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Chapter 395 I Don't Agree to the Marriage

Finally, Elise allowed Alexander to help her sit up. Then, Austin sat on the chair next to the hospital bed while Jeanie stood behind the chair. The three of them were seated facing each other, and there was some silence for a while.

Alexander felt that Elise was a little squirmy, so he also dragged a chair and sat down on the other side, and his big hand gently squeezed her palm and rubbed it softly. Elise felt his attentiveness, so her body relaxed, and the corners of her mouth held a smile. When Austin watched the exchange between the two, his face showed a gratified look.

"I heard Jeanie say that you two are engaged?"

Jeanie did not introduce much about Alexander, only saying that he was the son of the Griffith Family in Tissote.

"Yes." Alexander took the initiative to answer. "Elise has agreed to marry me, and we are considering when best to hold the wedding."

Austin was now a bit anxious and frowned. "Elise is not yet old enough to get married, right?"

This brat looks like an upright man and is good-looking, so there should be no shortage of interested women. Why is he interested in my daughter?

"Let young people decide their own business," Jeanie said comfortingly. She was delighted with Alexander.

"How can this be?" Austin complained. "Yoyo has been on her own for more than ten years, and she just came back. She hasn't spent much time with her family yet, so how can she get married? Besides, a girl's destiny is not necessarily to get married and have children!"

"You old thing!" Jeanie laughed. "Then why did you marry me right away as soon as I reached the legal age of marriage? If we didn't get married and have children, how would Yoyo and Trevor be born?"

When Austin heard that, his face was a bit embarrassed as he said, "We're not the same. Now we are talking about our daughter, so don't you interfere."

"How can I not interfere? Yoyo is my daughter..."

The two of them argued back and forth. Yet inexplicably, Elise felt sweet instead of aggravated when she listened to them argue. It seemed that family problems did not seem so terrible after all.

Alexander knew Austin could not bear to let Elise go, but he did not wish to retreat as well. So, he said with dominance, "Elise has agreed, and I've already had people arrange the wedding. As for marrying her legally, I can only wait. But please rest assured that after the wedding, my assets will all have her name on them."

"Didn't I agree only today? You have given out instructions?" Elise was confused and felt that she had fallen into his trap.

However, Alexander was honest and looked innocent. "This is the digital era. Since you've agreed, I've already gotten Cameron to prepare for the wedding. There's nothing wrong with making early preparations; we can resolve problems earlier too."

In fact, he had long started to prepare for the wedding and had even changed several wedding planners. So far, they were still bidding for the best wedding program. Since it was for Elise, it must be the best without any compromise.

"Okay, you can just decide whatever you like. Don't ask for my opinion, though." Although Elise had never been married, she knew that planning a wedding was troublesome. She hated making decisions and overthinking about all this.

"Don't worry. It won't bother you." Alexander promised in a good-natured way.

It was so difficult to get her as his wife, so he would not ruin their lifelong happiness because of some minor issues.

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Austin was still arguing with Jeanie, but when he saw Alexander and Elise's sweet interaction, he felt something was blocking his heart in an uncomfortable way. No matter what Jeanie said, he stopped listening.

"No, I do not agree." Austin's face darkened, and so the atmosphere in the ward instantly tensed up.

Hearing that, Jeanie froze for a moment, then opened her mouth to persuade him, only to hear Austin continue, "Yoyo is my daughter and the treasure of the Anderson Family. It is impossible for me to agree to marry her off so casually!"

Alexander was taken aback for a moment, not expecting Austin to overreact. Elise knew little about Austin, but she felt resistance from the bottom of her heart to this kind of hard discipline.

"This is my life; I can make my own decisions."

Elise stubbornly looked at Austin. The resentment buried deep in her heart seemed to be triggered. When she met Jeanie, she had feelings of loss and resentment from being discarded and forgotten, which were now suddenly set off from Austin's unexplained misogynism. She naturally would not let her emotions flood in and affect her, but it did not mean she would accept the reality and obediently be their doll.

"At such a young age, you haven't seen clearly how big the world is, so what decisions can you make? When deciding who to marry, you should not listen to men's superficial words and think you've seen through them!" Austin said, glaring at Alexander.

