#### Chapter 961

This time around, Meredith did not expect Josiah to take her words seriously.

But like previous times, Josiah agreed, "Okay, I won't do it anymore."

He then moved the breakfast in front of her and asked, "Edith, can you eat now?"

Meredith glanced at him coldly. She wondered why Josiah was not mad even when she just yelled at her.

Josiah was mild-tempered as usual.

After breakfast, Meredith went upstairs to spend some time with Nia before getting ready to leave.

Josiah stopped her and asked, "Where are you going? Ill drive you."

Meredith glanced at his hand frustratedly. "I've missed out on work for three days all thanks to you.

Shouldn't I at least make sure that my company is still there?"

"It's the New Year, what is there for you to do?" Josiah was skeptical. "Even if there is, I can help you with it."

Meredith stared at him and wondered if Josiah was really that worried that she would go visit Charlie at the hospital.

For the sake of getting rid of him, she said, "Don't worry. I'm not going to the hospital."

After all, Meredith was persuaded by Josiah earlier. She did agree that it was not a good time for her to go visit Charlie.

"It doesn't matter, just let me drive you," He insisted.

Meredith took a glimpse upstairs and asked, "What about Nia if the both of us leave?"

"We can take Nia with us and have lunch outside together."

Meredith threw her bag on the couch and said, "Forget it. I'm not going anymore."

"Edith, I don't mean otherwise. I just wanted to drive you," Josiah said as he watched her leave.

Meredith ignored him and walked upstairs,

Meredith counted the days and it had already been five days since Charlie regained his consciousness. His wound must have already recovered and he might be discharged from the hospital soon.

She guessed that it was a good time for her to visit Charlie.

Right when Meredith was about to head out, someone rang the doorbell.

The servants were still on break whilst Josiah and Nia went out to get groceries after breakfast.

Meredith opened the door to find Charlie's mother at the door.

"Mrs...Larson," Meredith stuttered at the sight of Charlie's mother.

After all, she was being hit several times by Charlie's mother and she could still feel the burning pain on

next to Josiah?"

Meredith straightened her back and said to her, "Mrs. Larson, I'm not sure why you're here but I do want to ask you about Charlie. How is he now? Is it okay for me to go visit him now?"

"Meredith Leighton, I thought you've already forgotten about Charlie."

Crossing her arms in front of her chest, Charlie's mother scanned Meredith from head to toe and scoffed, "You gave such a moving speech the other day, but it seems like you've forgotten all about it?

"Well, you do seem to look better staying with Josiah. It is no wonder you've forgotten about your husband who is stuck in the hospital."

"Mrs. Larson," Meredith replied, "it was you who didn't allow me to visit Charlie, and it is also you who stopped me from taking a step into the hospital."

"So? You are happy deep down, aren't you?"

No.

"Then what have you been up to for the past few days? Sleeping with Josiah?"

#### Chapter 962

Ever since the day where she stopped Meredith from visiting the hospital, Meredith had not shown up since then.

And this angered Charlie's mother. She felt deeply unjust for her son.

Looking at Charlie's mother, Meredith said, "Mrs. Larson, I don't think that you came all the way here just to mock me. You can cut to the chase and say what you want to."

Charlie's mother was slightly irked by how Meredith spoke to her. But for the sake of her useless son, she could only hold herself back.

She took a deep breath before asking, "That night, you promised that you'd come back to Charlie and take care of him if he woke up, yes?"

"Yes," Meredith replied without any hesitation.

"Then why are you still here?"

'..."

"Charlie hasn't been talking much nor showing any interest to anyone since he woke up. I think you know better why he ended up this way, don't you?"

Meredith nodded. "I know. I didn't visit him for the past few days because I didn't want to go against you and also, I didn't want to trigger Charlie, in case he gets all worked up."

"Save your excuses and just be honest. Tell me if you're still going to be responsible for Charlie."

"I will."

"Good," Charlie's mother sneered coldly, "Meredith Leighton, I wouldn't even have come all the way if it wasn't because I'm worried that Charlie might break."

Charlie's mother was quite an egoistic person.

She then said to Meredith, "Let's go now. Come with me and we'll go see Charlie."

"Okay. Let me grab some stuff upstairs." She then headed upstairs.

She went to her room and packed lightly. Meredith then left a note on the dining table for Josiah.

After settling everything, she then got into Charlie's mother's car.

At the junction, their car crossed paths with Josiah's car. Meredith noticed Josiah's car and she waved her hands at them.

But the car took a quick turn and disappeared from her sight.

Charlie's mother glanced at her coldly.

Josiah was in the middle of a conversation with Nia and did not notice Charlie's mother's car that was driving in the opposite lane.

"Nia, do you think that Mommy is going to allow me to cook scallops again?" Josiah smiled and asked.

They came across scallops in the wet market and under Nia's persuasion, Josiah finally bought some.

"Okay. But what if Mommy says that it's a waste of money?"

Nia patted her chest and said, "Don't worry. I'll say that it was me who wanted to eat."

"You're the best, darling."

Josiah drove into the yard and pulled over at the front door. He helped Nia get off from the car before taking down the groceries from the trunk of the car.

With the groceries bag in one hand, Josiah walked into the house with Nia in his other hand.

As soon as Nia stepped foot into the house, she shouted, "Mommy, we're home."

Not getting any response, Nia then walked upstairs and said, "Mommy, we brought a cake for you. Come down and try it!"

In the end, Nia did not find Meredith anywhere, hence she could only go back downstairs. "Daddy, I can't find Mommy upstairs. Did she go out?"

#### Chapter 963

"She's not upstairs?" Josiah was slightly surprised. "But she doesn't have to go to work today."

"Oh? Let me try to look for her in the garden."

Josiah took the groceries to the kitchen and when he walked past the dining table, he noticed the note on the table.

He reached for the note and realized that it was from Meredith.

[It's about time that I go back to Charlie. Please take good care of Nia for me for the time being. Thank you.]

Reading the message, Josiah furrowed his brows.

After a while, he reached for his phone and called Meredith. Very quickly, Meredith answered his call.

"Nia and I have bought ingredients to make your favorite dishes. How could you just leave like that?" His voice lamented with seriousness.

On the other end of the call was Meredith's calm voice. "I've planned to go back to Charlie as soon as he's calmer. I think today is a good time."

"So, you're not coming back today?"

"No."

"Meredith Leighton!" Josiah fumed, "I've gone through hoops just to get you back. And you're just going to abandon me and Nia like that?"

"Josiah, can't you be more realistic? I am Charlie's wife and isn't it only right for me to go back to him?"

"You know darn well that Charlie has gone nuts...but you're going back to him to be tortured? Do you like being tortured?"

"It's exactly because Charlie is not fine, thus all the more of a reason that I should go back to him and take care of him," Meredith added, "in any case, you don't have to say anything more. Please take good care of Nia.

"And, unless it's anything urgent, don't call me because I don't want Charlie to misunderstand anything. That's all I want to say. Goodbye."

She then ended the call.

Josiah's face was overcast and gloomy.

Clenching the phone in his hand, Josiah stood still without moving an inch.

