

The Silent Wife

Chapter 6 Remaining Silent in Response to Changes

- Meanwhile, the atmosphere in the Hudson Residence was tense. After answering the phone call, Jefferey paced back and forth in the living room with a sullen look on his face.
- Just then, Amber came back from outside and was puzzled at the sight of this. "Dad?"
- Jefferey smashed a mug in anger. "What an idiot Rachel is! The photos of the contract she sent to me are all fake! She must have been caught by Justin! I was actually careless! The company's share prices have plummeted, and it won't be long before the company loses more than tens of millions."
- Amber was so shocked that she dropped the handbag in her hand. She asked hurriedly, "How did this happen? Are there any solutions?"
- Jefferey thought for a long time with a grim expression. Then, he looked at her meaningfully and said, "Only you can help me, Amber."
- "Me?"
- Jefferey nodded. "Yes. Rachel probably angered Justin by marrying him in your stead, which is why he's taking revenge on us Hudsons in such a way. Unfortunately, I'm not someone at his disposal! Amber, don't you fancy Sue's son, Julian? As long as you can make him side with you, I'll have a way to help him gain possession of Justin's entire wealth. By then, wouldn't everything the Burtons own belong to our family instead? Ha... Since Justin has the guts to treat me like this, I'll make him pay a heavy price!"
- "Can you really ruin Justin, Dad?"
- When he saw how his daughter doubted his words, Jefferey sneered and said, "Of course. With Rachel as my pawn, what should I be afraid of? Hence, you must go to the Burton Residence as soon as possible—you must waste no time."
- However, Amber instantly hesitated when she heard Jefferey asking her to go to the Burton Residence. "Here's the thing, Dad... I have no problem with seducing Julian. After all, I don't mind doing so since he's an excellent young man, but... what if that ugly monster named Justin takes liberties with me? I heard that he likes me, so I'm afraid that he might take advantage of me, Dad."
- Since Jefferey knew what she was worried about, he patted her hand and comforted her by saying, "Don't worry. Butter Sue up first when you're at the Burton Residence. If Justin does something to you, ask Rachel to come out and act as your shield—she wouldn't dare to refuse helping you. Moreover, you can take advantage of her to make Julian yours."
- Amber bit her lip in reluctance. In the end, however, she agreed to it for the sake of her family's business.
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- When Rachel got up in the morning, she found that Justin hadn't come back all night. As such, she breathed a sigh of relief. She didn't know how to face him at present, so she felt more relieved by not seeing him for the time being.

- She was combing her hair in front of the mirror when a servant suddenly barged into the room and took her stuff out of the master bedroom right away without saying a word. 'What are you doing?' Rachel signed in confusion. To her horror, the servant replied with a contemptuous smile, "Young Master Justin said that you are to stay in the room in the side wing, and you shall not get close to the master bedroom from now on!"
- Rachel was stunned. She didn't expect Justin to continue holding her accountable for last night, but he had no intention of letting her off easily at all. Now, he had driven her out of the bedroom.
- With that, Rachel carried her stuff and went to the furthest room under the servant's mocking gaze. Since Justin didn't allow her to get close to him, she would stay as far away from him as possible.
- At present, everyone in the Burton Residence knew that Justin had thrown his newly married wife out of the master bedroom, so everyone looked at the woman with mockery wherever she went. Even Sue looked at her gloatingly as if she had already guessed what would happen to her. "How is it? It's not that easy being the wife of the Burton Family. It's not too late to leave right now, you know."
- Every word Sue said implied that Rachel should get lost. However, the latter remained silent in her own way, and it felt as though she couldn't understand what Sue was saying at all. It was her way of using silence as a countermeasure, but Sue gnashed her teeth in anger. "You're quite stubborn for a mute who can't speak. I'll see how long you can hang on!"
- No one in the Hudson Family had come to visit Rachel ever since she came to the Burton Residence, and no one even cared or asked about her. Anyone with a discerning eye could tell that Rachel was spurned in the Hudson Family, and this made Sue confident enough to bully her as if justice was on her side.
- Rachel was in no mood to tangle with Sue, so she stayed quietly in the room in the wing, never stirring from her own turf. However, Amber suddenly came not long after that.
- As soon as Amber arrived, she was chased away by a frigid-looking Sue. "How dare you have the cheek to come to the Burton Residence? Get out, please."
- However, Amber's purpose this time was to win Sue's favor first. Instead of being frightened, she behaved as if she was at a loss for what to do. "I'm sorry, Madam Parham. It's my fault for blindly listening to Rachel and agreeing to let her marry into the Burtons. Please don't be angry, okay?"
- Sue's eyes widened when she heard something fishy about Amber's words. "What do you mean? Make yourself clear!"