"You're not a man?" Elise asked flatly.

"How can I be the same?" Austin furrowed his brows. "I am your father and the only man in this world who won't hurt you!"

"That's not necessarily true," Elise said. "If you will not hurt me, why was I alone and stranded out in the world?"

"T-That was an accident, Yoyo." A moment ago, the man who was still full of energy deflated like a balloon, and all of a sudden, he looked like he aged more than ten years. In the face of Elise's ruthlessness, he was just a father who had made his child suffer for more than ten

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years and was heartbroken over it. No father could withstand such blame, so after he finished, his eyes watered before Elise could react. As if he wanted to atone, he began to cry hoarsely.

Seeing this, Alexander hurriedly spoke up. "Let's put the past aside for the time being. Mr. Anderson, how do you intend to deal with Miss Faye?"

Austin hurriedly sniffled and tried to compose himself to maintain his decency. Just when he wanted to open his mouth, Faye barged in.

"Elise, my dear!"

She walked to the hospital bed with a concerned face and said agitatedly, "Are you better? It's been a hard day for you. Thanks to you, Dad was able to wake up again, and Trevor is already awake too. Just rest well and don't worry anymore!"

Elise looked at her in silence, her expression indifferent. Faye was really good at playing up the act, and Elise felt that everyone from such large families was a natural actor.

"Elise will naturally be well!" Jeanie said in annoyance.

"Mother, why do you talk to me in this tone again? I explained to you that those were all misunderstandings before. I had to do certain things to protect this family. Now that my sister just came back, you are so eager to remove me from this family?" Faye said, looking as if she was about to cry.

"Humph, you're just an adopted daughter, anyway. You're no longer useful—"

"Enough!" Austin interrupted with a dark face and said, "What adopted daughter? Faye and Yoyo are our own daughters and are our family! I think you are mistaken! What nonsense are you saying?"

"You're the one who's mistaken! You're confused from your coma! Yoyo saved you, yet you do not defend her and defend a murderer instead!"

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Chapter 396 No Intention to Go Back

"I know what I'm doing," Austin said unhappily. "Anyway, from now on, no one is allowed to mention that Faye was adopted."

"You! I'm done arguing with you!" Jeanie couldn't win against Austin, so she simply shut her mouth and felt resentful.

I don't understand what happened. Before the coma, Austin was a man who could distinguish between right and wrong, so how could he be so unwise in this matter?

Elise watched all this with cold eyes, but she was not too surprised. Even Alexander also understood that the problem had no solution now. The superficially well-behaved, perfect adopted daughter who had been raised within the family for more than ten years juxtaposed against the sudden appearance of the biological daughter, and Austin had obviously made his choice between the two.

"I'm tired, so please leave." Elise's longing for her family suddenly dissipated, and her tone was cold and icy.

"Right, you take a good rest," Austin said. "Your sister has already made arrangements. There is a car outside waiting for us, so we will go back first, and when you are well-rested, you can have someone send you back to the Anderson Residence."

With that, he stood up. Holding the arm of the chair, he turned around to prepare to leave. As he turned around, Elise's icy cold voice resounded from behind. "No need, I already have a home. I'll leave the Anderson Family to you and your precious daughter."

When Austin heard this, he slowly turned around in confusion and snapped, "What do you mean you have a home? The Anderson Residence is your home. You are the eldest daughter of the Anderson Family, and since you have come back, you should live in the Anderson Residence and wait for the welcome back ceremony we'll hold for you. How could you live somewhere else by yourself? That's inappropriate!"

"Let Elise decide these matters on her own!" Jeanie already felt guilty about Elise, and she did not want Elise to suffer again. "All of us live in the same city and are not far away from each other. We can see her at any time we want. Let's give Elise a little time, Austin?"

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After thinking about it, she added, "The people who raised Elise are an old couple. Elise owes them for raising her all this while. We can't ask her to be ungrateful and leave them behind without care like that, can we?"

Austin thought about it and was persuaded, so he nodded and said, "Then when you go back this time, explain the situation to them, then officially move back. If the old couple has no one to support them, they can live in the Anderson Residence too. Their kindness is worth supporting them for the rest of their lives."