It was only when Nia returned from the garden and said to him, "Daddy, I don't see Mommy in the garden too. I think she went out. Daddy, what's wrong? Why do you look so upset?"

Josiah slowly came back to his senses and removed the phone from his ear.

"Daddy, where is Mommy?" Nia asked.

At that moment, Josiah did not know how to explain to Nia her mother's whereabouts. He could only

"Not sure, darling," Josiah patted Nia's head and said, "don't worry, she'll be back."

"Okay." Nia did not think much about it and went back to playing with her toys.

Meredith did not expect that she would be seeing Charlie again in this state. He was looking at her with feelings of distance and defensiveness. It was as if she was a stranger to him.

What happened to him?

Could it be that he did not want to see her?

"Charlie, how are you feeling?" She reached out her hand and took his wrist that was bandaged and said, "
Is it still painful?"

Charlie pulled back his hand quickly and he looked even more distant.

With her hands left in mid-air, Meredith felt even guilty.

"I'm sorry, Charlie. I really didn't want to leave you. I wouldn't have escaped if it wasn't because you and Mrs. Larson forcing me and leaving me with no other choice."

"But you don't have to worry anymore. Now that I'm back, I will not leave you anymore. I will take care of you and stay by your side like the old times," Meredith then added, "oh, and Charlie, we can leave the country if that's what you want. You're right that Nia is already six years old and since she's adored by the Shelby family, I have nothing to be worried about. And I don't have to fight for custody of Nia. "It will only be the both of us from now on and we can go wherever you want to, okay?"

#### Chapter 964

On the outside, she sounded calm and composed, yet on the inside, she felt as if her heart was being torn into pieces.

Even though what she said made sense, it was hard for her to let go of Nia. It was nearly impossible for her to give up on Nia.

She would definitely be in pain if she were to be separated from Nia.

Nia was her family but Charlie was her responsibility. In the end, she had chosen to give up on Nia and go back to Charlie. It took her a lot of courage to come to this decision.

She simply hoped that Charlie would recover quickly so that her efforts would not go to waste.

She knew that she had hurt Charlie deeply and there might be a chance that he would not believe her nor agree with her decision.

But, Charlie, on the other hand, said flatly, "Are you done talking? Can you please tell me who you are now?

Meredith was stunned.

Meredith's eyes widened in shock. After a few seconds, she grabbed his hand and asked, "Charlie, you..."

"You're right, I don't remember you. So, would you mind introducing yourself?" Charlie pulled back his hand from her grip again.

Charlie seemed distant.

"Charlie, do you really not remember me at all?" Aghast, Meredith went on, "I am Meredith, Meredith Leighton. Your wife."

"My wife?" Charlie frowned as he studied her.

"Yes." Meredith nodded.

Judging by his response, could it be that Charlie had lost his memories?

But how was it possible?

He injured his wrist, not his head.

"But I've got a girlfriend," Confused, Charlie replied.

Meredith did not know what to say.

He had a girlfriend?

What was happening exactly?

Did Charlie lose his memories or was he simply confused?

"Charlie, listen to me..." Meredith reached out her hand, wanting to hold his hand but Charlie avoided him.

Meredith's hand froze mid-air. But she went on, "You don't have a girlfriend but you have a wife. And that is me, Meredith Leighton. Do you remember now?"

at the total and indicating that he remembered nothing

Charlie had lost a lot of weight and the patient gown looked extra loose on him. Meredith felt heartbroken seeing him in this state.

Meredith had made up her mind again to stay by Charlie's side.

She helped to adjust his blanket before walking out of the ward. She went to meet Charlie's mother who was in the lounging room.

Meredith found her sitting on the sofa as if she was waiting for her.

"Mrs. Larson, did Charlie lose her memories?" A confused Meredith asked.

"I wasn't sure and that is why I called you here," Charlie's mother replied coldly.

Meredith replied, "It seems like he did lose his memories. But why? He clearly only injured his hand."

"I've hired someone to hypnotize him," Charlie's mother replied coldly.

"What did you do?" Aghast, Meredith stared at her and asked, "You made Charlie lose his memories?"



#### Chapter 965

Even though she had heard of erasing someone's memories through hypnosis, this is the first time she had encountered this.

And the hypnosis actually worked.

"Mrs. Larson, wouldn't this hurt Charlie? I've heard that things could easily go wrong if we're not careful."

"It's better than how he was hurt last time," Charlie's mother glanced coldly at her and said, "Meredith Leighton, do you really think that he can accept the fact that his wife ran away with another man and the fact that he is crippled? I managed to save him once when he was at death's door, but what about the next time? Would he be that lucky?"

"..."

"But of course, he's not your son. Why should you care?"

"Mrs. Larson, I know that your intentions are good and you're doing this for Charlie's sake. But what you did is too dangerous. I hope you won't try this again."

She then added, "I've promised that I would stay by Charlie and take care of him. I will not let him have the chance to do such a foolish thing anymore."

"Meredith, tell me, are you convinced by what you say?"

"Yes."

"But Charlie and I, we don't believe you. I think that your heart and soul will leave with Josiah as soon as he calls."

Looking at the coldness in her eyes, Meredith knew that there was nothing else that she could say to change Charlie's mother's mind.

She inhaled softly and said, "Then what do you plan to do? Keep Charlie this way? With his memories lost?

"If not, what else? Tell him that his wife had spent the New Year with another man?"

"..."

Meredith was rendered speechless.

Charlie's mother said with a straight face, "Even though Charlie has lost his memories now, who's to say that he won't remember them again? So you better keep your promise, stay by his side, and create new memories together. In case one day he really does remember everything, it would not break him down too much. Do you understand?"

"Yes." Meredith nodded.

"You better be, if not I'll never forgive you," Charlie's mother warned.

Meredith though, was unfazed by her taunts. Instead, she took two steps forward and stopped right in front of her.

"Mrs. Larson, there's something that I need to clarify. I only choose to stay with Charlie not because of

"No," Meredith shook her head and went on, "you're Charlie's mother and I used to respect you. But it should go both ways. Since I don't think that you respect me, there's no need for me to keep receiving your cold shoulders."

"So I hope that from now on, you can be more polite to me when you talk to me. After all, both of us have the same aim, don't we? All we want is for Charlie to get better soon."

"And, I am after all Nia's mother. I hope that you would stop hiring people to inflict harm on me. It's not because I'm scared to die. But this would only trigger Josiah to want to protect me and keep me next to him."

Charlie's mother's face was distorted in anger.

For the sake of saving her face, she scoffed, "You're threatening me with Josiah?"

"I'm just speaking the facts," Meredith looked down and went on, "I'm sure you know how Josiah is better than I do. I'm only telling you this so that I can stay by Charlie's side without any worries."

Meredith then walked out of the lounging room.

Charlie's mother shouted, "Stop right there!"

Meredith ignored her and continued making her way out.

She had made it clear that she did not make the decision to stay simply because of Charlie's mother's orders.

When Meredith returned to Charlie's room, she heard a familiar voice.

"Charlie, try some of this, hmm? I bought this, especially for you."

Was it...Kimberly Jackson?



#### Chapter 966

What was she doing here? The last time Meredith saw her was when Charlie slapped her across the face and kicked her out of the hospital.

