferocious.

Eden walked into the living room with a cold expression.

"Eldest Young Master," the servant quickly called out to him respectfully.

However, Edward's cold expression made the servant dare not speak again. She could only wait by the side in fear and trepidation as Eden asked fiercely, "Where's Jasmine?"

"The Eldest Young Mistress wasn't feeling well, so she went to the hospital."

Eden's expression worsened.

When he thought of Jasmine's submissiveness and how Jasmine had been pampered at home, he felt disgusted with Jasmine, so much so that he did not care about Jasmine's body.

He returned to his room coldly and leaned against the bed with a grim expression.

He could not allow himself to be suppressed by Jeanne like that.

He could not let Jeanne beat him to it just because of this one time!

He had to kill Jeanne!

However, Jeanne was protected by his fourth uncle. Anyone with eyes could see how much his fourth uncle liked Jeanne and how much he indulged the woman!

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The more he thought about it, the uglier his face became. He just lied in the room, suppressing his anger!

After a long time, the door was pushed open.

Jasmine had come back from the hospital and was surprised to hear the maid say that Eden was back.

Eden was a workaholic, so it was common for him to work overtime, and he had never come back early.

Did he... miss her?

For so long, Eden had been treating her more and more coldly.

Was it because he had also noticed something, so he wanted to treat her better?

She was full of smiles, and with the shyness of a young girl, she pushed open the door.

Back then, Eden always used to say that he liked her pure and lovely appearance, and it had been a long time since she heard Eden say anything romantic.

To be precise, Eden had been so busy recently that he had not talked to her much.

When she walked in, she saw Eden lying on the bed, looking a little tired.

She leaned over with a gentle smile. "Eden, why are you back so early today?"

Eden's eyes moved a little.

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He did not even look at Jasmine as he said, "Get lost!"

Jasmine was stunned, and the smile on his face instantly froze.

For a moment, she thought she had heard wrong.

However, in the next second, she put on a sweet smile again as if she did not hear him. "What's wrong? Did something bad happen at work?"

She tried to get closer to Eden again as she sat beside Eden and took the initiative to hold Eden's hand, trying to act coquettishly.

When she was dating Eden back then, Eden had never been able to reject her soft whining and pouting. Once she acted coquettishly to him, he would hug her, kiss her, and even sleep with her...

"I don't want to see you! Don't you understand?" Eden's expression was extremely ugly. He pulled a long face, and his attitude toward Jasmine was horrible. "I told you to get lost!"

After that, he flung Jasmine's hand away and looked at her with disgust.

Jasmine looked at Eden in a daze. Her eyes were wide open, and they turned red immediately, with tears welling in them.

She looked extremely aggrieved.

"Eden, did I do something wrong to offend you? What's wrong with you?" As she said that, tears streamed down her face.

"What else can you do besides crying? Jasmine, you're really disgusting!"

"Eden, what do you mean?" Jasmine could not take how Eden talked to her anymore.

Since they got married, besides the first half a month, they have been married for almost three months now. However, his attitude toward her was getting worse and worse, and he was becoming increasingly colder toward her!

What did she do wrong?

She was at home taking care of his daily life and her mother-in-law. What else did he want her to do?

What was wrong with her?

Could a man change so much before and after the marriage?

She looked at Eden with tears in her eyes.

Eden was unmoved by Jasmine's questioning. In fact, he was even more annoyed by Jasmine's pitiful look.

Especially at that moment, when he thought of Jeanne's aggressive aura and her calm, collected appearance at the senior management meeting today, he really felt that the Jasmine in front of him was nothing compared to Jeanne!

Was he blind back then to be bewitched by that woman?

To think he even married the woman!

How could that woman be worthy of him?

She was a daughter of a mistress, and as a woman who could not help him at all in the business world, how could she take the position of the Swans' eldest young mistress?

He could not believe that he wasted seven years of his youth on that woman.

However, he had to admit that there was a time when he was indeed fawned on by Jasmine.

Jasmine was completely different from Jeanne. Jasmine knew very well how to make men happy and how to use her femininity to make men feel superior. She allowed him to fully experience the thrill of conquering her body, unlike Jeanne, who always saw everyone as inferior to her and he had to give in to her at all times.

Yet now, seeing Jasmine trying to attend to him and flatter him, he only felt bored and annoyed.

