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Chapter 1701: It Turns Out That Shelly Really Doesn't Like Him

Shelly knew that Mrs. Winter was angry and that Mrs. Winter thought she did not appreciate others' good intentions. In everyone's eyes, she was eager to get close to Nox because she would be able to live comfortably for the rest of her life.

She used to think that marrying Nox, becoming the young mistress of the Winters, and having a huge fortune was her biggest goal in life. However, after going through so much, she did not care about such a life at all. She would rather take Bella with her and live their little lives.

She was just too disappointed in Nox. She even felt that she would never, in her life, change her opinion of him.

"Just think about it!" Mrs. Winter left after saying that.

Shelly stared at Mrs. Winter's back and did not say anything in the end.

When Nox saw his mother walking out of the door angrily, he quickly went forward to stop her. "Mom, why are you leaving?"

"Because I don't want to stay here anymore."

"What's wrong? Did you and Shelly argue with each other?"

"We didn't, but my feelings were hurt." Mrs. Winter did not want to hide it. "I don't know what I did wrong by getting you and Shelly to get married and have children. Why did she have to reject me? Didn't Shelly always want to marry you? Now that she can marry you, she's trying to take advantage of us--"

"Mom!" Nox interrupted his mother as he could not stand her criticizing Shelly.

"Are you really trying to go against me?" Mrs. Winter was furious. "You never used to want to listen to anything nice I said about Shelly, but now that I'm criticizing her, you can't stand it? Are you trying to piss me off?"

"Don't worry about us. Just go." Nox also urged her to leave.

Mrs. Winter was really disappointed in her son. "I'd like to see what you do about this!"

She waved her hand and left. After seeing his mother leave angrily, Nox quickly closed the door and ran to Shelly.

Looking at her calm face, he said, "You don't have to take what my mother said to heart."

"Alright," Shelly replied indifferently as she was concentrating on what she was doing.

"If you want to get married at 25 or 26, I can wait. I'm not in a hurry anyway."

"Okay."

"Um, are you angry?" Nox could not help but ask.

"No." Shelly looked up at Nox. "Are you afraid of making your mother angry?"

"It's okay. She'll be fine in a while. Besides, getting married and having children is between the two of us. It has nothing to do with her. Don't think too much about it." Nox comforted her.

"Alright." Shelly nodded.

“Do you want me to help you with anything?” Nox asked.

He was trying to please Shelly.

“There's no need. We can eat soon. Just carry Bella to the dining table and wait for me ”

“Alright.” Nox quickly went to the living room and carried Bella to the dining table.

Bella had become very dependent on Nox. Sometimes, she would even act like a spoilt child and sit in Nox's arms to get him to feed her. However, Shelly would tell Bella off for doing that every time because Nox would not be able to eat properly.

“Bella, return to your seat,” Shelly said sternly as she served breakfast.

Upon hearing that, Bella unhappily left Nox's embrace and sat on her chair. Then, Shelly served Bella her breakfast before placing her and Nox's breakfast on the dining table.

It was very quiet at the dining table. Sometimes, Bella would speak to either Shelly or Nox, and some other times, Nox would be talking to Shelly. However, never once did Shelly start a conversation with Nox.

As Nox ate his breakfast, he could feel Shelly's coldness toward him. She looked very obedient, but in fact, she was not friendly to him at all.

He looked up at Shelly and watched as she lowered her head and ate her breakfast seriously, pretending not to see him staring at her. Unless he called her, she would pretend that she did not see it.

“Shelly.” In the end, Nox called out to her.

Shelly looked up and asked, “Does it taste bad?”

“Do you like me?” Nox suddenly asked.

Shelly was stunned for a second as she did not expect Nox to ask that question. The two of them had been living together for a month, but Nox had never asked about that. It was as if he did not care whether she liked him or not.

Shelly's eyes flickered.. Then, she lowered her head to eat her breakfast again and said, “Why are you asking this all of a sudden?”

Chapter 1702: It Turns Out That Shelly Really Doesn 't Like Him

“It suddenly feels to me that you don't like me very much,” Nox said sarcastically.

Shelly did not answer, which meant she tacitly agreed with his statement. It turned out that Shelly really did not like him.

He thought he would not care about whether Shelly liked him or not, but his heart hurt so much.

After Mrs. Winter left Nox's apartment and went back to her private car, she was still angry. She found that Shelly had changed a lot and was seemingly much more independent than before.

Back then, Shelly would listen to everything she said, but now, Shelly even had the nerve to reject her suggestion about them getting married and having children. At the end of the day, she was a little unhappy, especially since she had been looking forward to seeing grandchildren of her own for so many years.

All the wealthy ladies around her already had grandchildren of their own.

When they had dinner- afternoon tea and or hearty appointments together- they would talk about their fat grandchildren and obedient granddaughters. Although she said she was happy without grandchildren, she knew better than anyone how much she wanted one.

Now, she really wished she had a baby in her arms, and the thought of it frustrated her even more. Hence, she realized she had to think of a way to get Nox and Shelly to get married soon and have a child.

