

The Substitute Wife My Poor Husband is a Billionaire
Chapter 376: Survive A Desperate Situation

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Janet had no idea what had been happening outside.

Stewing in her own anxiety, she locked herself up at home. She drew all the curtains shut, plunging the room in depressing shadows.

The fridge was empty.

Ethan went out to buy some food.

When Janet peeked through the curtain to look outside winter dusk greeted her, which very much looked like nighttime.

There was still a large group of fans besieging the neighborhood, especially their building.

Janet sighed.

She was about to look away when a new wave of commotion seemed to stir the crowd.

Everyone was still very agitated.

They were looking at something on their phones and discussing animatedly among themselves.

However, the "Janet, apologize" banners had gone down, and no one screamed and cursed at Janet's window anymore.

Janet felt that the angry mob was no longer upset with her.

They seemed to have calmed down a bit.

The security guards blew the whistles and dispersed the crowd.

Finally, they were able to clear a path through the gate.

Janet's phone then rang.

Because the room was as silent as a tomb, the sound startled Janet.

She rushed to find her phone and answer the call.

It was Laney.

Since Janet and Laney parted at the staircase, they hadn't contacted each other.

Janet felt that since she was the target of public criticism now, she might get Laney in trouble if she kept communicating with her.

"Janet? Have you checked your phone?" Laney asked in an excited voice, which was rare.

She usually spoke in a nonchalant monotone.

"No. Ethan took away my phone and shut off the Internet connection. He was afraid that I would be even more anxious if I checked my phone," Janet replied, drooping her shoulders.

"Then turn on the TV and check out the news."

"Sorry, I don't think that's such a good idea. I'm not in the best of moods right now. If I watch the news now, I may have to ask for a long leave after," Janet said as if she was joking.

She didn't want others to think that she cared too much.

Laney said with a smile in her voice, "It's not about you. It's about Emani. Last night, a lot of news against Emani was exposed to the public, and she's now being criticized online. I think seeing it on TV will make you feel better."

Laney's words reminded Janet of the strange scenes downstairs just now. She picked up the remote control on the tea table and reluctantly turned on the TV.

Emani was indeed all over the news.

Her dirty past had been laid out in the open, and many influential TV personalities were condemning her and calling her a bad influence whose immorality knew no bounds.

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Chapter 377: Too Lucky

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Janet had known well that there were no security cameras around the lake, which was also partly why she hadn't bothered to assert her own defense.

She simply didn't see the point—no one would believe her when she didn't have any evidence to back her up.

But surprisingly someone had filmed the whole thing, and the footage could finally prove that she hadn't pushed Emani into the lake.

The TV stations feasted on the story, and some of them even went as far as to interview random passersby and ask for their opinion on the matter.

"What do you think of this incident?"

"I honestly think that the standards for artists and celebrities these days have reached a new low. It looks like even an ill-mannered and talentless girl can be a star as long as she looks the part."

"Yes, I've seen the video, and it led me to do a bit of digging. Apparently, Emani hasn't even graduated from college. She only managed to be where she is now by latching on to some rich old man. With her disgusting character and her questionable

morals, I think she deserves to be banned from the entertainment circle entirely."

"I heard that Emani purposely incited her fans to bash Janet on the Internet. I'm telling you, that woman is crazy! Janet is a good person who's done nothing wrong, yet she had to suffer such malice. I really feel sorry for her."

Janet turned off the TV and sighed.

She wasn't expecting the public opinion shift completely in just a matter of hours. She took out her phone and began reading news about Emani on the Internet.

All the brands that she had previously endorsed announced the termination of her contract, and the comment section for each article was bombarded with hate speech against Emani.

Even on various social media platforms, this was the hottest issue, and the netizens didn't hold back with their criticisms.

Emani had done many other despicable things in the past, so people didn't really find it hard to believe that she had also framed Janet this time.

Gradually, they began expressing their regrets in public, and some even apologized to Janet for wrongfully pinning the blame on her.

As Janet scrolled through the social media sites, she realized that Emani's account had been officially deleted and could no longer be found.

