My Accidental Husband is a Billionaire!

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Selena felt a sudden chill, and a strong metallic taste rose to her throat.

She forced down the nausea and held onto Gavin for support.

Gavin steadied her, but then he blinked in confusion, feeling dizzy himself.

He looked ahead, and in the next moment, he threw up.

Gavin turned back toward the table and saw the culprit—there was a dish with peanut sauce, and in his distracted state, he had eaten it.

He let out a frustrated chuckle.

What was wrong with him today?

He was allergic to peanuts, yet somehow, he'd let his guard down and eaten some.

It must have been because he was so angry at how the Horton and Olsen families were treating Selena.

Gavin understood that Selena had started the argument, and yes, he knew Kate and James weren't the sharpest tools in the shed, but he also sympathized with Selena.

To him, her mother's affair was only her mother's fault.

Selena was an illegitimate daughter, but she didn't do anything wrong.

And Selena had always been so gentle and loving toward him. He didn't think his family should be this hostile toward her.

As these thoughts swirled in his mind, Gavin's throat tightened like something was stuck in it.

He coughed violently, his face turning red. Trembling, he fumbled for his allergy medication and was about to take it when Selena lunged at him. "Gavin! Gavin! What's happening to you?" Selena cried, her voice panicked.

Ellie and Ryan quickly rushed over.

"Gavin, are you okay?" Ellie asked, her concern genuine as she grabbed his other arm to steady him.

Despite feeling terrible herself, Selena focused entirely on Gavin, ignoring her own discomfort.

Gavin tried to shake his head, but no words came out.

Tears welled up in Selena's eyes as she wailed, "Gavin, what's wrong? Don't leave me!"

Ellie shot back, "Would you quit it? Stop acting like he's dying! Gavin's going to be fine!"

Selena sobbed, "I want him to be okay too, but he started feeling like this after he had the soup. Is there something in it?"

Ellie froze for a moment, unsure.

Ryan, on the other hand, knew about Gavin's allergy, so he quickly went to the table, grabbed the bowl of soup, and tasted it.

He didn't notice anything off...

Erin, who had been munching on her steak the entire time, overheard the conversation and instinctively took a sip of the soup. Immediately, she spit it back into the bowl. "This soup has cassia powder in it."

Keira raised an eyebrow, casting a suspicious glance at Selena.

She knew what cassia powder was, but most people here wouldn't.

Like James, who asked, "What's that? Is it poison? I had some of that soup too! Am I gonna die?"

Without missing a beat, Kate picked up her own bowl of soup and started chugging it down.

James freaked out, grabbing her arm, "Kate, what are you doing?!"

Her face was dead serious. "I'm dying with you!"

James, with tears brimming in his eyes, gasped, "Kate, you're so stupid, but I love you!"

Kate said, "You're so annoying, but we're meant to be together. We got engaged in the Freeman Sect!"

Touched, James held her hands. "Kate..."

Kate's expression softened as she locked eyes with him. "James..."

The two gazed at each other with such intensity that Keira had to bite her lip to stifle a laugh, but Erin couldn't hold it in. Rolling her eyes, she was about to say something sarcastic when Charles gently nudged her arm. She swallowed her words.

She couldn't snap at James—he was her future brother-in-law after all.

As she rolled her eyes again, Erin muttered under her breath about how idiotic James and Kate were acting, then explained, "Relax, you two aren't gonna die."

"Huh?" they both said in unison, turning to face her.

"Why not?"

Erin stared up at the ceiling. "Cassia powder's not lethal to normal people. It'll just mess up your stomach for a few days. You'll be fine after you eat some bland food for a while."

Immediately, James and Kate lit up. "We're not dying!"

Erin smirked.

But Kate, still serious, pointed at Gavin, who was struggling with his symptoms. "Then what's wrong with him? He looks like he's dying."

Ryan sighed, about to explain that Gavin was allergic to peanuts and had just eaten some peanut sauce by accident. He had taken his medication and would be okay in a bit.

But before he could get the words out, Selena screamed, "It's because Gavin has cancer! He has colon cancer, and whatever's in that soup is deadly for him!"

Selena's voice cracked as she whirled around to face Keira. "Aunt Keera, I know you hate me, but how could you do this to Gavin?!"

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As soon as Selena said those words, the entire banquet hall fell into a stunned silence.

Everyone turned to look at her in disbelief. Keira seemed completely taken aback.

