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Love Change Of Heart Chapter 141-At the mall, Anna, who picked out over ten clothes at once, turned around and asked, "What do you think, Georgina?"

Looking at her, Georgina smiled and replied absent-mindedly, "It's quite good."

Anna then told the salesperson, "Pack this too."

"Okay."

Only while paying did Anna look at Georgina and asked, "What's wrong, Georgina? Are you feeling sick?"

She replied, "I'm not. I was thinking that since we're out, we might as well buy something for Miss McKinney."

The mention of Leanna made Anna a bit frustrated. "Georgina, you've seen today how that woman acts. You treated her so nicely, yet she did not appreciate it at all."

Yet, Georgina just smiled in return. "It's up to her whether she appreciates it or not. As for me, I only want to live without guilt. Besides, the baby she's pregnant with is your cousin's child. Since she's connected to me, I just can't leave her alone now, can I?"

"You're really going to care for the child on her behalf, aren't you?" Anna mumbled, "We don't even know if she'll be able to give birth to that illegitimate child."

Hearing this, Georgina only lowered her head and showed a very subtle smile. "Alright now, Anna, since we've almost finished shopping, should we visit Carly? I don't think you've seen her since she gave birth, right?"

This made Anna feel a bit guilty while she smiled forcefully. "I suddenly remembered that my parents wanted me back home today. So, I'll skip it this time."

Anna quickly left after saying that.

It was until she had walked away that Georgina's gaze turned cold.

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In the ward, Georgina saw Carly sitting on the bed with a dazed expression, not knowing what she was thinking of.

She set down the flowers she had just bought and walked over. "What are you thinking about, Carly? Where's the baby?"

Snapping back to reality, Carly stated, "My mom brought the baby to do a check-up."

After that, she then asked, "How are you so free to visit me today, Georgina?"

"I was free today, so I went to the Pearsons. After that, I went shopping with Anna, so I came to see you."

The mention of the Pearsons showed a brief sign of hesitation in Carly's eyes.

Noticing her behavior, Georgina sat by her side and asked gently, "What's wrong, Carly?"

Carly bit her lips and grabbed Georgina's hands. "Georgina, I really don't know who I can tell this to. So, you really have to help me keep this secret!"

Georgina nodded at her words. "I will."

Even though Georgina said that, Carly still hesitated before spilling the beans as this was not a very proud thing to admit to.

With a low voice, she asked, "Do you remember how Aidan's ex-wife fell into the water on the day of Mrs. Pearson's birthday banquet?"

"I do. Why?"

"The reason she fell in the water was because..." Carly bit her lips and mustered up her courage before continuing, "of me."

"But, Carly, why did you—"

"During then, I thought that she was pregnant with Zayn's child. With the impending engagement and Anna's impulsive nature, I felt she would exaggerate this incident, so I was compelled to act. Also... I didn't really want

to hurt her. I just wanted to get rid of the baby, but I didn't think that Aidan would save her..."

Georgina replied, "It's all in the past now. Besides, the baby and Miss McKinney are fine, so why are you bringing this up all of a sudden, Carly?"

Frowning, Carly answered, "Just yesterday, Aidan sent a present to me. Look at what the gift card said..."

She then gave Georgina the card from the bag. "He must have known who did it. That's why he's threatening me."

Georgina, who glanced at it, comforted her by saying, "Carly, this is just a normal greeting. You might be overthinking this."

Yet, Carly shook her head. "You know that my family's relationship with Aidan soured after we arranged a marriage with the Pearsons. He even treated my parents with such a bad attitude, so why would he send a present just because I gave birth? But, the thing I don't understand is how he found out about the incident..."

Georgina patted the back of her hands to coax her. "You don't have to be so anxious, Carly. Don't just scare yourself. If things really did happen as you described them to be, I'll help you explain to Aidan that this is all just an accident and misunderstanding."

Due to Georgina being the silver lining that Carly could depend on right now, she quickly said, "You're right. Georgina, please tell Aidan how I only did that because I thought she was pregnant with Zayn's child. Also, also, doesn't he not feel anything for his wife and detests her?"

Her words made Georgina smile lightly. "Yup. He doesn't have any have to be so anxious about it, Carly."

At that moment, Marilyn came back with the baby, so they stopped their conversation.