Suddenly, she lowered her head and looked at her phone, which was ringing. She glanced at the unknown caller and took a deep breath before answering the call. "Hello."

"Aunty, I'm Zoe." Zoe's sobbing voice could be heard from the other end of the phone.

Mrs. Winter's expression darkened immediately. She could not believe Zoe still had the cheek to call her. When she thought of what that woman had done to her son, she wanted to slap her to death. To think the dignified young master of the Winters had been toyed with by a woman to such an extent!

Now, not only did that woman not stay away, but she even took the initiative to look for her.

"I don't want to receive your calls or see you ever again. Don't call me. It's useless to say anything to me now. I won't change my opinion of you, nor will I be soft-hearted. I might even hate you to the core-I'

"I'm pregnant. I'm pregnant with Nox's child," Zoe said emotionally.

Mrs. Winter was stunned.

The next second, she said righteously, "You're saying it's Nox's child because you're pregnant? You cheated on Nox so many times back then. Who knows whose child you're pregnant with?"

"It really is Nox's. It's been nearly four months now. Aunty, I've found someone to do a gender test, and it's a boy." Zoe said miserably, "I know you won't forgive me for what I did to Nox, but the child is innocent. Aunty, the child is a

Winter."

Mrs. Winter was swayed by Zoe's words.

Zoe could also feel the change in Mrs. Winter's emotions and quickly said, "Aunty, don't worry. I won't pester Nox. After all, I don't have the right to be with Nox anymore! The reason for my call is to tell you that I'm pregnant with Nox's child. I want to give birth to it, but with my current financial situation, I can't take good care of him or give him enough nutrition, so my only choice is to come to you. I've also made up my mind. When I give birth to the child, I'll hand the child over to you and leave Nox. I won't make things difficult for you!

I just want to give birth to this child."

"Don't lie to me!" Mrs. Winter was still in disbelief.

"Aunty, science is so advanced now that we can do a paternity test. If you don't believe me, you can arrange for me to do a paternity test. I can do it right now!"

Zoe quickly said,

It was safe to say that Mrs. Winter was skeptical about it.

"How about this, Aunty? Let's meet and have a good talk. If you still don't believe me, I won't disturb you anymore!" Zoe's voice sounded like she was choking.

Mrs. Winter knew she should not trust Zoe so easily and that she would never forgive that woman, but when it came to children..

At the thought of how Shelly had rejected her today, she felt inexplicably angry. As such, she gave Zoe an address where Zoe could wait for her.

Zoe immediately agreed, and Mrs. Winter also headed to that address. As she was not far away by car, she arrived first. After waiting in the private room for almost half an hour, Mrs. Winter ran out of patience, and only then was Zoe led in by the staff.

The moment Zoe entered, Mrs. Winter thought she had seen wrongly. What

had Zoe, who was originally glamorous and beautiful, gone through in just a few months to end up like that?

Zoe looked extremely old, and if she did not know it was Zoe, she would have thought that she was a 40-year-old lady.

Zoe looked at Mrs. Winter's gaze and lowered her head in shame. "You probably didn't expect me to end up like this, did you? "You deserve it!" Mrs. Winter was not soft-hearted.

Zoe only had herself to blame!

"Yes, I deserve it. I never expected you would pity me or sympathize with me. If it weren't for the child in my stomach and if I didn't want to give birth to him, I wouldn't have come to you!"

As Zoe spoke, she could not help but cry miserably..

Chapter 1703: Nox Knows That Shelly Had a Miscarriage

Mrs. Winter watched as Zoe cried miserably.

She held it in and said, "Alright, stop crying. If you have something to say, just say it! Don't cry. It's annoying."

"Aunty." Zoe wiped her tears, looking very pitiful.

"Sit down," Mrs. Winter called out.

Zoe sat in front of Mrs. Winter, looking a little reserved. "Aunty, I'm really pregnant with Nox's son. It's been more than four months now, and I've been in hiding every day because Nox wants to abort it. However, I can't bear to kill a life!"

"Nox knows?" Mrs. Winter raised her eyebrows.

"He knows. I told him as soon as I found out I was pregnant. I thought he was as compassionate as I was, but I didn't expect him to tell me to abort it. It wasn't easy for me to sneak out, and I haven't dared to go back to look for my parents. I've been hiding in the city with not much money left. I'm barely surviving on the money I got from selling my jewelry and bags. It's fine if I can't survive, but I don't want to mistreat the baby. He's really innocent..."

Zoe started to wail again, which made Mrs. Winter a little impatient. However, when she remembered that Zoe was pregnant, she reluctantly endured it.

"Is it really Nox's child?" Mrs. Winter asked.

"It's true. We can go to the hospital for a checkup now," Zoe said with determination.

Mrs. Winter thought about it for a moment and decided to confirm it. Hence, she brought Zoe to the hospital.

When it was their turn, the doctor said seriously, "Amniocentesis has a certain probability of affecting the baby. In other words, it might cause the pregnant woman to miscarry."

When Mrs. Winter heard that, she was a little hesitant.

"Is there a high chance of miscarriage?" Zoe asked emotionally.