And from her voice, it sounded like she was back on good terms with Charlie.

Meredith hesitated before finally knocking on the door and walking inside.

Both of them turned to look at her and their gaze turned cold at the same time.

Meredith took a glance at Charlie who was on the bed and then looked at Kimberly who was feeding him fruits. Even though the situation was rather strange, she still greeted Kimberly, "Hey Kimberly. Are you here to see Charlie?"

Staring at Meredith, Kimberly mocked, "Meredith Leighton, shouldn't you be spending the New Year with your ex-husband and daughter? Since when do you have the time to come see Charlie?"

Meredith looked at Charlie and wanted to explain herself.

But Kimberly added, "Go back to your ex-husband. I'll be here for Charlie."

Meredith knew that Kimberly commented on that on purpose. She suddenly recalled that Charlie mentioned that he had a girlfriend and it seemed like Kimberly was that girlfriend.

Did Kimberly seize the opportunity that Charlie had lost his memories and claimed that she was his girlfriend?

Meredith walked over to them and said to Charlie, "Charlie, Kimberly is not your girlfriend. She is just your bandmate."

Charlie was simply staring at her with eyes of doubt.

Kimberly quickly explained, "Even if I'm not Charlie's girlfriend, it is a fact that I've got a crush on him for a long time. And, I will never betray Charlie as you did! Never!"

"Miss Kimberly, I would appreciate it if you refrain from trying to drive a wedge between Charlie and me," Meredith stared at her and went on, "and, Charlie is still recovering and he is not in a good mood. I hope that you can be more considerate of him and stop upsetting him."

Rage gripped Kimberly as she fumed, "It's not like I said anything wrong. You don't even have the nerves to admit what horrible things you've done to Charlie and now you're accusing me of being selfish?"

"Miss Kimberly..."

"Enough!" Charlie shouted.

He looked up and stared coldly at Meredith. "Are you done? If yes, please leave."

"Charlie, are you asking me to leave?" In shock, Meredith asked, "You..."

"Do you not hear him? Charlie asked you to leave," Kimberly urged, "Meredith Leighton, even though Charlie has lost his memories, he has heard about where you've been and what you've done."

Meredith stared at her silently.

Kimberly pushed Meredith toward the door and said. "Get out and stay away from Charlie!"

Kimberly stumbled out of the room. She turned around and started hitting the door. "Are you out of your mind, Meredith Leighton? Open the door right now!"

"You're the one who's not in their right mind," Meredith went on with a lowered voice, "we're at the hospital. Mind your voice if you don't want to disturb other patients here."

"You-" Kimberly fumed, "you're such a b\*tch!"

But Kimberly quickly composed herself and stopped before she caused a scene.

Meredith inhaled slowly before turning around to only meet Charlie's hostile gaze on her.

"Charlie," She called out to him.

"Why did you lock her out?" Charlie asked as he stared at her.

"Because I wanted to talk to you." Meredith sat down on the edge of his bed, reaching out her hand wanting to hold his hand. But Charlie had avoided her with a look of disdain on his face.

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#### Chapter 967

Charlie had been avoiding her several times today but Meredith still felt disappointed.

"Just say what you need to and keep your hands off me," Charlie said flatly and with a straight face.

"Charlie, I am the person whom you like for a long time and I am your wife."

"I know. And I also heard that in the end, you betrayed me, abandoned me for another man."

"It's not like that Charlie. I had my reasons for leaving the mansion. I didn't mean to leave you like that."

"You've been staying at your ex-husband's house for the past few days, yes?"

Meredith had no choice but to nod her head. "Yes. But it was because your mother tried to harm me and Josiah took me back to his place."

"So that means you've reconciled with your ex-husband, isn't it?"

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"..."

"If that's the case, then keep it that way. You don't have to show up here anymore and don't make it difficult for Kimberly," Charlie said.

"Charlie, you've lost your memories and you don't know everything."

"Yes, indeed. I've lost my memories. But I can see who is good to me and who is not," Charlie went on, " the person that I saw when I woke up was Kimberly, and not you."

"But you don't like Kimberly. Charlie, I'm just worried that you'd break apart when you find out that you've loved the wrong person after getting back your memories."

Meredith would not stop Charlie from liking someone else because she was the one who hurt and disappointed him. Hence, she did not have the right to insist that Charlie love her.

But Charlie did not like Kimberly at all and Charlie had not been able to move past her.

She could not let Charlie get into a relationship that he did not want, not especially when he had lost his memories.

But Charlie was unbothered. "The doctor said that I won't be able to get back my memories anymore. It doesn't matter whether I like her or not, as long as I start loving her now."

Meredith was speechless.

"Charlie, Meredith is your wife and this is a fact," Charlie's mother's voice came from the door.

She then walked into the room and said, "As for Miss Kimberly, you were never attracted to her since the day you played the band together. So what makes you think that you'll fall for her now?"

Charlie's mother knew better.

Even though Meredith had always been tangled up with Josiah and she was not respectful to her, Charlie's mother knew that deep down, Meredith had a kind heart and her intentions were good. Meredith had also been taking good care of Charlie.

Hence, Charlie's mother decided that Meredith was the most suitable candidate to take care of Charlie.

She was not convinced that Kimberly, a woman who was never married, would have the patience to spend her life with a man who was crippled.

If it was not because Charlie was wealthy, perhaps Kimberly would not even have shown any interest in

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Charlie.

"Meredith is right that it was us who forced her until she had no choice but to leave. But now that she's returned, let her stay by your side," Charlie's mother went on, "you guys are husband and wife, you should be on the same side. Stop getting into small and petty arguments."

"Who said that I can't get a divorce?" Charlie stared at his mother and asked, "Why can't I decide that I don't want a woman who had betrayed me?"

Charlie's mother replied, "You can't!"

"Why?"

"Because you were the one who insisted that you wanted to marry her and now, you should be responsible for your decision." Charlie's mother took a look at Meredith and added, "I've said the same to Meredith earlier. Since she's agreed to marry you, she'd need to be responsible for you.

"You married your sister-in-law and now you want a divorce? Charlie Larson, do you not care about the Larsons' reputation anymore?

"Lie down and get some rest." Charlie's mother ordered and then said to Meredith, "Take good care of him. I'll get going now."

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#### Chapter 968

Charlie's mother then walked out of the room.

Charlie was clutching onto the covers tightly until his knuckles turned white.

Meredith walked over to him and helped to unclench his fingers. "Calm down, Charlie. It is all my fault for what happened and I will never betray you anymore."

Charlie stared at her coldly. "Leave. I don't need you here to take care of me."

"Charlie, I will not leave no matter what you say."

The last time she left, Charlie nearly lost his life. Hence, she will never leave again.

"I'll go get some water for you." Meredith then turned around to get a glass of water.

Meredith then handed him a glass of warm water but Charlie pushed away her hands coldly.

She tried handing the glass to him again but he pushed her away again.

After several attempts, Meredith had no choice but to put down the glass. "Alright. Drink when you're thirsty."

Charlie ignored her.

Seeing how he was in a daze, Meredith said to him, "Charlie, should I go to the bookstore upstairs and get some books for you?"