Chapter 7 Did Something Happen to Grandma?

- Amber told Sue the entire story from A to Z in an innocent demeanor, labeling Rachel as a vain and scheming woman who had coaxed her younger sister. As she stood beside them, Rachel watched Amber's pretentious act coldly with an expressionless face. She didn't defend herself under Sue's disgusted and contemptuous gaze, for she knew it was unnecessary to do that. Since Sue didn't like her, she would never believe her.

- As she expected, Sue looked askance at her as though she was looking at something filthy. “No wonder you don’t want to leave—you’re after the Burtons’ family fortune. What a vain and scheming b*tch you are!”
- Amber smiled smugly upon seeing this. Then, she moved close to Rachel and whispered in a voice audible to only both of them, “Dad said you must go along with me.”
- Rachel turned her head suddenly, and her pupils shrank. What do you want to do?
- Naturally, Amber could understand Rachel’s sign language. She smiled and replied in a whisper, “You don’t have to care about that. You just have to go along with me, or else... I’ll tell Dad about it.”
- Seeing how the sisters were communicating, Sue looked at Amber and asked in puzzlement, “What did she say to you?”
- Amber acted worried as she sighed and said, “Rachel hates me now. I’m apologizing to her since I didn’t do it on purpose.”
- Sue let out a cold snort. “What a disgusting woman you are! I have seen many scheming b*tches who try to climb the social ladder by marrying above their station, but it’s my first time seeing such an annoying mute.”
- Rachel’s heart had gone numb after hearing so many hurtful remarks.
- In the ensuing time, Sue softened her attitude toward Amber, and they soon talked and laughed while chatting. After all, compared to the mute Rachel, Amber was more to Sue’s liking. Moreover, she had a silver tongue and made Sue happy with just a few words. On the contrary, Rachel seemed like an unconcerned outsider.
- In the evening, Justin came back. Apart from being dressed scrupulously in a black suit with no creases, he had his short hair slicked back neatly which revealed his attractive forehead. He looked very much like a business tycoon; despite the scary scar on his face, the way he pursed his thin lips looked very masculine and noble.
- Amber was stunned the instant she saw him. Rumor had it that Justin was an extremely ugly man, and Amber believed it, but she didn’t expect him to still be so handsome even with a scar on his face!
- Amber was overwhelmed with regret. She couldn’t reconcile herself to this; had she known earlier that Justin was so masculine, she would have never let Rachel marry him back then! However, she then remembered what Jefferey had asked her to do... She was in a dilemma, but her own idea got the better of her in the end. I will have both Justin and Julian to myself! As long as these two men fall deeply in love with me, Dad’s objective will be achieved in a different fashion, she thought to herself. “You’re back, Justin.” She approached him while assuming a veneer of maidenly shyness, feeling indescribably smug at the thought that this excellent man had proposed marriage to her back then.
- To everyone’s surprise, however, Justin looked at Amber very coldly. The woman was puzzled, and even Sue herself was in disbelief. Justin had personally proposed marriage to Amber back then, so he definitely liked her. Why was he reacting like this?
- Is it because Rachel married him in my stead? Is that why he’s angry with me and giving me the cold shoulder on purpose? Amber thought to herself. When she became convinced of this, she felt relieved at once. “I have something very important to talk to you about, Justin.”
- The man paused, knowing that Amber had come because of Jefferey. “Come with me.”
- She hurriedly followed Justin with a hint of joy on her face. On the other hand, Rachel stood beside the sofa with her eyes fixed on him the whole time, yet he went straight to the second floor without looking at her.

