

Chapter 5 Jade White, Zeke's Childhood Sweetheart

After dinner, Selen went to bed early as she preferred to drink a cup of hot milk before bedtime, a habit she could not get rid of over the years.

Through the thin curtains, she could see the intense night outside the window, with the beam of lights shining in. The sound of tires gripping the ground created a screeching noise.

The Audi A6, a new car rewarded to Zeke by Archie at the banquet, pulled into the entrance of the living room, and he placed the car keys on the table.

His sharp eyes scanned the surroundings, but he could not find the familiar figure he expected. Once, there would always be a slender figure sitting on the sofa, watching boring soap operas, but now the living room was empty, and even the tea table was free from the usual snacks.

Zeke's eyes dimmed a little, and at that moment, Sharon came out of the kitchen. "Mr. Zeke, have you had dinner yet?"

Zeke asked, "Where is Selen?"

Sharon replied, "Miss Turner isn't feeling well, so she went to bed early."

"I'm going to see her," Zeke said, patting his pocket as he walked upstairs. With a weary expression on his face, he climbed three steps, then paused and added, "Jade will be back tomorrow at noon, so prepare a few of her favorite dishes."

Sharon nodded, "Of course, Mr. Zeke."

Up on the third floor, Zeke approached Selen's room and attempted to open it as usual, but it was locked from the inside.

His frown deepened; their rooms were on the third floor, Archie's room on the second floor, and usually, the second floor was off-limits.

The fourth floor was where Jade lived.

Normally, Selen's room was always open, and he could come and go freely without locking it.

However, this time, it was beyond Zeke's expectations. Did Selen really want to distance herself from him?

He knocked on the door gently, calling out, "Selen, are you asleep?"

Hearing the sound of Zeke knocking, Selen pulled the blanket over her head and shrank into the bed, covering her ears. She wanted to ignore him.

Actually, Selen had been awake since she heard the sound of Zeke's car coming back home. He bought a separate house, with two bedrooms, two living rooms, two bathrooms, and a kitchen. He rarely came back here, and the only reason he did was because of her. Zeke had left this house in the first place due to his exasperation with her constant entanglement.

Now he returned home, not for her, but because Jade was coming back from overseas tomorrow for her medical treatment.

Jade was born with asthma and the medical level here was average, so Zeke had to send her abroad for treatment. Zeke came to Selen because he wanted to warn her not to bully Jade.

Jade, Zeke's childhood sweetheart, had grown up together with him in an orphanage. They had experienced a lot of hardships outside, sleeping on the streets, fighting stray dogs for food, and relying on each other for survival.

Zeke brought Jade back to the Turner family during his second year there. Archie agreed to it, as supporting one more person was not an issue since they were wealthy.

Selen was about the same age as Jade, but she was born beautiful and pure, the kind of girl that almost all the boys admired.

Jade loved wearing white dresses and had long, straight, black hair that reached her waist. Her eyes were pure and alluring. Even Selen felt that she was not as attractive as Jade, and it was no surprise that men were drawn to her.

Due to her jealousy and her relationship with Zeke, Selen's attitude towards Jade turned toxic. She would bully her behind his back, using needles to prick her waist, arms, and thighs...

Jade did not dare to tell on her because she had a secret, and it was this secret that gave Selen the confidence to mistreat her without consequences.

But it was all in the past now... because she died.

Selen was 20 years old when she died...

She slit her wrist...

It was a tragedy that haunted Selen's memories. It was raining heavily on the day she died, and Zeke burst into her room with his hands covered in blood. His eyes burned with anger and fury, like a merciless demon from hell, and he grabbed Selen by the neck. "Why? Why... Why couldn't you let her go?"

"Selen... why aren't you the one who died?"

"Damn the Turner family!"

At that moment, Selen realized that Zeke genuinely wanted to kill her.

Jade's death was a nightmare that haunted her for the rest of her life...

Because she was indirectly responsible for Jade's death.

After Jade's passing, Selen never experienced a peaceful sleep...

She felt indebted to Jade, and in this life, she was determined to make amends for her past actions.