"It's not high, but there are precedents of such cases, so we don't approve of DNA testing during the fetal period. Of course, if you insist on doing it, we can also perform the test according to the normal procedures. However, before the test, you need to sign a contract on acknowledging the risks of doing it."

"What contract?" Mrs. Winter asked.

"It's for risk avoidance. To put it bluntly, if the pregnant woman unexpectedly miscarries after the amniocentesis, the hospital won't be responsible for it!" Mrs. Winter fell silent, and Zoe could tell that Mrs. Winter was hesitant.

She quickly said, "It's okay. I believe that won't happen to us. The doctor just said that the chances aren't high."

"The chance is not high, but if it happens to an individual, the chances of miscarrying is definite. You should think about it carefully," the doctor emphasized again.

It was because he knew that if anything happened, the hospital could not bear such a huge responsibility for such a VIP client, so he was also trying his best to persuade them not to do the test.

"Yes, if the fetus is in any danger, I will bear the responsibility." Zoe was very determined.

Mrs. Winter, on the other hand, was not so determined, and her expression

was a little ugly. "You'll bear the responsibility, huh? What if it's my grandson?

How are you going to bear the responsibility then?"

"But..." Zoe looked troubled. "How will you know the child is Nox's without the test? I don't want to make things difficult for you. Even if something happens to the fetus in the end, I'll admit it. I'll also-"

"Enough!" Mrs. Winter raised her voice a little. "I believe you."

She believed Zoe would not lie to her after all that she had done.

Zoe bit her lip. At that moment, she was so touched that she said excitedly,

"Thank you. Thank you!"

“Don't thank me yet. We'll know if it's Nox's child or not after the child is born.” Mrs. Winter's expression was cold.

“Yes, yes, yes. We'll know when the child is born,” Zoe quickly said, “Alright, let's go.” Mrs. Winter exited the hospital with Zoe.

As Zoe sat quietly in Mrs. Winter's car, Mrs. Winter asked, “Where are you staying now?”

Zoe remained quiet. “Where do you live? I'll send you back now.” “I'm staying at a hostel.”

“Where is it?” Mrs. Winter asked impatiently.

Zoe told her the address, and Mrs. Winter told the driver to drive to the location.

Looking at the hostel in front of her, which was dirty, old, and had a terrible environment, Mrs. Winter said with disdain, “Is this where you live?” “I've always lived here.” Zoe nodded.

“Forget it. I'll get a room in a hotel for you.” Mrs. Winter could not stand it anymore.. “Do you have anything to pack?”

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“What else do I have? I've sold everything I could.”

“In that case, get in the car.” Mrs. Winter did not want to waste any time.

Zoe followed Mrs. Winter into the car, and Mrs. Winter then brought Zoe to the best hotel in South Hampton City. When they checked in, Zoe was a little hesitant.

“What's wrong?” Mrs. Winter asked her.

“I was afraid Nox would find me and drag me to get an abortion again. So, to avoid Nox's eyes, I had to live in those places. Nox would never have thought that I would live in that kind of hostel,” Zoe explained.

Mrs. Winter thought about it and realized Zoe's worries made sense. Someone as stupid as Nox could really do anything. She said, “Let's go. I'll buy you a house.”

“Aunty...” Zoe was surprised.

“If the child is Nox's, you deserve it.” Mrs. Winter said calmly, “The Winters will not mistreat you.”

“Thank you, Aunty.”

Without being too friendly, Mrs. Winter drove Zoe to the newest building and bought Zoe a luxury apartment that was ready to move in.

Not only that, but Mrs. Winter also bought Zoe clothes and skincare products. She even hired a nanny for Zoe. Before she left, she gave Zoe 2000 dollars for expenses and told Zoe she could ask for more when she ran out.

Zoe was so grateful that she cried as she sent Mrs. Winter off. After that, she looked at the spacious house and brand-new furniture, feeling excited. If she had known that Mrs. Winter was so easy to talk to, she would have come to look for her earlier. Then, she would not have had to suffer so much.

She quickly picked up her phone and called her parents. “Dad, Mom, I'll give you an address. You can move in.”

“Did you succeed?” the other party asked excitedly.

“It worked. When Mrs. Winter found out that I was pregnant with Nox's child, she immediately bought me a house, clothes, and a nanny.”

"Alright, we'll be right there. However, Zoe, if we lie to Mrs. Winter like this, we'll lose everything once we're exposed." The other parties expressed their worries.

"I didn't lie to her. I may not know if the child is Nox's, but what if it is?" Zoe retorted.

Indeed, she did not know if the child was Nox's because after sleeping with Nox, she had also slept with many other people. However, it should be Nox's, but she could not care less. If she did not get the Winters to give her some money, she would not be able to survive!

Today, she had gotten Mrs. Winter to go to the hospital with her for a checkup because she knew that Mrs. Winter would definitely not be willing to risk a miscarriage for an amniocentesis. Fortunately, she did manage to get away with it.

"But what if it isn't? Don't you know how cruel Nox is to us? If you lie to him again, he will kill us!"