After Georgina greeted her, she left.

Walking out of the ward, her smile slowly disappeared.

No feelings for her?

Georgina recalled the scene at the garden that afternoon. Standing there, she was there for God knew how long, yet those two people did not notice her presence at all.

The way that Aidan looked at Leanna and the way that he moved his hand to cover her belly revealed just how important Leanna was to him. No matter how much Aidan denied and insulted Leanna verbally, he still cannot hide his feelings for her.

The reason why the man married her was all a ruse to calm the current situation down and divert the attention of the Pearsons to help Leanna escape from her current predicament.

Sitting in the car, Georgina took her phone out and dialed a number.

After the call connected, she smiled and asked, "Miss Wojzicki, are you busy?"

"I am quite free these two days. Can I help you, Miss Crossley?"

"It's nothing. I can't seem to contact McK recently, so I wanted to ask if you could possibly do it on my behalf. This is because my sister loved the necklace she designed last time, so I wanted to commission her for another design."

Yet, Queenie replied, "I also can't seem to contact her, Miss Crossley. She hasn't come to the company for quite some time now."

"Really..." Georgina then purposefully mumbled, "It's nothing. I must have seen the wrong person. If so, then I won't bother you any further."

"Hold on," Queenie called out. "You said that you saw the wrong person, Miss Crossley? Who did you see? Is it related to Leanna?"

"I'm not all that sure, so I don't dare to jump to conclusions. Actually, I went to the Pearsons and found a person resembling McK a lot, but she is pregnant. It seemed to me she was already six to seven months pregnant. Sadly, I only saw her silhouette, so I'm not all too sure if it's her or not. But, you don't have to worry about this, Miss Wojzicki. I might have just mistook that person for McK."

Love Change Of Heart Chapter 142-After hearing about this, how could Queenie not care about it? No wonder Leanna was always wearing loose and oversized clothes at work everyday. I thought it was a bit weird of her for doing that. It turns out that she's pregnant!

After a slight pause, Queenie decided to probe further as she asked, "Miss Crossley, is the Pearson Family you're referring to the Pearson Group?"

"It is."

Hanging up, Georgina looked out the window with a smug expression. Sometimes, one just needs the right words and others will do whatever they need on their behalf.

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Ever since Aidan moved back to the residence, the whole atmosphere had become a lot more depressing though Leanna would like to differ. To her, it was much more 'exciting' compared to her past prison-like days.

At last, I have someone to bicker with... Still, I'm not sure what's up with the b*stard. He's just lazing around the house all day long without even going to the company. The worst thing is he'll take a jab at me whenever he feels like it.

At this point, it was only a few days until Gordon's birthday.

The closer it was, the more nervous Leanna became as she was afraid that things might go south. Yet, fate always seemed to have a nasty surprise awaiting her.

Just two days before the birthday banquet, the police received an anonymous tipoff stating that someone in the Pearson Family was taking drugs.

When the police arrived at the Pearson Family Estate, Gordon became livid upon hearing their explanation. "That's impossible! This is preposterous!"

The officers could only apologize and state, "Old Master Pearson, since this incident has somewhat blown up, even the journalists have heard about it. We are just going through with the procedure. Once we make sure that it is a false report, we will investigate this to the best of our abilities and give you a satisfactory explanation."

“Then, make sure you turn the house upside down if that’s what it takes!” Gordon jabbed the ground with his cane in fury. “My family have all been in the field of business for countless generations now and we have always been innocent. We do not involve ourselves in such harmful things nor do we conduct any shady deals. Well, since someone has the audacity to make a false report against us, I’d really like to meet this person who’s dared to walk all over me!”

“Yes, you’re right, Old Master Pearson,” the police said. “I’m afraid we’ll still have to ask for your family’s cooperation in this test so as to prove your innocence.”

Although Gordon was very much unhappy about this, this would only be at advantage for the person who made the false report if he was to reject it.

Soon enough, the entirety of the Pearson Family had their samples collected.

Then, the police asked, “My apologies for troubling

Crossing her arms, Anna replied with a haughty expression, “Leanna is still upstairs.”

To that, Gordon glanced at the servant beside him and ordered, “Bring her.”

“Understood.”

Nodding, the servant left.

