

# The Substitute Wife My Poor Husband is a Billionaire

## Chapter 241

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Her words ignited a spark of hope in Fiona's heart.

"What do you mean, Miss Turner?" Fiona and Jocelyn exchanged glances. They were on an emotional rollercoaster

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Fiona herself used to be the other woman. She believed that all men were weak, and it was easy to seduce them.

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“My husband wanted to thank you in person,” Janet said with a smile. She had already expected this outcome.

While she was speaking, she urged Ethan to sit down. —

“Oh... it’s no big deal!” Kent pretended to be okay with it, albeit he was actually reluctant of the man’s presence.

Ethan, on the other hand, had worn a stern expression since the moment he entered the room. He didn’t look grateful to Kent at all. Upon noticing the look on his face, Janet pinched his arm. It was only then that Ethan spoke. “My wife is right. We do thank you for your help,” he said politely.

Then, he picked up the teacup on the table and took a sip. All of a sudden, he cast Kent a sharp gaze. “But if you dare touch my wife again, I will not spare you, Mr. Perkins.”

Kent just raised his eyebrows at Ethan and said nothing.

He had already inquired about Janet’s husband before. In his eyes, Ethan was nothing but the embarrassing bastard son of the Lester family. He believed that there was nothing Ethan could do to him. Because if that weren’t the case,

he would’ve already stayed away from Janet.

That being said, Kent didn't take his warning seriously. He just put on a smile and raised his glass. "Don't get me wrong. Janet and I are just friends. No more, no less."

## Chapter 245 Do You Like It

Ethan sipped his tea and didn't utter a single word. He knew full well what was going through Kent's mind. Kent

had been playing the field, and he was certain that he wouldn't give up on Janet so easily

However, inherently, Keny wasn't a bad person. Besides, Janet didn't like him in any event, so Ethan wasn't worried

in the least bit. Since Kent had saved Janet once before, Ethan decided it best not to do anything about him at this juncture.

The expression on Ethan's face made Kent's hair stand on end. For the life of him, he couldn't even begin to fathom

what Ethan was thinking.

Just then, the waiter served the crab dish. Ethan picked up a crab leg.

"Have a taste of this," Ethan said, placing the crab leg into Janet's plate while glancing at Kent with an air of indifference. "Please help yourself, Mr. Perkins."

With a fake, forced smile, Kent nodded. He didn't enjoy the meal at all. To be honest, he had even purchased a box of condoms before he had come here tonight. Now, however, it was clear that it wouldn't be put to its intended use tonight. The three of them parted ways after dinner. Janet

and Ethan were just about to go home together. The Japanese restaurant was located in a high-end shopping mall which sold a range of luxury, designer items. When they passed by a jewelry store, the glass display of the season's new arrivals in the window caught her eye. There were fiery red rubies on display. The dazzling rubies were expertly imbedded in white gold. It was simply breathtaking. There was a sense of wildness in the design and color choices. Janet was a designer herself, so naturally she was drawn to the display like a bee to have a closer look. She wondered whether she could translate this design for an application to a clothes line. Clothing would be stunning with this kind of design.

When Ethan noticed Janet had stopped, he peered in the direction of her gaze. The ruby necklace in the window was work of art and eye-catching.

“Do you like it?” he asked, walking up to join her beside the window. The soft, warm light fell on Janet's face, making her smile look even more beautiful than usual. Her eyes were sparkling with admiration. It was quite apparent that she was impressed. She said, “Don't you think it's very beautiful? This designer really is nothing short of a genius.” However, Janet was just appreciating the designer and this outstanding work. She didn't want the jewelry as much as she appreciated its design. Besides, she couldn't afford it anyway.

It was too luxurious for her. Only the exceptionally wealthy could buy it if they took a liking to it.

It occurred to Ethan that Garrett often gave jewelry as gifts to women, and reasoned that women were probably quite attracted to sparkly, shiny things. On that basis, he came to the conclusion that Janet must want it. She didn't admit it because she probably thought that it was way out of their affordability range. Ethan kept his poker face on and began to devise a plan to buy the necklace for her without her suspecting him.

Janet didn't have the foggiest idea about what was going through his mind. She took out her phone and hesitated in taking pictures of the necklace. After all, most of the stores here didn't allow others to take photos of their exclusive products.

Just then, a condescending voice was heard coming just inside the store. "Miss Lind, you have been standing there for a long time. Do you need me to ask for the manager's permission for you to take photos?"

### **Chapter 246 Emani's Plan**

The female voice sounded familiar.

Janet looked back to see who it was.

Behind her stood Emani, who was wearing a gorgeous navy blue dress and sunglasses. She was standing at the door of the shop. She took off her sunglasses and smiled brightly. Her assistant was standing behind her with a lot of shopping bags in both hands. It seemed like Emani had just finished shopping and was about to leave.

"No, thank you, Miss Gomez." Janet shook her head and frowned.

She and Emani hadn't been on good terms since the party. Hence, she wanted to avoid her more than anything.