He said coldly and mercilessly to Jasmine, "Compared to Jeanne, you're useless!"

Jasmine's face instantly sank.

It was fine for Eden to throw a tantrum at her or vent his unhappiness on her.

However, she could not stand Eden comparing her to Jeanne.

Especially with Jeanne's current development, Jeanne had indeed reduced Jasmine to nothing. Not only was Jeanne shining brightly in her career, but she was also superior to her in marriage.

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She could not gain any advantage in front of Jeanne now.

She had always hated that woman. She wished she could skin that woman alive!

Now that Eden had deliberately poked her sore spot, her expression became a little ferocious.

She asked Eden coldly and said, "Do you regret it now? Regret being together with me?"

Eden glanced at Jasmine; his expression still grim. However, he did not answer Jasmine's words.

He did regret it, but he did not want to admit it.

He did not want to admit that back then, he was the one who was seduced by Jasmine and broke up with Jeanne.

If Jasmine had not been there back then, Jeanne would be lying under his body and pleasuring him.

When he thought about how Jeanne and his fourth uncle were always together like glue...

He hated her to his core.

He refused to admit that he still had feelings for Jeanne.

Jeanne did not know what was good for her back then and almost ruined his reputation. Hence, he launched a series of revenge on her just to make Jeanne show her weakness to him. When he was dating Jeanne back then, Jeanne would never give in even though the two of them liked each other, and he could never have control of Jeanne. He could never ask Jeanne to do anything, and when he wanted to do something intimate with Jeanne sometimes, she would reject him flatly. Having already felt repressed, he wanted to use that opportunity to let Jeanne understand that she could not do whatever she wanted in front of him and that he could also look down on her!

However, his actions did not make Jeanne give in in the end. On the contrary, it made Jeanne give up on him completely. Even now, she was still going against him in every corner!

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Now that she has married his fourth uncle, not only was he lower in status than her in the company but also in the family!

At that thought, Eden's expression became even more ferocious.

He did not know whether he hated Jeanne more or loved her more. Anyway, no one could wish to get what he could not. He would rather destroy it!

Jasmine saw the scowl on his face.

She could not understand why Eden had suddenly changed.

They were clearly on good terms before this, and she thought Eden loved her very much.

After all, there were so many young ladies from wealthy families. Her birth was not good, but in the end, he still married her.

She gritted her teeth.

What did Eden say just now? She was nothing compared to Jeanne.

That was right!

Ever since Jeanne's return, Eden seemed to have changed.

He seemed to have become less and less into her.

Could it be that Eden still liked Jeanne?

No! She refused to accept it.

She had finally managed to snatch Eden from Jeanne's hands, so she definitely could not let Jeanne seduce Eden again!

Her eyes were red, and the softness on her face turned vicious.

She looked at Eden fiercely as if she wanted to see through him.

Eden was more than annoyed with her. He was furious. "I told you to get lost. Don't you understand human language? Jasmine, without my permission, you are not to come near me!"

Jasmine looked straight at Eden.

"You still like Jeanne, don't you?" Jasmine suddenly asked him.

Since it had already come to that point, and if they were going to shed all pretenses of cordiality, they should just let it be!

Eden looked at Jasmine coldly. "Other than love and affection, what else do you know?"

"What do you want me to do?" Jasmine was also on the verge of breaking down. She shouted fiercely at Eden, "Back then, you said you liked how I didn't know anything other than loving you wholeheartedly, and now you're looking down on me? Just because I'm not as capable as Jeanne? Because I can't help you in your career? Eden, don't you think that you're revolting too? You're not capable enough. Why are you blaming everything on me when you're not capable enough? You can't do it yourself..."

"Slap!" Eden gave Jasmine a hard slap on the face.

Jasmine looked at Eden in disbelief.

She covered her face, which was burning with pain.

She had never thought Eden would hit her one day and so mercilessly at that.

Her tears flowed even more violently, and there was a scowl on her resentment-filled face.

"Jasmine, who do you think you are, making such a big fuss here? Do you think I can't divorce you just because I married you? You're the daughter of a mistress. What right do you have to be the eldest young mistress of the Swans!" Eden was not ashamed of saying all that, and his expression was abnormally cold.

