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## Chapter 11 He is Really Rich

Shirley felt a trance as if she was in a dream.

This was too much for a coincidence.

The Jack Hughes that Tommy described was nothing close to the Jack Hughes she met in the bank.

But the stern face from her memory was now irrefutably right in her sight.

She was thoroughly humiliated that night. How could she forget that face of his?

“Oh ya, I forget you’re now completely strapped.”

Tommy didn’t sense Jack’s grimace and continue to mock him. “Too bad, huh? If you’d just let your mom pass, you wouldn’t have to divorce my sister. Now you lost everything.”

Jack clenched his fist. Veins popped out on his arms.

Ever since he married Kate, he had always been mistreated in the Parry family. Moreover, Kate sided with her family, which gave him an even lower status.

Things didn’t get better when he became the vice president of a real estate agency over just the span of three years. He even supported the Parry family financially here and there. But all of these couldn’t get through their oppidan pride.

Jack used to forbear all of it for the sake of Kate.

But at this moment, he couldn’t take it anymore.

“Shirley, come have a look at my good-for-nothing ex-brother-in-law!” Tommy waved at Shirley sneeringly.

Jack shifted his gaze and saw Shirley who was still in the car. His fist unclenched. All his rage disappeared. He felt funny.

Good-for-nothing ex-brother-in-law?

With a peculiar smile, he took a slanted glance at Tommy. There was a hint of pity in his eyes.

With staggering footsteps, she got off the car. Her eyes fixated on Jack.

Looking at Jack's smile, Shirley blushed. She thought of the night a week ago.

At the same time, she was restless.

Would he tell Tommy what happened that night?

Shirley was not stupid. Tommy was just her just-in-case. Even though she wanted to play up to Jack, she couldn't afford to leave Tommy before she got together with Jack.

In another words, Tommy was her B-plan, and Jack was her A-plan.

If Jack got ticked off and expose Shirley of what happened that night, she would be done for.

"Come, Shirley, let me introduce you."

Failed to sense Shirley's mixed emotion, Tommy held her hand. Shirley instinctively tried to shake his hand off, but Tommy took her hand and flaunt at Jack. "This is Jack, the good-for-nothing ex-brother-in-law I told you about. He just divorced my sister, and you know what? He was the one who broke off the marriage. Funny, won't you say?"

"Hi... hi, brother-in-law." Shirley bowed her head in embarrassment, dared not to meet Jack's gaze.

"Hey hey, why call him brother-in-law?" Tommy frowned and corrected her. "That was past tense. Just call him Jack."

"Stop it, Tommy." Shirley said with a tense look. She felt her back burning.

Right at that moment.



Jack smiled at Tommy. "Is this your girlfriend?"

"Of course. Is this the first time you meet her?" Tommy raised his head complacently.

Jack nodded and gave him a thumb-up. "Your girlfriend is great!"

Shirley's body shook. Now she felt her face burning.

To Tommy, Jack was complimenting Shirley.

To Shirley, Jack was teasing her, just as he did with the note he left her that morning.

"You don't say?" Tommy narrowed his eyes and sneered, "Actually, we're getting married in a week. Too bad you country pumpkin left my sister for your dying mom. You know my sister was doing you a favour marrying you, right? You could have been able to attend my wedding, but not anymore."

Jack sneered back. There was no sign of waver in his eyes.

His mother was his everything.

Even if he had another chance, he would still divorce Kate.

Kate was willing to support a deadbeat like Tommy, but not him.

"Enough!"

Suddenly, Shirley flung away Tommy's hand. "You went overboard, Tommy! Apologize to Jack right now!"

Boom!

The complacent Tommy was stunned.

"Shirley, why are you so mad? And why should I apologize? I didn't do anything wrong!"

Shirley's face was boiling. "You're being impudent with Jack! I won't let you treat him like this"



This sudden reprimand from Shirley came with two reasons. Firstly, she wanted to stop Tommy from continue mocking at Jack, since Jack might expose her of the event that night if Tommy ticked him off.

Secondly, she actually favoured Jack, and was trying to leave him a good impression.

Tommy didn't get it. "Impudent? He already divorced with my sister. As a person driving a sportscar, I'd been a polite brother who was still willing to greet him!"

Greet?

Polite?

Shirley got mad. How ignorant Tommy must had been to say something like this!

She always knew he was a deadbeat, a mama's boy.

Now only she knew he was not only useless, but also stupid!

Shirley roared at Tommy, "Just who do you think you are? Think you're a big shot just because you drive a sportscar? You're just a deadbeat!"

Tommy was completely dazed. This was the first time Shirley lashed out at him like this ever since they got together!

What happened next dazed him even further.

Shirley turned to Jack and bowed to him with great humility. "I'm so sorry, Mr. Hughes, I didn't know he'll act like that. I thought he just wanted to introduce you to me. I apologize on his behalf."

"Are you crazy, Shirley? Why are you apologizing to him?" Tommy said in disbelief.

Shirley ignored him.

Jack just smiled and shrugged. "Seems like there's none of my business here. All right, I got to go."

Looking at Jack as he left, Shirley's chest was heaving. Her face was still burning with anger.

"Shir... Shirley, you..." Tommy finally came back to his senses.

Slap!

Before Tommy even finished his sentence, Shirley slapped him in the face. "You idiot! He is the client I just told you about!"

Bang!

Tommy was dumbstruck, as if hit by a lightning.

As Shirley stormed back into the car, he hurriedly followed.

Got back into the car, Tommy was still in disbelief. "Shirley, you must have been mistaken. How can Jack be your client? He's just a pauper. My family needed money for your betrothal gifts, right? He divorced my sister just because she covertly gave my family his 200 thousand yuan for his mother's medical bill!"

"How can he be rich when he did something like that?"

Shirley boiled with anger. With her chest heaving and her teeth gnashed, she glared at Tommy furiously.

"People have feelings. Your family robbed him of his emergency money to save his mother's life, and you expect him to stay with your sister?" Shirley thought.

However, she didn't want to waste time arguing with Tommy. She simply said through her gritted teeth, "He's really rich."

She then turned and stared thoughtfully in the direction of where LJ Hospital is.

Tommy was stunned by Shirley's words.

But shortly, after giving some thoughts into it, he sneered. "That's just impossible. He's just a country pumpkin, he can't be rich. Or else he wouldn't have divorced my sister over that 200 thousand yuan."

Upon hearing this remark, Shirley couldn't help but chuckle bitterly.

She was completely speechless with Tommy's bizarre perception.

Was it really about the 200 thousand yuan?



## # Chapter 12 Blind Date

Jack didn't mind at all the encounter with Tommy.

All his focus was on the West Shantytowns' renovation project.

This was a chance for him to prove himself to his father, with whom he never met.

This was also the first time he could show everyone what he had got.

A contract with a sky-high price of 300 thousand yuan is a disaster for DT Agency.

Everyone in the agency knew what to expect with such a huge loss.

Which was the reason Jack sensing an extremely grave atmosphere when he arrived at the agency the next day.

The employees were diving into their work as usual, but the vibe was not usual at all. It was eerily silent.

Jack knew he could do nothing about it, and went straight for the office.

Deep down, he understood these employees still showed up for work after knowing about the contract loss, was because they trusted him with all they had got.

But there was a limit to how much this trust can help subdue their worries.

He couldn't expect them to be level-headed like him.

"Maybe they could come to work with a smile on their face the day after tomorrow." Jack said firmly, stroking his nose.

As long as Mr. Ward took care of what he asked him to do, Jack had utter confidence in turning the tables. Not only would

they avoid losses in the West Shantytowns' renovation project, but they would also make a fortune!

Jack took out his phone and opened WeChat.

He didn't open WeChat since replying Shirley's message the night before.

The daily business communications he had with his clients was all done through WeChat.

He went into a daze when he saw the message from a long-lost friend on the WeChat interface.

It was a simple message sent in the night before. "How are you?"

After a few moments, he finally replied the message with a bitter look on his face. "I'm fine."

The friend replied immediately. "I booked the flight ticket to return next month after I'm done with my stuff here. It's been three years since we last seen each other, no?"

In a trance, Jack got caught up in his thoughts and muttered, "Amber Knight..."

At his wedding with Kate three years ago, this old friend was the bridesmaid. She went abroad shortly after the wedding, and they hadn't in touch with each other ever since.

Everything changed in this short span of three years. This old friends of his contacted him, telling him she was finally coming back, but he had already divorced Kate.

Jack chuckled self-mockingly. "All right." He typed, put down the phone and went back to work.

On the other side of the ocean.

In a middle of the night.

In a spacious room, soothing piano music echoed.



A faint fragrance filled the room.

A silhouette sat by the giant French window. She put down her phone, then looked into the distance with a tender smile on her face.

Someone knocked on the door.

"Amber, you sure you'll be going back next month?" A husky voice.

"Yup." Amber nodded with a smile. "It's been three years, dad. I want to go back and have a look."

"But there's a dinner next month I want you to go with me. I can introduce you some young men. One needs to make more friends at your age, you know,"

Amber frowned. "Who is it this time, dad? The Roosevelt's? Or the prince from the oil tycoon family?"