She seemed to have been banned from the Internet altogether.

Just then, Janet received a message from Gerda.

"I heard that Emani's Twitter account has been deleted. Serves her right! Finally, the whole thing has been brought to light! I am so pleased with how things turned out."

The text ended with a couple of cute smiling emojis.

Janet pursed her lips and smiled as well.

For some reason, the sight of the comments and her friend's text brought her comfort. She felt her anger slowly ebb away.

At last, this matter could be laid to rest.

"Looks like the trouble Emani caused is finally cleared up."

Ethan stood at the door, a gray, woolen scarf wrapped around his neck. He was carrying a large grocery bag in one of his hands.

Janet turned to him with a wide grin on her face.

"Someone posted the footage of us by the lake that day on the Internet. It proved that Emani fell into the water by herself. Now,

everybody is apologizing to me. This feels so good."

Ethan chuckled under his breath.

His pretty little wife was so simple and naive.

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Chapter 378: Explanation And Analysis

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Ethan's hand froze While in the jewelry store Insi time, he had noticed that something was going on between Emani and Janet.

The first thing he did was to tell his people not to renew Emani's contract once it expired And when than heard that she had signed a contract with Lester Silk Fabric, he kept an eye on her.

After all, Lester Silk Tabric belonged to the Lester family On the same day the scandal was exposed and Janet was being accused of by the public, Ethan immediately asked the public relations department of the Larson Group to deal with it.

Fortunately, there was a lot of dirt on Emani before Not long after Emani's career took off, her company bought off all the paparazzi who had dirt on her to keep their mouths shut, in order to maintain her good image His last resort in exposing Emani's dirty past was making his men do a secret investigation.

Then his next step was to approach Kirby, a renowned reporter in the entertainment industry.

Over the years, he had reported a lot of exclusive news that were all proven to be real.

Hence, his name became famous.

Ethan knew Kirby was the right person to expose Emani's secrets.

So he asked this reporter to write a long article using the information he had given him.

At first, Kirby hesitated.

It was because he knew too well that the information Ethan had asked him to revealed could completely end Emani's career.

Unlike him, Ethan was merciless.

If it was only a simple argument, he wouldn't have come to this point.

But Emani deliberately framed Janet and used her fans to bully the latter online.

How could Ethan tolerate it? On second thought, he knew that exposing Emani's true colors was not enough to solve the problem.

It would be better if they found evidence that could prove Janet's innocence.

Everyone should know that she didn't really push Emani into the water. So on that night, Ethan ordered his men to search for all the tourists that were there at that time.

Fortunately for Janet, someone among thousands of tourists had taken a video of Janet and Emani.

Ethan snapped out of his trance and turned around to look at Janet.

His eyes were calm, coupled with his deep and perfect features, creating a powerful visual impact.

"Aren't there people analyzing this matter online? Such dirt on Emani had been dug out and been exposed before, but her PR teams had paid to suppress them. Considering her ill personality, Emani must have offended many celebrities and reporters. Taking advantage of this opportunity to drag her name through the mud will give a fatal blow to Emani. This is a win-win situation for both the reporters and her rivals."

In a daze, Janet quietly listened to Ethan's analysis.

The more she learned about Ethan, the more she realized that he was different from the rest of the people she knew.

His temperament, behaviors, and thoughts were all very unique.

At that moment, Janet felt that he was a wise person in disguise all along.

As she got closer and closer to the real Ethan, Janet felt a little jittery for some reason.

"Well, your analysis makes sense."

Pretending to be calm, Janet smiled at Ethan before walking back to the sofa in front of the TV. Her eyes were glued to the screen.

A lot of things happened in Seacisco during that winter.

Emani, a popular celebrity, had been the center of criticism. She basically lost everything, including her fans.

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Chapter 379: An Option For You

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"It's a cold day. How would you like to have a cup of coffee with me, Miss Lind?"

Kent stepped on the snow to get to Janet, but then he kept his distance and kept his voice calm and respectful.

Janet could not refuse because he had helped her again just recently, so she pointed to somewhere in the distance and said, "There is a coffeehouse right around the corner. This will be my treat for all the help you rendered the last time."