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"Eden, don't we have any feelings for each other—" Jasmine was on the verge of breaking down. She did not expect that Eden would treat her like that now.

Eden's face was full of disgust, and he really did not plan on hiding it!

“Feelings?” Eden sneered, “What feelings can I have for you? Back then, if you did not plot your way into my bed and just happened to satisfy my body when I was young and impulsive, did you think I would like you? As for now...”

Eden glanced at Jasmine from head to toe with that contemptuous look of his, like he was disgusted by her.

It made Jasmine feel extremely ashamed.

He said mercilessly, “Now, I’m sick of it. Even when you’re naked in front of me, I’m not interested in you anymore!”

“Eden!” Jasmine’s pride was greatly insulted.

She could not help but lift her hand to slap Eden’s face.

However, Eden grabbed Jasmine’s arm, rendering her immobile.

“Eden, I never thought you were such a man. What’s the difference between you and those men outside? You—”

“There’s no difference. You’re no better!” Eden pushed Jasmine away.

Jasmine lost her balance and almost fell under the bed.

Eden did not pity her at all. Instead, he said, “You used your body to seduce me back then, and now that your body doesn’t attract me, you as a person don’t either! Jasmine, I advise you to behave yourself and know your place in the family. One is as a maid who takes care of me and lets me vent. If you’re a little more obedient, I can still tolerate you for another two years. Otherwise, I don’t mind finding some groundless crimes and kicking you out of the Swans!”

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“Eden!” Jasmine could not believe that Eden would really say those words one day.

What did he mean by a maid?

She was the dignified eldest young mistress of the Swans, for crying out loud!

“Get lost!” Eden did not seem to want to talk to Jasmine anymore.

He did not even want to look at her anymore!

Jasmine’s eyes were red with tears. She did not expect Eden could be so cruel when he wanted to be.

Then, she thought about it carefully.

Back then, he was just like that to Jeanne too.

Although the outcome of everything was her and Jenifer’s scheme that led Eden to treat Jeanne like that in the end, Eden was the one who decided how far he wanted to take it.

When that man was ruthless, he really... would be very ruthless.

She should have known long ago!

She just looked at Eden coldly, watching him having no consideration for her feelings.

At that moment, she was also very clear that if they continued like that, her and Eden's relationship would definitely end.

However, she would not let such a thing happen. Not to mention, she still loved Eden very much.

Even if she did not love him anymore, she could not be chased out of the Swan family. It was not easy for her to marry into the family. How could she let herself leave in such a sad state?

She definitely would not repeat Jeanne's mistake!

She was trying to calm herself down — something she learned from her mother.

Jenifer's greatest ability was that no matter how angry she was, no matter how much she broke down, no matter how aggrieved she was, she could control her emotions. She could please the man with a smile on her face so that the man did not feel guilty toward her or pitied her.

However, Eden was different from Alexander.

Eden was a man with bigger ambition, more realistic, and more ruthless.

That way, she could not gain anything by using her weakness. If she wanted to get back together with Eden, she had to be able to help Eden.

From Eden's tone just now, she could guess that Eden must have had a bad day at work, and those issues should be related to Jeanne!

She silently composed herself before saying, "Eden, did you know I went to the hospital today?"

"Jasmine, can you be a little more self-aware? What does going to the hospital have to do with me? Even if you die, it has nothing to do with me!" Eden, when furious, was merciless toward Jasmine.

Jasmine suppressed the pain in her heart.

She looked at Eden, the man whom she had loved for many years, and said, "I'm pregnant."

Eden was stunned when he heard Jasmine's words.

Pregnant?

He looked straight at Jasmine.

They had been married for more than two months. Although he had become less and less affectionate toward Jasmine, he still needed to satisfy his needs.

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Even though many times, all he could think about was Jeanne.

Whenever he thought about Jeanne under his fourth uncle, he wished he could cut Jeanne into a thousand pieces!

The woman was his first, yet he did not even get to touch a single finger of hers.

Hence, he vented his frustrations on Jasmine in bed and even became rougher. He did not take any precautions either.

Now, she was pregnant.

"I thought you'd be looking forward to it. Even when I received this report today, I was already thinking about how I should share this joy with you. When I heard the maid say you came back early, I was secretly delighted. I thought you and the baby had a telepathic connection," said Jasmine. Her pitiful act was gone. Now, it was as if she was telling the truth.