"Don't worry, I won't let this child be born. I'm just trying to swindle a sum of money!" Zoe said bluntly, "Now that I'm sure that Mrs. Winter wants the child in my belly, I'll use Mrs. Winter to negotiate with Nox. As long as Nox gives me a sum of money, I'll abort the child. Then, with money, our family will be able to live for the rest of our lives."

"That's the only way," the other party quickly echoed. "I've had enough of this hard life." "Quick! Come over."

"Alright."

When Zoe hung up, her eyes narrowed. She did not want to lie to Nox, but Nox was just too cruel. If not for the fact that she could not survive anymore, she would not have dared to threaten Nox!

This time, she had thought it through. All she wanted was money, and as long as Nox gave her money, she would stop pestering him.

Nox had not been in a good mood recently. Ever since he found out that Shelly did not like him, he had been feeling upset.

How else could he make Shelly like him? It was really hard for him to think of ways he could do that. He had always found Shelly to be stubborn, and she could turn a blind eye to whatever he did.

While he sat there in the office, feeling frustrated, the phone rang.

Nox picked up. "What's the matter?"

The person opposite him took a deep breath and could tell that Nox was in a bad mood.

"Speak!" Nox raised his voice.

"Mr. Winter, we found Zoe," the other party said in fear. Nox had almost forgotten about that person..

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"We couldn't find her before, but now, we've found her in a luxury apartment." The other party quickly said, "She is still pregnant with the child."

"What?" Nox stood up from his office chair. "What have you been doing? Didn't I tell you to get her to have an abortion? How is she still pregnant?"

"We were searching for her for a long time, but we couldn't find her. It was as if she had suddenly disappeared from the face of the earth. Moreover, there was a time when we were distracted from helping you pursue Ms. Carter, so we didn't have the energy to look for her," the other party explained.

"Alright, alright. I don't want to hear all those excuses. Take Zoe for the abortion now and let me know when it's done. I don't want to waste my time on her!" Nox ordered impatiently.

“Young Master Winter, I've seen your mother frequenting Zoe's residence.” The other party reported, “After some investigation, we found out that your mother bought the luxury apartment that Zoe is living in, and she is now taking care of everything. It seems like your mother knows about Zoe's pregnancy.” “Damn it!” Nox cursed.

He did not want it to alarm his family because he knew it would be very troublesome once they found out. He also knew how much his mother wanted a grandchild right now, so she definitely would not allow Zoe to abort the child.

“Mr. Winter, we're afraid of causing conflict with the old lady, so we want to ask for your opinion, ” the other party asked carefully.

Nox thought about it before saying, “Come and pick me up. I'll go see Zoe myself.”

“Okay, I'll come and pick you up immediately.” The other party heaved a sigh of relief.

Then, Nox immediately left the office.

If that matter was not resolved, it would be a ticking time bomb. To him, Zoe was completely out of his life, and he did not even want to look at her, much less let her threaten him!

Nox quickly rushed to Zoe's luxury apartment and knocked on her door roughly.

“Boom! Boom! Boom!”

It took a long time before it was opened.

As soon as Zoe opened it and saw Nox, she panicked. “Nox, I...”

“Don't say a word. I'm disgusted. Come with me to the hospital now, or don't blame me for being rude to you.” Nox grabbed Zoe's hand and prepared to leave.

“No, I won't go even if I die. Nox, I beg you, don't treat me like this. Please.” Zoe wailed and resisted.

At that moment, Zoe's parents ran out of their house and stopped Nox from leaving with Zoe.

"Nox, no matter what, the child is innocent. Aren't you taking it too far? Now that Zoe isn't bothering you, what else do you want from her?" Zoe's father berated him.

Nox sneered. "The child is innocent? It's precisely because the child is innocent that it shouldn't suffer! I'm afraid the child will be despised for having such a sl*tty mother!"

"Enough! Even if my daughter has done something wrong, who are you to say that about her? Do you think you're a good person? Haven't you fooled around with a lot of women? What right do you have to judge my daughter? At least my daughter has compassion for all life. You're worse than a beast!" Zoe's father roared.

Nox glanced at him and did not take him seriously at all.

He said to the two men beside him, "Stop them."

"Yes." The two men quickly went forward to grab Zoe's parents, wanting to drag them away.

Zoe's parents resisted while cursing at Nox, and Zoe, who was frightened, kept resisting as well. However, she could not break free from Nox's hold and was dragged directly to the elevator.

When the elevator doors opened, Mrs. Winter stepped out from inside and was infuriated to see the scene before her. "Nox, let go of them! What are you doing?"

Nox held back a little when he saw his mother, but he did not let go. He said bluntly, "Taking Zoe to get an abortion!"

"Are you crazy?" Mrs. Winter was so angry that she wanted to push Nox's hand away.

However, Nox grabbed Zoe's arm even harder. Tears streamed down Zoe's face." It hurts. It hurts..."

"Let go!" Mrs. Winter shouted.

She was so angry that her voice cracked.

"It's none of your business," Nox's said firmly..

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He tightened his grip on Zoe.

"Nox, if leave with Zoe, I'll kill myself right here and now!" Mrs. Winter threatened.

