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Selena didn't respond to Barbie's words. The wedding gown fitted her well, and she would be able to alter anything herself even if it was needed. She therefore took the dress off once the sight of her in it satisfied Barbie's curiosity. Barbie and Ken were the two main figures responsible for the wedding preparations this time around, so Barbie rushed off to complete her other chores once Selena was done trying on the dress.

Meanwhile, Selena walked out of the castle to find Hades with his eyes shut as he rested on a rocking chair out in the gardens. "Are you really planning to get married to me?" Selena realized how silly her words sounded once she posed the question. The wedding preparations were nearly complete—it was evident that Hades wasn't fooling around at all.

He slowly opened his eyes then. "Did you think I was just joking around?"

"You have to think it through. There's no going back once we get married," Selena uttered as she sat down on a stool beside him.

"What do you mean by that?" Hades didn't understand her words.

"I would have never agreed to get married to you if you hadn't threatened me to do it, Hades. If we really get married, it means that we'll never be friends again. I initially thought that I would remain friends with you after I leave this place—you were the one who saved me and gave me life, after all." Selena had her back turned against the sunlight, but the yellow rays that illuminated parts of her face only made her look incredibly gorgeous then.

"Friends?" Hades gave her an icy scoff. "Do you think there are such things as friends in my world?"

Selena's eyes were filled with sincerity as she turned to him. "Of course. I believe that you've never wanted to do such things. Everyone has a natural preference for light and the sun—no one would actively choose to hide themselves in the darkest spots where the light can't reach them."

A hint of cynicism remained on the corner of Hades' lips as he sneered. "Are you trying to advocate for me now? Are you trying to persuade me—as you did with Melissa and Joshua—to return to the bright side?" He uttered the last few words in a comical, mocking voice before he began to laugh at the absurdity of it.

Selena got to her feet. "I've said all that I want to say. There are three days until the wedding, so you have some time to consider my words. I can't do anything to stop you if you insist on proceeding with the wedding, but I hope you can stick to your words and send Jamie home immediately after we're married. I don't want anything to go wrong." She left immediately after that.

The smile on Hades' face disappeared the moment she left. The only reason she got married to me was because I threatened her to do it. That's it?! Doesn't she feel anything for me at all? Veins popped out on the surface of his skin as he clenched his fists in anger.

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Selena faithfully waited and hoped for Hades to change his mind within the next three days. During that period, she headed to the hospital to visit Juniper. Juniper's treatment was going well, and the doctor immediately updated Selena on Juniper's situation once Selena arrived. Based on Juniper's condition, there was no rush for her to find a match just yet. If Selena intended to give birth to another child, Juniper could even wait until the day Selena gave birth to the newborn baby. Selena was extremely grateful to hear this news.

Juniper flung her limbs around in joy the moment Selena entered the room. "You're finally back, Mommy!" Melissa and Joshua had spent a lot of time taking care of Juniper in the hospital while Selena was away, and the three of them got along really well. Selena had previously ordered Melissa not to let Juniper know about her marriage with Hades, and Melissa had stuck to her promise. Juniper, therefore, had no idea about Selena and Hades' marriage.

Selena could already imagine how thrilled Juniper would be when she learned that Pierre was her actual father. However, it wasn't the right time to let the young girl know about it yet. Selena didn't want the kids to get involved in their adult issues. "Did you miss me, Juniper?"

"Of course. I missed you so, so, so much."