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The second time Elaine met Kingsley, he was tied up, his body trembling **from** an episode. She stayed by his side, using acupuncture to ease his pain.

She could never forget the way he'd looked at her in the dim basement—sickly but restrained, holding himself back so he wouldn't hurt her. That moment had burned itself into her memory.

"Rose" Grace's excited voice snapped Elaine out of her thoughts.

She was already holding Elaine's hands, her face lit up with joy. "Oh in

my! You're Elaine Yeats—the actress who played Rose,

e, aren't you?

Elaine had indeed starred as the female lead, Rose, in a low-budget fantasy drama. I hadn't been a hit, barely making a splash after **it** aired

Kingsley stepped forward, his tone calm and polite. "My apologies, Miss Years. My grandmother is a fan of yours.

Elaine blinked, caught slightly off guard. "Mrs. Morgan! A fan!" She **hadn't** expected the elegant old lady to enjoy **a** niche web drama like that.

Elaine smiled graciously. Thank you for your support, Madam"

"No need to thank me! You were amazing as Rose. Your acting **was** so natural—I just loved your Grace gushed, her enthusiasm unfiltered as she held Elaine's **hand** tightly.

The more she looked at Elaine, the me

more she liked her. "Elai

"Elaine, why don't you come **over** to our house as **a** guest? I've got time **today!**"

Before Elaine could respond, Grace reached out and smacked Kingsley on the backside. He was so stiff.

Her sharp eyes narrowed as she muttered to herself. If you don't make a move, how are you two ever going to **have** a story?"

She'd already decided—Elaine was the perfect choice for her granddaughter-in-law. She thought if she didn't step in and help, **her grandson** would probably die alone.

Kingsley sniffed, his jaw tightening **as a** flicker of awkwardness crossed his face. He definitely hadn't expected to get smacked **on** the butt at his **age** Juana, the housekeeper, couldn't hold back her laughter, quietly snickering at the sight

Elaine, meanwhile, **quickly** caught on to Grace's not-so-subtle matchmaking If she wanted to **save** Kingsley in the future, she first needed to get close to him. And Grace? She was the perfect excuse.

Elaine smiled sweetly. Thank you for inviting me. I'd love to come"

"Wonderful! Let's go right now!" Grace said enthusiastically.

Elaine glanced at the IV line in her arm and said apologetically. "Til need to get discharged first. Mrs. Morgan. I'm still hooked up to this drip"

Kingsley's sharp eyes caught the faint scars on her wrist. **For a** moment, his expression shifted—fleeting, **unreadable**

A girl who would **agree** so easily to go home with strangers? Of course, it **raised his** suspicions.

Elaine noticed his hesitation and turned to look directly at **him**. "Mr. Morgan, you don't mind me coming to your house, do you?" Her voice was soft and sweet, with just the right amount of vulnerability.

She added, her tone dropping to a near whisper, **I'm** sorry... **I just** don't want to go back with my family. I'm scared they'll take me away"

Her big watery eyes **shimmered** with tears, and the faint redness at the corners made her look even more pitiful. Her whole demeanor was soft and sweet, practically dripping with innocence,

Kingsley saw right through her act. He knew she was lying, but he didn't call her out. He'd already heard about the Years family's **mess**.

Earlier, while pushing Grace toward her doctor's appointment, he had passed Elaine's room and overheard snippets of her conversation with her family,

This girl wasn't someone who'd let herself be pushed around. If anything, she was sharp, calm, and calculating—someone who didn't lose easily,

So, in his mind, this "scared of my family" act was total bullshit. Now, he was curious about what exactly was **Elaine** Yeats trying to pull.

He said calmly, "I don't mind"

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"Thank you." Elaine said, flashing a warm, slightly playful smile.

Her eyes curved up as she smiled, her expression soft yet teasing. It was sweet, flirty, and entirely natural—just enough to keep him guessing.