"It's okay. Kimberly already bought them."

"...did she?"

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"They're in the drawer."

Meredith opened the drawer to see a handful of books in there, and they were mostly books that Charlie was interested in.

Kimberly was indeed Charlie's fan girl. She seemed to know a lot about Charlie's interests.

Looking at those books, Meredith could not help but think that Kimberly was a rather nice girl. She did love Charlie but Charlie did not like her. If not, they would have made a great couple.

At noon, when Meredith was about to go prepare lunch for Charlie, Kimberly showed up again.

Arranging the lunchboxes on the table, Kimberly smiled and said, "Charlie, I made some chicken soup for you. Try and tell me if it's nice."

She made sure to cool down the soup before putting the spoon next to Charlie's mouth. "Here, try some."

Charlie nodded. "It's good."

"Really? Then you should drink more."

Kimberly continued feeding him...

Both of them were in their own world while Meredith was treated as if she was invisible.

Even though Meredith was slightly uncomfortable with what she saw, she did feel a sense of relief seeing how Charlie and Kimberly were comfortable around each other.

It had been a long time since she saw Charlie smiling ever since he lost his legs.

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Perhaps it was a good thing that he lost his memories.

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To avoid the awkwardness, Meredith turned around and walked out of the room.

Kimberly continued feeding Charlie until he was done with his meal.

She then walked out of the room with the cutleries in her hands, placed them in front of Meredith, and said, "You said you were going to take care of Charlie, didn't you? Go and wash these."

Looking at the used dishes, Meredith nodded. "Okay. But I will prepare Charlie's meals from now on. You don't have to do it anymore."

"But Charlie enjoys my cooking," Kimberly said.

Meredith replied, "No. Charlie prefers my cooking."

"Do you still not get it, Miss Meredith? People's taste in food will change, plus Charlie has lost his memories and this is his chance to start over, to start trying new things. Be it me or my cooking, I've already made my mark in his life."

Meredith had to admit that Kimberly was right.

If Charlie did fall in love with Kimberly, Meredith would not stop him.

She was simply worried that this would all just be a hallucination for Charlie. Once he woke up from it, his dreams would be shattered and he would once again suffer in pain.

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#### Chapter 969

Even though Kimberly saw her chance and had gained Charlie's favor first, she was not in any way related to Charlie. Hence, Kimberly was not able to continue staying in Charlie's room.

Later in the night, the room is finally quiet.

Meredith filled a tub of hot water from the washroom to help Charlie wipe down his body.

But Charlie did not want her help and he even warned her to not lay a finger on him.

Meredith looked at him and explained patiently, "Charlie, I have always been the one to clean you back when you were in the hospital. Plus, I am your wife. Isn't it more appropriate for me to do this?"

"I made it clear that I don't want a wife that backstabbed me," Charlie replied coldly, "Meredith Leighton, can you stop hanging around me like a leech?"

"No. I have to take responsibility for you!"

Meredith then forcefully removed his pants.

Because Charlie was wearing a patient gown, the pants were removed easily. The first thing that Meredith saw was the knife cuts on his lap.

Meredith was stunned. She studied his legs that were covered with big and small cuts and were suddenly reminded of what the woman had said to her last time.

The woman said that Charlie would stab his leg with a knife to control his emotions and to relieve the pain and suffering that he was going through.

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The woman even said that Charlie's legs were covered with big and small knife cuts.

Meredith finally realized that the woman was telling the truth.

Meredith suddenly felt an urge to cry as she lifted up her head and looked at Charlie.

Charlie did not know the thoughts that were running in her mind and he had his side turned to a side as he sulked.

Meredith called out to him gently, "Charlie."

Not looking at her, Charlie replied coldly, "Get it done quickly if you want to do it. And once you're done, leave."

Tracing her fingers along the scars on his legs, a heartbroken Meredith asked, "Why did you do this to yourself? Why didn't you tell me anything?"

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"Tell you about what?"

"That you're in pain, that you're devastated. Why would you choose to hurt yourself?"

"I hurt myself?" Charlie finally turned his head to look at her. "You mean these scars on my legs? You're saying that I did these to myself?"

Meredith felt her heart being clenched tightly.

Could he have forgotten?

How could he have forgotten such a painful memory?

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Wiping away the tears that were welling up in her eyes, Meredith shook her head and said, "No, it's not that. What I mean is that why don't you like me anymore? You clearly said that you started liking me when you were ten."

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"Because you fell for someone else."

"No, I did not," Meredith claimed as she shook her head and held his hands in hers, "Charlie, things have already ended between Josiah and me. We already said that we'll never get back together."

"Enough, I don't want to hear it anymore."

Meredith then said, "Okay. I'll stop. I'll prove myself with my actions."

She then looked at his legs again.

His long and strong legs were covered with all sorts of scars and it was as if those scars were yelling at her, telling her how he was suffering and how helpless he was.

Meredith could not bring herself to see them any longer hence she quickly cleaned him and put back his clothes.

She then walked into the washroom with the tub of water.

It was then she finally let her tears fall.

She cried because she felt sorry and heartbroken.

After some time in the washroom, her phone rang.

She answered the call and Nia's voice was heard on the other end of the call, "Mommy, when are you coming home? Daddy and I are getting lonely without you here with us."

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But Kimberly had lied to Charlie.

Kimberly sure knew how to turn the situation in her favor whenever she saw the chance.

Meredith looked at the flower in her hand and was hesitating if she should give it to Charlie.

But as his wife, Meredith thought that it would be too much if she did not give him anything. Hence, she walked into the room.

"Charlie, congratulations on getting discharged," Smiling, she then handed the flower to Charlie and said, " this is for you."

Charlie took a glance at the flower in her hand and replied flatly, "I already received one."

Still keeping a smile on her face, Meredith replied, "That was from Miss Kimberly, and this is from me. If you don't want to hold it, I can help you hold onto it."

"You can hold it then," Charlie then said to Kimberly, "let's go, Kimberly."

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"Alright." Kimberly nodded and pushed Charlie out of the room.

Wilma gave a polite nod to Meredith and followed them out of the room.

Meredith was left standing alone in the room with the flower in her hand.

Over the past few days, she had already gotten used to Charlie's coldness toward her. Hence, she got over feeling sad rather quickly.

Sighing softly, Meredith too walked out of the room.

When she arrived downstairs, Charlie's car had already started, and in the car were Charlie and Kimberly who were talking and laughing with each other.

Meredith stopped in her tracks. All of a sudden, she had the thought that there was no need for her to disrupt the peacefulness.

After all, it had been a long time since Charlie looked this happy, not after his injury.

"Stop staring now. It's just a phase. You don't have to be too bothered by it," Charlie's mother showed up out of nowhere and said.

After Meredith confronted her back then, Charlie's mother had been more polite toward Meredith.

Meredith turned to look at her and asked, "Mrs. Larson, don't you think that they look happy together? Forcing myself between them won't do any good, don't you think?"

"Anyone would be easily touched or moved by someone who reached out their hands to them when they are at their lowest and most helpless times, plus, this is Charlie that we're talking about, and he's crippled. But who's to know how long the girl can stay by Charlie's side and whether Charlie would resent you if he gets back his memory?"