Nox immediately stopped what he was doing. Mrs. Winter was so angry that she slammed herself into the wall beside her.

"Mom!" Nox was shocked.

He quickly let go of Zoe and ran over to support Mrs. Winter, who pretended to be dizzy and leaned into Nox's arms unsteadily.

'Mom, are you crazy?" Nox yelled.

It took a long time for Mrs. Winter to regain her senses. Then, she looked at Nox and said weakly. "Nox, if you take Zoe for an abortion, I mean what I say. I will die in front of you, and it is not a threat!"

"What are you thinking? How can you guarantee that the child in Zoe's stomach is mine?" Nox was a little angry.

"If it's not yours, why are you aborting it?" Mrs. Winter asked.

Nox was rendered speechless by his mother.

"I don't care. I don't care what personal grudges you have with Zoe, but I want the grandson in Zoe's belly!"

"Can you quit being so foolish? Have you ever thought about what Zoe did to me? Ana, you still want her to give birth to a child? DO you want the child to be disliked?"

"The child is innocent and shouldn't be involved in your conflict. Do you think murderers are not qualified to have children? Would their children die with them when they were born?"

"Mom!" Nox could not stand how unreasonable Mrs. Winter was.

"Anyway, I want the child in Zoe's belly! No matter what, I won't let you abort it."

"It's not like I don't have a child. Why do you have to insist on having the one in Zoe's belly?" Nox was furious. "If you want grandchildren, I can get Shelly to give birth to them. Zoe isn't the only one who can give birth to your grandchildren!"

"Shelly told me that she won't marry you and have your children for the time being! "

"It's only temporary!"

"Nox, don't blame me for being direct, but Shelly doesn't like you at all! After all that you've done to Shelly, or even if it were any other woman, she wouldn't have a good impression of you! I know Shelly's personality too well. She's a stubborn person. Once she's set her mind on something, she won't change it. I don't know why Shelly agreed to get back together with you, but I don't think she'll have your child so easily, and I don't want to give myself false hope!" Mrs. Winter said indignantly. "However, the child in Zoe's belly will be my grandson soon, and I'll never allow you to abort it."

"Can you let me settle my own matters and let me deal with my child? You always interfere in my matters, and it pisses me off. I didn't like Shelly back then, but you insisted that I be with Shelly. And now that I don't want Zoe's child, you insist on me keeping it. Can't you just let me handle it myself?"

"Didn't you make a mess of it that one time I told you to deal with it yourself? Take Shelly as an example. If you would've listened to us and gotten together with Shelly back then, you wouldn't be in your current situation. You regret it now, don't you? That's why you have to listen to me this time. Otherwise, you might fall into Shelly's hands in the future and never have a child of your own for the rest of your life!" Mrs. Winter was very sure.

"I can go with your decision regarding anything else, but I won't compromise on the child in Zoe's belly!" Nox was very determined.

"I can go with your decision regarding anything else, but I have to have this child!" Mrs. Winter was also very determined.

The mother and son were at loggerheads, neither giving in.

"Mom, do you think Shelly and I can still be together after Zoe gives birth to the child?" Nox said sadly.

Were they not supposed to date, get married, and then have children? Why was it so complicated? Why did the whole process of getting married and having children look so smooth for Edward and Finn but so difficult for him?

"What's there to be unhappy about? Doesn't Shelly also have a child? It's fair now."

"How is that the same? Shelly's child isn't hers."

"You can pretend that this child isn't yours. I'll take care of it."

"How can you be so unreasonable!"

"I'm not being unreasonable. I'm just telling you, Nox, that I have to have Zoe's child! Don't argue with me. I won't compromise even if it means I have to die," Mrs. Winter said fiercely.

That statement infuriated Nox.

“Nox, I'm not trying to make things difficult for you. If you had listened to me back then, your child would've been the same age as Bella, and I wouldn't be forcing it on you right now.” Mrs. Winter's voice softened when she saw that Nox was upset.

Nox did not understand what his mother meant, so he ignored her.

However, Mrs. Winter explained, “Shelly had a miscarriage during the car accident.”

Nox froze and looked straight at Mrs. Winter.

“I didn't tell you because I knew you were determined not to be with Shelly. Only Shelly and I know about this. So, Nox, if you want Shelly to fall in love with you, marry you, and have children with you, it won't be easy. I'm just thinking about your future. You're not young anymore, and it's not a good idea for you to wait. If you get Zoe to keep the child, you can do whatever you want with Shelly. I will support you!”

Nox did not hear what his mother said after that. The only thing on his mind was Shelly's miscarriage.

He cursed at himself, wondering what he had done to Shelly back then.. He was worse than a beast!

Chapter 1707: Zoe's Visit

Nox fell silent for a long time, and Mrs. Winter could not bare to see her son like that

Having calm downed a lot, she said earnestly, “Nox, don't make things difficult for Shelly anymore. Actually, letting Zoe give birth to the child is good for both of you. Think about it, why would Shelly rather raise Bella than bear your child? Isn't it because she doesn't want to give birth to your child?”