Despite knowing Elaine was faking it, Kingsley **didn't** find her act annoying. In fact, he found it oddly intriguing

Grace, on the other hand, was **watching** the scene with barely contained excitement.

Seeing Elaine and Kingsley exchange quiet words, she shor **Juana a** knowing look. Oh, there's something going on here, her expression practically

Her imagination quickly ran wild. With Kingsley already at a prime age for marriage, Grace was practically hearing wedding bells.

By the time Elaine and Kingsley finished speaking, Grace had mentally planned their wedding

g and was already picturing their future kids.

The two, of course, **had** no idea. While they were still navigating the awkwardness of a first meeting, Grace's thoughts had already sprinted for ahead

An hour later, Elaine was sitting in Kingsley's car.

At the same time, Twitter was exploding. As a minor celebrity surrounded by constant drama, Elaine was no stranger to trending topics.

And her ongoing mess with superstar Bianca was **like** gasoline on the fire.

OMG, did you hear! Elaine actually ignored Finley today. FINLEY! Is this real life!]

[No way. Elaine ignoring Finley? She's been obsessed with him for years. Girl doesn't even have a shred of self-respect when it comes to that man. Who wouldn't love him, though Finley's the full package—looks, money, and family connections. He's **untouchable** |

[Didn't she accuse Bianca of seducing him **last** week! Pathetic.]

[Exactly. Like Bianca even needs to seduce anyone. The woman's practically perfect—gorgeous successful, **and classy**. Meanwhile, Elaine's just bitter she's the adopted daughter.]

[I still don't get **why** the Scott family picked **Elaine** for the engagement. She's so average]

Probably pity. She's the adopted one, after all. The Years family treats her so well, and yet she has the audacity to hate Bianca! **Talk** about biting the hand that feeds her]

mean. I kind **of** get it, though. If my fiance had someone like Bianca hanging around, I'd be insecure as hell too.]

[Still, accusing Bianca of stealing Finley! That's **just** embarrassing. Nobody believes her]

Elaine scrolled through the comments, her expression calm, almost bored. The irony of it **all** was laughable.

These people blindly worshiped Bianca and refused to even consider Elaine's side of the story.

But Elaine knew the truth. If Bianca **and** Finley were really so **innocent**, they would not be so tangled **up** in each other's lives.

Bianca's manipulative girl charm no longer fazed her. The woman was a master at playing the victim, and the world ate it up every time.

But Elaine could wait. She was patient. Let Bianca and Finley keep up their little charade. One day, when they **finally** ended up together, the **fans** who had sworn Bianca was innocent would realize **just** how wrong they were. The collective humiliation would be glorious.

For now, she'd sit back and enjoy the show.

[I'm not kidding Elaine ignored Finley and got into some mystery guy's **cart**] Someone attached **a** blurry photo to the comment.

Even though the picture wasn't clear, it was enough to stir up chaos. Elaine's stunning profile and **graceful** figure were impossible **to** miss.

As for the man beside her! His face wasn't visible, but the **sharp** lines of his suit and the commanding air in his posture were enough to set the

[Wait, who the hell is this guy? Boynton's been hiding him all this time!t]

The internet was losing its mind. Elaine, the woman who'd been mocked for years for **fawning over** Finley, **had** done a complete 180.

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Not only

nly had she ignored him, but she **also** left with a mysterious, undeniably powerful man.

Put a mimte. Why **does** Elaine look so different lately!

[Right? She's glowing. Her figure, her **face**, her whole vibe—it's like she's leveled up or something Absolutely stunning.]

[Damn, her legs are unreal. I'm speechless |

[Look at the chemistry! Did Elaine just upgrade her target Respect. That's a boss move |

For the first **time**, Elaine was outshining **Bianca**. She had done is with a single move: stepping into a man's car. His very presence radiated wealth and power.

That

moment alone turned her into the hottest trending topic of the **day**.

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