"Both!" The husky voice.

"Not interested." Amber declined.

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On the other side, a fierce dispute broke out in Katherine Parry's house.

"I'm not going, mom! I will never go!" Kate cried with swollen eyes.

The room was in a mess.

Bang!

Elissa threw another vase to the floor. She reprimanded with hands on her waist. "How dare you rebut me! You're now a divorced because I didn't stop you from marrying that good-for-nothing Jack Hughes!"

"As a mother, I'm trying to get you a partner with all I've got, and you're not going? Do you have any shame?"



On the sofa in the corner of the room, sat Kieran Parry, who was sighing at the scene.

“Dad!”

Kate looked at Kieran desperately. “Help me talk some sense into mom!”

“Don’t you dare!” Elissa squealed with a stern face.

Out of sorry for his daughter, Kieran finally voiced out, “I also feel that man is not a good fit for Kate. He’s in his forties, almost our age.”

“So what?”

Elissa said with a grim face, “A man is in his best at his forties. And he’s filthy rich. Kate is now a divorced, a second-hand. You want to find her a hotshot? Do you think any hotshot will be interested in her?”

Kate was dumbstruck. She looked at Elissa in disbelief.

She never expected her biological mother to call her a “second-hand”.

“Mom...” Kate choked up, tears rolled down her cheeks.

“Shut up!”

Elissa roared, “It’s because you married that loser Jack Hughes that you’re now unable to help out financially with your brother’s marriage!”

“Every mother loves her child. But the point here is, our salary is not enough to cover the betrothal gifts for Tommy’s marriage. You need to do your part as a sister, right? Or you want to see your dad and I forced into our deathbeds with no descendant?”

Kate stunned. She bit her lips, didn’t know what to reply.

Kieran gave in upon hearing the phrase “with no descendant” and joined Elissa in persuading Kate. “Just listen to your mom,

Kate. Do you not care about your family anymore after marrying Jack? Tommy is your little brother.”

“But that man is the president in Jack’s agency! He’s Jack’s boss!” This was her last lifeline.

She was only in her twenties. She would never want to go on a blind date with a man in his forties.

And she just had her divorce.

“So?” Arms on her waist, Elissa sneered mockingly. “That loser played up to the Parry family then shamelessly divorced you. Well, now it’s your chance to pay him back by marrying his boss and humiliate him!”

Those words were so vicious, filled with sarcasm.

“You’re going too far, mom!” Kate finally lost it.

Right at this moment, Tommy came back.

He was down and sulky after being lashed and slapped by Shirley.

He startled at the sight of the mess. “What’s going on?”

“Oh, you’re back, Tommy!” Elissa put on a smiley expression. “It’s nothing, we’re just discussing about your betrothal gifts.”

Upon hearing “betrothal gifts”, Tommy rushed to held Kate’s hands and said grievously, “You need to help me on this one, sis. This is a huge deal. Or else Shirley will break off her engagement with me.”

Looking at Tommy’s grievous face, Kate gave in.

Hesitated, she nodded weakly. “Fine, I’m going.”

“All right! Tommy, send your sister there with your Audi A4 tonight. That man is rich, we need to be cautious with our presentation. When this works out, we can then ask for more betrothal gifts.”

Elissa said, exhilarated.



## Chapter 13 Your Mother Forced You to Do it

After work at night.

Jack hurried home. After making the soup, he rushed to LJ Hospital.

When he walked to the door of the ward, he ran in Dr. Hale and other doctors who finished making the rounds of the wards.

Dr. Hale asked his colleagues to leave first after seeing Jack. He greeted him quickly and said with a smile. "That was very filial of you, Mr. Hughes. You've been making meals your mother every day."

Jack smiled and said, "How is my mother's situation, Dr. Hale?"

"Your mother is recovering well, and she can be discharged in a few days. However, there is a risk of rejection during liver transplantation, which could be as short as six months and as long as one year. It will be officially considered as recovery until the time has passed."

Dr. Hale's words immediately made Jack's heart dropped. "However, please rest assured, Mr. Hughes. Mr. Ward has already made it clear that, our hospital will definitely help your mother recover at any cost." The doctor said with a smile right away.

"Thank you, Dr. Hale." Jack said gratefully.

He admired Dr. Hale's medical ethics in treating his mother over the years, even setting Mr. Ward aside.

"You are being too kind, sir. But your mother's current mentality cannot afford to be shocked, not even by the slightest. She is too weak to be too emotional. This is what I mentioned last time. Please keep that in mind."

Dr. Hale waved his hand while smiling, looked at the ward and bit his tongue. "I am going to make the rounds of the wards now." He smiled at Jack weirdly in the end.

Jack glanced suspiciously at Dr. Hale as he was leaving.

He stopped abruptly while walking into the ward.

He suddenly understood why Dr. Hale bit his tongue.

Jack's mother was lying on the hospital bed with a kind smile on her thin cheeks.

And there was a girl sitting beside the hospital bed, lowering her head while she was peeling an apple.

"Why are you here, Shirley?" Jack frowned.

"Here you are, Mr. Hughes."

Shirley looked up and saw Jack. "I heard that you had mentioned auntie was sick. So, I came to pay her a visit after work." She said with a smile.

She kindly handed a small piece of apple to Jack's mother as she was speaking.

Jack indifferently glanced at the thermos on the cabinet next to the bed.

He really didn't expect Shirley to pull a trick like this.

Taking care of Tommy, running over and showing her courtesy, and now coming to visit his mother. How did she manage all this? What kind of situation was this?

"Ms. Lynn is a really nice person, Jack." Jack's mother Sophie Burton looked at Jack, glanced around and said. "Where is Kate?"

Not long after waking up from the surgery, Sophie sounded fatigue and weak. And even her face looked pale.

Jack's heart sank. His mother's current condition can't afford to be shocked.

So, he's been hiding the fact that he is divorced since his mother woke up. He planned to wait until his mother recovers.

But Jack did not answer right away and gave Shirley a cold look.

Shirley has just become the daughter-in-law of the Parry family. She can pay a visit directly to the hospital to see his mother. What else can Jack say?



Shirley seemed to know what Jack was thinking. She smiled and shook her head.

Jack was relieved, and then explained with a smile.

"Mom, Kate is very busy these days and can't get away from work. You will be able to see her when you are discharged in a better condition."

"Okay." Sophie was a little lost, gnawing the apple gently.

"Mom, why don't you rest for a little bit now. I need to have a few words with Ms. Lynn."

Jack walked quickly towards Shirley and pulled her up by her arm. "Please come with me."

"Oh, you are hurting me." Shirley groaned.

Sophie frowned, "Jack, Ms. Lynn came to visit me. She is a guest. Quit doing it. Apologize now."

"Thank you, Ms. Burton." Shirley smiled and said to Sophie, looked playing up to her.

But when she turned around, she saw Jack trying to hold down his anger. She stuck out her tongue. "Okay, I'm not a petty person so I will let it slide."

She turned around as she was facing Sophie. "Have a good rest, Ms. Burton. I will visit you next time."

And then she walked out of the ward with Jack.

"What do you want?"

Jack asked directly when they were on the corridor.

"I learnt that Ms. Burton is sick, so I just wanted to see if auntie was okay." Shirley, who was just laughing, suddenly seemed aggrieved. There were even tears in her beautiful eyes. "What? Why are you being mean to me when I am being kind to you? Then why did you hit on me?"

Jack was dumbfounded.

He waved his hand irritably. "Please leave, and don't visit my



mother again."

"No!" Shirley shook her head and said with a weird smile. "I will tell her about your divorce if you don't let me visit her."

Living in this city, she has her own ways to figure out the minds of men. And she knew how to convince a man.

Otherwise, she would not visit Jack's mother without telling him, after being ignored by Jack.

"Are you threatening me?" Jack looked angry, with hostility in his eyes.

"Yeah, I'm threatening you. Do you want to get back at me?" Shirley said while smiling charmingly. She had a deadly attractive look. At the same time, she raised her right hand, gently tapping on Jack's chest.

"I said, please leave!" Jack took a step back.

Shirley's smile became stiff because she didn't expect him would refuse so decisively.

This was totally different from how he behaved that night!

She was a smart woman who knew where the limits were.

Shirley withdrew her right hand after taking a deep breath. The charismatic look on her pretty face turned into a gentle friendly smile.

"Okay, I'll leave then. But don't worry. I didn't tell Ms. Burton about your divorce. I am not stupid to irritate her now."

Watching Shirley leaving, Jack was upset.

His mother meant everything to him.

He would never allow Shirley to go anywhere near his mother.

Shirley was not the woman he wanted, and her being around his mother was undoubtedly like a time bomb!

He didn't know how to solve it at the moment. It drove him a little crazy.

At the same time.

Katherine sat in the passenger seat of the Audi and looked at the traffic outside the window. Her eyes were still filled with tears.

Tommy on the other hand, was extremely pleased.

If his sister's blind date went well, he will have the money for Shirley.

"You are the best, Katherine. Thanks to you I can marry Shirley." Glancing at Katherine, Tommy smiled and said.