Nox's eyes were a little red, and he was not convinced by his mother. Instead, he thought of everything he had done in the past.

Why did he not visit Shelly after she got into a car accident? If they met and found out that they had a child together... he did not know if his heart would've softened.

"Alright, don't be too sad. It's all in the past. In the future, you and Shelly will have a good life. Just make sure to spoil her more and make it up to her. In the meantime, let Zoe give birth to this child, and I will raise it for you. I won't stop you, young people, from being together, and I promise I won't rush you and Shelly to have a child anymore. Then, you can live your own life." Mrs. Winter consoled.

Nox adjusted his emotions and said to his mother, "If Shelly doesn't give birth to a child for me, I won't have a child for the rest of my life."

"Nox!" Mrs. Winter, who had finally calmed down, flew off the handle again.

"Consider me unfilial," Nox said coldly.

"If you abort the child in Zoe's belly, I will die in front of you," Mrs. Winter threatened again.

Nox pretended not to hear her and said, "I'll give you two days to think about it. Two days later, I will take Zoe for an abortion. Mom, don't even think about taking Zoe away. I can find her anywhere she goes!"

With that, he left.

Mrs. Winter stared at Nox's back with an ugly expression. She could not understand why Nox was so stubborn. It was the same back when he was not with Shelly and now that he was with Shelly! Why was he so unreasonable?

While Mrs. Winter was so angry that her body was trembling, Zoe was very calm as she had expected that outcome. Therefore, she had never thought that she would give birth to the child. Moreover, if the child was not Nox's, she would die a more miserable death after she gave birth to it.

However, on the surface, she pretended to be afraid about Nox wanting to abort the child. She sobbed and said, "Aunty, what should we do? Nox is a man of his word. Would I not be able to keep the baby?"

"Calm down." Mrs. Winter, who was also furious at that moment, roared at Zoe.

Then, she thought about it before saying to Zoe, "Alright, you stay at home. I'll think of a way! "

She figured that although there was nothing she could do to change Nox's mind, there was Old Master Winter, who was very strict with Nox. As long as Grandpa Winter allowed Zoe to give birth to the child, she would definitely be able to do so.

With that thought in mind, Mrs. Winter left in a hurry, and Zoe's expression changed as soon as she saw Mrs. Winter leave.

Zoe's parents quickly pulled Zoe and asked, "Zoe, what should we do now?" "Everything is going as planned," Zoe said coldly. "I'll talk to Nox later." "Will he be threatened by you?"

"Of course." Zoe said with certainty, "Nox may look carefree and heartless, but he's actually very loyal. He'd rather keep things peaceful than let his family suffer. However..."

"What?" Zoe's father was feeling restless.

"Were Nox and his mother talking about Shelly? Are Nox and Shelly together?" Zoe was surprised.

She never thought that Nox would end up with Shelly. Knowing how much Shelly hated Nox and how much Nox hated Shelly... Somehow, she felt angry! She did not expect Shelly to take advantage of her in the end!

Nox returned home before it was time for him to get off work.

When he opened the door and walked into the room, Shelly, who was playing with Bella in the living room, was beaming with joy. However, when she saw him, her expression froze, and the smile in her eyes seemed to disappear.

A moment later, she smiled at him politely and said, "You're back so early today. Don't you have to go to work?"

"Do you really want me to go to work?" Nox asked.

"No, it's just a little strange that you're home so early," Shelly said indifferently.

Nox just looked at her..

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Shelly pretended not to see him looking at her and continued to play with Bella. The two of them were sitting on the floor, having a good time.

After being ignored for a while, Nox walked over and sat on the mat. Shelly looked up and glanced at Nox without much emotion, but Bella, on the other hand, was much friendlier to him.

She held the Barbie doll in her hand and asked happily, "Uncle, is my doll cute?" "It's cute." Nox smiled at Bella.

"I picked the clothes for the Barbie doll." Bella was trying to show off her skills.

"You have good taste, Bella." Nox stroked her head, his voice filled with affection.

“Uncle, do you like any of these clothes? I'll change Barbie into them.” Having been praised, Bella's entire face lit up with joy, and she quickly took out all of Barbie's clothes for Nox to pick.

After Nox carefully picked out an outfit, Bella said, “Uncle, I'll change her outfit in a bit.”

“Alright.”

“Uncle, close your eyes,” Bella said to him in her tender voice.

‘Why?’

“Because Barbie is a girl. Boys can't watch girls change.” Bella had a serious look on her face.

“Alright.” Nox nodded.

With her, he turned around to her, and Bella began to change Barbie's clothes with her small hands. At the same time, Shelly looked at Nox's back before slowly getting up to leave.

Nox could sense Shelly leaving. However, he could also sense Shelly's distance from him. It was probably because she was disappointed and did not like him that she was avoiding him.

“All done!” Bella said to Nox.

The moment Nox turned around, the gloominess on his face instantly disappeared and a smile appeared on his face.

Shelly glanced over for a moment before she looked away again. In fact, she found that Nox had changed a lot. He used to hate children with a passion, but now, he could play with Bella.

