

I Became a Villainous Character with a Limited Lifespan

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Episode 142

“Let’s talk.”

It wasn’t that he wasn’t by his side. He was always by his side, but his somewhat awkward attitude was the problem.

Like watching from a step away, or thinking he was somewhere else but watching from behind the door. What was he doing since they were in the same house anyway?

One or two days passed, but now it was time to find out what the problem was and why he was acting that way. Seung-hyun knocked on Jae-young’s door and called for him.

“How long are you going to be like this?”

“...”

Before long, Jae-young opened the door and came out. With a face full of worry, Seung-hyun tried to recall recent events to see what the problem was.

‘It seemed fine until we left the hospital. The problem started after leaving.’

When he was in the hospital, if there was even a small problem, he could immediately call the medical staff to check the issue, but now he couldn’t, so was that why? He thought about that too.

But if that was the reason, shouldn’t he be sticking closer instead? However, Jae-young was only ambiguously hovering around as if walking on eggshells.

‘I thought he would pry into what happened with Seon-hu, but he didn’t even ask and just went in after glancing.’

Since when did he become someone who was so conscious of him? Seung-hyun sighed with frustration. At that sigh, Jae-young flinched nervously and approached Seung-hyun.

“...Are you angry?”

“Why do you think that?”

“Because I... avoided you.”

So you were aware. No, the fact that he was aware made him even angrier. What was the reason he avoided him even though he thought it would make him angry?

“It seems there’s a lot we need to talk about. Right?”

Seung-hyun firmly pulled Jae-young down to the living room. The conversation seemed like it would be quite long to have standing.

“So now tell me. Are you perhaps angry at me? Because I told you to go home as soon as I was discharged and met Seon-hu?”

“It’s not that.”

“Then... was it burdensome?”

“...What was?”

Seung-hyun hesitated a bit. Seung-hyun had also pondered in his own way. After wracking his brain about why Jae-young was showing such an awkward attitude, a rather reasonable hypothesis came to mind.

‘The child’s existence is surprising for both me and Jae-young...’

He thought this situation could be unfamiliar. Suddenly, and from a relationship where they couldn’t even imagine having a child at that.

He was happy that Seung-hyun opened his eyes, but the child could be another problem. Perhaps that’s why it was awkward. Seung-hyun placed his hand on his still-flat belly for no reason.

“...Having a child may not be entirely a good thing...”

“What about you, Seung-hyun?”

Jae-young’s question came back before Seung-hyun could finish his words. Somehow that question seemed very urgent, so Seung-hyun was a bit flustered and hesitated to answer.

That brief silence felt like hours to Jae-young. So was it like that after all? He had been running away because he didn't want to confirm that answer, but he couldn't avoid it any longer.

"...If the child is burdensome... I understand, but still..."

"...??"

He had only hesitated for a moment to think of what to say, but Seung-hyun's eyes widened at Jae-young's expression that looked like he would cry at any moment. However, Jae-young had his head bowed as if he had no confidence to face him, so he couldn't see that expression.

"...For your health too, please don't think badly of it. If you're really uncomfortable, I'll take care of the child, so just..."

"Wait, wait a minute. What are you talking about now?"

What kind of imagination was he having? Seung-hyun grabbed Jae-young's hand and made him look at him. Looking at his trembling gaze, he thought he must have written a very long novel in his mind.

"Why do you think that? Of course, I'm also... not completely okay with it. Because it's something I never even thought about. But it's not burdensome."

"...You said you don't need family."

"That's..."

Was that where it went wrong? Seung-hyun held his forehead and recalled what he had said. That was what he said to tell Jae-young not to worry because it seemed he was concerned about Seung-hyun cutting ties with his family.

"It depends on who the family is."

He took it that way. Seung-hyun said, not letting go of Jae-young's hand. It seemed he needed to properly explain.

"As you know, my relationship with those two was so awkward that it was uncomfortable to even call them parents. Do you want me to keep ties with that family?"

“...No.”

“That was referring to the HJ people. I said that because it seemed you thought I was upset about them since they’re my parents despite everything. I didn’t know you would think something irrelevant.”

Seung-hyun said, gripping Jae-young’s hand tighter. Well, it wasn’t that he didn’t understand his anxiety since he had lived stingily expressing himself.

“...I’m also not feeling it yet. It feels like a dream. Because it was something I never thought about in my life.”

He was still sometimes surprised and had trouble adjusting to the fact that male omegas could get pregnant, but for him, an alpha, to be pregnant, it felt unreal in many ways. It seemed even more so because his belly wasn’t showing yet and there was nothing tangible.

“But I don’t dislike it. It’s not burdensome either. It may take some time to actually feel there’s a child inside... but one thing certain is that I’m also looking forward to meeting the child.”

What would the child look like, who would the child resemble more? Whether it was a girl or boy, what the voice would sound like, how small the child would be. He had so many things he was curious about.

“And I’m curious what kind of reaction you’ll have when you see the child.”

Seung-hyun said with a slight smile. He would surely become a good father. And he would also become a good family to Seung-hyun.

“So don’t worry needlessly. I wasn’t talking about you. You don’t trust me that much?”

“It’s not that. I don’t doubt our relationship, but becoming family is another story and the child is...”

Jae-young waved his hands with a flushed face. Embarrassment and joy over having worried for nothing rushed in at the same time.

‘...Needless worry...’

It was a concern that could have been resolved quickly if he had asked directly, but he was having a hard time going around in circles for no reason. Foolishly, Jae-young covered his flushed face with his hand.

“...I don’t feel it yet, but soon my belly will show, and I’ll have no choice but to feel that there’s a child inside. It’s scary but also exciting and I’m looking forward to it. So don’t worry.”

“I’ll make sure there’s nothing uncomfortable for you, so just focus on taking good care of yourself. I’ll really... do well.”

His voice was so excited as if he had said he would take care of the child if it was uncomfortable for Seung-hyun. He would definitely become a good father. Seung-hyun thought so and smiled.

“Then you won’t run away anymore.”

“...! Not to the point of running away...”

He should have asked a bit earlier. If he had known he was thinking like this, he would have told him long ago.

“They said the child would be born around fall. It seems like not much time is left, but it also feels like when will fall come.”

Summer was in full swing now, so there was a not too long but not too short time left until fall. It was a long time to have numerous curiosities, but a short time to handle various things before the child was born.

“I still don’t know well what I need to prepare before the child is born. You probably don’t either... but isn’t it a bit better since there’s two of us?”

“We have to diligently go to the hospital, pick a name, and decorate the room before the child is born.”

Jae-young excitedly spoke and then hesitated, recalling something. There were things that could be prepared with excitement before the child was born, but there were also things that required mental preparation.

“...Don’t worry about anything and just focus on taking care of yourself. I’ll take care of all the bothersome things.”

“Tell me what you’re doing so you don’t misunderstand and run away again.”

“Let’s stop talking about that now. I was wrong.”

Jae-young playfully covered Seung-hyun’s mouth and laughed. There was something he had to do for Seung-hyun, who said he didn’t mind becoming family and was excited to meet a new family.

‘...I’ll have to tell my family now too.’

If he delayed any longer, they might barge into this house and cause a scene in front of Seung-hyun. That can’t happen. Jae-young briefly looked in the direction of his family home.

“Should we pick a name for the baby first? Come to think of it, I haven’t been able to call the baby even once yet.”

“A name...”

Seung-hyun was lost in thought. He had never thought he would have to worry about such a thing, so it seemed he would need a bit of time to decide.