Katherine didn't answer. Tommy's smile made her feel like being stabbed by a knife.

But she couldn't argue, and she didn't know how to argue with him.

She was obligated to help Tommy to get married because she is his elder sister.

However, the blind date was a man in his forties. And he was Jack's supervisor. She couldn't accept it.

Seeing Katherine moping, Tommy suddenly jokingly mentioned the scene at LJ Hospital in the morning.

"I drove Shirley to work this morning and saw Jack at LJ Hospital. Guess what happened? Shirley said that Jack is rich, hahaha... that is ridiculous."

Katherine's eyes flickered and said disappointingly. "How can he be rich?"

"That's exactly what I said, but Shirley just didn't buy it. How stupid is she?"

"If he's got case-dough of more than 100,000 yuan, I'd believe it. But I highly doubt if he was as rich as Shirley described!" Tommy said disdainfully.

The sarcasm was unintentional.

But it instantly surprised Katherine, as if she had grabbed a life-saving straw.

What if Jack was rich?

With that in mind, Katherine hurriedly texted Jack on WeChat.

"Jack, my mother forced me to go on a blind date with a man in his 40s. They did it for the betrothal gifts. Tommy needed the money to have a proper wedding. If I can collect enough money for the betrothal gifts, I don't have to go on a blind date with that old man. Can you help me out?"

The text has been sent for a while. There was no reply when the car was arriving at the venue.

Katherine was a little irritated. She instantly sent another WeChat message. "We have been married for three years, Jack! One night of love is worth a hundred of friendship. I have given you my body and everything. Are you planning to fold your hands and watch me die? Not even bother to say a word to me?"

The Audi has entered the parking lot after ten minutes.

"Katherine, we are here." Tommy said after parking the car.

Katherine glanced at the phone. There was still no reply. She was anxiously waiting and thinking about sending another message.

Ding!

WeChat new message alert rang.

Katherine picked up the phone in excitement. Her heart dropped right after she saw the message.

"Your mother forced you to do it, not me."



## Chapter 14 Jack Hughes I Need You

The night breeze was cool.

Rain pattered from the sky.

Katherine inattentively looked at her phone. Jack Hughes's reply was like a sharp knife stabbing into her heart.

"Sister, please go in, He is still waiting for you." Tommy Parry urged without knowing about the message his sister received from Jack.

Katherine raised her hand and wiped away the tears in the corners of her eyes. She walked towards the restaurant. She slowly raised her head and looked at the night sky of hazy drizzle. She smiled in despair, "After all, am I still the one who bear everything?"

The restaurant was a little dim.

The dim and dusky light, with soothing and melodious music, had made this restaurant the best place for couples to have a date.

In the corner, Ben Hall leaned lazily on the sofa. He touched his bald head from time to time and smiled lustily while looking at Katherine's photo.

Marriage at his age would be considered a super late one.

But he did not mind and did not want to get married because he hadn't had enough fun.

His sister was married to a rich brother-in-law. They helped him to live a privileged life.

He had used his power to sexually harass female subordinates when he was the CEO of DT real estate agency. Even when DT real estate agency was sold by his brother-in-law, he hid the contract with sky-high price from his brother-in-law and went on as a member of management at his other company.

Marriage meant responsibility. He could womanize without fear, why should he give up an entire forest for merely one tree?

The reason he had agreed to the blind date tonight was that he had a thought after looking at the pretty woman in the photo.

If he could spend some money and have some fun that night, why not?

"Hello, may I ask if you are Mr. Ben Hall?"

Katherine frowned and looked at Ben in front of her with intense disgust.

Older, balding, with an extremely disgusting body shape. She had even witnessed Ben smile like that while looking at the photo of hers.

What's more, is that the old man in front of her was also Jack's former superior.

All of this made her incomparably reluctant.

"Are you Katherine Parry?" Ben was turned on and he lost his mind for a moment when he saw Katherine.

Katherine was indeed very pretty. Not only her figure and appearance but also her age was the most charming time for a woman.

However, Ben still quickly returned to his senses, pretended as a gentleman to pull out a chair for Katherine, "Miss Parry, please have a seat."

Katherine showed an apathetic look on her pretty face. She sat down and replied a faint "thank you".

Ben was not concerned about it. He smiled and took his seat, "Let me introduce myself. I am Ben Hall. Miss Parry in real is much prettier than the photo."

Katherine smiled politely.

Snap!

Ben made a signal with his fingers, "Waiter, order please."

After receiving the menu from the waiter, he handed it over to Katherine and then sent the waiter off.

"Miss Parry, feel free to order whatever you like. I'll pay the bill."

Katherine picked up the menu but she had no desire to order, just casually looked at it. She just didn't want to look at Ben's greasy and lustful old face while thinking of ways to get out of the awkward situation.

Suddenly, a large hand touched the back of Katherine's hand.

Katherine's petite body trembled, and she was so frightened that she hurriedly back off, "Mr. Hall, what are you doing?"

"Miss Parry's hand is so smooth." Ben withdrew his right hand with a



lusty smile. He even put it on the tip of his nose and sniffed it without caring about Katherine's exclaim. He said calmly, "Go ahead, name your price?"

"What?!"

Katherine was stunned.

"Name your price!" Ben did not bother to hide it any longer, "I am going to own you tonight!"

Boom!

Katherine's pretty face was pale as if she was struck by lightning.

Wasn't this a blind date?

A strong sense of humiliation erupted.

She slammed the menu on the table and said in a cold voice, "Mr. Hall, are you insulting me? If you come with such purpose, I don't think there's any reason to continue this blind date anymore."

"Stop fucking pretending. What makes you think that I called you Miss Parry? Is it because of politeness?" Ben smiled oddly.

Katherine reacted sharply, Miss... There is another meaning to it!

Her look was abruptly cold to the extreme, and a surge of anger rose.

"I've seen too many women like you. Do you think I don't know what you are doing in the name of a blind date?"

Ben laughed alone and said, "That old woman named Tanner is a procurer, right? Oh my god. When she introduced you to me, she talked about money in every sentence. She could not wait to send you to my house right away as soon as I pay. Why are you still pretending with me?"

There was a change of expression on Katherine's pretty face. Her beautiful eyes instantly went blank.

How exactly did Mom introduce me?

I'm her daughter! How could she say that?

At this moment, Katherine was heartbroken and her mind was blank.

"Sorry, I'm leaving first." She said in a cold tone with the remaining sanity as she turned around to leave.

However.



Ben suddenly raged and grabbed Katherine's wrist, "Leaving? You are my fucking prey and you want to run away?"

"Ah! Let me go!"

Katherine was completely panicked, she suddenly thought of Jack and screamed loudly, "Ben Hall, I am Jack Hughes's wife, he's from your company!"

"Stop screaming. Why are you still being restrained? I thought you just want money?"

Ben still took the gloves off. As soon as he heard that Katherine was Jack's wife, his eyes kindled, "Good, that Jack Hughes still dares to oppose me. His wife does this kind of thing and he is being a cuckold, right?"

Before this, he didn't know too much information about Katherine. Katherine had never been to DT real estate agency while Jack worked there for three years. Therefore, Ben didn't know Katherine at all.

However, it was even more determined that he must own Katherine tonight with this relationship with Jack.

This could be considered revenge against Jack!

Ben laughed rampantly and pulled out three piles of cash from his wallet and smashed it at Katherine, "Here is thirty thousand yuan, all for you!"

"Son of a bitch, you bastard!"

Katherine was raged, her features nearly distorted as she struggled desperately. She viciously picked up the cash and smashed it into Ben's face.

All the humiliation, all the anger, all the grievances, burst out at this moment.

Ben was caught off guard and was hit in the face by three piles of banknotes. He staggered backward with a scream, releasing Katherine at the same time.

Katherine cried and ran out of the hotel under the watchful eyes of the public.

In the Audi, Tommy, who was playing Arena of Valor, looked up and saw Katherine running out, crying. He was shocked.

He got off the car hurriedly and rushed towards her, "Sister, what's wrong?"

"Stop fucking following me!"

Katherine was grieved and she howled. She ran away, leaving Tommy in a daze.

The rain fell even heavier, and from time to time there was thunder.

Katherine ran and cried all the way, letting the rain wet her body. She was incomparably wretched.

Everything that had happened tonight had humiliated her, destroyed her confidence and pride and made her so desperate that she wanted to commit suicide.

Finally, she got tired of running and sat down on the side of the road.

Looking at the empty road, she suddenly didn't know where to go, as if she had been abandoned by the world.

Suddenly, a glimpse of radiance flashed in her eyes.

She hastily pulled out her phone and dialed Jack's number.

Beep...

As soon as the phone rang, it was hung up.

Katherine did not give up and she continued to dial. But after ringing once, she was hung up again.

After repeating it several times, teary-eyed Katherine finally could not take it anymore. She found Jack's WeChat and sent a message over.

"Jack Hughes! Are you that heartless? We are a couple. Don't you even have the courage to answer my call? I need you, I want you to stay with me!"

After waiting for five minutes, there was still no reply on WeChat.

Katherine kept sobbing. Her delicate body was trembling. She looked at the phone, clenched her teeth, and sent another message via WeChat.