Kent was rather amused, so he asked, "Do you have to keep things so formal all the time? I wasn't expecting repayment"

Janet simply stared at him and shrugged her shoulders. She said, "In that case, there's no need to go and get coffee with you. Can I go home now?"

Turning around, she attempted to leave.

"Can you ignore what I just said? I was joking."

Kent said, obviously flustered by her rejection Janet bit her lips to stifle her laughter as she thought, "Why does he look so silly?"

The two of them walked into the coffeehouse. While they were in the coffeehouse, Janet paid more attention to her phone than

Kent even though they were sitting opposite each other, so he said, "Hey, I am sitting right here, but you have been checking your phone since we got here. That's rather rude, you know?"

When she heard that, Janet raised her head and smiled, "I am so sorry I was just checking in with my husband."

The disappointment in Kent's voice was obvious as he asked, "So you are on good terms?"

"Of course."

Janet's excitement was obvious in her voice and she didn't realize she had answered without any hesitation Kent's eyebrows were raised as he ordered two lattes before handing the menu back to the waiter.

Suddenly he asked Janet, "Who has been helping you all this while? Who's the person to you?"

Janet bit her lower lip and asked, "What do you mean? It's just a rumor, and there's no need to take it seriously."

"I really think someone is backing you because someone brought Emani down right after you were cyberbullied. That was pretty obvious, wasn't it?"

"No. I think someone else had been plotting against her, and they just took that opportunity to bring her down," Janet said with a sigh.

"It could've also been a reporter who just wanted the spotlight." Kent realized Janet was really naive.

He pressed his elbows against the table and sat up as he said, "You are really simple, aren't you? If there's something I know about the entertainment industry, it is that ordinary paparazzi will never get their hands on so many big secrets on one star. Even if they do, they would usually let it out immediately for their readers to enjoy. However, for someone to have found out so many of Emani's secrets in such a short time, he must be a big shot." "How is that even possible?" Janet managed to look calm, even though Kent's words got to her.

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Chapter 380: Will You Marry Me

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With one hand supporting his chin, Kent said the last sentence with a seemingly gentle and sincere expression on his face.

Although it was apparent that he was just joking around, Janet could tell that he was somewhat serious 'Wait, serious?' she thought to herself.

How could he of all men be serious about anyone? He probably just wanted to see her panic and embarrassment in response to his jest with a smile.

Janet supported her face by placing her hands on her cheeks, and responded in a sugary voice.

"If I really did get divorced, Mr Perkins, would you marry me? Kent's heart skipped a beat and then started racing when he saw her smile. However, he didn't know what to say to her question He had to admit that he was dumbstruck by her words.

Marry her? Marriage was something that he had never given the slightest thought He had been playing the field for years and it never occurred to him once to get hitched He had toyed with the idea that someday his parents might perhaps ask him to marry a woman of their choosing of equal status to their own family But that was something he thought was in the distant future, However, when he heard Janet's question just now, he thought about it for a while and was shocked to find that he actually could live with this idea.

When she noticed that he wasn't going to answer, she burst into laughter and said, "Don't make such a joke, alright? How could

a man like you ever marry me? Besides, I won't divorce my husband just because he is poor. He is a good wonderful guy."

When she said this, her eyes were full of sincere seriousness.

The smile on Kent's face froze.

"Thank you for helping me so many times, but you'd better give up on me. I won't ever cheat on my husband," Janet said with firm conviction

"Can we be friends then?" Kent smiled and said calmly.

"Miss Lind?"

"My friends are all decent and kind-hearted people. They don't play with women's feelings to get them in bed," Janet said after considering his proposal Kent was rendered speechless.

He then complained, "What are you talking about? I can't get you off my mind and I haven't been with a woman for three days already."

Janet covered her smile with her hand but her smile was still apparent from the crinkles at the corners of her eyes.

Perhaps she felt that it was wholly inappropriate for her to smile at this juncture. She pursed her lips momentarily and then said,

"Okay, keep up then. But I suppose it will be difficult."

The waiter served them two cups of coffee.

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