

The Substitute Wife

Chapter 251

Ethan was on the hot seat now. As a result, he had no choice but to use countless lies to cover up the first one.

“Well, after the Larson family went bankrupt, they sold tons of valuable antiques, paintings, and rare calligraphy that had been collected for so many years. My grandmother liked collecting all kinds of precious and beautiful jewelry when she was alive. She loved them so much. My grandfather didn’t want to take them away from her, so he let her keep them. Upon her death years later, my mother inherited her favorite pieces of jewelry. She held them so dear to her heart that she couldn’t bring herself to sell them even in her most difficult time. She later passed them on to me. These two rings were among them.”

Ethan decided not to go into details. Too many details would expose hints of his well-coated lies.

Nevertheless, he made sure to give a reasonable explanation. His words weren’t entirely false.

Some of the details were actually true.

The origin of the platinum emerald ring was exactly like he told Janet. It used to be his grandmother’s.

“Oh, I see. I was extremely shocked to hear the shop attendant’s words today. We aren’t financially stable. It is practically impossible for you to afford such an expensive ring. I upped and left without saying anything more to her. Something seemed fishy. At that moment, I felt they were only stalling us because they had secretly called the police. Thank goodness we didn’t get into trouble back there.”

Janet held her chest and heaved a sigh of relief after she finished speaking. She swallowed her husband’s words, hook, line, and sinker.

This was because she knew that the Larson family used to be wealthy in the past. It seemed totally normal that Ethan had inherited such priceless jewelry from his mother.

“Well, keep the ring then.”

Ethan smiled when he saw that she was calm and no longer uptight. He stared at her intently and buried his face into her neck.

After inhaling her scent, he asked affectionately, “Babe, do you want to go back to my room tonight?”

Janet’s mind was still preoccupied with thoughts about her mother-in-law’s family. A lingering fear tugged at her heart as she stared at the blue diamond ring.

“Ethan, why didn’t you tell me that story earlier? I had no idea that I was wearing such a valuable ring. Honestly, I thought it was just a cheap one that you bought from a mere jewelry store. What if I had broken or lost it? I would have been so heartbroken,” Janet complained with a pout after pinching his arm.

“Isn’t it obvious why I didn’t tell you? Janet, you are so modest. Be honest with me. Would you have agreed to wear it if I told you how much it’s worth?” Ethan’s pupils became darker and darker. He swallowed hard as he stared at her beautiful face. His mind was somewhere else.

It had been a long time since he was intimate with her.

A pleasurable burning sensation was already making its way to his groin. He badly wanted to make love to her.

“Gosh, that’s not an excuse. Have you forgotten that I told you to buy an ordinary ring? Why did you have to give me such a valuable one without my knowledge?”

Janet glared at him with her eyes wide open.

However, her expression was still gentle and soft. She had tried to take off the ring from her finger as she spoke.

But Ethan held her hand.

The light in the room reflected on the diamond, and then its blue light cast a shadow on his high nose bridge.

“I didn’t forget what you said at all. It’s just that this is your wedding ring—a symbol indicating that you are my wife. How could I have gotten a cheap one? Remember that you vowed on the altar to stay with me until death do us part. You are my wife, so you can’t take it off and return it to me even though you aren’t comfortable with the price. You are mine, always and forever,”

Ethan uttered possessively. The expression on his face was so serious like Janet had never seen before.

His words were so hot that it seemed like they were being engraved in her heart with ease.

Janet found his words deadly charming. She was lost in his ambiance as she stared into his deep eyes.

His firm tone was making her fall for him more.

It was obvious that Janet had been upset about what had happened between him and Charis, but she wasn’t thinking about that now. She was thinking about what he just said.

Not knowing what to say, Janet lowered her head to avoid eye contact with him.

An inexplicable warmth was in her heart.

She felt as if there was a red balloon that was increasing in size in her heart.

Ethan’s words echoed in her head and she couldn’t help blushing.