Charlie's mother glanced sideways at her and asked, "Meredith Leighton, you're not looking for excuses to abandon Charlie, are you?"

"Of course not," Meredith shook her head.

"Then get into my car." Charlie's mother then got into her car.

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Meredith did not hesitate and got into the car.

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Both of them returned to the mansion.

Charlie was already in his room with the help of Kimberly.

Kimberly was just coming out of Charlie's room and was about to prepare a meal for Charlie.

At the sight of Charlie's mother and Meredith, she greeted them politely.

Looking at Kimberly, Charlie's mother said in a rather gentle voice, "Miss Kimberly, it's about time and you've done enough. You should go back to where you belong."

Even though Kimberly was rather intimidated by Charlie's mother who can be a bit overbearing, she bit down on her lips and said, "Mrs. Larson, I think that what's most important right now is Charlie's recovery and I can help him with that. Why would you want me to leave?"

"Because you're not the person that Charlie loves."

Charlie's mother went on in a solemn voice, "If Charlie did not lose his memories and falls in love with you, I will definitely be happy for the both of you and I will give you my blessings."

"But what if he lost his memories?"

"You should think about what happens if his memories recover. Don't you think that he'll think that he was made a fool by all of us?"

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Kimberly bit down on her lips and replied, "Don't worry, Mrs. Larson. It looks like Charlie has lost his memories for good and he will never get back his memories."

She then quickly added, "Besides, even if he does get his memories back, time would have already passed and I'm confident that Charlie will fall for me during those times. And it wouldn't matter then even if Charlie gets back his memories."

Meredith knew that Kimberly said those words for her to hear.

In the end, Kimberly said to Meredith, "Miss Meredith, I'm sure you know how I feel about Charlie, and needless to say, we all know what Josiah means to you. This is a good chance for you to return to Josiah and I really don't understand why you're hanging around Charlie."

Staring right back at Kimberly, she replied, "As Mrs.Larson had said, if Charlie had chosen you without losing his memories, I'd happily give my blessings."

"If Charlie still likes you after he gets his memories back, I too will give my blessings. As for now, I'm really sorry, and please understand that I can't step away."

"You-" Kimberly was wordless with rage. "I don't need you to yield to me. I'd be happy as long as Charlie allows me to stay by his side."

"Miss Kimberly," Staring at Kimberly coldly, Charlie's mother said, "this is my house and I am in charge here. Please leave when you're asked nicely, if not, I'll call security."

Gnawing on her lips, Kimberly simply looked at her.

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"I'll leave if either of you insists on kicking her out." Charlie's voice was heard from the bedroom.

The three of them turned around to see Charlie coming out of his bedroom, sitting in his wheelchair.

Meredith and Kimberly went to him nearly at the same time.

"Charlie, they are insisting that I leave." Kimberly was a step ahead of Meredith. Wrapping her arms around Charlie's, Kimberly glanced at Meredith and went on, "Miss Meredith even said that she'll not allow us to be together unless you get back your memories."

Charlie's gaze darkened as he stared at Meredith. "What more do you want?"

He then turned to look at his mother. "And you, aren't you supposed to be my mother? If so, please stop forcing me to live with a married woman who has a child and who has even cheated on me. I really can't take it."

Meredith was speechless.

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Charlie who had never rejected her in the past was now starting to be bothered by her past.

It seemed like Charlie really changed a lot after losing his memories.

Charlie's mother responded, "Charlie, don't be tricked by Miss Kimberly. How could she possibly...fall for someone who can't use his legs? It's obvious that she's coming after our wealth."

"At least I'm not like Miss Meredith who is eyeing the Larsons' wealth and who can't seem to move on from her ex-husband."

Charlie announced coldly, "Enough, all of you. This is my life and I'll do what I want. I don't need either of you to tell me what to do."

Feeling pleased, Kimberly raised a brow and said to Meredith, "Do you hear what Charlie said? I am the one that he likes. So stop coming in between us."

Meredith stood in silence.

"Kimberly, come in and read books with me." Charlie held Kimberly's hands in his.

"Sure." Kimberly then went back into the room with Charlie.

Until the both of them were out of their sight, Meredith comforted Charlie's mother, "Don't be too bothered by what she said, Mrs. Larson. Kimberly can sometimes be too straightforward."

Charlie's mother still had her eyes fixed on the bedroom. She replied flatly, "Back when Charlie was determined to marry you, his attitude was much worse compared to now. I'm already used to it. "Meredith, you're on your own now." Charlie's mother then turned around and walked away.

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Meredith looked at where Charlie's mother left and shifted her gaze toward the bedroom. She was left standing all alone in the spacious living room.

But she gathered herself quickly and took a deep breath before walking into the kitchen.

In the kitchen, Wilma was looking at Meredith with a sympathetic look on her face, yet she could not hold herself back from scolding her, "Ma'am, I know you only left Mister Charlie because you were left with no choice. But aside from his nasty temper, you won't find another guy like Mister Charlie. There will definitely be a lot of girls who would like him, you...sigh...

"Allow me to say this, Ma'am. I just feel really sorry for both you and Mister Charlie."

"That's alright," Meredith flashed a smile at her and said, "as long as Charlie is happy."

"Ma'am, why would you say something like that? If you really loved each other, you wouldn't have allowed anyone to get in between the both of you. Do you perhaps not love Mister Charlie at all?"

Meredith, who was going through the fridge, froze slightly.

She was not sure what Charlie meant to her and what she felt for him.

Too many things had happened between them whilst Charlie and her had changed too.

Charlie had turned into an unreasonable person and she ended up trying to please him and make him happy so that he could return to his old self. Aside from that, Meredith did not dare to think about anything else.

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"Wilma, I'll prepare lunch for today," She said to Wilma.

Seeing how Meredith was not replying to her question, Wilma did not dare to push it and simply let Meredith take over the kitchen.

Lunch was prepared swiftly and she had mostly prepared Charlie's favorite dishes.

Removing the apron on her, Meredith walked toward Charlie's room to hear Kimberly chuckling happily.

Meredith had to admit that Kimberly was good at putting someone in a good mood.

Meredith was hesitant about whether she should interrupt them.

But she was worried that the dishes would go cold, hence she knocked on the door. "Charlie, lunch is ready. Come on out and eat."

The laughter in the room came to an abrupt stop and the door was pulled open.

Kimberly showed up at the door. "Okay, I'll bring the dishes up here."

Meredith took a quick glimpse inside the room to find that they were watching a comedy movie that was projected on the wall.

That explained why Kimberly was chuckling away.

"As you can see, our movie is still playing and we'll eat here instead of eating out there." Kimberly looked at Meredith and ordered, "If you're free, would you please bring the dishes in here?"

Meredith saw Charlie who was deeply immersed in the movie so she nodded. "Okay, I'll bring them inside."

She went back to the kitchen, put the dishes onto a tray, walked into the room, and placed them carefully on the table.

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She handed a plate with dishes and handed them to Charlie. "Eat while it's hot, Charlie."

Charlie took a glance at the plate, looked at Kimberly, and said, "I don't like the garlic shrimps, you can have them, Kimberly."