Even Keira froze in shock, while Ellie's eyes quickly filled with tears.

"Gavin, you have cancer? When did this happen? Why didn't you tell me?"

Tears rolled down her cheeks, harder than when she'd found out about Darien's betrayal. "How could this happen...?"

Gavin wanted to reassure her, to tell her it wasn't true, but before he could get the words out, he bent over and vomited again. His peanut allergy had been treated quickly, so it wasn't too serious. After throwing up the rest of the peanut butter, he was already feeling a lot better.

He couldn't speak, so Selena took the lead. "He was just diagnosed recently. Babe, you can't leave me. What will I do if something happens to you?"

She turned to Ryan, grabbing his arm. "You have to stand up for him, Ryan!"

Ryan shot her a cold look before glancing over at Keira and asking calmly, "Stand up for him against what?"

"They knew about Gavin's condition," Selena insisted. "My uncle and aunt must've poisoned him on purpose! They're still mad because you wouldn't cooperate with them, so they're taking it out on Gavin. My poor husband... It's all my fault."

As she sobbed, she felt the urge to vomit herself.

What was going on today?

Why did her stomach feel so unsettled?

But Selena gritted her teeth and kept going. Her attention remained laserfocused on "Keera". All she wanted was for the Cobb and Horton families to completely fall out with each other.

And when Gavin died, she'd still have Ryan backing her up, allowing her to stay with the Cobb family.

Thinking of this, Selena's tears flowed even harder.

Even Ellie turned to Keira in concern. "Keera, what's going on? Why was there something in the soup?"

Keira sighed. "It wasn't me. That kind of stuff isn't something anyone would have just lying around the house. It's not like it's standard kitchen seasoning."

Ellie nodded quickly. "You're right, I don't believe you'd do this."

Selena cut in again, "Ellie, you can't believe her. If it wasn't her, who else could it be? This is the Horton house!"

She stood up and pointed accusingly at Keira. "Uncle Lewis, ever since you married this woman, everything's been falling apart! Our family used to get along so well. We were like one big happy family, but ever since she stepped foot in this house, everything's been in chaos!"

Lewis gave a cold laugh. "Get along well? Are you blind or just delusional? Since when have we ever been harmonious? Was it all the times I backed

down and let the rest of the family get away with whatever they wanted? Is that your idea of peace?"

Selena was taken aback but quickly rallied. "But we're family, aren't we? Family ties can't be broken! You used to let it slide before, so why not now?"

Lewis found her words absurd.

Did she really think that because he'd tolerated the chaos before, he had to endure it for the rest of his life?

He glanced at Selena, finding himself at a loss for words.

Seeing this, Selena turned back to Ryan, crying even harder. "Ryan, you have to fight for Gavin! He can't just die without anyone holding them accountable!"

At that moment, Gavin finally finished vomiting.

He looked over at Selena and said, "Selena, I'm fine..."

"How can you say you're fine? You could've lived for a few more months, but now because of this, you might not make it through the night! This poison might be harmless to most people, but to someone with cancer, it's fatal! They did this on purpose—to frame me, to kill you, to cut off my ties to the Cobb family! Oh, Gavin..."

Gavin listened to her sobbing and looked at her in confusion, unsure of what to say.

He was already feeling better.

The antihistamines had kicked in, the sensation of something stuck in his throat had faded, and even the itching was subsiding.

But at this moment, he felt incredibly awkward.

Should he say something?

He wasn't even dead yet, but someone was already mourning for him.

After a brief moment of disorientation, he finally spoke up. "Selena, I'm really okay..."

"How could you be okay? Stop trying to comfort me. I've seen your hospital report!" Selena wiped away her tears, her voice full of sorrow. "Don't worry about me. I won't blame you for dragging me down... If you die, I won't go on living either! Gavin, don't leave me! If you do, what will happen to me? The Cobb family doesn't want me, and the Horton family is out to kill me. What am I going to do?"

Gavin blinked.

Watching her cry her heart out, he had no idea how to respond.

Awkwardly, he reached out and patted her on the back, then gently pushed her away. "Stop crying. I'm really okay."

Just as she was about to start up again, Gavin quickly cut in, "I don't have cancer!"

Selena froze. "That can't be true! I saw the report!"

With a deep sigh, Gavin finally clarified, "The person with cancer... is you."

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Selena froze when she heard what Gavin said, staring at him in disbelief. "What did you just say?"