That, on the contrary, made Eden less disgusted with Jasmine.

He said, "How big is it?"

"The doctor said two months," answered Jasmine.

Eden chose to remain silent again.

In fact, he did not know how he felt about it either. He was happy, but at the thought that it was Jasmine's child, he could bring himself to feel happy.

He no longer liked Jasmine, so naturally, he was not particularly excited about the child in Jasmine's belly.

However, to say that he was not happy... After all, it was also his child.

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Although the thought of being a father did not make him emotional, the child might be able to change his position in the Swans.

In any way, he felt a little conflicted.

Jasmine looked at Eden's mood swings but did not see any hint of happiness. At that, she felt a chill in his heart.

It turned out that when a man could not like someone at the snap of a finger.

Yet, a woman would give everything she had!

She said, "Eden, are you excited about the child?"

Eden glanced at Jasmine.

He was feeling conflicted at first, but now, sarcasm was written all over his face. "Jasmine, don't think that just because you're pregnant with my child, you can rely on it. Let me tell you this. It's your duty to give birth to my child. I married you just to let you carry on the family line. You should feel honored. Don't you dare think you can use this to show off in front of me! I will not fall for this."

"I know full well that you despise me for not being capable enough to help you with anything. I know that."

Eden sneered.

At that moment, he could not be bothered to figure out Jasmine's thoughts. He felt it would be a waste for him to spend even one more second on her.

However, Jasmine said, "If you're not in a hurry to have a child, I can help you suppress Jeanne. I can even make your fourth uncle feel embarrassed!"

All of Eden's anger stemmed from the fact that Jeanne was targeting him everywhere and that he had not given Jeanne what she deserved! On top of that, his fourth uncle was in charge of the entire Swan Enterprise, so he was still under someone's control!

If she could help him, he would look at her in a different light. Then, he would feel that she was useful and get back together with her.

Her mother had told her that to achieve her goal, she had to do anything, whether it was to others or herself.

The more ruthless she was to herself, the more ruthless she could be to others.

She looked at Eden coldly, with disbelief in her eyes, and he also looked at her the same way as if he did not believe she could help him deal with Jeanne and his fourth uncle.

"I can make use of this child and let Jeanne bear the blame. Just like in the past, she will lose her reputation and be kicked out of the Swans!"

Eden's eyes narrowed, and he just stared at Jasmine.

In the next second, he smiled sinisterly.

Very well. He must take revenge on Jeanne for everything that happened to him today!

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In South Hampton City's International Shopping Mall.

Edward held Jeanne's hand the entire time in front of so many people, which made Jeanne a little shy.

The point was that the two of them were really eye-catching, with Edward too handsome and she too beautiful.

When the two of them walked together, they caught many people's attention. On top of their identities, they would attract even more attention if they were recognized.

Jeanne moved her hand, feeling a little uncomfortable.

Edward turned her head to look at her. "What's wrong?"

"Don't hold my hand. Many people are looking." Jeanne gestured.

There really were many people around. The people who came and went were all looking in their direction.

However, when they felt Edward's gaze, they abruptly retracted their gazes and left quickly.

Everyone knew that the Fourth Master Swan of South Hampton City should not be provoked.

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Even though everyone said that his personality had changed drastically after he got married, they still could not afford to offend him.

Edward said, "Isn't being good-looking for others to see?"

Jeanne was speechless. How could he be so shameless?

"Moreover, we are legally married." The corners of Edward's mouth curled up into a beautiful smile.

When he smiled, Jeanne seemed to have heard gasps among the crowd around her.

The only thing missing was the frantic screaming.

Despite that, Edward still held Jeanne in his hands. The two of them walked back and forth to many shops, but they could not find anything they liked.

Edward said, "If you can't find something, it's fine. Let's go and eat something."

"Since we're here, how can we not find something?" Jeanne was a little angry as she was not someone who would give up halfway.

"In that case, just pick anything." Edward seemed a little impatient.

After all, she had never been so torn about picking out a gift for him.

"Let me think." Jeanne looked around, and her eyes suddenly lit up. "Let's go over there and take a look."

Jeanne pulled Edward over.

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Edward was a little reluctant, but the two of them walked into a high-end luxury store.