After that, she walked into the kitchen and started preparing dinner. Although it was still early, she started to mess around in the kitchen because she did not want to be with Nox,

While she was focused on preparing the dinner for tonight, Nox suddenly walked in. Shelly pursed her lips, and Nox noticed the stiffness on her lips.

He said, "Do you want me to help you?"

"No need. You can play with Bella," Shelly refused.

"Bella wants to watch some TV for a while."

"Then, you should rest and play some games," Shelly suggested. "Do you not like me getting close to you?" Nox suddenly asked.

Shelly bit her lip and shook her head slowly. "No."

"Shelly, it's easy for me to believe you. And if you say no, I will believe it." Nox looked at her seriously.

Shelly paused and raised her head to meet Nox's gaze.

She said, "By helping me, you're actually giving me more things to do, so why don't you just stand at the side obediently? It'll make my life easier." Upon hearing that, Nox frowned.

"Every time you help me with washing and chopping the vegetables, you'll dirty the stove. You even cut your finger the last time you chopped the vegetables. And because your knife skills weren't great, I had to cut it again," Shelly said bluntly.

Feeling a little embarrassed, Nox said, "I can learn."

"No need. I can take care of things at home. Anyway, I have nothing to do all day, so just do your job well."

Nox did not know what to say. He thought Shelly had always spoken to him calmly to keep the peace between them. However, he also felt that she was deliberately pushing him away.

"If you have to help, peel the garlic for me. I'm making garlic prawns tonight," Shelly suddenly said.

"Okay," Nox replied.

Shelly gave Nox some garlic and taught him how to peel them. Nox took it very seriously and was careful not to make a mess in the kitchen this time.

Shelly looked at Nox, who was squatting beside the trash can on the ground. Seeing that he looked a little tired, she was slightly touched. After all, she had dreamt that Nox would help her with such a thing one day.

She took a small stool that Bella often sat on from the living room and handed it to Nox. "You can sit down. Squatting can be tiring."

Nox was startled by Shelly's voice. He was afraid Shelly would dislike him if he did not do it well, so he was very focused on the task, and Shelly's sudden voice almost scared him to death..

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At that moment, the knife in his hand that he was using to peel the garlic suddenly cut into his hand, and blood oozed out.

Nox immediately covered it up as he did not want Shelly to see it. After all, Shelly had just complained that he either had bad knife skills or was prone to cut his finger. Now, he had cut his finger again.

"Is it bleeding?" Shelly asked.

"It's nothing. It's just a small injury. I used to get injured a lot, so it's nothing," Nox quickly said.

"Let me bandage it for you."

"There's no need to bandage such a small injury. It'll be fine in a while."

"Nox. "

"I'm fine. Don't worry about me," Nox urged, not wanting Shelly to look down on him.

Shelly was a little speechless. "In that case, clean the wound. If the garlic touches the wound, it will hurt even more."

"I said it doesn't hurt anymore, so go do your own thing." Nox was starting to get impatient.

Shelly was used to Nox's temper and also knew that no one could change his mind.

Hence, she stood up from the ground and said, "In that case, you clean your wound yourself."

"Alright."

When Nox saw that Shelly had walked away and was doing her own thing, he stood up and cleaned the wound himself under the tap water.

Shelly glanced over. In the end, she could not bear to see him struggle anymore and went to the first aid kit to find a band-aid.

After Nox cleaned the wound and wiped it dry, she handed Nox a band-aid. "Put it on."

Nox glanced at Shelly and slowly took it. After Shelly went back to her work, Nox lowered his head and started putting on the band-aid, which was inconvenient to put on with one hand.

Shelly went over again and took the band-aid. "Give me your finger."

Under Shelly's insistence, Nox extended his finger, and Shelly carefully put on the band-aid on Nox's finger. Meanwhile, Nox kept looking at Shelly, watching her serious expression.

He said, "I don't seem to be able to do anything right."

Shelly paused for a moment before saying, "Everyone has their own strengths. You don't have to do everything well. At the very least, you're very good at doing business, and many people can't compare to you when it comes to that." "Are you trying to comfort me?"

"I'm telling the truth." Shelly said as she held the band-aid, "Take me, for example. I won't know how to work in a company, but I can be a waitress."

Shelly's tone was normal, but Nox felt an indescribable sense of guilt when he heard it. If Shelly had been able to pass the college entrance examination and live a normal life

He could not help but ask, "Back then, your car accident... I'm talking about the car accident that happened on the day of your college entrance examination. Were your injuries serious?"

Shelly did not know why Nox was suddenly bringing up the car accident. At that time, Nox would rather die than visit her in the hospital, and she figured that was when she had completely given up on Nox.

When she was lying on the hospital bed, the doctor told her that she had a miscarriage, even before she knew about the existence of the child. He also told her that she was disfigured. Since she was not good-looking, to begin with, she would probably not be able to be in public anymore with her disfigured face. That time was the lowest point of her life.

In fact, she had hoped that Nox would come to see her and agree to be with her, even if it was because he felt sorry for her. However, in the end, Nox was not that kind. As the days passed and Nox was nowhere to be seen, she was left utterly disappointed.