Gavin quickly reached out to steady her. "I said, the one who has colon cancer... is you. Selena, where's the medication from the hospital? You have it on you, right? Come on, let me help you take it!"

He frantically started rifling through her bag.

Selena was stunned. "Gavin, what nonsense are you spouting? How could I have colon cancer? I'm perfectly healthy..."

But before she could finish, the nausea she had barely suppressed surged back up.

This time, she couldn't hold it in. She clutched her stomach and vomited violently.

To make matters worse, her abdomen suddenly cramped with a sharp pain. Cold sweat broke out on her forehead.

Colon cancer...

Was it really her who had it all along?

Selena grabbed Gavin's arm in panic. "Gavin, I don't want to die, please... please save me!"

Gavin finally fished out the bottle of medication from her bag. "Selena, you'll be fine, don't worry. This is a special medicine. Even if you did ingest whatever that was, this will fix it!"

With shaking hands, he unscrewed the bottle.

Selena opened her mouth and swallowed the pill immediately.

She was utterly terrified, her whole body trembling uncontrollably as fear gripped her heart.

Was she really dying?

Could she actually have cancer?

No, no... she couldn't die.

She couldn't die...

But the more she tried to convince herself, the worse the pain in her abdomen grew. Grabbing onto Gavin, she cried out, "Gavin, it hurts so much, what should I do?"

Gavin was just as panicked. He glanced at the bottle. "This is the special medicine. The doctor told me it would relieve the pain. Why isn't it working?"

Selena followed his gaze, her eyes landing on the bottle.

That medicine was meant for her?

But wait...

She had already sold that special medication at the hospital and replaced it with vitamins.

This medicine was useless.

Realizing this, Selena's panic escalated, and she tried to throw up what she had just swallowed. This time, she vomited something dark, tinged with blood.

Gavin screamed, "Someone call an ambulance! Please, someone help her!"

Erin quickly stepped forward and took hold of Selena's wrist, frowning deeply.

"What's wrong with her?" Gavin asked anxiously.

Erin spoke with calm authority. "I have something that could stabilize her, but..."

She glanced at the bottle of special medication. "My remedy conflicts with this one. The pill she just took should have eased her pain already. Why didn't it work?"

Selena's eyes widened in panic.

She couldn't tell them! She had swapped the meds...

But if she didn't, Erin wouldn't give her the medicine.

As she hesitated, Gavin asked desperately, "Can I get her to a hospital in time?"

Erin shook her head. "It's too late for that. Besides, if this special medicine can't help her, the hospital won't be able to do much either... This is strange. Her symptoms don't match up."

Selena's fear got the better of her. "I didn't take the special medicine! Please, give me that medicine!"

Erin stopped, startled. "You didn't take it?"

Selena nodded frantically.

But Gavin was confused. "Selena, you just took the medicine. Don't you remember?"

Erin's voice was firm now. "My pill would be fatal if taken with the special medicine. If you did take it, you can't have this."

Selena was petrified. "I swear I didn't! The pills in that bottle—they're vitamins!"

Gavin blinked, his mind struggling to keep up. "What?"

Selena pointed to the bottle, her voice trembling. "That bottle is full of vitamins!"

Gavin opened it again and peered inside. Erin took the bottle and examined the pills herself before nodding. "They are vitamins. That's so strange. Why would you not take the medicine? Gavin got this special treatment for you—how could you let it go to waste?"

Gavin stared at Selena in disbelief.

Selena bit her lip. "I—I didn't want to spend the money. I thought I was fine. Gavin, I didn't know I was sick, so I switched it out for vitamins..."

Gavin still couldn't wrap his head around it. He pulled her into his arms, his voice breaking. "How could you be so foolish? If something happened to you, what would I do with the money?"

Selena sobbed against his chest, while Gavin's eyes filled with tears.

Ryan and Ellie exchanged a look, both of them rising from their seats.

Even Keira raised an eyebrow, her mind churning.

Ryan's voice was calm but sharp as he said, "Didn't you just say you thought Gavin had colon cancer?"

At that, Selena's crying abruptly stopped.

Gavin, wide-eyed, looked up at Ryan, completely dumbfounded.

Ryan didn't miss a beat. "Just a few minutes ago, you were yelling about how Gavin had cancer. Who was that medication meant for, then? Have you forgotten?"

Selena froze, her mind racing as all eyes turned to her. Gavin stared at her, realization slowly dawning.