"I have no intention of going back," Elise refused sharply.

"What?" Austin didn't hear clearly for a moment, so he looked at her weakly and asked again.

Jeanie understood more or less about Elise's nature. Fearing that the father-daughter duo would clash again, she hurriedly interjected, "Nothing. Let's just go according to what you said. Elise knows how to handle things, and you are also tired, so let's hurry back first!"

Austin nodded slightly and did not refuse. Only then did the group leave. Even so, the atmosphere in the ward didn't get better. Alexander knew Elise was angry at Austin and would not listen to any explanation at this time. In fact, he knew that just now, even if Austin showed malice toward him on the surface, he did not feel that it was wrong at all. He knew that it was just a father trying his best to defend and protect his daughter. A father's love is perhaps more internalized, Alexander thought.

Then, Alexander accompanied Elise and stayed at the hospital for another two hours before returning to the Sinclair Residence. When Laura saw that only the two of them had come back, she couldn't help but ask, "Did you save them?"

"Mm." Elise's response was light, and after she finished, she walked toward the side door. "I'm a bit tired; I'll go back to my room first."

Laura instinctively sensed that something was wrong, and when Elise was far away, she grabbed Alexander to ask about the situation. "What's going on here? She was all excited when she left. Who has upset my Elise again?"

"She's okay, Grandma. Elise was saving people and expending too much energy, so that's why she's like this." Alexander didn't want to make the older woman worry too much.

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"Is that so?" Laura looked at him with doubt.

"Mm." Alexander nodded and changed the topic. "Grandma, Elise has agreed to marry me today, so we are ready to get married. I hope you and Grandpa can give us your blessing."

"You've thought it through?" Robin came out of the house.

"Definitely," Alexander said. "From long ago until now, from the beginning to the end, the only one I want to marry is her."

"In that case, then go and prepare. Everything must be done according to tradition, and my granddaughter must have the best of everything."

"Thank you, Grandpa! I promise you I will give her the best!"

"Mm." Robin didn't say anything else but lowered his head to think about Elise.

If they succeeded in saving Elise's real father and brother, the Anderson Family should be grateful and escort Elise home. Why did she come back by herself instead? It seems that this Anderson Family, too, is no good! Humph, since they despise my precious granddaughter so much, it's better for her not to go back!

Meanwhile, at the Anderson Residence, the news that Austin and Trevor had woken up had spread, and by the time the two arrived home, they were already blocked by a bunch of relatives. It took a while to finally get rid of all the people. Austin just got into bed when Jeanie wanted to talk to him about Elise and Faye, but he raised his hand and asked the maid to call Faye over.

Faye came guickly with a well-behaved look. "Dad, you wanted to see me?"

"Mm." Austin nodded and said in a serious tone, "Get the preparations done. Tomorrow, hand over the company to me and your brother. All these years that we are not here, you've taken over the company's affairs alone. I'm sure it has been very hard for you. In the future, just stand behind your brother and me, and be a carefree little princess."

As soon as Faye heard this, her expression became a bit unpleasant, but she hid it well and did not show it too obviously. "Dad, you just woke up, and your body has not recovered yet. What I mean is that I am already familiar with all those businesses anyway, so it doesn't

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matter if I do it for a day or two more. Why don't you and Trevor take a break for half a month first, and I will continue to take care of the company for the time being? If you two fall ill any further, I will feel bad." Faye pretended to be worried.

"I think that you simply do not want to hand over the control!" Jeanie was extremely exasperated with Faye. "Let me remind you, this company is still under your father's name, so if you do not want to be thrown out of the family, then hand over everything right now!"

"Jeanie!" Austin spoke impatiently again. "Why do you always use this tone with Faye? Did you forget that when Yoyo didn't come back, it was Faye who accompanied us? Without her, how sad we would be during those days! I've said before that the matter of the adoption cannot be mentioned again, and that we are all family. You are not allowed to hold a grudge against Faye because of that misunderstanding again."

Jeanie's face was dark, and she didn't answer.

After a long time, she remembered Bertha, who was imprisoned, and with a sudden flash of inspiration, she grabbed Austin's hand and said, "If you don't believe me, call your mother and ask her! Then the truth will come out!"