Later, she heard from Mrs. Winter that Nox had gotten into a fight with Grandpa Winter because he did not want to see her and was beaten half to death by Grandpa Winter. Seeing that Mrs. Winter had told her to spare Nox's life, she let him go.

After taking Nox's money, she wanted to never see Nox again, and she did indeed keep her dignity. Even though there was a time when she compromised because of Bella, she still managed to pull through it.

Just when she thought she had gotten used to her current life, Nox suddenly appeared out of nowhere, and she did not know how many more years she would have to endure.

She put on the band-aid and said to Nox, "It's done."

Seeing that she did not answer his question, he gulped and swallowed the words he wanted to say..

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He really wanted to apologize to her and the child they had lost. However, in the face of Shelly's indifference, Nox held his tongue.

He watched as Shelly, whose attitude toward him had been lukewarm, turned around and went back to doing her own thing. Hence, Nox silently sat on the bench and continued peeling garlic. In the kitchen, no one spoke again, and it was quiet.

After dinner. Shelly would shower Bella and put Bella to bed before returning to her room. Usually, Nox would lie on the sofa and watch TV or play games while waiting for her, and it was the same tonight.

The moment Nox took out his phone and was about to play a game, his phone suddenly rang.

Nox looked at a familiar phone number and answered the call. "Hello."

"Nox, it's me, Zoe."

Nox's expression changed immediately.

When he was about to hang up, he heard her say, "I know you don't want to answer my call, but I just want to tell you that I don't mind getting an abortion."

Nox's eyes narrowed. "What tricks are you playing now?"

"I admit that I have a motive, but I have no choice. Nox, I'm downstairs." Zoe hung up the phone after that.

Nox gritted his teeth and rushed out of the house at lightning speed.

Shelly had just coaxed Bella to sleep and opened the door to see Nox leaving the house anxiously. She did not know what he was up to, but without him around, she could relax a little. Hence, she returned to her room and did her own thing.

The moment Nox walked downstairs, he saw Zoe standing under a street lamp and waiting for him alone from afar.

He walked up to her and said, "Tell me, what do you want?"

"Nox, was our relationship nothing to you? The child in my stomach is yours." Zoe was a little unhappy when she saw Nox's cold-blooded appearance.

"Let me ask you again. What do you want?" Nox did not have much patience with Zoe.

Zoe held it in. She also knew that if Nox said he could ignore her, he would.

She said bluntly, "I don't mind aborting the child. In fact, I can even tell your mother that the child is not yours, but I want some money. Then, I'll make sure there won't be any conflict between you and your mother." "Tell me your purpose." Nox did not want to waste any time.

Zoe said, "I want a sum of money."

Nox just stared at her.

"You know I'm short of money. I admit that I kept the child at first because I wanted to get back together with you. Although I messed around with a lot of men, you were the only one I liked the most, and I did want to be with you again. However, after seeing how cruel and cold-blooded you were to me, I gave up. Since we can't get back together, I don't want to use the child to tie you down, and it's unfair on the child. I don't want him to be born fatherless either." Zoe made things clear.

"However, I'm still pregnant with your child, and I've suffered so much. Even if I was wrong in the past, I've paid it all off with this child, and I don't owe you anything. That's why I'm asking you for money!"

"How much do you want?" Nox asked.

It was so straightforward that even Zoe was surprised. She thought that Nox would at least reject her. After all, Nox could never be threatened. Fortunately, she was right about Nox not wanting to have any conflict with his parents.

She said, "One million dollars."

Nox frowned slightly.

Seeing the change in his expression, Zoe quickly said, "Nox, you destroyed our business and made us lose tens of millions of dollars, so what's wrong with me taking back one million dollars? That is the least I'm willing to accept. If it's anything lower than this, we'll have to have a proper talk. I know I can't resist you and will lose the child sooner or later, but I guarantee I'll ruin your relationship with your mother!"

"I'll give it to you." Nox suddenly agreed.

However, Zoe did not believe him.

"I'm not threatened by you. I just don't want to have anything to do with you anymore!" Nox said, "I'm afraid of Shelly misunderstanding the situation." Zoe's expression darkened.

She could not help but ask, "Are you together with Shelly? Didn't you say you disliked her? Didn't you hated her to the core?"

"That's none of your business!"

"Nox, you're hilarious," Zoe mocked.

"Have you said enough?" Nox's expression was ugly.

"I suddenly realize that you're no better than me!" Zoe sneered. "I guess Shelly will never fall in love with you."

Nox looked at Zoe coldly, and Zoe pursed her lips, gloating.

She said, "I'll go for an abortion tomorrow, but I need you to come with me. I need the best doctor. I can't hurt my body."

"Alright." Nox agreed.

"Also, before the abortion tomorrow, I want to see 500 thousand dollars in my account. You can give me the other 500 thousand after the abortion. I'll send you the account number later." Zoe stated her conditions.

"Anything else?" Nox looked impatient.

Zoe was still unhappy with Nox's attitude toward her. He used to treat her so well back then, but now, he had turned hostile..