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# My Unexpected Marriage to the CEO by Pumpkin Witch Chapter 357 - 358

## Chapter 357 I Can't Help Your Friend

"Eveline?" Derek called me. I returned to my senses and looked up at him. He called me Eveline so seriously only if he had something important to say. "I can't help your friend this time," he said bluntly. Though I understood his decision, my heart sank with dejection. Colin's problem couldn't be solved with a small sum of money. Derek had no obligation to help Colin. I couldn't blame him for this. I lowered my head, put the food in my mouth, and nodded. "I understand." Derek put down his chopsticks, "His company is facing a lot of problems now. Money alone cannot fix it. I can buy the entire company, but I don't want to. After all, I'm a businessman-it would be meaningless if I did that. It might only help you feel better," he patiently explained. The situation was indeed complicated, and I couldn't force him to do it for me. "It doesn't matter. I can understand," I said, forcing a smile. "People encounter problems every day. We can't help everyone," I added. "Besides, this might be a good opportunity to repair their father and daughter relationship. Don't you think so?" Derek's words lifted my spirits. If Layne could solve the problem, Colin might wholeheartedly accept him as his son-in-law. The next morning, I went to the hospital to see Louise. I was glad to see that she was fine. I told her that Derek might not be able to help, and she was okay with that. "Don't worry. Layne said he would fix this. I believe he has a solution." I knew Louise didn't care about her father's money or company. \* She was never fond of materialistic things and always yearned for family attention. The fact that her father had lost everything overnight was a relief to Louise. After all, she was all her father had now. Perhaps this misfortune was a blessing in disguise where Louise could get close to her father. Derek and I watched TV in the living room after lunch. Derek told me that his father had booked a restaurant for a family reunion dinner tonight. My stomach clenched with anxiety when I heard that. His father had never liked me, so I didn't want to be a part of this dinner. I lowered my head and fell silent. Derek wrapped his arm around me protectively. "I know you don't want to go. We can eat at home if you want. I don't want to go either." I sat up straight and stared at him. "I don't want to go because no one likes me. I don't want to make anyone unhappy. But you don't have a reason to avoid the reunion. After all, that's your father. He would feel bad if his son didn't join the annual family reunion dinner. As a son, you have to fulfill his wish. If you don't go, your father will only hate me more." Derek examined my face,

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pulled me closer to him, and stroked my earlobe with his cheek. "Honey, you are so considerate. I am the happiest and luckiest man in the world." I smiled at him. His words were like the gentle breeze caressing my heart. After a while, he released me from his embrace.

"Dad has invited my grandfather to the family reunion dinner. However, Grandpa doesn't want to come. How about we pick a day to have a reunion dinner with Grandpa in Qinben?" My heart swelled up with joy when he mentioned Grandpa-I adored the old man. "Okay." I nodded happily.

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### Chapter 358 Has She No Family

The New Year was just a few days away. Before the beauty salon was closed for the long New Year holiday, Lavinia gave every employee a New Year's gift. Everyone was packing up and preparing to go home to spend the holiday with their family. I was fiddling with the dummy and reviewing what Lavinia had taught me. "Eveline, why don't you pack your things? We are closing the salon. Hurry up and go home to enjoy the New Year holiday," said Megan. I looked up at her and smiled. "I'm not in a hurry. You guys go ahead." I had stopped celebrating the New Year after my father's accident. New years were difficult for me. Life just wasn't the same without him. I felt lonely and dejected while the rest of the world reunited with their families. Marrying Shane hadn't changed anything either. I didn't feel like celebrating the New Year. Megan was my classmate in junior high, so she was aware of what happened to my family. She clicked her tongue as she remembered it. "Shit! I'm sorry, Eveline." I shook my head and smiled at her. "No, that's okay." "By the way, don't you have a tall, handsome husband? Go home soon. Maybe your husband is waiting to have dinner with you." "Okay." I nodded, not wanting to continue this topic. Lavinia's beauty salon covered a vast expanse. Usually, some staff and students stayed here, but everyone had left today. The holiday had commenced, and everyone broke from their usual humdrum and returned home. The entire building became empty in minutes. I sat down and continued to study. Every time Lavinia gave us a lesson, I would look at her in awe. If I could be as successful as

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her one day, I would be more confident around the Sullivan family during the family reunion dinner. That way, Gifford's attitude toward me might change a little. I hoped for things to get better, so I was studying hard to improve my skills. I was so engrossed in learning that I didn't know how long I had sat there, bending down. My neck was stiff when I tried sitting straight. I pinched my sore neck, picked up my bag, and stood up to leave. However, the light in Lavinia's office was still on. Seeing that the door was open, I stepped inside and saw Lavinia sprawled on the chair, gasping for breath. "Mrs. Mayer, what happened? Where is the medicine?" Lavinia lifted her hand with great difficulty and pointed at her desk. I opened the drawer and found the medicine. I poured some water, helped Lavinia sit, and put the medicine into her mouth. A few minutes later, her breathing returned to normal, but her face was still pale. "Eveline, why are you still here?" she asked weakly. "There's no hurry. I haven't finished practicing what you taught me today, so I stayed a little longer." Lavinia emptied the glass of water and took a deep breath "Eveline, God will reward you for your hard work. Keep it up. You've impressed me." "Mrs. Mayer, why are you still at your office? Don't you have to go home?" Lavinia smiled. "I'm different from you. No one is waiting for me at home. So it doesn't matter where I stay. The New Year holiday is nothing special to me." I just wanted to ask if she had a family but ultimately decided against it. I felt it was impolite to pry into other people's personal life. Moreover, every family had problems of its own. Mrs. Mayer looked glamorous, but that didn't mean she hadn't been through hardships. She had become a successful woman only after overcoming adversities. Perhaps she, too, had a painful past. I didn't want to unravel it. "You should go back now. Your lover must be waiting for you at home," Lavinia advised gently. "But..." I was worried about leaving her alone. She understood my hesitation and smiled at me. "Don't worry. I have the medicine. Nothing will happen. You carry on." Since she insisted I leave, I grabbed my bag and left.

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