

## Chapter 1801 Wren's Memories

Vinson swung open the door to the hospital lounge and caught sight of the graceful woman seated on the couch, cradling a coffee cup. A decade had passed, yet she remained unchanged—her beauty and elegance intact as if time had stood still.

Complex emotions flickered in Vinson's eyes. A flood of words pressed against his lips, but upon meeting her gaze, he found himself speechless.

The sound of the door alerted Wren. She looked up, her eyes landing on the figure by the entrance. The sight of the disheveled man and his deep-set eyes caused her heart to flutter.

"Vinson?"

As their eyes met, Wren's composure shattered. The elegance that had cloaked her gave way to a storm of emotions. She shook, teeth clenched, as memories of the past decade surged forward.

Back then, Wren had been controlled by the Barton family, her every day mired in frustration. She toiled in the laboratory, only for her breakthroughs to be claimed by them.

Her dream was to offer her medical discoveries to those in need at no cost. Instead, the Barton family

seized her work, slapping an exorbitant price tag on the medication, indifferent to the plight of those it could save.

Wren yearned to break free from the clutches of such a self-serving and avaricious family.

In those dark times, Vinson became her beacon of hope. Their love blossomed, and with it, Vinson's encouragement for her to pursue independence. Together, they plotted to confront the Barton family once their pivotal research was complete, to liberate Wren from their grip.

Their plan was simple: to get married and leave the city behind to dedicate their lives to medical research.

Wren, radiant and hopeful like Janet now, had once harbored dreams of a joyous future ahead.

In those days, Vinson mentored a graduate student named Jeremy, who was driven yet lacked Vinson's natural brilliance and renown.

Jeremy stumbled upon Vinson and Wren's intent to sever ties with the profit-driven Barton family. He anticipated they would not release Wren without a struggle. Sensing an opportunity, he plotted to divulge their scheme to the Barton family, hoping to leverage his expertise in medical research to secure a partnership with them.

His ambition was clear: to ingratiate himself with the Barton family, thereby ensuring his ascent in the medical community and, eventually, usurping



Vinson's position.

Following Jeremy's betrayal, the Barton family patriarch commanded him to administer a drug to Wren that would trigger a mental breakdown. The plot succeeded, leading to her deterioration and her forcible return.

Once back under the Barton family's thumb, Wren found herself bargaining for her freedom. She required their exclusive medicinal resources to combat her condition. In exchange, she agreed to toil in their laboratory for two years sans compensation, with the understanding that her findings would be appropriated by them.

The Barton family's avarice knew no bounds. Two years of exploiting Wren's genius were insufficient for them; they saw her not as a person but as a means to amass wealth, intending to claim her lifetime of work as their own.

Moreover, they devised a plan to further entangle Wren with their interests by proposing she marry Vinson, thereby anchoring them both firmly within the Barton family.

Wren could not abide by this. Having nearly lost her essence to the Barton family's machinations, how could she possibly drag Vinson into their web?

Their dream was to unite in marriage, live freely, and pursue their passion for scientific discovery—not to languish under the Barton family's thumb.

Despite Wren's attempts to flee, each escape was

thwarted.

Reluctantly, she agreed to their terms, clinging to the hope that once freed from the shackles of her condition, she would find a way to liberate herself from their clutches permanently.

"Everything will be okay," she reassured herself, amidst growing desperation.

The Barton family, however, was cunning. Witnessing her staunch opposition, they realized her spirit was unbreakable; she would never willingly integrate into their fold, nor would she act as a conduit to ensnare Vinson.

Her defiance had taken root the moment her heart aligned with Vinson's.

Consequently, the Barton family surmised that eliminating Vinson from the equation would render Wren docile, resigning her to a life under their control, devoid of her aspirations and love.