"Stay with me, will you? It could be nice to answer my call. Do you know who I was going on a blind date with tonight? It was your company's CEO, Ben Hall. He was trying to insult me and he treated me like a prostitute!"



It was another long wait. When Katherine was almost emotionally crumbled, a WeChat message was received.

Ding!

“It’s all because of your mom!”

In the rented room, after replying to Katherine’s WeChat message, Jack had an extremely unpleasant look on his face and he felt tight in his chest.

He squinted his cold eyes, with his right hand grabbing his phone so hard.

“Is it to humiliate me?”

While murmuring, he picked up his phone and dialed Mr. Ward’s number.





## Chapter 15 You are Going to Pay for Humiliating Me

Jack Hughes hung up the phone.

His eyes looked deep and he was silent.

His face was still covered with frost.

He did not know why Katherine Parry could go on a blind date with Ben Hall. Ben still insisted on treating Katherine as a prostitute after knowing she was his ex-wife.

It was humiliating him!

Jack was not a person who would drag his feet. Is it possible for him to swallow his anger after being humiliated like this?

Looking at Katherine's WeChat profile image, he replied another WeChat message.

"If you haven't bought a house for Tommy yet, I suggest you go to West Shantytowns tomorrow morning to buy a house. Maybe you can help fund his betrothal gifts."

West Shantytowns was an old city. The house prices had not been high and even had a downward trend in the past year.

It was enough for the Parry family to buy a house with their wealth.

Moreover, he believed that the house prices in the West Shantytowns would definitely go up against the market.

The betrothal gifts that Shirley Lynn asked Tommy Parry for were really a lot. But if the Parry family was smart enough to buy a house in the West Shantytowns and they waited until the house price raised and sold it, it would be almost enough to fund the betrothal gifts.

However, he self-mocked, "With my previous status in the Parry family, perhaps you will treat it as nonsense, right?"

He didn't care anymore, he got up and walked out. He had already done his best to this extent, even if the Parry family didn't listen to him.

The rain became heavier.

When Jack reached downstairs, a black Rolls-Royce Phantom was parked on the side of the road.

After getting into the car, Jack looked at Mr. Ward and said calmly, "Let's go."

"Young master, when will it be released tomorrow?" Mr. Ward asked calmly as the Rolls Royce was driven and his eyes showed some admiration when he looked at Jack.

Jack was capable to think of such a masterstroke to run a losing trade into a steady profit.

This kind of capability and boldness was enough to prove Jack's excellence.

Even those members of the family who had received elite education since childhood might not be able to think of such a move.

Jack showed that he was worthy to be depended on to achieve the objective.

But the younger members of the family always had to depend on their family background since they were young.

"In the evening." Jack laughed. "Would doing this make the people of the entire city unable to sleep tomorrow night?"

Mr. Ward was stunned, then he laughed oddly, "Young master, that's a bit bad."

Half an hour later, the Rolls-Royce Phantom was parked on the roadside outside a club.

MJ Club had always given the impression that it was high-end. Those who could enter this place were either rich or noble.

But the so-called 'high-end' also meant respectable quality and service. This was why it attracted some wealthy businessmen to flock here.

Ben was one of them.

In the three years at DT real estate agency, Jack knew very well that Ben spent at least seven out of ten nights at MJ Club. He came here even more often than he went home.

They waited for five minutes.

Jack, who was sitting in the car, saw several people had taken Ben out of MJ Club through the rain curtain.

Under the lights, Ben was wearing a bathrobe and he looked terrified.



He screamed and struggled.

But the security guard at the entrance of the club ignored all of this.

“Mr. Ward, please wait for a moment. I will be back soon.” Jack got out of the car.

When he walked into the alley next to him. The miserable shriek from Ben and a muffled sound that sounded like punching a sandbag echoed.

“Stop hitting me, please stop hitting me. Who the hell did I offend? Who are you?” Ben wailed in pain.

The five men who were beating him stopped. They gathered around Ben but didn't make a noise.

The pressure made Ben's fat and greasy body curled up into a ball as he shivered.

But he was still confused.

After his failed 'blind date' with Katherine, he was holding a lot of anger, which was why he came to the MJ Club.

Everything was ready. He was taking a shower. Then five strong men rushed in, wrapped him in a bathrobe, and took him out.

What made him more terrified was that the people in MJ Club did not even stop this.

He was emotionally crumbled.

He knew who was the owner of the club and he was such a big shot. Yet, the owner wouldn't dare to interfere with this kind of matter that would damage the club's reputation?

“You are pissing me off!”

The familiar voice made Ben's body tremble. He looked incredulously out of the crowd, thinking he had heard wrongly.

Jack pushed a way through his people, and slowly walked up to Ben, “You are going to pay for humiliating me.”

“Jack Hughes?!”

Ben's eyes rounded with horror, pointing at the five men in front of him, “This, did you do all this?”

Jack raised his eyebrows. He turned his head and said, “Let him



believe it.”

The five men pounced on Ben. They punched and kicked him again.

The screams echoed.

Five minutes later, the five men stopped. Ben was already bruised and swollen.

“Do you believe now?” Jack asked.

Ben nodded. But right after that he spat out a mouthful of blood and laughed, “Hahaha... damn, I really took you for granted. After being a dog by my side for three years, you actually managed to buy DT real estate agency.”

Regarding the acquisition of DT real estate agency, Ben had asked his brother-in-law about it. But his brother-in-law carefully concealed it.

However, he was well aware of Jack’s capabilities. It was definitely impossible for Jack to acquire DT real estate agency. But if someone very rich and powerful noticed Jack’s capabilities and secretly supported him, then this had made sense.

Jack looked at Ben coldly and didn’t make a noise.

Ben took a glance at the people surrounding him and smiled sneeringly, “A dog is still a dog. You put on an act like this right after you turned the table. Hiring these five bodyguards must have spent a lot, right? You really fucking think highly of yourself!”

He said, pointing at the five men. He jeered, “You guys, what kind of dogs are you for this bastard? How much he paid you? I’ll pay you double. Just beat him to death!”

“Don’t blame me for not reminding you, this guy’s wife is a prostitute. The DT real estate agency he took over, I had signed a contract with sky-high price. It will soon go bankrupt. If you stay with him, be mindful you might not even get a salary!”

“I had divorced from Katherine, but you’re using her to humiliate me. That’s why you deserve to die!”

Jack showed a cold sight and his tone was icy, “Besides, with how useless you are, you may think that DT real estate agency will definitely go bankrupt. But I tell you, with me, Jack Hughes, DT real estate agency will only get stronger and stronger!”

Ben was stunned.

Jack did not care about it. He got up and left.

Behind him, Ben came back to his senses and jeered loudly, "Hahaha... You are so fucking funny. You signed a sky-high contract for a huge loss of 30 million yuan. Do you think you are a god to turn things around? You are definitely done! Wait for me. When your DT real estate agency goes bankrupt and you become a tramp on the streets, I will definitely find someone to break your legs and let you live worse than death!"

Jack laughed disdainfully. We'll see if I can turn things around tomorrow.

He put his hands in his pockets and slowly walked out of the alley.

Immediately, Ben's screams once again resounded in the alley.

## Chapter 16 A Breaking Piece of News that Turned the Tides

Katherine returned home in a forlorn state. She was soaked from her head to her toes, which made her look embarrassed.

As soon as she entered the house, her parents and her younger brother Tommy all stood up.

"You are finally willing to return?" Elissa growled, "Why did you throw a tantrum when we've arranged a blind date for you?"

Katherine jerked slightly while staring at Elissa with a shocked expression, "Mum, do you know what happened?"

"I know. Tommy has told me about that first thing when he returned home."

Elissa pointed at Tommy, but her next words finally induced Katherine's tears to fall, "What if you're being touched just a little? It's a blind date after all. You would have done us a great favor if you didn't end up coming back tonight. If your blind date was a success, Tommy wouldn't have to worry about his betrothal gift anymore."

"Mum, what did you take me as?" Katherine howled with tears in her eyes.

Kieran's face had darkened as he glared at Elissa hard, "What nonsense are you spouting in front of our children?"

"She's my daughter in the end, why can't I criticize her?" Elissa's expression was sour as she placed her hands on her waist, "Since she has ruined her blind date, what should we do about Tommy's betrothal gift? Can't I criticize her a little since she couldn't even help her young brother?"

Elissa's retort successfully rendered Kieran speechless.

Katherine could sense that Tommy was oblivious to what had happened in the restaurant. When she ran off that time, Tommy probably only heard about another version of that incident from Ben.

She was very frustrated with how things had turned out, hence she wanted to explain clearly to them what had really transpired.

"Sister, are you helping me or not?"

Tommy suddenly cried out loud, "I am your biological younger brother



after all. If you don't plan to help me, I won't be able to tie the knot with Shirley, and there would be no meaning to my life anymore. I would rather die if that's the case!"

"If Tommy is dead, there would be no meaning to our lives anymore as well. We should probably all die together!" Elissa chipped in while breaking out into a wail of her own.

In an instant, the whole place was in an uproar.

