

### Chapter 73 | Won't Marry Her

The morning light was mild. The entire eastern cathedral was thoroughly decorated with gorgeous flower corridors, festive red carpet spread all over the floor. The fragrance of champagne and wine wafted away.

"What takes the groom so long?"

A grand wedding was about to be held here. The guests were all present. Even the bride and her relatives arrived.

Christina accompanied Mr. Hopkins to the venue. When she saw the guests around her discussion, she curiously looked around.

Carrie was wearing a white tube dress. Her makeup was delicate but she

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looked a little anxious at the moment.

Laurie walked towards Carrie and asked in a low voice to avoid embarrassment, "What's going on? Didn't you come with Cory?"

"Why haven't we seen Cory for so long? Could it be that he was too happy drinking wine with his friends last night to wake up?" Connie also asked nervously.

Carrie didn't look well and explained, "Cory said something urgent happened at the company. Our wedding car will arrive first, and then he'll rush over."

"He's getting married today, but he's still working. Obviously, he was not respectful to us."

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Mrs. Dickens also came over, his face darkened as she was dissatisfied with the Hampton Family's impolite behaviors.

There were so many famous guests here. The only family member Carrie had was her sister Connie, so the Dickens Family offered to serve as Carrie's family. The wedding was held in the name of the Hampton Family and the Dickens Family. If anything went wrong, it would be shameful.

"Men should focus on their careers. Just wait a little longer." Donald said in a deep voice.

Naturally, Laurie felt that her son did nothing wrong. She smiled. "There must be something urgent at the

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company. Cory will be here soon. Let's have some food first..."

Christina was bored. She didn't want to go to the wedding. Seeing the old man talking to his old friend, she went to the open dessert buffet in front of her to get something to eat.

"Go away, you stepped on my wedding dress." All of a sudden, an angry voice came from Carrie's side.

Then came the sound of the child crying loudly. The girl looked at the small footprints on Carrie's long white veil and hurriedly fell to the floor, crying and wiping the dress with her small hands.

But the more the girl tugged at Carrie's wedding dress, the angrier Carrie

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became. "Go away." Thinking of Cory's delay and looking at the child in front of her, she felt angry.

"What's wrong?"

When Laurie and the others heard the child's cry, they immediately looked in the direction of the voice.

All of a sudden, a lot of curious people looking at Christina.

Christina lowered her head in astonishment and looked at the girl hiding behind her.

"Don't hit me..." The child struggled behind Christina as she was scared out of her wits.

Christina naturally knew that she was

Cory's daughter.

"She seems scared."

When Christina saw Laurie and the others approaching her, she said faintly.

Carrie walked up to her in a beautiful white dress. She looked unfriendly, lowering her eyes and shouting at the girl, "Jasmine, come to mommy." She ordered seriously.

But the girl tugged at the corner of Christina's clothes with her small hands and refused to let go. Christina was a little embarrassed.

"Jasmine, come to grandma." Laurie stepped forward and looked at her granddaughter. Her normally serious

face became more gentle.

The girl looked at Laurie for a while before running over and hugging her.


"Why did the girl hide behind you just now? What did you do to her? You'd better behave yourself!"

Donald looked straight at his daughter, whom he had not seen for a long time, and started lecturing her coldly.

Christina bit her lips and did not answer. She was angry.

She couldn't believe that her own biological father always blamed her without figuring out what happened.

"Well, there are so many guests here."  
Mrs. Dickens walked up to Christina

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and took her hand very kindly.  
"Christina, why didn't I see Patrick?  
Whom did you come with?"

Christina, who was held by the old  
lady's arm, felt uncomfortable and  
replied softly, "Patrick has gone to  
America. I'm coming with grandpa."

Mrs. Dickens's eyes narrowed when  
she heard that. "Oh, we're flattered  
that Mr. Hopkins is present today.  
Where is he? I'll go over and say hello  
to him and thank them for their help to  
our Dickens Family..."

Before, they asked Patrick for help  
from Hopkins Family. Patrick not only  
solved their funding issues but allowed  
Dickens Family to participate in many  
big projects.

Half of the Dickens Family's projects relied on Hopkins Family's investment.

"It's great that Carrie married Cory, but my own granddaughter married the best guy."

Mrs. Dickens was in a good mood. As she praised, she touched Christina's head.

Christina was expressionless. She was not close to grandma as she didn't like the snobbish old lady.

"Christina, I'd like to tell you something from the bottom of my heart. You have to remember it."

Mrs. Dickens lowered her voice and told her mysteriously, "Men like fresh and exciting experiences. Although

you're pregnant now, you should take the initiative to..."


"I see." Christina blushed and immediately interrupted the old lady.

"Your mother is gone. So I have to tell you about these things... Anyway, be smart. Even if Mr. Hopkins has a mistress, don't offend him. Don't argue with him. Now that you're pregnant with his child, you'll be able to keep your place at home..."