It was not a place to sell clothes or bags. Instead, it was a luxury store specializing in selling razors.

"Your father seems to have grown a long beard," Jeanne said.

Edward frowned. "My beard has also grown. You didn't notice it."

"Don't you shave every day?"

"I have a lot of growth hormone."

Jeanne was afraid that was not the case. He just had high levels of sex hormones!

Jeanne ignored Edward. With the staff's introduction, she chose a limited-edition razor. "Let's gift this to your father!"

"Why?"

"It's suitable! Your father definitely won't like those fancy things, and he'll just leave them lying around. However, the razor is different. Men need to use it every day," Jeanne said bluntly.

"Not every man has growth hormones like mine."

Yes, not every man has sex hormones like his.

"Anyway, your dad would definitely like something more practical. And if I do something wrong in the future, your dad might even let me off with the razor I bought!"

"Why do you think you will do something wrong?" Edward raised her eyebrows.

"I'm just preparing for a rainy day."

"Is that so?" Edward looked at her.

The look in her eyes was clear... and deep.

However, Jeanne pretended not to see it and smiled at the staff member. "Wrap it up for me, please."

"Sure." The staff member was respectful.

"It's a gift. Make the packaging more exquisite," Jeanne reminded.

"Yes."

With that, the staff member left.

Jeanne and Edward sat in the shop and waited. Meanwhile, Edward looked at the rows of razors in the shop and did not say anything.

After a while, the staff handed an exquisite gift box to Jeanne.

Jeanne held the gift box and said to Edward, "Let's go and have lunch."

They had strolled around the mall for quite some time. It was 11:30 p.m. when they left Swan Enterprise, and at that moment, it was already 2 p.m.

It was no wonder Edward was a little impatient.

Therefore, the two of them had lunch in a high-class restaurant in the shopping mall.

Edward asked, "Do you have anything else planned in the afternoon?"

"No, I plan to take a break in the afternoon. I will deal with Lawrence Enterprise's work matters after Eden has settled that matter."

"In that case, let's go back earlier this afternoon," Edward said.

“I want to do more shopping.”

Edward frowned.

“Hey, if you are busy, you can go back. I can go shopping by myself.” Jeanne knew men hated shopping.

“I’m not busy,” Edward said.

Upon hearing his answer, Jeanne smiled softly. Then, she put down her utensils and wiped her lips. “I’m going to the washroom.”

“I’ll go with you.” Edward also put down his utensils.

“Fourth Master, I’m going to the washroom.”

“It’s not like I’ve never seen you in the toilet before.”

Jeanne looked at him, feeling speechless.

Seeing that, Edward compromised. He picked up his knife and fork and continued to eat. “You go ahead.”

Only then did Jeanne stand up.

Her interaction with Edward made her feel... uncomfortable as Edward seemed to pamper her more than she thought.

She pursed her lips and walked toward the washroom before turning around and walking out of the restaurant.

She looked behind her and then took out her phone to make a call. “Kingsley.”

“Yes.”

“Tonight, I will think of a way to get Old Master Swan’s hair.”

“Okay.”

“If Eden and Old Master Swan are not related...” Jeanne wanted to say something but hesitated.

“You don’t have to care about that. All you need to do is complete the task I’ve given you.”

Jeanne pursed her lips.

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“Don’t fall in love with Fourth Master Swan,” Kingsley reminded her again.

She did not want to either.

Then, she put down the phone with a cold expression.

In the restaurant, Edward was eating the food in front of him. After that, he waited for a long time.

Suddenly, he recalled the last time it happened was also in that shopping mall — when Jeanne abandoned him and left.

Would the same happen again this time?

His eyes moved when he saw that Jeanne was back. It took quite a while, but she came back.

“I’m sorry for making you wait for a long time.” Jeanne smiled.

After all, Edward had already finished his lunch.

However, Edward smiled. “It doesn’t matter. It doesn’t matter how long I wait.” All was fine as long as she did not disappear all of a sudden.

Feeling her heart racing, Jeanne said, “Yes.”

It meant that she had agreed she would never leave suddenly again.

After the two of them finished their lunch, Jeanne and Edward walked around the shopping mall again.

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Jeanne said, “I want to buy some necessities for George.”

“Hm?”