While facing her younger brother and mother who were threatening to kill themselves, Katherine could only plopped down to the floor as she pulled her hair in frustration. She was crying out loud too as she tugged her hair.

"Katherine, let me give you a piece of advice. Seeing that your mother and younger brother is in such a poor state, as a big sister, you should just endure some unpleasant things." Kieran began solemnly, "Your blind date partner is Ben all along. Although I know you're not liking this a lot, you shouldn't run away after he has just touched you a little, am I right?"

"Dad..." Katherine felt extremely wronged at the moment. Was Ben really just touching her a little?

He basically saw her as a prostitute!

She was well aware of the fact that her explanations would be useless no matter what she did. Her explanations couldn't help her in any way in this situation.

Suddenly, she recalled Jack's message, and she decided to dish out this idea in the hopes that it would make up for her shortcomings and satisfy her parents. She began in a hoarse voice, "Dad, why not I buy a house in West Shantytowns for Tommy? The price will probably rise soon, and that would settle our money woes to prepare for Tommy's betrothal gift!"

Kieran's face darkened when he heard that.

Elissa immediately launched into a fit of fury, "Are you crazy? Buying a house in West Shantytowns? That place is a shabby and run-down area which is populated by foreign workers. How could the price increase in any way? There is no way in hell that is happening! I would be retarded if I decide to buy a house there!"

"Sister, are you crazy? West Shantytowns is such a messed-up

residential area, Shirley would never agree to us buying a house there.” Tommy quipped in, “We are real siblings bounded by real blood, so you shouldn’t think of something that would harm me, right?”

Katherine’s field of vision was misted by her tears and she was biting her lips so hard that they were almost going to bleed.

She knew fully well what kind of place West Shantytowns was. She was starting to doubt the authenticity of Jack’s message.

However, this was her best contingency plan at the moment. Since the housing price in West Shantytowns was relatively low, she could use the remainder of her money to make up for Tommy’s betrothal gift.

This was the best she could do at the moment. Other than that, what could she do?

Would she really have to sell herself?

“Enough! Shouldn’t you guys stop your nonsense? You’re creating a mess in our home!”

Kieran couldn’t stand their antics anymore as he loudly reprimanded them, “If there’s no other way now, we will come up with something later on.”

“Then can you come up with something? You’re just a teacher who can’t fork out large sum of money at all for our Tommy’s wedding. Or else, do you want your lineage to end at his generation?”

Elissa retorted while giving him a push. Kieran’s face was pale white upon hearing those words.

Kieran was an educator who firmly believed that the greatest sin of a man was cutting off his future lineage. This was an act that was strongly against a person’s belief of filial piety. If this happened to him, it was thought to be more torturing than asking him to kill himself.

Kieran nervously caressed his hairs while giving himself a slap across his cheeks, “Then, I shall put down my pretense and borrow money from some old friends. I think I would be able to gather enough money for the betrothal gift.”

“Do you think that you don’t need to return those money you’re planning to borrow?” Elissa was screaming at him.

Katherine’s face was very pale as she stared at her mother. Suddenly,



she felt very dizzy for some reason.

Indeed, they would need to return anything they've borrowed.

However, did that mean her mother would rather let her sell her body instead?

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The next day, Kieran was out to borrow money since early in the morning. He was very bothered with what had happened last night, but Elissa's words had hit his weak spot. He had no choice but to discard his dignity and start borrowing money from his friends.

Katherine never got any sleep the whole night and her eyes were swollen due to excessive crying. Nevertheless, she still dragged her exhausted body to work like usual.

During the time she was married to Jack, she never became a housewife. She was able to secure herself an easy job manning a counter. Her work was the typical nine-to-five job, and she could make a measly three thousand yuan a month.

Jack would always take care of household expenses, so she would only need to care about earning money or herself.

However, things were different after she had divorced Jack. This three thousand yuan was all she had to cover her expenses.

After the fiasco last night, Katherine couldn't fully recover from the repercussions as she trudged on the road with a look of absentmindedness. She sobbed slightly while taking out her phone to post a message on her social media: In the end, I have to take on everything on my shoulders.

Soon, her post was being liked and commented by her friends. There were some people who wrote encouraging words for her.

Katherine finally felt her mood getting back to normal.

At the DT real estate agency, Jack saw what Katherine had posted on social media and he found this amusing.

He put down his phone and returned his attention back to the West Shantytowns renovation project. The news would be disclosed tonight, so he couldn't let anything miss the mark.

In the blink of an eye, it was already six in the evening.



After a whole day of work, the citizens were sitting in front of their televisions to watch the local news and at the same time unwinding themselves.

“The YK Group has announced their latest venture into the city. They plan to build a massive commercial complex plaza in the core of West Shantytowns in an effort to boost the local economy with future plans on expanding the commercial aspect of the city. The YK Group will announce more details on this planning. The channel will closely follow up with this news.”

It was just a short news, but an important information was disclosed.

It was like a massive bomb that shattered the silence of the city.

The YK Group was the number one property developer in the country!

The group's entrance into West Shantytowns only meant one thing.

The housing price in West Shantytowns... was going to rise!

Following this piece of breaking news, in the MJ Club, a terrifying shrill broke out.

“What the fuck? Why did this happen? How could something like this happen? Ah...”

In the Parry family home, Katherine was dragging her tired body into the house but she saw both her parents and Tommy were sitting upright in front of the television.

They had a dazed expression on their faces and the whole house was so silent that even a dropped needle could be heard.

“Has something happened?” Katherine asked.

Elissa suddenly screamed, “The, the YK Group is going to build a plaza nearby us, and they've chosen West Shantytowns as their choice of destination... the housing price there is going to balloon!”

She was getting more and more agitated as she spoke, and her face was deathly pale.

Kieran was covering his face with his hands while letting out sighs after sighs.

If they had listened to Katherine last night, Kieran didn't need to belittle himself and borrow money all around. They could have immediately

went to buy a house in West Shantytowns.

By the time this news was dropped, the atmosphere in the house would be vastly different compared to now.

Katherine suddenly heard something snapped inside her head as she felt the muscles on her face slowly distort. She instantly raised her hand to cover her mouth to muffle her scream.

She hurriedly produced her phone and read Jack's text message again. Every single word sent by him was like the sledgehammer hammering down on her eyeballs.

Jack was right all along!

## Chapter 17 He Was Easily Satisfied

How did he know that?

Katherine stared at Jack's text message incredulously, and there was only a single thought in her mind.

All of her sudden, her eyes lit up and she finally understood what was going on.

The YK Group was the number one property developer in the nation. Nobody could get any wind about this news at all before their decision to penetrate the local market had come out in the news.

However, this only applied to normal citizens.

Jack was a deputy manager in DT real estate agency!

Although DT real estate agency was insignificant compared to the YK Group, it was still a leading company in their small vicinity. It was only natural for them to learn of this insider news before anyone else in this city.

At that moment, Kieran who was punching himself hard suddenly muttered, "Katherine, you should have convinced me even further yesterday."

Katherine just gawked at Kieran.

Before she could reply, Elissa who had a hideous expression on her face abruptly pointed at Katherine as she assaulted her verbally.

"You useless child, this is your fault! If you could have convinced me yesterday, we would have bought the house. This would settle your brother's betrothal gift. You are practically ruining your brother's life now!"

Her words were sharp and unforgiving, which caused Katherine to slowly tear up.

"Dad, mum, I have tried my best to convey to you what I knew, but you never listened..."

"Bullshit!"

Elissa waved her hand to interrupt Katherine's explanation, "You are our daughter after all, why would we not listen to you if you insist on your stance? You must be doing this on purpose because you hate me for forcing you to go on that blind date. Now, everything is ruined. We have lost



a great opportunity to earn money and Tommy's wedding couldn't go on anymore because of you!"

As she finished her words, she stumbled onto the sofa and started to wail.

When the possibility of his wedding getting cancelled became real, Tommy started to throw a fit too.

"Sister, I'm your flesh and blood brother. How can you do this to me? If I can't marry Shirley, I would rather die!"

The whole place was in an uproar, and this was very irritating for Katherine.

She pulled her hair messily while her eyes were reddened with tears streaming down her cheeks.

"What have I done wrong?"

After letting out a cry, Katherine hastily stormed to her room and slammed the door hard behind her.

She collapsed onto the bed and pulled the blanket close to her. She couldn't stop her tears from flowing.

"Why? Why do I have to be the one to carry this burden? What have I done wrong? I have reminded you guys beforehand, but why are you blaming me for missing the chance?"

Her cries were muffled underneath the blanket.

All of a sudden, Katherine who was on the verge of breaking down sat up abruptly while flinging off her blanket. She muttered inaudibly, "Jack, the fact that you reminded me about this must mean that you still care about me, right?"

As she said that, she quickly picked up her phone and called Jack.

The call was trying to connect but it was cut off by the other end.

Katherine continued to call him without giving up.

Every time her calls connected, they would be disconnected almost instantaneously.

Katherine was trembling while sobbing as she continued to call him without letting up.

From her perspective, since Jack was reminding her through a text

message, that must mean he still cared about her deep down.

