

Chapter 16 Marry Me

Selena was taken aback.

"You didn't? Then, what about the red mark on your neck?"
Selena's eyes widened. "Are you back with that woman, Lily?
Did she leave that mark on you?"

"You're intentionally trying to anger me, aren't you? Let's be clear. I'll never accept you being with her. Whether it's in the past or now!"

Selena would have thrown another pillow if there was more on the bed.

Lucian instinctively touched his neck. "You've got it all wrong."

He didn't explain himself further. Instead, he headed to the bathroom while frowning.

Meanwhile, Calista left the hospital under the scorching sun.

Yara had messaged her. She invited her to dinner later that night, and Calista agreed to go.

It was still early, and she didn't need to go to the studio. So, Calista decided to visit the supermarket and buy some essential items.

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Yara drove over to pick Calista up after finishing her work. "I closed a big deal today. Let me take you to a nice place to celebrate your escape from that impotent man, Lucian!"

Calista playfully said, "Your dad might hit you if he heard you say that."

After all, Lucian was an influential man. He controlled a significant part of the economy in Capeton and was well-known in the business world. Nobody dared to offend him. The antique shop and even the Quinn Corporation might be in jeopardy if Lucian overheard Yara.

"I'm just speaking my mind in front of you. Don't you know me well enough?" Yara retorted.

Soon, they arrived at their destination.

Calista looked at the dazzling lights of the upscale club before her. She found the decorations around her amusing. "This is what you meant by a nice place to eat?"

Luminary Lounge was Capeton's most prestigious club. It offered various extravagant menus, but its food was famous for its bland taste. Nevertheless, people didn't come here solely for food.

"Isn't a four-figure bill good enough? Tonight, we celebrate in style. We won't leave until we have enough!"

"I've always disapproved of your boring lifestyle. It's shocking how you endured it for three years. Lucian used to

come here often. Now, it's our turn to enjoy it!" Yara declared.

Calista had been living a simple life during her marriage. Her focus was solely on work and home. She left behind her carefree and wilful self before the wedding.

Yara noticed Calista's lackluster mood as the waiter led them to their table. She thought Calista might be feeling sad about the divorce. "You can cry your heart out later if you're upset. There's no one else here tonight. I won't make fun of you."

Calista didn't want to cry. The truth was, nothing had gone as planned today. She felt really down because she hadn't gone through with the divorce. On top of that, Selena's situation kept her preoccupied.

Calista muttered, "We didn't get divorced."

The noise in the club made it hard for Yara to hear clearly. "What?"

"Lucian and I didn't go through with the divorce today."

Yara fell silent instantly after hearing that. After a while, she asked uncertainly, "Do you not want to divorce?"

Yara could see the feelings Calista had for Lucian. Even though he was distant, Lucian never deprived Calista materially. He was the one who pulled her out when she was at her lowest point.

Women, being more emotional by nature, tended to develop feelings for men who play the hero and come to their rescue. Not to mention they were married for three years.

Calista remained silent for a long time. It wasn't that she didn't want a divorce. In fact, she was determined to end the marriage. However, the events that happened today were not easy to explain.

Yara kept on talking, thinking she had a solution. "Just find an excuse to stay married if you don't want a divorce! Or tell your mother-in-law and hold him back. She likes you a lot. She'd surely take care of Lucian if she knew what he had done!"

Calista couldn't help but laugh at Yara's wild ideas. She wondered what else Yara would say.

"And then?"

"Then just keep him hanging. Men are dumb. The less attention you give them, the more precious you become in their eyes! Look at Lily. She's a master at playing hard to get. Lucian won't be able to resist you if you learn a bit from her!"

They entered the private room while chatting.

A man overheard their conversation in the corridor just around the corner. He ordered the waiter, "Take me to the third floor."

Luminary Lounge had a class system, with membership

cards reflecting social status. Cade should have headed to the top level due to his high position.

However, fate had other plans. He had coincidentally spotted his good friend's wife here. Furthermore, he had noticed several groups in the club with malicious intentions. They were leering at them.

Cade dialed Lucian's number. "Hey, your wife is at Luminary Lounge."

Meanwhile, Lucian was dropping Lily off at her apartment. Lily had somehow heard about Selena's hospitalization and went to visit her.

However, Selena mocked and criticized her. Then, she kicked her out of the hospital.

Lucian furrowed his brow upon receiving the news. "What is she doing there?"

"She's discussing with someone how to play hard to get with you, keep you hanging, and make you unable to resist her charms. She even mentioned having your mother hold you back to prevent you from getting a chance to divorce."

Lucian narrowed his eyes. His expression turned mysterious and calm. Cade didn't waste any time and quickly gave the number of the private room to Lucian before hanging up.

"Lucian, what's up?" Lily sensed his mood change after the call. The atmosphere in the car visibly tensed.

Lucian shook his head and remained silent. After he parked the car, he said, "You go on upstairs. Your injuries haven't fully healed. So don't rush into dancing yet."

"Lucian." Lily bit her lip. "Are you still mad at me for mentioning Paul to Calista yesterday?"

Lucian lowered his head and frowned. He lit a cigarette. As the smoke cleared, his emotions were well hidden. "No, just don't provoke her in the future."

"Did I provoke her? I just mentioned a name. But she came at me. Aren't you spoiling her too much?" Lily's voice rose with a hint of resentment.

Lucian calmly extinguished his cigarette. "I have something to attend to. I'll head off now. Let me know if you need compensation for yesterday's incident." 2

Lily stared at Lucian. Her eyes reddened in anger. "You want to compensate me? Why should you compensate for her actions? She's the one who hit me. She should be the one apologizing ..." 1

Lily paused and took a deep breath. "Fine. Do you want to compensate for her? Then divorce her and marry me!"