“It’s time for George to size up on his underwear.”

“Has he grown bigger?” Edward asked very seriously.

Jeanne was speechless.

George was only six years old. What was he thinking?

“Oh, he has grown taller, hasn’t he?” Edward seemed to realize that he was overthinking things.

Jeanne nodded.

George was originally shorter among his peers, but since they returned to South Hampton City for three months, he had grown taller, probably because of his diet and sorts.

She noticed George’s clothes and pants had looked a little too short, so naturally, his inner wear had to be changed as well.

She brought Edward to the children’s underwear section.

Since George liked boxers and not briefs, she picked them out seriously with the staff’s help.

Edward was accompanying her at the side when he saw some pink panties in the children’s section.

He was actually a little bored.

He did not quite understand why it was so troublesome for women to go shopping.

As for underwear... Was it not just a simple purchase? Why did it take them so long to pick one?

He finally understood why women could spend so much time shopping.

At that moment, his attention had long been attracted by other children's clothing.

He walked over naturally and looked at the very small pink panties in front of him. There were even little angel wings on them.

"These are the panties of a two- to four-year-old girl. It's a new and limited edition style. It'll look very cute on a baby girl," the staff recommended.

Edward also thought it was very cute, but it would be even cuter on his daughter.

He said, "Wrap it up."

"Who are you buying this for?" Jeanne suddenly walked over.

Edward turned his head to her. "My daughter."

"Where is she?" Jeanne glared at him.

Edward said, "She hasn't found her way home yet."

'Get lost!' Jeanne thought. Then, she dragged Edward away and left immediately. 'Don't you dare trick me into giving birth to your child!'

Edward did not resist as Jeanne dragged him away.

With that, the two of them walked into the children's clothing area again.

Jeanne bought clothes for George, while Edward chose clothes for his daughter, who had not found her way home yet.

However, of course, Edward ended up not buying anything

Then, the two of them left the children's area.

Edward asked, "Do you need to buy anything?"

"Haven't you already prepared everything for me?" From inner- to outerwear.

"In that case, let's buy something for me," Edward said.

Jeanne frowned.

She felt that Edward had quite a lot of clothes in the cloakroom.

"Underwear," Edward said as he dragged Jeanne into the men's underwear store.

The staff was very enthusiastic.

Jeanne accompanied Edward to walk around under the guidance of the staff.

After one round, Edward asked, "Did you see anything you like?"

He was asking Jeanne, who was stunned.

She did not even look at it.

She thought that he should be the one choosing his own clothes, and Edward seemed to have seen through Jeanne's thoughts.

He said very seriously, "I'll wear it for you to see."

That meant he still wanted her to choose.

The staff at the side could not help but laugh softly.

Jeanne's face was a little red. Where did the rumored cold and abstinent Fourth Master Swan go?

Speechless, she started to pick out underwear for Edward.

"Do you like boxers or triangle underwear?" Jeanne asked.

"Anything you like."

"Do you like it tight or loose?"

"Anything you like."

"Do you like it black or white? Red or gray?"

"Anything you like."

Jeanne stared at Edward,

Edward said, "I'll wear whatever you like."

At that, Jeanne's face turned red again. She suspected that the guy was thinking about something lewd!

The staff member chuckled again.

Jeanne gritted her teeth.

Then, she pointed at an exaggerated male leopard-print thong in front of her and said, "I like this."

Edward took a look at it and was stunned.

He said, "Are you sure?"

"Yes." Jeanne nodded.

She had a feeling that Edward would never want that.

"Wrap it up," Edward said to the staff member.

The staff member, who was busy watching the show, quickly came back to his senses. "Sure."

"Give me one in every color," Edward added.

Jeanne felt that she had dug a hole for herself.

"Okay!" The staff member was quite responsive.

“Are you satisfied, my wife?” Edward asked Jeanne.

‘Satisfied, my *ss.’

Suddenly, Edward bent down.

Even though Jeanne was wearing high heels, he still had to bend down to whisper to her.

As he leaned close to her ear and whispered a few words into Jeanne’s ear, her entire face was bright red, and the color spread down to her neck.

The two’s intimate actions were captured by the paparazzi who had been waiting at the mall.

Who would have thought that the rumored Fourth Master Swan could be so... affectionate when facing his little wife?