She needed Jack to help her now. She needed Jack to help her brother too.

She read Jack's message again while typing a reply: You gave me a reminder yesterday and that must mean that you still care about me, right? Jack, help me, help my younger brother... if Tommy can't get married, my mother would rather die together with her. You are the deputy manager of DT real estate agency, you must have a way of getting a house at a discounted rate. Am I right?

She was practically begging on her knees at the moment. This was the first time she was doing that since their marriage three years ago.

There was a reply almost immediately.

Jack's text message was very simple and straightforward: What does that have anything to do with me?

In the MJ Club, Ben who was wrapping himself in a bathroom and having bruises all over his face was shrieking like a madman in a room. He was clobbering everything and smashing all the things in the room.

"What the fuck! Why did things end up like this?"

Bang!

He smashed a chair onto the television, and the screen instantly cracked, giving out puffs of black smoke.

A young lady wearing see-through clothing was shell shocked on the side. She curled herself into a ball in a corner while clutching her head in fear.

She even let out a scream when she heard the sound of television getting smashed.

Ben's face was twisted with hatred. He hurled a beer bottle in her direction while roaring, "Get the hell out of the room now!"

Then, he stumbled onto a sofa while shaking his head in a frenzied state, as if he had suddenly contracted some sort of disease. He was merely unwilling to accept the truth.

For the West Shantytowns renovation project, DT real estate agency had negotiated a deal that had exceeded its original budget by a whopping thirty million yuan. It came with such a sky-high price that the whole thing



was destined to incur massive loss and cause the agency to become bankrupt.

This was precisely the reason Ben could still mock Jack despite he was beaten up by men sent to him by Jack.

In his eyes, Jack was nothing more than a clown who could never transition to a bigger role in the agency.

However, a piece of breaking news had shattered the silence and peace of the city. The YK Group had announced their intentions to enter West Shantytowns and reinvent the whole place. The impact of this decision reached far and wide, and as the former general manager of DT real estate agency, he knew very well the repercussions of such a piece of news.

Although he was largely incapable, he was not stupid!

The YK Group was the top developer in the nation and it was also the biggest in scale. Putting aside the fact whether the group would really invest in the city's lands, the mere mention of their name in the airwaves was enough to cause a surge in the housing prices of the properties here.

The past few years, as long as the YK Group had set its sights on some piece of land, the housing prices nearby there would surge crazily!

With this earth-shattering news, Jack would be able to turn things in his favour with the help of the hike in housing prices. There were a lot of properties in the whole of West Shantytowns, it wouldn't even matter if their contract was worth one billion yuan, let alone the price of thirty million yuan that he had negotiated.

It felt like the mockery he had inflicted upon Jack last night came back in a full circle and slapped him in his face.

"Is this luck? Yes, you are just lucky to ride the tails of the wind. Anybody would be able to achieve something if they chance upon the right timing and opportunity. You are just lucky that the YK Group has decided to enter the local market at this particular timing."

Ben muttered with dissatisfaction while picking up his phone to make a call.

"Hey sister, I don't feel like working in my current company now. I discover that I still prefer to work in a real estate agency. Doesn't brother-in-law own a real estate agency? Can you help me put in a word and transfer



me there?"

"Alright sister, you're the best. You must help me no matter what."

After ending the call, Ben flashed a grotesque smile, "Jack, you are useless yet you have chanced upon a great window to take flight. However, I have a great backer in my brother-in-law. Let's see if you can still be so lucky later on!"

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Jack didn't see the local news as he hurriedly rushed back home to boil some soup for his mother after finishing up his remaining work on the renovation project.

His mother was everything to him.

Businesses and money were just tools for him to enable his mother to live a good life.

By the time he reached home from the hospital, he saw Mr. Ward sitting rigidly on the sofa.

"Mr. Ward, why didn't you inform me that you're visiting? I find this slightly offensive." Jack said jokingly.

"Young Master Hughes, I am just too anxious to break this good news to you."

Mr. Ward was staring at Jack with admiration, and his usual calm demeanour was now broken by a jubilant expression, "I have gathered information about the housing prices dished out by all local real estate agencies. Within just half an hour after the news conference, all companies have agreed to raise the housing prices in West Shantytowns by a margin of thirty percent!"

"It's only thirty percent?" Jack shook his head with dissatisfaction, "It seems that the YK Group is not as influential as I heard!"

The West Shantytowns was an old, run-down area riddled with filth and poverty, therefore the housing prices here was always an anomaly. The increase in the prices by thirty percent seemed significant at first, but in actuality they only reached the normal threshold of normal housing prices in the area.

This was slightly off from his prediction.

"Young Master Hughes, it's only been a short time. In the few coming

days, the housing prices in West Shantytowns will no doubt increase gradually." Mr. Ward answered with a relaxed smile, then he suddenly said in a grave voice, "However, this is not the main point. The important thing here is that you've secured yourself a huge first victory. I'm very proud of you!"

"Haha."

Jack raised his eyebrows while snickering coldly, "Is he that easily satisfied?"

Mr. Ward's expression froze.

Jack laughed disdainfully while carrying a thermos flash into the kitchen. He seemed like he was restraining himself, "If he is that kind of person who is easily satisfied with anything, that could explain why he decided to abandon us all those years ago."

Mr. Ward wanted to say something, but the words seemed to catch in his throat. In the end, he could only sigh profusely.

## Chapter 18 Flirtatious

Some people were happy and some were sad after hearing that YK Group moved in.

In just two days, the price of houses in West Shantytowns increased by 50%.

However, it was not so different from what Jack had predicted.

Because of the area and environment, the price of houses in West Shantytowns was unpredictable in this city.

The news of YK Group moving in absolutely boosted the house pricing in West Shantytowns up to the average price.

As the house price of West Shantytowns rose against the market, the DT real estate agency's employees that were anxious got their fighting spirits back.

The office's atmosphere became relaxed as it was before too.

Jack was happy to see the situation. At least all the employees saw his capabilities through the first win. In the future, DT real estate agency would also become better and better.

Some employees were curious as for why Jack would sincerely believe that such extremely high priced contract could turn the tables.

Jack also kept his mouth shut about that without stating any comment.

On the third day, when almost all the situation DT real estate agency turned the situation in a short time. West Shantytowns' transformation finally matched the standards.

At 8 P.M., Jack brought the employees to "Green Waves" hotel and officially launched the celebratory party.

Jack drank a lot of alcohol at the party.

He kept drinking with the employees and never rejected any toast the employees had offered.

3 years in DT real estate agency, his capabilities and sociability were approved by all the employees.

The employees of the company also knew clearly that he's the main



reason why DT real estate agency was able to maintain the upward profit momentum.

That's also the reason why when DT real estate agency's owner changed, everyone would rather make a bet than leave with Ben.

All the company employees knew how useless Ben was and what he did. Only fools would be willing to follow him.

West Shantytowns' transformation made Jack extremely convincing in every employee's heart.

After all, from the beginning until the end... Jack felt at ease and didn't look too flustered at West Shantytowns' extremely high priced contract.

After many rounds of drinking and various foods.

Jack was quite drunk already. He slammed a hundred thousand yuan for those enthusiastic employees to continue the party in another place.

Then, he was tipsy when leaving the "Green Waves" hotel.

Jack sobered up a bit by the winds of the pier.

While looking at the wavy river, he breathed out strong alcoholic smell.

However, the smile on his face did not disappear. It turned melancholy with his reddened eyes.

In just 2 weeks, he divorced and his mother was dying because of her serious sickness.

Katherine who always wanted to help her brother at all cost even took his last 200 thousand dollars that could have been used to save his mother... And that was just for her brother's new house first payment.

That's funny!

The wife he sincerely loved didn't care about his mother just to pay for her brother's a new house.

That made him felt like everything had crumbled, so he chose to divorce.

Perhaps common people would crumble after getting such continuous attacks.

But he's lucky, his heartless father that he never met had saved his

mother and even made him rich. His father was like a huge hand that easily changed his hard life.

He didn't mind even if he already knew that his father didn't suddenly appear and help him out of guilt.

Because after many experiences, Jack knew it clearly.

Money is bastard, but without money... He's nothing.

Everything got better. DT real estate agency won the first fight, he gave his father the perfect answer, his mother was also recovering.

He finally got to release all the pressure.

Jack walked while recalling every bit that happened in the past 2 weeks.

Jack's gaze suddenly turned sharp. He grinned and said, "Katherine... If one day you knew that after we divorced, the guy your family looked down on have the power to get your family out of difficulties easily... Would you regret taking 200 thousand yuan and ignoring my mom's life that day?"

Jack was dumbfounded after he raised his head.

Wasn't it the building that he and Katherine used to rent?

How could he walk to this place?

Jack mocked himself before realizing... That place wasn't far from Green Waves.

Jack and Katherine used to take a stroll in Green Waves after dinner, by the riverside.

He instinctively walked to his former house in his drunk state.

"I can't go back anymore." Jack shook his head before turning around.

"Mr. Hughes!"

Her voice stopped Jack, "You really live here?"

Jack frowned. His face turned cold.

She didn't learn her lesson?

