

Chapter 171 Waylen, Do You Love Me

Waylen was in the middle of a meeting when he received her call.

In a gentle voice, he explained to her, "I'm still in a meeting, but I'll be there before nine o'clock." After a while, he seemed to recall something. "By the way, Jazlyn's going to get a document from my study in a while. It's on my desk. Could you give it to her when she arrives?"

"Okay," Rena answered meekly.

But she found herself unwilling to hang up so soon.

Waylen still had a meeting to preside over, so he said in a gentle voice, "I've got to go, Rena. I'll see you later."

After hanging up, Rena wondered what Jazlyn would think once she saw the things she had prepared for Valentine's Day. Biting her lip, she hoped that Jazlyn would keep her little secret once she saw this place.

But twenty minutes passed and Jazlyn still hadn't shown up. Instead, she called Rena on her phone.

Her nervous voice sounded from the other end of the line, saying, "Rena, my child is sick. I have to go home. Can you

deliver the document to Mr. Fowler for me? He told me it's on top of his desk in the study."

Rena didn't want to make things difficult for Jazlyn, so she agreed immediately.

Jazlyn thanked Rena sincerely and then quickly hung up.

Document in tow, Rena headed downstairs and drove to the law office.

She thought that she could wait for Waylen to finish his meeting and then come back to the apartment with him.

She couldn't wait to see the look on his face when he saw what she had done to surprise him.

Rena smiled to herself.

In the dark night, her white BMW shuttled through the traffic and arrived at Sterling Law Firm thirty minutes later.

Rena promptly took the elevator to Waylen's floor.

Unexpectedly, most of the lights in the office were already turned off, and the place seemed empty.

Only Waylen's second secretary was still there. When she saw Rena, she raised her eyebrows and said, "Mr. Fowler answered a phone call half an hour ago and left in a hurry."

Upon hearing this, Rena's face changed slightly.

Waylen's second secretary was also confused. She thought that Waylen had left early to celebrate Valentine's Day with Rena, but judging from Rena's expression, it didn't seem to

be the case.

She observed Rena's tense expression carefully, wondering what was going on.

Rena could tell what was on the secretary's mind, so she forced a smile and said, "Oh, I see. Thanks for telling me."

Without giving her the chance to respond, Rena hurried back downstairs and sat in her car.

The sensible thing for her to do was to go home and wait for Waylen. Then she would fly to Flirean after celebrating Valentine's Day with him.

But... Rena bit her lip.

The next thing she knew, she was driving towards the hospital.

Night fell.

It started to rain, and the young couples that were out celebrating Valentine's Day were disturbed.

The people scattered to find shelter.

Rena drove at full speed all the way to the hospital, but instead of going upstairs immediately, she sat in the parking lot for a long time.

She knew that if she went up, it wouldn't be pleasant, but if she didn't go up, she felt that she would never forgive herself for not doing anything.

Finally, Rena unfastened her seat belt.

Elvira was kind of a celebrity, so it wasn't hard for Rena to locate her ward.

Elvira was put in a premium VIP ward. As Rena approached, she noticed that the door was slightly ajar.

She could see inside and hear what the people inside were saying.

She could hear Elvira's hysterical voice as she thrashed about inside the ward as she slowly inched towards the door.

And when she finally arrived at the door...

There was dead silence. Only the sound of a few light gasps could be heard.

Frowning, Rena stood by the door and peeked through the crack... She saw Elvira hugging Waylen from behind.

His whole body was hunched over, and sadness was written all over his face.

He only ever looked that way in front of Elvira.

All of a sudden...

Waylen pushed Elvira away forcefully.

"Why don't I hate you?" he cried gloomily. "If it weren't for you, marriage would still be sacred to me. Now, marriage is just a piece of paper that ties two people down. A mere means of manipulation! Elvira... Shouldn't I hate you?"

"No! Don't hate me, Waylen, please... Don't hate me.

Let's start over again, okay?"

Waylen didn't respond at first.

Elvira, dressed in a loose hospital gown, threw herself into his arms and buried her face in his broad chest.

She said in a muffled voice, "I know you're not over me. And I know you don't love Rena."

Waylen's body shuddered at the mention of this last sentence.

Elvira giggled. "If you loved her, you wouldn't have put the ring on her middle finger. Waylen, I know you wanted to propose to me back then. That diamond ring is what you intended to give me after you measured my ring finger, right?"

So I know you never intended to marry her!"

Waylen pushed Elvira away once more.

Through gritted teeth, he reasoned, "Both my parents and Cecilia like her. Why shouldn't I marry her?"

A muffled thud came from the door.

The document Rena was holding had slipped out of her hands, landing on the floor with a loud thud.

Rena's whole body was stiff as a board.

Before she had come here, she had predicted countless unpleasant scenes, but she never imagined... this.

Waylen actually said that... marriage was a shackle?

He said that marriage was just a piece of paper that ties two people down.

A mere means of manipulation.

Was she tying down Waylen, or was it the other way around?

No matter what the answer was, Rena felt both ridiculous and hurt.

And the diamond ring that she had been treasuring—every time she felt heartbroken while waiting for Waylen, she would look at it and feel happy again. The ring gave her the strength to keep waiting for Waylen, but it turned out that there was a backstory to the ring. It turned out that he didn't put the ring on her ring finger because that position was exclusive to Elvira. Even this ring was supposed to belong to her!

How ridiculous!

She used to mock Elvira for being crazy.

Now it looked like she was the real crazy one.

She waited for him day and night, stewing tonics for him. She was willing to go to Flirean for two years just for him to deal with Elvira once and for all. She had been looking forward to Valentine's Day like a fool. She was willing to wait for him to finish the meeting. But what did Waylen do? He went to the hospital as soon as Elvira called him.

Why did she even believe that in two years, Waylen and

Elvira would cut off all ties? From what she could see right now, they were so ready to tangle with each other for the rest of their lives!

She was the outsider here.

That was enough. That was too much.

That was it.

Rena didn't want to cry. It was too embarrassing to cry in front of them, but she couldn't stop the tears from rolling down her cheeks.

"Rena!" Waylen was shocked to see Rena here.

And judging from the pained expression on her face, she had overheard everything they said just now.

He wanted to explain, but Rena stopped him.

"Don't! Don't you dare come near me, Waylen... Just stay away from me!"

She picked up the document from the floor and handed it to him sullenly.

"Jazlyn's kid is sick. She asked me to deliver the document for her. You weren't at the office, so I... I came here."

Waylen took the document.

Frowning tightly, he tried to say, "Rena, it's not what you think."

Rena looked down at the diamond ring on her middle finger and smiled.

Tears welled up in her eyes, blurring the ring in her vision. But she insisted on looking at it. This whole time, she had been telling herself that if she worried about a man, she would come to no good end.

And now, her words had come to pass.

Slowly... Rena took off the diamond ring and raised it in front of Waylen.

Waylen gulped anxiously. He realized what she wanted to do.

Rena stared at him, tears rolling down her cheeks.

She remembered that not long ago, she had asked him a question. His response was that he couldn't afford what she wanted.

Then she left and dated with Robert briefly.

That was when Waylen showed up again and began to pursue her seriously.

He had said that he not only wanted to sleep with her, but also wanted to be with her and even marry her. Later on, he gave her a diamond ring and took her home to meet his parents... How surprised she was at the time!

But now, she realized that he was just settling for her.

Because his family liked her, and he was satisfied with her body, he was willing to marry her... However, to him, he wasn't marrying her out of love.

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Therefore, he had never said that he loved her.

Not once.

Smiling bitterly, Rena asked, "Waylen, do you love me?"





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