Christina was annoyed by Mrs. Dickens and purposely raised her voice.

"When will the wedding begin?"

Christina's voice made the rest of the people anxious again. The bride was

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there. Where did the groom go?

"Why are you here?"

Carrie was in a hurry to call Cory when he turned around and saw Cecilia. Her face darkened. "I don't welcome you here!"

She was already very dissatisfied with Christina's presence at her wedding today, but Christina could rely on Mr. Hopkins, so she could not chase Christina away. However, there was no need for her to be polite to Cecilia.

"I come with Mr. Fisher." Cecilia wore a bright smile.

The Fisher Family was famous in F City. Carrie did not remember that she had once given an invitation to the Fisher

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Family. However, since they came, she did not dare to offend.

"Carrie, your wedding is really lively. How can I miss it?"


Cecilia took a step forward and whispered something in her ear.

"What do you mean!" Carrie suddenly became nervous.

"The groom is here. The groom is here!"

At this moment, a bright black Ferrari came over. Someone in the crowd cheered loudly, "Cory, you've kept us waiting for a long time."

Carrie looked at Cory and immediately walked towards him. She said

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coquettishly, "Well, why does it take you so long?"

"All right, everyone. Please enter the church. The wedding is starting now." Laurie greeted the guests with a smile.


Laurie walked over to her son and reminded him in a low voice, "Your grandfather is here today. Hurry and salute him."

The guests had smiles on their faces and were all looking forward to the wedding.

A joyful piano concerto was on...

The bride and groom approached the altar together, but...

The guests on both sides noticed that

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something was wrong, because the groom did not look straight ahead, nor did he look at the beautiful bride beside him. Instead, he kept staring at a woman in the first row on the left.

Christina looked puzzled. Cory was staring at her. What was he doing?

Someone was already whispering, "The young master of the Hampton Family has been staring at his ex-wife..."

"It can't be a revival of old love, can it?"

"No way. Christina married into Hopkins Family. She's Hopkins Family's granddaughter-in-law now."

Carrie was worried and whispered his name, "Cory!"

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Cory suddenly stopped and turned to look at Carrie.


"Cory, is something wrong? What's wrong with you?" Carrie felt a little nervous for some reason.

Cory did not answer. He expressionlessly let go of Carrie's hand and strode to the altar, pushing the priest who was holding the wedding down and snatching the microphone from his hand.

"What's the matter?"

The guests below the stage looked surprised.

"Cory, what do you want to do?"

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Laurie saw that her son was too abnormal today and hurriedly stood up from her seat.

Before Laurie could step forward to dissuade him, Cory held the microphone tightly and looked around coldly.

He gritted his teeth and said, "I won't marry her. The wedding is canceled!"

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Chapter 74 Patrick, you are horrible.

"What the hell is going on!"

"Do you know that the guests invited today are all dignitaries in the circle? You are deliberately humiliating us!"

The wedding was canceled midway. The people of the Hampton Family and the Dickens Family completely didn't know the situation before. The elders were furious. After telling the guests to leave in embarrassment, they rushed back to the Hampton Family.

Samuel slapped his son hard.

"You bastard, do you know what you did?"

Samuel yelled at Cory angrily. He was a

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well-mannered college teacher and had never been so angry.

"Okay, calm down," Laurie said, feeling sorry for her son. She immediately stepped forward in anxiety.

"Cory, what's going on? Why did you cancel the wedding? Have you met any troubles? Tell us."

The lobby of the Hampton Family was filled with immediate relatives. Mr. Hopkins and the people of the Dickens Family were present as well. The atmosphere was heavy as everyone was waiting for an explanation!

Cory was slapped so hard by his father that blood oozed from the corners of his lips, but he didn't care.

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He lowered his head and spoke in a cold and determined tone. "I'm going to divorce her now!"

"What did you say?"

Connie's face darkened with anger and she shouted in a shrill voice, "Cory, do you think you can bully my sister? You just said that the wedding was canceled in front of so many people, and now you dare to say that you want to divorce her! Do you have any conscience at all?"

"Cory, why are you doing this to me..."

Carrie, whose makeup was messed up, couldn't help crying loudly.

Her voice was aggrieved. "Did I do anything wrong? You said that you

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were canceling the wedding in public. Have you ever thought about how I feel and how embarrassed I'll be in the future..." Her voice grew more excited.

"You're still thinking about Christina, aren't you?"

She roared, her eyes wet with tears and filled with resentment. She stared in Christina's direction. "She's already your cousin's wife. How can you covet her?"

For a moment, everyone looked at Christina.

Even Mr. Hopkins frowned and looked at the woman beside him. Christina's expression was tense. Her face looked complicated and stiff. She did not understand the situation.

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"Canceling the wedding has nothing to do with her. Carrie, don't blame everything on Christina!" Cory's face darkened and he yelled at Carrie.

