

## Chapter 7 Leaving Zeke

After Zeke left, Selen enjoyed a restful sleep. Perhaps it was because she knew Jade was still alive in this rebirth that alleviated her from the terrible nightmares that once haunted her.

The following morning, Selen was awakened by the sound of footsteps pacing above her. Unlike her past self, who would get angry and lose her temper when awakened, she found herself strangely unbothered by the disturbance.

She had been tortured by chemotherapy in her previous life. The bone erosion pain kept her up at night, and she suffered severe hair loss, something she had not anticipated.

In the past, she was a night owl who would get upset when woken up early, but now, she seemed indifferent to such disturbance. She looked at the time, and it was a few minutes past 8.

Sharon knew of her tendency of sleeping in late. So she would usually refrain from going upstairs to avoid disturbing Selen.

Selen put down her phone and forced herself to sleep for a while

Careful not to raise suspicion, Selen decided not to change too much about herself, especially when Zeke was quick to pick up on suspicion.

Sharon knocked on the door a few times and walked in with a fresh blanket. "Lunch is ready, Miss Turner. It might take a while because Mr. Zeke is going back. He said he'll be back to have dinner with you."

Selen brushed her teeth and nodded. While looking at herself in the mirror, she observed her youthful and innocent appearance. Her skin appeared soft and delicate, resembling tofu soaked in milk, a stark contrast to her past self

The memory of her haggard appearance before death felt like a distant dream, and as Selen touched her face, she realized that she was not bad-looking at all. Her bright eyes gave her an innocent appearance, making her seem easily approachable and harmless—a façade that could be exploited by anyone.

Reflecting on her past behavior, Selen acknowledged that her previous personality had been quite annoying. She used to be a willful and unruly young lady, taking advantage of her status as Archie's only daughter to get whatever she desired, including Zeke.

Today, she decided not to go out, opting to wear a pink floral pajama set with her long curly hair cascading down her shoulders and poured herself a glass of milk.

As she headed downstairs, she overheard familiar voices engaged in laughter—Jade and Zeke. Observing them, she noticed that they seemed to be dressed in couple outfits.

Jade's absence during the years of medical treatment abroad had changed her appearance, making her even more beautiful. Dressed in a white outfit, she looked pure and ethereal, like a fairy untainted by the troubles of the world. It was no wonder Zeke had held her in his heart for all these years.

However, despite the improvements in her relationships and circumstances, Selen still felt a bit uncomfortable, possibly due to her lingering identity as Zeke's wife. Nonetheless, she tried to suppress these feelings and diverted her gaze.

Zeke whispered something in Jade's ear, "If there's nothing else, let's have dinner", and Jade, feeling a bit helpless, agreed. Carrying a gift in her hands, Jade approached the dining table where Selen was already eating and presented it to her.

"This is a gift I bought for you when I came back. I hope you'll like it," Jade said.

Selen playfully rolled her eyes and smiled, "Thank you. Let's eat together. Sharon's cooking is pretty good today."

Jade seemed surprised by Selen's occasional kindness. In the past, Selen would have been hostile, throwing things on the ground and grabbing Jade's hair, telling her to leave. Zeke would intervene and take Jade away from the situation.

In her previous life, Selen did behave horribly and even went as far as scratching Jade's face during an argument. She could not recall the exact words Zeke used to scold her at that moment, but she was certain they were not kind.

As Jade glanced at Zeke, she saw his emotionless expression, making it challenging to gauge his feelings. He calmly handed her a bowl and softly said, "Let's eat, I'll take you shopping later if you want."

Jade obediently accepted the bowl and responded meekly, "Actually, there's nothing I need to buy. Zeke, I know you're busy, so don't worry about me. Just focus on your own tasks. I'll wait for you to pick me up after work."

Zeke continued to serve vegetables in Jade's bowl, explaining, "It's alright, I've taken the day off. It's a rare chance to spend a day with you, and I might not have many opportunities in the future."

While they talked, Selen sat alone at the opposite end of the table, uninterested in their conversation.

As she ate, Zeke placed an extra piece of chicken wing in her bowl, asking if she wanted to join them. However, she knew she would always be an outsider to them, so she politely declined.

"No, I still have to revise," Selen responded with a smile. She took only a few bites before excusing herself, claiming she had to study.

She wiped her mouth, stood up, and made her way upstairs.

As she turned her back to them, her composure wavered, revealing the emotions she had been concealing.

Selen realized she had been too persistent in her past life, placing more value on Zeke than her own well-being. Trying to tie him to her through marriage had been a mistake. In this new life, she had decided to let go of Zeke and, more importantly, of herself.

She silently wished Zeke a peaceful and joyful life, full of happiness and contentment, as she finally embraced the freedom she had been seeking.