

## Chapter 13 Your Card has been Frozen

Around 9 o'clock. The sky was clear and the weather was delightful. Charlotte got out of the taxi and walked toward the Courthouse. As she got closer, she noticed there seemed to be more estranged couples than loving ones.

It reminded her of the day they were supposed to obtain their marriage certificate. Griffith did not show up on that day and she waited in vain all morning until she received a call, saying that everything had been taken care of. Later, she found out just how much he resented their marriage.

Charlotte looked around when she arrived in front of the Courthouse, but she couldn't find Griffith's car. She thought he must still be at Katie's place, perhaps still sleeping. She quickly sent him a text to remind him to be on time, but he did not reply.

She frowned down at her phone as she realized it had been like this for years. She would eagerly anticipate his reply, but he would not even respond. It was almost 10 o'clock and the line outside the Courthouse got longer. She took a seat after getting her waiting number. Suddenly, her phone rang. Thinking it was

from Griffith, she quickly answered the call.

"Hello? Is this William Scott's sister?"

Charlotte was stunned for a moment. "Yes, it's me," she replied.

"Your brother had an accident and has been admitted to the North Point Hospital. Please come immediately."  
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Charlotte sprung to her feet. Gory images flashed through her mind as she stared in disbelief. She snapped back to her senses as the voice on the phone kept calling her. She quickly grabbed her bag and rushed out of the Courthouse.

After arriving at the hospital, she caught a glimpse of William in the emergency room. The 18 year-old teenager was laying on the hospital bed, covered in blood with a terrified chubby classmate by his side.

Before she even had the chance to ask about the situation, a middle-aged man rushed toward her and grabbed her, demanding for her life. The doctors could not restrain the middle-aged man. It was William's chubby classmate who fearlessly stepped up and pushed the man away to protect Charlotte. Charlotte composed herself and listened as William's classmate cried while explaining what happened.

The boys were on the way to school when they encountered a group of bikers. One of them collided with William and then ran into the divider. As a result, William suffered serious injuries while the biker died on the spot.

"You guys were just going to school around 8 o'clock?" Charlotte's voice trembled.

"We skipped class..." the boy's face turned grave.

Charlotte closed her eyes to calm herself down. The hospital staff came and told her to sign the documents and pay a deposit immediately to proceed with surgery.

"The deposit is \$12,000."

"Okay!"

Charlotte did not hesitate and went to the payment counter and handed the staff her card.

"The card is rejected," the staff returned the card to her impatiently and shouted, "Next, move faster!"

"That's impossible!" Charlotte was stunned.

"You think I'm lying?" the staff retorted.

Charlotte had no choice but to step aside and check the balance in her account, only to realize there was

no money left. She suddenly remembered that before her grandmother passed away, she had used this card to make several payments at the hospital. She was absent-minded at that time and did not pay attention to the amount paid.

"Charlotte, do you not have any money?" the boy asked.

Charlotte shook her head and quickly retrieved a special card from her bag and handed it to the staff. The staff could not help but glanced at her, wondering how a young woman like her possessed such a card. Charlotte noticed her gaze and grew irritated. ①

"Could you please hurry up?!"

The staff pursed her lips and swiped the card through the machine. She furrowed her brows and returned the card, saying irritably, "Miss, didn't the card owner notify you that this card has been frozen?"