"You know why I canceled the wedding,"

Cory glared at her hatefully. He gritted his teeth and growled in anger, "Carrie, tell me how I got my daughter!"

Carrie's sobbing face froze in an instant.

"What's wrong with Jasmine?" Laurie hugged her granddaughter and asked Cory anxiously.

Everyone was confused and didn't know what was going on. Why did the

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canceling of the wedding have something to do with his daughter?

"Cory, is there a misunderstanding?" Some relatives of the Hampton Family asked.

Cory bit his lips. His face was darkened. He turned around and walked towards the door. He didn't want to stay here or explain.

"Cory!!"

Seeing he leave, Carrie rushed forward to hug him in a hurry.

"Cory, don't go. I'm your wife. I'm your wife. Don't go..."

Tears streamed down her face and she spoke incoherently, pleading with him.

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Everyone present looked at Carrie with sympathy. Mr. Hopkins was most annoyed by the trifles of love affairs. He had always been strict with his children and grandchildren. Although Cory was his grandson, he was still mad at Cory's behavior.

The old man's face darkened and he commanded sternly with his horse voice, "Make it clear!"

"Cory, Carrie has been with you for so long. You can't do that."

"Carrie still has a sister to back her up. Have you ever taken the Dickens Family seriously?"

Everyone was blaming him, but Cory smiled coldly. "Am I wrong?"

He turned to look at the woman who was hugging him, raised his voice, and shouted angrily, "Carrie, what do you think? Who let this happen today?!"


With that, Cory mercilessly pushed Carrie away in disgust.

"Carrie, I know it all -" he stared at the woman on the floor, almost strangling her to death.

"I know everything. I know everything!"

Cory's eyes were red and he roared emotionally. His voice became rather hoarse.

The people in the Hampton Family's hall were stunned by Cory's sudden

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uncontrollable emotions. They looked at each other in confusion, wondering what had happened.

Carrie crawled on the cold marble floor, her hands grabbing Cory's legs. She cried and muttered, "I love you, Cory. It's all because I love you. I love you..."

She wept bitterly, her lips trembling, and she kept repeating the words 'I love you', trying to wash away the mistakes she had made.

"Love me?"

Cory laughed out loud and roared self-deprecatingly, "Carrie, what right do you have to say you love me? Should I believe you or not?"

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"Six years ago, I followed my mother's instructions to pursue Christina. I broke up with you. A month later, I was in a bad mood because I broke up with you. So I went to a bar and got drunk. Then a married woman said I slept with her, and her husband called the police. I was locked in."

"I knew at the time that I was drunk, but I didn't touch that woman. Back then, my company was just listed, I didn't want to make it public. I thought that after the investigation, I could just leave. But damn it. The police said that my sperm was found on that woman and on her bed, and I was charged with rape."

When the Hampton Family heard him say this, their faces darkened in horror. No one in their family knew that had

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happened.

Cory looked at Donald with a sneer. "I really want to thank Mr. Dickens for your help back then."

That year, he was arrested at the C City's police station. The Hampton Family was in A City, so he knew that the Hampton Family was not powerful enough to help him in another city. It was obvious that someone had framed him, but he had no way out as all the police had evidence.

Christina sat beside Mr. Hopkins and suddenly recalled something. She raised her eyebrows and looked at Carrie, who was lying on the floor.

"Carrie, you said that you went to ask your powerful brother-in-law, Donald,

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to secretly help me, so I could be released. Really? Is that true?"

Cory shook her hand off in disgust. At this moment, he felt that the woman at his feet was like a scorpion.

"What you told me was a lie!"

He glared at her, and Carrie's sobbing face was filled with apprehension. She wanted to refute, but could not think of an excuse.

"And then you told Christina about my imprisonment. It was Christina who went to beg her father! Christina gave up her mother's inheritance to let Donald agree to use his connections to secretly let me out! After that, you intentionally reminded me that you're my benefactor."

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"And six years later, when you came back with my daughter, you even lied about that! Carrie, what do you think? Now that you say you love me, should I believe you or not? Can I still believe you? Even the baby wasn't born by you!"

This girl was not born by Carrie!

"You already had a plan when you were dating me. When we were having sex, you deliberately left my sperm... It was you who looked for the couple. It was you who left the so-called sperm as evidence. It was you who went to the black market to find a surrogate!"

"Carrie, you think you can marry into the Hampton Family if you have my child. After you have Patrick's secret

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help, you and Patrick could plot against me together, right?" Cory roared hysterically.

Patrick -

Christina was stunned.

Mr. Hopkins was grim-faced with a crutch in his right hand.

Cory's eyes were bloodshot, and he turned to look at Christina and glared fiercely at her abdomen. She was pregnant with Patrick's child. But she used to be his wife!

'Patrick, you have been scheming since six years ago. You're horrible.'

"Ridiculous! This is ridiculous!"

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Mr. Hopkins stomped hard on the floor  
and yelled, "Get Patrick here  
immediately."

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