"Okay, I love them the most." Kimberly handed her plate to Charlie and took the plate filled with dishes from Meredith's hands.

Confused, Meredith asked Charlie, "Don't you like garlic shrimps, Charlie?"

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"Charlie said that it's too garlicky, he doesn't like it." Kimberly took a glance at the table of dishes, then pointed at the chicken wings and said, "Also, he doesn't like honey BBQ chicken wings. You know what, I'll prepare Charlie's meals from now on. You can stay out of this."

Meredith was annoyed.

Back then because Nia and her enjoyed garlic shrimps and honey BBQ chicken wings, Charlie had slowly learned to enjoy them as well.

Meredith did not expect that Charlie's taste in food would change along with losing his memories.

"Charlie, do you really not like them?" Meredith insisted.

Charlie finally shifted his gaze from the movie onto Meredith. "Meredith Leighton, can you just stop asking for attention? You're getting on my nerves."

The coldness in his gaze finally hurt Meredith.

She inhaled sharply, turned around, and walked out of the room.

While she walked out, she tried to comfort herself that she should not get angry at Charlie as he had lost his legs and even lost his memories.

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She should not do this to Charlie.

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While she was watering the plants in the garden, her phone rang.

She hesitated when she saw that it was Josiah's number. But in the end, she answered.

She said right away, "Mister Josiah, I hope that this call is related to Nia. If not, you can just hang up."

Josiah, on the other end of the phone, stayed silent for a few seconds before finally saying, "Edith, I was hoping to hear your voice."

"No, this is not a valid reason. Do this again and I'll block your number." Meredith then ended the call without any hesitation.

After watering two rows of flower bushes, she reached for her phone and called Josiah again.

"Edith?" Josiah sounded slightly happy.

"I wanted to ask about how the preparation is going. Nia's going back to school tomorrow, yes?"

"Everything is ready."

"I think her uniform got a little tight, remember to get her a new one. And the school only allows them to wear white sneakers, don't forget to buy her a pair. Also, make sure she get a haircut, leaving her hair too long might get in her eyes..."

Not getting any reply from Josiah, Meredith broke off and asked, "Are you even listening to what I'm saying?"

"I am."

"Then why are you not responding?"

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"I don't want to interrupt you."

Meredith was rendered rather speechless.

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"Don't worry. I've already gotten all these settled," Josiah replied.

He was after all Nia's father. Of course, he knew what he had to do.

Meredith was finally relieved. She then said, "If there's nothing else, I'm going to hang up."

"Edith, there's one more thing."

"Go on."

"When are you coming back to see me and Nia?"

"I'm not coming back anymore."

"What did you say?"

"Mrs.Larson had arranged for me and Charlie to move abroad. We will be leaving Jehovah City soon."

The tone in Josiah's voice changed abruptly. "You're out of your mind, Meredith Leighton!"

"I'm not. Us staying in Jehovah City would only make everyone unhappy, including you," Meredith tried to hide the pain in her voice and went on, "Josiah, let the past stay in the past. Let's stop all of this."

When Charlie's mother suggested that she and Charlie go overseas, Meredith agreed without a second thought.

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Solemnly, she added, "This is my last time telling you this. I hope that you'll stop asking."

Watching as Meredith walked away, Kimberly fumed, "Just so you wait! Even if Charlie gets his memories back, he will never like you!"

Meredith took a turn and disappeared into the house.

It was Nia's first day of school and Meredith of course wanted to send her to school. She even woke up early but she held herself back.

She prepared breakfast like usual.

Charlie and Kimberly showed up at the dining hall to see an absent-minded Meredith who was in the middle of preparing breakfast.

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"Charlie, what do you feel like having?" Meredith came back to her senses and asked.

"Pasta will do." Kimberly replied in Charlie's stead and added, "The pasta looks good and it's been a few days since Charlie had any pasta."

"Sure." Charlie nodded.

Kimberly got a plate of pasta for Charlie and took another for herself before taking a seat next to Charlie.

She took a bite and spat out the pasta. "Miss Meredith, you must miss your daughter so much that you forgot to add salt, didn't you?"

Meredith looked at the bowl of pasta and wondered if she really did forget to add salt.

She tasted the pasta and realized that she indeed did forget to add salt.

"I'm sorry. I'll add them right away." Hurriedly, Meredith reached for their plates.

"Forget it. It won't taste good anyway if you add them now. We'll settle for bread and milk instead." Kimberly then got a plate of toast and a glass of milk for Charlie.

She then made a remark on purpose, "Schools are open today and if you want to see your daughter, you should go. I'm sure Charlie wouldn't mind, would you, Charlie?"

Kimberly turned to look at Charlie.

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Charlie nodded. "Mm."

Meredith shot a glare at Kimberly. "You don't have to worry yourself with this, Miss Kimberly. Nia's father will be sending her to school today. I don't need to be there."

"Why don't you need to be there? You've always used Nia as an excuse to meet with Mister Josiah, didn't you? Why aren't you doing it this time?" Kimberly sneered coldy and mocked, "are you worried that Charlie would be upset? Back then, you..."

Meredith swung her arm and slapped Kimberly across her face.

"Miss Kimberly, are you done?!"

Even though Meredith did not slap her hard, Kimberly pouted her lips, covered her cheek, and started sobbing, "Meredith Leighton, how dare you hit me? Did I say anything wrong, though? You've always used Nia as an excuse to keep seeing Josiah, isn't it? If it wasn't because of you and Josiah...Charlie wouldn't have ended up like this."

"Who are you to meddle into our business?!" Rage gripped Meredith and she wanted to hit Kimberly again but she was stopped by Charlie who grabbed her by the wrist.

Meredith was stunned. She turned to look at Charlie only to meet his furious gaze.

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"Charlie, don't listen to her nonsense."

"Meredith Leighton, how do you expect me to love a crazy woman like you?!" Glaring at her furiously, Charlie seethed through his clenched jaws, "And, who are you to hit Kimberly? Do you not take me seriously?"

"It's not that," Meredith looked into his eyes and said, "Charlie, I don't need other people to meddle in our matters. Miss Kimberly is accusing me and trying to come in between us. I'm already going easy on her."

She then said to Kimberly, "Miss Kimberly, I allow you to stay here only because of Charlie. Don't push it

further, if not, I'll still hit you."

Feeling slightly guilty, Kimberly glanced at her and sneered, "Stop acting all pretentious. Just own up to what you did. Come hit me again, I dare you."

Meredith felt anger thrumming through her veins and she was ready to go all out.

But her wrist was gripped tightly by Charlie.

"Let go of me, Charlie."

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"Why should I? So that you could continue bullying Kimberly?" Charlie then warned her coldly, "Meredith Leighton, don't you dare to lay your hands on her again!"

He then flung away her wrist with force.

And Meredith fell onto the floor.

"I didn't know that you're quite good at pretending you're weak. It seems like you've done it too much with Josiah and it's becoming a habit now," Kimberly went on to provoke her, "you're just shameless, aren't you? Luckily Charlie doesn't fall for your tricks!"

"Come on now, stop pretending." Kimberly reached out her hand to Meredith.

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It was because she did not want to be involved with Josiah anymore. And she did not want to keep tormenting each other anymore.

