

## Chapter 5

Anika went back to her room and swallowed a handful of pills.

She touched the back of her ears, only to find some blood there.

She recalled what the doctor said. "Ms. Carey, your condition is highly dependent on your emotions. You have to keep calm all the time. Be optimistic and stay tough during the treatment."

Being optimistic was easier said than done.

Anika tried to avoid thinking about what Joshua had said.

She leaned against her pillow and closed her eyes.

She didn't even fall asleep when the sky was awake.

But her hearing did get better, thanks to the medication.

Anika was looking at the sunshine that went through the window mindlessly.

"It stopped raining."

It was never a single matter that made one decide to give up on another.

The last straw would finally break a camel's back. Anika had been disappointed for too long. Even a few harsh words or a trivial matter could serve as the trigger...

Joshua didn't leave the house this morning

Instead, he sat on the sofa, waiting for Anika to apologize and take what she said back.

Anika lost her temper a couple of times in the past three years.

Yet she apologized every single time she did.

Joshua believed that she would act the same this time.

Then Joshua saw Anika walk out of her room in her usual dark outfit, dragging a suitcase and holding a piece of paperwork in her hand.

Anika handed the paperwork to Joshua. He then realized that it was a divorce agreement.

"Joshua, let me know when you are available."

With that, Anika left with her luggage.

Anika was greeted by the clear sky after the rain.

For a moment, Anika felt that she was reborn.

Yet Joshua was dazed on the sofa, holding that divorce agreement.



He couldn't believe what had just happened.

He just realized that Anika was gone when she finally disappeared.

Joshua felt upset for a few minutes and then he recovered. He didn't take Anika's gesture seriously.

She would come back to him anyway. All it took was a call or a word from him. And when Anika got back, she would play up to him even harder.

It would make no difference this time.

It was the first weekend after the national holiday.

Usually, at this time, Joshua would take Anika back to the Conan's residence. They would visit Joshua's family together.

Joshua would always be looked down upon by his family members for having such a wife.

Finally, it was just him.

Joshua found the upcoming trip pleasant. He even drove a car himself.

On the way back, Joshua felt so relaxed. He never felt this way before.

The Conan family was grand. All family members would go back to the Conan's residence, totaling five to six hundred people.

Joshua had 70 to 80 peers at his age. Many of



them were talented young people.

Joshua could stand out among such a large group of peers. That was quite telling. Joshua was no average.

He was decisive and determined. His peers and even his seniors were in awe of him.

That being said, they still gossiped about Joshua.

As the chosen one, Joshua ended up marrying a disabled wife who once tricked him... That was quite a nice piece of gossip among the family.

Rachel had been waiting for Joshua in the Conan's residence.

She had a few words with the servants.

"Don't take Anika to the parlor."

If it weren't for the family rules that the wife of the eldest of each generation had to be present, Rachel would never let Anika step into the residence.

However, Anika didn't show up this time.

Everyone was curious. After all, Anika was always the first to arrive and last to leave, trying hard to play up to everyone present.

How came she didn't even show up?

Rachel was chatting with other women in the family when she heard about Anika's absence. She

couldn't help but frown.

It was a huge event for the family. How could Anika be so willful?

Rachel walked over to Joshua and asked, "Joshua, where's Anika?"

Joshua was chatting with his childhood playmates when he heard his mother. His eyes darkened.

"She's urging a divorce. She left home."

Silence followed. People couldn't believe what they had heard.

Rachel was stunned.

Anika's love for Joshua was only second to his parents.

Seven years ago, Anika sacrificed herself to keep Joshua from being stabbed.

Four years ago, Anika was engaged to Joshua. Joshua was caught up in danger on a business trip.

Anika denied it when everyone else said Joshua was drowned to death. Against all the odds, she went to look for him.

In a city Anika wasn't familiar with, it took her three days to locate Joshua. Yet Joshua blamed her for



being too sensitive...

After the two got married, Anika took everything about Joshua seriously. She took care of him when he was in hospital, cooked his meals, and even treated people around meticulously. She wouldn't risk offending any of them.

How could such a woman propose to get a divorce after Kenyon passed away?

Why?

Rachel was confused, but she was glad that Anika finally let go of her son.

"A woman like her brings nothing but disgrace to our family. A divorce is a happy ending for you."

"She doesn't deserve you."

People seconded Rachel immediately.

"Indeed. Joshua is so talented that his talent shouldn't be wasted by that Carey woman."

"Every time I met Anika, I always found her ungraceful.

She doesn't seem to me someone raised in a well-off family. She has no taste and a low moral standard.

What's worse, she's deaf. She should be grateful since Joshua has been treating her well."

Suddenly, everyone was complaining about Anika.

It seemed that she was among the most sinful beings in this world.

All of them had forgotten that back then when Kenyon was still alive and Joshua was not that powerful, the rich playboys would kill to marry Anika.

They also forgot that it was the Conan family that asked to bond with the Carey family.

In the past, the Conan people only dared to gossip about Anika privately. But now that Anika was abandoned by Joshua and Rachel, they went as blunt as they wished.

Joshua should have been glad to hear all that. Yet the terrible comments on Anika only made him irritated.

Joshua drove away early the next morning.

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When he went back to the Rafter Villa, it was already dark.

Joshua pushed in and threw his coat on the porch. He waited for a few minutes, but nobody showed up.

Looking at the dark living room, Joshua finally

realized that Anika had left....

Joshua then took his coat, changed into slippers, and then threw his coat into the washing machine.

For some reason, the day had been particularly long for him.

Joshua went to his wine cellar and took a bottle of wine.

He intended to celebrate Anika's leave.

However, Joshua only realized that he didn't have a key when he saw the locked door.

He didn't like any outsiders in his territory, so he only hired hourly workers to do the cleaning.

After Anika married him, he left all the domestic chores to her.

Joshua went back to his room, trying to find the key to the cellar but failed.

In anger, he picked up his phone.