- Sue darted a look at Rachel, who had always been practically non-existent, and sneered. “Do you see it? Amber is the one Justin loves, and there is no place for you here. If you’re smart enough, you should leave as soon as possible. Don’t end up in misery and bring disgrace upon yourself.”
- Rachel had gone numb after hearing a lot of Sue’s taunts. However, there was one thing that she couldn’t figure out. Before the wedding, the Burton Family had always believed that it was Amber who was going to marry Justin, but why weren’t there any wedding ceremonies or wedding guests? After all, Justin was the one who had asked for Amber’s hand on his own initiative. Nonetheless, she didn’t want to think about this. However strange this was, it had nothing to do with her.
- When Rachel returned to her room, she suddenly found that her cell phone had registered several missed calls. When she looked at it carefully, she found that these calls were from Riverdale General Hospital, and she immediately called them back. “Is this Miss Hudson speaking? There’s something wrong with the patient, so please come to the hospital as soon as possible,” said the person on the other end.
- Did something happen to Grandma?! Rachel thought to herself.

Chapter 8 No Longer Having the Need to Go Back

- Rachel panicked at once, and she went downstairs before running out in a hurry. The servants were about to stop her, but Sue stopped them from doing so since she thought that Rachel had run away in a fit of pique after being irritated by the scene of Amber and Justin getting along. She said, “Ignore her. It’s good that she’s leaving!”
- On the other hand, Rachel took a taxi to the hospital downtown. Fortunately, her grandmother was already out of danger—a new resident doctor of internal medicine had operated on her.
- Lying on the sickbed with her eyes closed was a gray-haired old woman whose faint breaths proved that she was still alive. Rachel’s tears fell in drops as she knelt before the sickbed while holding her grandmother’s hand. She didn’t cry when her father forced her to marry into the Burton Family, nor did she cry whenever Sue gave her a hard time or whenever the servants looked down on her. However, her grandmother, who had treated her most kindly, was the only thing who could tug at her heartstrings; she would break down if her emotional anchor collapsed.
- Just then, there was a knock on the door. Rachel looked back subconsciously and saw a young and handsome man in a white coat. “Hello. I’m Julian Peters, the patient’s chief surgeon. You must be the patient’s family. I need to talk to you about her condition.”
- Rachel was grateful to the doctor who had helped her grandmother. She wiped her tears, made a few gestures, and gave him a sincerely grateful smile.
- Julian was stunned by the lady’s smile. Her eyes, which had been washed with tears, were as extremely beautiful as the rainbow after the rain. “Ahem, you’re welcome.” He didn’t understand sign language, but he somehow understood what Rachel meant. “The old madam’s condition is only stabilized for the time being, and she still needs to undergo another major surgery. In

the meantime, please try your best to speak to her ear and spend more time with her. Soothe her emotions and tell her not to be nervous; it will be good for the surgery's effects."

- Rachel pursed her lips and nodded slightly. Since she knew that the doctor didn't understand sign language, she merely listened quietly to him while smiling politely from time to time.
- Julian felt very well-disposed toward this beautiful lady at first sight, so he made a special effort to tell her some safety precautions. Just as he was about to leave, Rachel stopped him. She took a pen from her handbag, wrote an IOU with her name and phone number on it, then handed the paper to him with both hands.
- Julian looked at the beautiful handwriting on the IOU, then at her fair and elegantly beautiful face. He shook his head with a smile and replied, "That won't be necessary." He knew that the old woman's granddaughter had financial difficulties at present, so he had no intention of taking it.
- However, Rachel didn't agree and stubbornly shoved the IOU into Julian's hand.
- Julian turned her down repeatedly but failed, so he had no choice but to accept it. However, he now had a different understanding of this lady's character and felt increasingly well-disposed toward her.
- After he left, Rachel breathed a sigh of relief with a clear conscience. Her grandmother had a tumor in her brain, but no one dared to operate on her since she was too old. She had been comatose for a long time, and a large amount of money was needed to keep her alive. Rachel learned from the nurse that the Hudson Family had stopped paying for her grandmother's medical expenses. With no one paying the medical bills, her grandmother's medication was naturally cut off, which was why her grandmother's life had fallen in danger. If it weren't for Julian's help, her grandmother could have died today.
- This showed how cruel Jefferey was. Not only did stealing the document cause her to offend Justin, even her father stopped paying for her grandmother's medical expenses.
- Since that's the case, why should I go back to the Burton Residence? Since Dad won't pay for Grandma's treatment, there's no need for me to go back anymore, Rachel thought to herself.