At first, Emani hadn't intended to pick on Janet. She thought she was out of bounds because Garrett was dating her. But when she found out that Garrett was dating someone else, she felt that he had dumped Janet. It was common knowledge that Garrett never dated more than one woman at a time even though he was a playboy.

This was why Emani had concluded that Janet had gotten dumped and she could trample on her now. She sneered and flipped her hair back

when she saw the frown on Janet's face. It was then her eyes advertently fell on the man standing beside Janet.

Emani stared at him, goggle-eyed. The man wasn't girlish handsome like some of the men she usually met. This one was masculine and his face was excellently sculpted. He looked cold and distant, but she could see that he was a reserved man from the glint in his eyes.

'Wow! Who would have thought that such a plain Jane could have such great taste in men? Garrett and this man are both hunks. I wonder how she managed to get them. Humph! Someone like her doesn't deserve such a prince charming!' Emani was bedazzled by the man's handsomeness, but that didn't stop her from noticing that he was poorly dressed. To her, this meant that he wasn't a big shot.

'Wow! Janet got a handsome man with empty pockets. Serves her right!' Thinking of this, a mocking smile appeared on her face. She felt that bullying Janet would be easy since no one could stand up to her now. "Oh, Miss Lind. Why leave in such a hurry?" Putting on a patronizing expression, she briskly walked up to Janet in her heels. How Janet humiliated her at the ball was still fresh in her memory. Janet didn't want to offend Emani because she was an influencer for the Larson Group. She knew that it would be unwise to bring their beef to work. As a result, she asked calmly, "Is there anything you would like me to do, Miss Gomez?"

Feigning good intentions and friendliness, Emani held Janet's arm to prevent her from leaving. "Actually, I don't need anything from you. I just thought I should be of help to you since you like the jewelry here. Come and have a look at some of them. I'm a VIP customer here, don't worry. You haven't visited a store as luxurious as this in your entire life, right? Well, that will change today. I'll be your guide in this store."

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"Okay, I have heard all that you said. Now assign a skilled bodyguard to secretly follow Janet everywhere she goes." Ethan's fingers tightened until his entire arm ached due to the force. "Make it a female bodyguard."

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### Chapter 245 Do You Like It

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had been playing the field, and he was certain that he wouldn't give up on Janet so easily

However, inherently, Keny wasn't a bad person. Besides, Janet didn't like him in any event, so Ethan wasn't worried

in the least bit. Since Kent had saved Janet once before, Ethan decided it begt not to do anything about him at this juncture.

The expression on Ethan's face made Kent's hair stand on end. For the life of him, he couldn't even begin to fathom

what Ethan was thinking.

Just then, the waiter served the crab dish. Ethan picked up a crab leg.

“Have a taste of this,” Ethan said, placing the crab leg into Janet's plate while glancing at Kent with an air of indifference. “Please help yourself, Mr. Perkins.”

With a fake, forced smile, Kent nodded. He didn't enjoy the meal at all. To be honest, he had even purchased a box of condoms before he had come here tonight. Now, however, it was clear that it wouldn't be put to its intended use tonight. The three of them parted ways after dinner. Janet and Ethan were just about to go home together. The Japanese restaurant was located in a high-end shopping mall which sold a range of luxury, designer items. When they passed by a jewelry store, the glass display of the season's new arrivals in the window caught her eye. There were fiery red rubies on display. The dazzling rubies were expertly imbedded in white gold. It was simply breathtaking. There was a sense of wildness in the design and color choices. Janet was a designer herself, so naturally she was drawn to the display like a bee to have a closer look. She wondered whether she could translate this design for an application to a clothes line. Clothing would be stunning with this kind of design.

When Ethan noticed Janet had stopped, he peered in the direction of her gaze. The ruby necklace in the window was work of art and eye-catching.

"Do you like it?" he asked, walking up to join her beside the window. The soft, warm light fell on Janet's face, making her smile look even more beautiful than usual. Her eyes were sparkling with admiration. It was quite apparent that she was impressed. She said, "Don't you think it's very beautiful? This designer really is nothing short of a genius." However, Janet was just appreciating the designer and this outstanding work. She didn't want the jewelry as much as she appreciated its design. Besides, she couldn't afford it anyway.

It was too luxurious for her. Only the exceptionally wealthy could buy it if they took a liking to it.

It occurred to Ethan that Garrett often gave jewelry as gifts to women, and reasoned that women were probably quite attracted to sparkly, shiny

things. On that basis, he came to the conclusion that Janet must want it. She didn't admit it because she probably thought that it was way out of their affordability range. Ethan kept his poker face on and began to devise a plan to buy the necklace for her without her suspecting him. Janet didn't have the foggiest idea about what was going through his mind. She took out her phone and hesitated in taking pictures of the necklace. After all, most of the stores here didn't allow others to take photos of their exclusive products.

Just then, a condescending voice was heard coming just inside the store. "Miss Lind, you have been standing there for a long time. Do you need me to ask for the manager's permission for you to take photos?"

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