Josiah had clearly heard what she had promised Charlie's mother the other day. Yet, he still could not accept it. "Meredith Leighton, do you not want parental custody for Nia anymore? Are you not fighting for it anymore?"

With tears welling up in her eyes, Meredith's gaze started to blur.

"I don't want it anymore and neither am I fighting for it."

"What did you say? You don't want Nia anymore?" Josiah was aghast.

He only agreed to go to court for Nia's custody so that he could force Meredith to return to him. But he did not expect that Meredith would give up even before they went to court.

"It's not that I don't want Nia anymore. I just don't want her to go around with me, not being able to settle down." Trying her best to sound calm, she added, "Besides, I agree with Charlie that Nia has grown up and the Shelbys are all good to her. There's nothing for me to worry about if she stays with the Shelbys."

"You were the one who said it, didn't you? That Nia had suffered too much back then and it's time for her to grow up with love and care from both of her parents."

Meredith did say such a thing.

But when she decided to move abroad with Charlie, she knew that it would not be possible anymore.

Even more so now.

She took a deep breath before saying, "It's fine as long as Nia knows that we love her a lot. I believe that she'll be able to understand."

Meredith believed that Nia would definitely understand as she was considerate.

"Josiah, please do me a favor and send Nia to school tomorrow," Meredith added.

"You know that it is Nia's first day of school tomorrow yet you're not going to come to see her?"

"No." Meredith was worried that Nia would not be willing to let her go once Nia saw her.

"I don't know what else to tell Nia if you don't show up tomorrow. And I don't want to lie to her that you're simply busy with work. Edith, Nia, and I..."

Before Josiah could finish his sentence, Meredith quickly ended the call.

She knew that Josiah wanted to meet her using Nia as an excuse. But she had to stop getting involved with Josiah. She could not make the same mistakes that she did last time.

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She had to stand firm on her ground.

After ending the call, she continued to water the plants.

Kimberly's voice was suddenly heard. "Miss Meredith, the plants are going to drown in water."

It was then Meredith realized that the flower pot was overflowing with water.

She quickly put down the water can.

Kimberly walked over and took a glimpse at the flower pot. "Miss Meredith, if you miss your ex-husband and daughter, why don't you go home to them instead? In any case, Charlie doesn't want to see you."

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Meredith did not get off the floor immediately. She only got back onto her feet when Kimberly dragged her up forcefully.

But before she even stood up straight, Kimberly suddenly fell face down onto the floor.

"Ouch!" Kimberly let out a painful cry and scolded Meredith, "Meredith, how could you pull me when all I wanted was to help you get up? It's so painful..."

Kimberly covered her forehead with her hands and whined, "Charlie, my head hurts a lot. Help me check if I'm bleeding..."

She removed her hand to see a blotch of redness on her forehead.

Meredith stared blankly at her.

She did not expect that Kimberly would go to such lengths just to accuse her. Meredith thought that Kimberly was just like Yena.

"Meredith Leighton, you're just despicable!" Seeing the bruises on Kimberly's forehead, Charlie raised his hand and slapped Meredith across her face.

Meredith was stunned. Startled, she stared at him. "Charlie, you're hitting me because of an outsider?"

She was deeply shaken to her core.

Back then when Charlie was not crippled, he adored and loved her, and he had never once laid a hand on her. But when he lost his legs, Charlie hurt her over and over again, but Meredith knew that Charlie did not mean it.

This was the first time that Charlie hit her because of another woman.

"Let me say this again. I will never forgive you for laying a hand on Kimberly!" Charlie taunted.

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Looking at the coldness in his eyes and how he sounded cold, Meredith was gravely disappointed.

She clenched her hand tightly into a fist, trying to hold herself back from exploding.

Kimberly mocked, "What are you doing still standing here? Get out and let Charlie eat in peace!"

Meredith ignored her. With tears welling up in her eyes, Meredith stared at Charlie and said, "Charlie, do you know why I didn't blame you for pushing me off the stairs back then? Because I know you didn't mean it. But this...today...I am really disappointed. I will remember what happened today!"

Charlie's eyes were bloodshot. It was as if he did not care that Meredith was angry and he simply hissed, "Get out!"

And Meredith walked out of the room.

In her room, Meredith smiled bitterly at herself in the mirror.

She was asking herself how Charlie ended up this way.

She wondered if it was her problem with Charlie's and if she was the reason why Charlie ended up like this.

If she did not suggest moving abroad, and if the accident did not happen, would any of these not have happened?

Could Charlie then be able to do what he likes and love who he wants to love? Instead of not being able to differentiate right from wrong?

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Meredith thought that it must be it.

It was her fault that Charlie ended up this way.

She had no right of being disappointed in him and neither did she have the right to be angry at him.

Meredith tried to gather herself and she was finally able to calm down.

She checked the time and guessed that Charlie should already be done with breakfast.

When she showed up in front of Charlie again, Meredith was especially calm.

Charlie stared at her coldly and seethed, "What are you still doing here? Do you need me to call security to throw you out of the house?"

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Meredith took a deep breath, looked him in the eyes, and said, "Charlie, I shouldn't have raised my voice at you, and I shouldn't have laid my hands on Miss Kimberly."

Charlie was not wavered by her apology. Instead, he mocked, "Are you changing your methods now?"

"Charlie, can you not talk that way? Can't we just talk things out peacefully?"

"And what do you want to talk about? About the things you did with Josiah behind my back?"

Meredith tightened her clenched fists, shook her head, and said, "Let's talk about our future, about the plans after we move abroad. We've been making plans for some time now and I want to make those plans happen with you."

"Move abroad? With you?" Charlie laughed sarcastically, "Meredith Leighton, even if I'm crippled, you can't possibly expect me to stoop so low, can you?"

"Do you really feel that way? Being together with me?"

"To be more exact, it's embarrassing."

Charlie then took out a document from the drawer and handed it to Meredith. In a cold voice, he said, "You can forget about moving abroad together. Sign this instead. Write down the amount of alimony that you want and I'll give you however much you want."

Meredith took a glance at the document. She was stunned when she read that it was the divorce papers.

Charlie was asking for a divorce?

Charlie, who did everything to stop her from leaving and even forced her to move abroad with him, was actually asking for a divorce. And he had even signed the paper.

Can someone change that much simply after losing their memories?

Meredith looked at the divorce papers, then looked at Charlie. "Charlie, do I look like someone who is after your money?"

"Is it not?" Charlie scoffed, "If it wasn't because you're after my wealth, you wouldn't have tolerated so much and even apologized first."

"Then what if I tear this divorce paper? Will that stop you from thinking this way?" Meredith then reached for the papers on the desk and tore them into pieces.

Charlie's gaze darkened as he seethed, "Meredith Leighton, are you out of your mind? I already said that you can write down as much as you want!"

"I don't need them and I don't need money," Meredith went on, "Charlie, I'll agree to the divorce only after you get back your memories. If you still want a divorce then, I will do what you want."

"As for now, I will not agree to this and I will not change my mind about moving abroad with you." She then said, "I'll leave now if there's nothing else you want to say. Get some rest."

She then walked out of the study room.