He turned around and saw Shirley standing below the streetlight not far from him.

She's looking at him with a surprised look.



Shirley was wearing a white dress which showed a lot of her fair skin. However, she was curling up because the night wind was quite cold. "What do you mean?" Jack asked coldly.

Shirley walked up to him quickly. Her body that was curled up from the cold also stretched out, as if she's trying to show Jack her best side.

"Stop!" Jack shouted coldly.

"What's wrong?" Shirley was shocked.

"Keep your pet away." Jack turned away and stopped looking at Shirley.

Shirley instinctively looked below her and got confused, "I, I didn't bring any pet."

Jack rubbed his temples that ached because he's drunk before saying, "The rabbits, your tits."

Shirley trembled. Her pretty face blushed before blaming Jack, "Mr. Hughes, you're so naughty."

She looked so flirtatious while swinging her waist shyly.

Jack couldn't bear it any longer. He turned around and just walked away.

Shirley suddenly took a step closer and pulled his wrist. She sweetly said, "I... Just wanted to let you see."

"I'm not interested in you." Jack tried to shake Shirley's hand off.

But Shirley suddenly grabbed his hand with both hands.

She pitifully begged with glistening eyes, "Please don't go... I, I came just to look for you tonight."

Jack sneered, "Tommy is so stupid for telling you my address. Did he think that his life was good enough, so he's just in a daze when his girlfriend betrayed him?"

Only a few people, including the Parry family, knew the address of the rented house.

Shirley could easily use Tommy by just a few sentences.

Well, Shirley might be a Saint in the Parry family... But he clearly knew that Shirley's just a plain bitch.



He's not someone with no options and of course not dumb.

Shirley stiffened. She never thought that Jack would be so blunt without any feelings left for her.

But when she thought of Jack's resources... Even if Jack rented and lived in a house that looked slightly old, that one billion card must be right.

Tommy was merely her just-in-case.

But Jack was clearly better than Tommy!

Because she had once given up her dignity for Jack... That night she mustered up the courage to find Jack, as the last effort.

Even though, she already knew that Jack was Tommy's ex-brother-in-law.

Whispers came out of her red lips.

Her beautiful eyes were filled with tears.

Shirley elaborated her miseries by crying while saying, "I, I might get engaged with Tommy soon. So I really wanted to see you tonight..."

Jack flung Shirley's hand, turned around and walked away.

"Okay, I understand. I insist on giving you a red packet."

## Chapter 19 Sister You Just Got Dumped

Shirley Lynn tossed and turned restlessly in her bed. She did not sleep that night.

She didn't expect that Jack Hughes would turn her down. She spent so much time on her grooming just to please Jack.

She was confident that she could grasp the mind of any man and forced them to comply with her wish.

However, Shirley felt that she was not in command when she was with Jack.

Moreover, she showed her affection towards Jack after she made her reparation that night.

Because of that, she decided to show her affection for him continuously.

She knew that even if she couldn't get together with Jack, she could get more benefit from him compared to Tommy Parry even if she was just an ordinary friend to him.

It was true that she wanted to marry Tommy. But if she could get more benefit, she wouldn't mind having what she can get in the first place. At worst, she will look for others to as a backup.

However, Jack's response drove her crazy!

Subsequently, the next morning, she was grumpy when Tommy gave her a morning call.

She was agitated as she shrieked, "Tommy! It is still early in the morning! Can you don't be so annoying?"

"Shirley, I thought this is the wake-up call we agreed upon?" Tommy was alarmed.

"I don't need it! I was sleepless the whole night!" Shirley fidgeted and scratched her hair.

"What? You haven't slept the whole night? I'm going upstairs. Shirley, since you're so tired, don't go for work today." Tommy's heart ached.

As soon as she heard the phrase "go for work", Shirley was agitated. She was fed up with Tommy's helpless care.

"Don't go to work? Since you are so free, why don't you have some concern about the betrothal gifts? Are we still getting engaged? If you don't want to, then let's break up."

Tommy said anxiously, "Shirley, don't worry. My family is finding ways to raise money. I am sure I'll raise enough money for the betrothal gifts on our engagement day!"

"Finding ways? You might as well ask it from your brother-in-law since he's so rich."

Snap!

Shirley hung up the phone before Tommy responded.

She couldn't get together with Jack. It would be a waste of youth for her if she couldn't even take control of Tommy after spending so much time on him.

Under the apartment where Shirley lived, Tommy was in his Audi. He was confused.

He didn't know why Shirley became that mad out of a sudden.

When Shirley hung up the phone, he heard the word "break up".

Tommy was completely panicked. He was flustered as he instantly gave a call to his family.

As soon as the call came through, he cried out. He said to Elissa Tanner, "Mom... Shirley said if we still don't get engaged, she is going to break up with me."

"Tommy, don't worry. We're already trying to figure it out, aren't we?" Elissa also panicked.

"What can you do? Since Jack is so rich, just let sister ask it from him. She's my sister, doesn't she care about my wedding?" Tommy yelled.

Right after Tommy said that Elissa shrieked, "What? Jack is rich?"

"I don't care anymore. I'm going to get engaged with Shirley. If you guys can't raise enough money, I'm going to commit suicide!" Tommy cried and yelled. The next second, he hung up the phone.

The Parry family.

After hanging up the phone, Elissa also blew up. She was on tenterhook. She then kicked open Katherine's door.



"Hey bitch, why are you still sleeping?"

Katherine looked at Elissa with her sleepy eyes. She was in a daze as she said, "Mom, I'm taking my day off today."

"Cut the crap! Your brother might die soon; you still have the mood to sleep?" Elissa dragged Katherine out of bed.

At first, Katherine was shocked and wanted to resist. However, when she heard Tommy was in trouble, she asked anxiously, "What's going on? What's wrong with my brother?"

"It is all about the betrothal gifts! Soon, Tommy and Shirley are getting engaged. If we still can't raise enough money, Shirley is going to break up with Tommy. Consequently, Tommy is going to commit suicide!"

Elissa was so worried. She then gave Katherine a slap and said, "Why did I give birth to such a useless daughter like you? Are you not even bothered to lend a helping hand to your brother? It seems like you are pleased to see your father and I die along with your brother."

Katherine was startled; her face was burning red hot.

Tears went rolling down Katherine's cheeks; she was heartbroken. She roared at Elissa, "I have tried my best to look for a solution! What else more can I do?"

Snap!

Elissa gave her another tight slap, "You're bullshitting! Your brother told me that Jack is a wealthy man. You don't ask it from him. At worst, you divorced him. You are trying to set your brother up!"

Boom!

Katherine was traumatized with her words. She looked at her mother with tears in her eyes.

At that moment, she broke down emotionally.

Katherine mumbled and cried, "He is not rich. After we got married, I was in charge financially. All his bank cards were with me. I know exactly how much money he had. I have given you guys the two hundred thousand yuan he had. As Tommy's sister, I will definitely help him if Jack is rich."

"It was Tommy who told me that. Why would he lie to me?" Elissa lost her mind.

She sat on the floor, crying and wailing, "My life is so miserable. I just gave birth to a daughter who became "second-hand goods". And now my son can't even get married. What is the point of living?"

"Yes, I shall die! If Tommy wants to kill himself, I'll kill myself also!"

Suddenly, Elissa got up and rushed out of the bedroom.

Katherine was terrified as she rushed out to stop her, "Mom... don't do anything stupid!"

Kieran Parry heard the tantrum. Subsequently, he rushed out and hugged Elissa in panic, "That's our son's marriage, you don't need to do anything silly!"

"I can't even help my son with his marriage, and my daughter doesn't even want to help him. I might as well die."

Elissa struggled desperately, her features distorted, "I am just like a maid after we married. You're so useless. You can't even think of a way to help your son!"

Kieran was depressed. He yelled at Katherine, "Katherine, are you going to do nothing and watch your mother suffers?"

"I..."

Kathrine was dumbfounded, and her mind was blank.

Suddenly, she recalled the house stuff Jack told her.

Maybe... Jack was rich?

Right! He was the vice president of DT real estate agency. He should be rich!

Katherine broke down. She stomped her foot and cried out, "You guys stop it. I won't allow you guys to die. I'm Tommy's sister, I'll help him! I'm going to go find Jack and ask it from him!"

After that, she ran out.

DT real estate agency.

Jack came back to his office after he delivered breakfast for his mother.

The renovation project at West Shantytowns was on the right track, but some construction issues were still a little sloppy. The boss had to do it personally to ensure everything went smooth.

However, not too long after Jack sat down.

A phone call came through.

Jack answered the phone. The clerk said, "Mr Hughes, something bad happened. Your mother was agitated after she knew you had divorced. She is in a horrible situation now as she is in the ICU. It was your ex-wife who told her that. Please come over now."

Bam!

Jack's body stiffened, and the ball pen in his hand was broken into two.

The look in his eyes was vicious than ever.

He looked like a beast that wanted to eat people!



## Chapter 20 Flaming Red Lips

When Jack arrived at LJ Hospital, his mother was still in the ICU.

The priority was his mother's health.

If his mother were fine, then everything would be fine.

