

## Chapter 3 The strange man

Lala ignored her and slowly get up from the floor. She walked out of the room and went upstairs. Her waist hurt even more as she waddled out of the place. Lucas wanted to drag her back to apologize to Dolly but Dolly stopped him

"Let her be Lucas. I don't want to cause trouble for you and Lala. I was only trying to help her" She said looking at Lucas with the innocent eyes that always lure him to her. Lucas patted her back and went back to join the others.

Lucas's mood changed drastically and so was everyone in the room. In order to make the party lively again, Dolly put on music and ordered the waiters to share another round of drinks. The waiter served them wine instead of the food, they were all waiting patiently to eat.

The guests were still dancing and drinking when Lala came out of her room. She was still in pain when she quietly left the house without saying anything to anyone. Some of the guests stopped for a while and watched her walk out of the living room.

Lala opened her eyes to see a handsome-looking man by her side. The man was extremely beautiful with a wonderful physique. His well-trimmed hair and his black suit gave him this powerful allure of power and confidence.

"Who are you? And Where am I?" Lala asked looking around her.

"You are in the hospital. You have gone for some days now" the man responded

"What do you mean I have been gone for some days," Lala asked feeling intimidated around him.

"I saw you laying down along the roadside three days ago and I have to bring you here." The man said.

"laying down at the road?"

Lala asked with surprise. She gradually remembers leaving the house and then she blanks out.

"Thank you so much for saving my life" she whispered.

"I will be right back," the man said and left the room.

Several years ago, Laura and her husband were working for old Donald. Laura was the housekeeper while her husband was the Gardner. Both

were treated well by old Donald and his wife they were considered a family.

So many years later Laura became pregnant with their only child Lala after several years of delay. The pregnancy was a thing of joy for the couple, who have lost hope of having their own child. However, their joy was short-lived when Laura died during childbirth. This left Laura's husband to take care of his only child Lala alone.

However, the Donald family was always there for the father and daughter. It was when Lala was twelve years old that her beloved father died. She was left alone in this world without a father or mother. She became an orphan at that young age.

Fortunately, old Donald and his wife took care of her as their daughter and they raised her as their own. Lala went to the best school in Newland with other Donald's grandchildren. She was bright and intelligent. She grew up to become a very beautiful lady and old Donald couldn't risk marrying her off to another man. He was sure she will be a good asset to his family. He also noticed how she always loves to be close to his grandson Lucas.

At every Thanksgiving, Lala will bake a special cake only for Lucas. She will make sure to present a special gift for him on any special occasion or on any holiday they came visiting. Funny enough, Lala has never received anything in return.

Lala's unreplaceable affection toward Lucas earned and brought her the envy of all including Molly. Molly felt that Lala was stealing her best friend's brother away from her. She was in love with Lucas, but unfortunately, Lucas ended up marrying Lala.

Nadia had been a spoiled girl and she has a way of making people do what she wanted. However, when she did not succeed in making her brother Lucas reject Lala's gifts, she became angry.

She was more annoyed when Lucas married Lala instead of Molly her best friend. She then vows to make Lala's life miserable hence all her negative attitude toward her.

When old Donald was on his sick bed, he made Lucas promise to marry Lala. He also sees to it that they wedded before he passed on. Lucas was very fond of his grandfather and so he agreed to keep his last wish even though he was engaged to Dolly at the time.

Lucas felt empty the moment Lala left the house. He was sure that she was not okay. Lala has changed a bit in the past few days. He once saw her sitting down on the toilet floor the other day. Something in him was urging him to go and ask her what was wrong with her, but his pride and ego would not allow him, just as it does not allow him today when he saw how hurt she was.

He moved into his room and become even more restless. It has been three days since Lala left his house and no one seems to know where she was. Lucas is now blaming his ego for not letting him run after his wife the moment she left the room.

"Here you go," the strange man said to Lala before dropping a nylon bag on the table which was beside her bed.

Lala sat up more comfortably on the bed and took the nylon bag. She looked inside it and saw two plastic packs containing food and fruits with a bottle of cold orange juice, with bottled water.

"Thank you" she muttered.

"You have to take care of yourself and your baby. Whatever stressed you out three days ago should be avoided" he added.

"What? A baby" she murmured

"Don't tell me that you have no idea of your pregnancy" the man asked.

Lala was speechless, how can she be so careless? She was ashamed of herself.