Meredith, who had just barely collected herself, was once again deeply wounded by Charlie. & Noveltk.com & InfoBagh.com

Meredith pulled into a bitter smile.

Charlie's mother walked into the study only after Meredith went back into her room.

Charlie looked at his mother and asked, "What can I do for you, Mother?"

"I'm here to tell you that I've made all the arrangements for your flight. You and Meredith can leave next Saturday," Before waiting for a reply from Charlie, she went on, "Charlie, even though I haven't been supportive of your relationship with Meredith, I still want to remind you that you'll regret it if you let Meredith go."

She then looked at the pieces of paper scattered all around the floor, and said, "Things like divorce, you shouldn't bring them up so easily. What if Meredith really signs them? There'd be no turning back then." "Are you done, Mother?" Charlie asked flatly.

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"I know what you want to say, but my answer is still the same. You and Kimberly don't match, because it is impossible that you'd fall for her. You'll regret it if you really get together with her."

"Is it wrong for me to like and choose who I want?" Charlie went on, "don't worry, Mother. I will be responsible for my decision and even if I do regret my decision in the future, I'd have to suck it up. I'll not blame you or anyone else."

"If that's the case, you can decide after you get your memories back. Before that, you have only one choice, and that is to move abroad with Meredith," Charlie's mother suddenly got stern and warned, "this is an order."

Even though she was forcing this onto Charlie, she had no choice because she did not want her son to have any regrets.

A confused Goldie looked at Meredith and asked, "Miss Meredith, do we really have to leave the country again when we just got back? I've just got myself a boyfriend and I have to do long-distance-relationship again?"

Meredith was going through work-related documents at her desk. She patted Goldie's shoulder and said," It's fine. I'd need someone here at the Jehovah's branch. You can stay here if you don't want to go."

"But I want to work with you, by your side."

"It won't be much different, Goldie. Most of our work is here in the country and we need more people to be here."

Goldie pondered before shaking her head, "No, I've made up my mind. I will follow you wherever you go. I can always find a new boyfriend. But it's hard to find such a good employer like you, Miss Meredith."

Meredith was rendered speechless by Goldie.

At the same time, she was a bit confused. "But is it really possible to just let go that easily of someone that you love and fall for someone new when you want to?"

"Of course it's possible," Goldie went on, "we're here on this earth for a long time and we'll meet all sorts of people. And we too will be attracted to different types of people. It is only sentimental people like Miss Meredith, who would live their life focusing on only one person."

Really?

Could it be that she was the only one?

Meredith recalled the times when she liked Josiah. It was true that she only had eyes for him and she was not willing to look at any other guys aside from Josiah.

And after Josiah, it took her some time before she fell in love with Charlie. And even when Charlie tormented her and made her life a living hell, she could not bring herself to leave him.

"Goldie, if you were me, what would you do?" She asked.

"What else? Of course, I'd go back to Mister Shelby so that Nia can have a complete family."

Goldie blurted out her thoughts without thinking. She quickly realized that she might have said something wrong when Meredith remained silent.

But she knew that Meredith was not the type to be bothered by those words. She then said, "Um...I'm

sorry, Miss Meredith. Perhaps I'm biased but I've always hated that you stayed by Mister Charlie's side and take on all his bullsh\*t. Now that Mister Charlie has lost his memories, I think that it is a good time to leave him."

"But Charlie only lost his memories because he was hypnotized. And it is very easy for him to get his memories back."

"Then we'll think about it when that happens."

"I can't do that. What if Charlie gets triggered again..." Meredith shook her head and said, "forget it, let's not talk about it anymore."

She did not know if Charlie would be this lucky again if he attempted to take his own life again,

"Okay, I'll stop," Goldie added, concernedly, "in any case, I will support you in whatever decision that you make, Miss Meredith. And no matter where you go, I will follow you." "Okay, just do whatever you like," Meredith flashed a smile at her and continued to pack her stuff.

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During the evening when Meredith was getting ready to get off work, she received a call from Nia's teacher telling her that Nia was sent to the hospital because Nia was feeling unwell.

At the news, Meredith was stunned and she quickly came back to her senses and asked concernedly," What happened to Nia? How is she?"

"She might have eaten something that she was allergic to during lunch," The teacher sounded apologetic, "I'm so sorry, Miss Meredith. Our caretaker just started not long ago and she hasn't fully memorized the kids' information. She might not know that Nia is allergic to peanuts..."

Meredith interrupted her, "How is Nia now? Which hospital is she at?"

"Mister Josiah had informed me that Nia should be sent to Crest Care Hospital if anything should happen, So..."

"Okay, thanks." Meredith then started running toward the door.

"What's wrong, Miss Meredith? What happened?" Goldie asked.

"Something urgent came up. Goldie, please take care of the rest."

She then walked into the lift before Goldie could even reply to her.

Meredith got into her car, started the engine, put on her Bluetooth earphones, and made a call to Josiah.

Very quickly, Josiah answered the call and Meredith asked urgently, "Do you already know what happened to Nia? Have you made arrangements at the hospital?"

"Yes," Josiah comforted her, "Edith, calm down. Nia is okay, it's not serious."

"Really?"

"Yes. The director of the hospital is attending to Nia personally. So don't worry."

Meredith finally felt slightly relieved after getting Josiah's reassurance.

But she was worried that Josiah might be lying to her so that she would not be worried. Hence, she rushed her way to the hospital.

By the time she showed up at the hospital, Nia was in the ER.

Meredith felt her legs go weak and Josiah quickly caught her in his arms. "Are you okay, Edith?"

"She's in the ER! How could you tell me that she is fine?" Drowning in feelings of worriedness, Meredith hit him and cried, "You're a liar, Josiah! Why did you lie to me!"

"I didn't lie, Edith. It is normal that she is in the ER because she had an allergic reaction. Besides, the doctor came out earlier and informed me that Nia had already regained her consciousness."

Meredith took another look at the door that was closed tightly. "She woke up? And you're not lying to me?"

"It's the truth and I'm not lying." Josiah held Meredith in his arms tightly, worried that she would collapse.

Looking at Meredith whom he had missed and yearned for, he felt a rush of emotions in him.

He wondered if this was the only way that he could only get to see her, only if something happened to Nia.

Meredith calmed down gradually. But soon, she complained, "What are you even doing? Shouldn't you remind the teachers that Nia is allergic to peanuts? If anything happens to Nia, I will not forgive you!"

Looking at how she got all worked up, Josiah looked at her and said, "Edith, if you worry so much about Nia, why not come back and we'll take care of her together."

Meredith was stunned. But she quickly shook her head.

She too wanted to stay to protect Nia, but what about Charlie then?

She sniffled and said, "I am partly responsible for what happened to Nia too. I will do my best to remind the teachers at school again."

Seeing how Meredith was determined, Josiah felt a wave of disappointment crashing into him.

It seemed as if Meredith would not be swayed by whatever he said anymore. Hence, he could only comfort her, "It is my fault for what happened today. Don't worry, I will do what I can to make sure that this won't happen again."

Meredith was rather flustered that Josiah was being extra nice.

"Thank you," She said. "Why would you need to thank me? Nia is my daughter too."