Otherwise, with his personality, he was not sure what he would do.

Jack looked grumpy as he sat outside the ICU ward.

Gritting his teeth, he sent a message to Katherine through WeChat.

His tone was pleading.

"You disregarded my mother's life last time. And now you want to harm her for the second time this time? Please spare her life."

Five minutes later, Katherine replied.

But after seeing what Katherine replied, Jack couldn't suppress the anger inside him anymore.

She replied, "Jack, you are a liar! You are scum! You said that the 200,000 yuan was the only money left for you to treat your mother's illness. Why is she still alive? She even recuperated. It looks like you are rich! Can't I help my brother to ask your mother for some money as compensation for our divorce?"

Boom!

Jack smashed his fist against the wall. He had a frosty look as he gritted his teeth, "The Parry family and Katherine Parry...you guys are pushing me to the edge!"

The door of the ICU ward opened.

Jack rushed forward and held Mr Hale. He asked with tears in his eyes, "Dr Hale, how is my mother?"

Dr Hale took off his mask and smiled. He was relieved, "Don't worry, Mr Hughes. Fortunately, your mother was rescued in the nick of time. She is fine now."

"Thank you, Dr Hale." Jack was utterly grateful. He nearly knelt to Dr Hale to express his gratitude.

Upon seeing that, Dr Hale was stunned. He then hurriedly stopped

him from doing so.

Was that a joke?

Mr Ward personally came to save Jack's mother. Mr Hale can't afford to take Jack's kneeling, neither the director of the hospital.

Immediately, Dr Hale instructed solemnly, "However, as your mother's attending physician, I have some word for you. I understand that you are hiding the fact that you have divorced your ex-wife because you don't want to agitate your mother. However, I feel like your ex-wife is inconsiderate. Your mother's life could be in danger because of her."

"This time around, the timely resuscitation was pure luck. But what if your ex-wife comes back again? Your mother is weak now. She can't afford to take anymore hit."

Dr Hale sighed before he turned around and left.

The smile on Jack's face vanished. He looked plain cold.

He clenched fists, and his veins popped out.

Last time, Katherine took away his mother's two hundred thousand yuan, which was meant to use for her treatment for the down payment on her brother's house.

This time, it was again for her brother's sake. Jack's mother almost died this time.

Katherine's behaviour made him sick!

"To help your brother, you disregarded my mother's life?"

A glint of light flashed through Jack's eyes, "So you guys wish to have Tommy and Shirley engaged? I'll fool you guys around this time!"

On the other hand, Katherine was panic and terrified as she sat on the curb.

The sun was scorching hot, but she couldn't feel any warmth from it.

After getting Jack's ruthless reply for several time, she knew that he would turn her down again.

Hence, she thought of contacting Sophie Burton.

During recent years, Sophie was seriously ill. However, Katherine rarely had time to pay her a visit at the hospital.



But Katherine knew that Sophie liked her very much. If she could get Sophie's help, it would be much easier to ask Jack for money.

But when she arrived at the hospital with fruit basket in her hands, she was stunned to see Sophie did not look pale. She looked healthy.

When she asked the nurse, she learned that Sophie had undergone a liver transplant and was recovering.

Sophie was blown up.

This made her became more convinced about what Tommy just said.

Moreover, she realized that Jack probably divorced her intentionally with two hundred thousand yuan. In fact, Katherine could get more from Jack if they divorced by agreement!

The more she thought about it, the angrier she became. Katherine then found Sophie immediately and started to make a fuss.

After the divorce, Katherine wanted to claim her fair compensation from Jack.

She was willing to go all out to get what belonged to her as it would help a lot to get her family out of the trouble.

She would be guilty for her whole life if she couldn't help his brother because of her impulsive act.

But what she didn't expect was that Sophie's illness deteriorated and was rushed to the ICU. She was fine at first, lying well on the bed.

This terrified Katherine. She couldn't be bothered to make any amendment. Hence, she ran away hurriedly.

"It's not my fault, it's not my fault. Jack, you're the one who killed your mother."

Katherine shook her head, relentlessly. Tears flowed down, "Jack, you are a bastard. Why did you lie to me? I disobeyed my parents' advice and even risked my life just to marry you. I accompanied you through your tough time. Can't I help my brother now?"

"And just because of this, you set me up to divorce me! We had been together for so long, I am truthful to our relationship, but you didn't appreciate it! Jack, you are so cruel!"

Katherine cried louder as she grumbled.



She was aggrieved.

Katherine broke down and sat on the road as she cried desperately.

As proud as she was, she was not bothered about how the other pedestrians looked at her.

Then, Elissa called her.

"So how? Did you get the money?"

"Mom...I didn't get it." Katherine was holding back her tears. Back then, it was her decision to marry Jack. She also left him on her own will. If Elissa knew it, she would be done.

"I guess I am right. You're a useless bitch!"

Elissa snapped her on the top of her voice, "Fortunately, your father managed to raise around two hundred thousand yuan from his family side. We have 400 hundred thousand yuan as for our family saving. Now, we still lack one hundred thousand yuan. I think it is your time to help."

"Really?" Katherine was overwhelmed. She wiped off her tears and said, "Mum, I will find a way to help Tommy."

Katherine was facing difficulty after she hung up the phone.

One hundred thousand yuan was still a large amount for her.

She hesitated when she was about to ask it from her friends. If she were to borrow it from them, it would be apparent that her life was miserable after her divorce.

When she had just divorced Jack, she even sneered at him in front of her friends.

Shaking her head, she thought of an idea.

"Since they already raised four hundred thousand, why not I write Shirley an IOU and follow up to make it up to her? She would probably agree to the engagement, right?"

It might be hard for Shirley to accept that.

However, it was the best option she could think of. She was willing to put down her pride for the sake of her brother. She didn't want others to know that she was having a tough time after the divorce.

She preferred to be embarrassed in front of her family members compared to her friends.

Taking a deep breath, Katherine got up and went to look for Shirley.

Meanwhile.

Shirley was distracted by Jack's incident. She didn't sleep the whole night yesterday. Consequently, she was absent-minded at her work.

She had received complaints from the customers several times in the morning. Luckily, the manager was on her side.

Ding!

The phone rang with a text message.

Shirley absent-mindedly took a look at the phone. She trembled as her eyes turned wide open. "Ah!" she screamed.

The content of the text message was, your bank account number ended with 3827 has been credited with 5,000,000 yuan.

Shirley was dazzled with the series of zeroes. She didn't hesitate for a moment before she checked her account through the banking system.

She had five million in her bank account!

Jesus!

Shirley was confused. Suddenly, she received a message from her WeChat.

She had a look and realized it was Jack.

The message was, "Here's five million, get engaged with Tommy. But you have to do me a favour!"

Shirley's face turned scarlet red, and her heart was beating rapidly.

At that moment, she couldn't reason. She was getting carried away with the amount of money in her bank account.

The amount of money Jack had given her was so much more compared to what she got from Tommy's family.

Shirley quickly replied, "Shirley would like to be at Mr Hughes's service. XOXO"

She then quickly got back to work. Katherine's mind was floating as she stared blankly.

Jack just transferred five million yuan to her. Although she was asked to do him a favour, the amount of money given to her was outrageous.



Perhaps there was another possibility?

Shirley wanted to test him. Hence, she sent her another message.

"Mr Hughes, can you come to my house tonight? I'm getting engaged tomorrow (grievances)."

Soon, Jack replied.

"Sure!"

Shirley's face blushed when she looked at the message. Her heart went wild.

Her guess was right!

Shirley would have chosen the five million yuan over Tommy. What was more, it was Jack.

Tonight, she must perform well!

At eight o'clock in the evening, the lights were on.

When Jack arrived at her house, the dining table was already set with delicious food for a candlelight dinner.

The lights were sparkling, and there was a strong fragrance in the air.

Jack frowned. He thought he was here to discuss their plan about the engagement, so he simply agreed.

But what he saw in front of him...something was wrong with his former sibling!

"Mr Hughes, have a sit."

Shirley looked charming. She invited Jack to take a seat.

She turned off the light after pouring the wine.

In the dark dining room, a few candles were flickering.

Jack frowned again. How could he not know what Shirley was up to?

Suddenly, Shirley took off her apron and jacket. Under the dim candlelight, she was wearing a black lace gauzy dress. She had a seductive figure.

"Mr Hughes, Shirley toast to you." Shirley flirtatiously lifted her glass and said in a delicate voice.

Jack smiled lightly. He gently clinked the glass and drank the wine.



Shirley poured the wine again and clinked glasses with Jack.

Jack didn't resist either. He was smiling lightly as he drank his wine.

Neither did they discuss anything nor had their meals.

They just had their wine. A lovely atmosphere formed.

By the time they almost finished the wine, Shirley's face blushed, and she was a little drunk.

She had the audacity to shake her glass as she walked towards Jack slowly.

Then, she sat on Jack's lap.

For a moment, Jack felt like he was in a wonderland. The aroma was overwhelming, and the visual impact was powerful.

Even if he was aware of what Shirley was up to, he couldn't help but feel unsettled.

Shirley closed her eyes, and her lips were coming closer...

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