Hiding in the bushes nearby were two excited yet nervous journalists who snuck in when the servants were busy with their drug tests.

Although the journalists did not dare to offend the Pearsons, the person who phoned them revealed that this would be a very exclusive headline; if the news made its way into the public, not only would they become famous, the money they would make from it would also be uncountable.

On the other hand, Leanna, who was taking a nap upstairs, was awoken by the servant’s knocks on the door. After hearing that the police were here to investigate drug usage, she was in a daze and only snapped back to reality a while after. “Okay. I’ll head down after changing my clothes.”

Subsequent to the servant leaving, she went to the window and saw that there was a crowd in the garden with two police cars parked beside. This looks serious.

After arriving downstairs, she registered herself with the police. However, when she was the Pearsons, she was caught off guard as she did not know how to answer them.

Not wanting to expose her identity, Gordon stated impatiently, "Nobody's going to escape from here. Just do the test and look for me if anything happens."

The police stopped questioning her after they had collected her sample before departing.

As for those two journalists, they recognized Leanna as soon as she came down as they were previously at the press conference of Lux Magazine. Feeling a huge scope in their hands, they started to capture photos madly.

We now have the evidence that proves the rumors to Mck, you can deny it once, but you can't deny it any longer!

It was then that the bodyguards found the two journalists and dragged them to Gordon.

However, they had thought up an excuse prior to the hiding and only stated that they were here for the drug incident scoop.

The mere mention of this made Gordon even more frustrated and angry as he ordered the bodyguards to check their cameras and chase them away after deleting all the photos.

What they were not aware of was the fact that the two had already backed up the exclusive photos to their phones before they were even caught.

It was until the servants dispersed that Anna sneered at Leanna, "What a jinx."

With a low voice, Justin voiced out, "Anna."

"What? I'm not wrong, am I? When has this kind of in."

Yet, before Justin could continue, Gordon said, “Justin, you should get off Anna’s back for a while.”

Clearly, his words were hinting that he agreed with Anna while he was also taking his anger out on Leanna.

Hearing that she was being backed up, Anna became even more goes. What an annoying woman.”

To that, Gordon only went back to his room with a snort.

Anna, who wanted to leave too, was stopped by Justin. “Anna, apologize to Leanna.”

“I’m not going to. Uncle Gordon already said—”

“I said, apologize.”

Since Anna had never seen this stern side of Justin before, she was a little taken aback as she turned to Sienna. “Aunt Sienna...”

Unexpectedly, Sienna replied, “Didn’t you hear what Justin said?”

This only made Anna stomp her foot and said begrudgingly, “I’m sorry.”

At that, Leanna responded, “I’m sorry. I didn’t quite hear you.”

In an instant, Anna’s anger had turned her expression contorted. Since Justin and Sienna had already made their stance clear, she could only swallow her rage for now as she increased her volume. “I said, I’m sorry!”

Anna then turned around and went back to her room.

Seeing this, Leanna gave a very subtle smile. I actually managed to hear Anna apologizing to me in my lifetime. At least there’s something to be gleaned from this.

“I hope you can forgive her, Leanna. Anna still has a bit of a childish temper,” Justin uttered.

Nodding, she replied, “Thank you for that.”

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Soon enough, the police had released the test report. As expected, nobody in the Pearsons was using drugs, thus determining the anonymous person to have made a false report.

However, they only found out the identity used to report to the police was a fake one, so the investigation was halted for the time being.

It looked like the other party had planned it all out.

Before this incident could get its chance to blow over, someone exposed the news on the official website of Lux Magazine that Leanna was a mistress and had been pregnant all this time. Not only that, the whole article was also detailedly written and presented with organized proof; it was all photos of Leanna's pregnancy.

In the photo, everyone was blurred out while the servants and police were edited out entirely, leaving Leanna exposed alone in the photo.

Love Change Of Heart Chapter 143-Although the article did not explicitly state the identity of the business mogul whom Leanna was involved with, it was evident that the person was powerful and influential; even Lux Magazine would shy away from offending him. This also explained why all the scandals concerning her were easily taken down, which highlighted how much effort Lux put in to protect her image.

The situation only continued to heat up after the news broke out. Subsequently, an anonymous user claimed to know everything about the incident and stated the photograph was taken at the famous Pearson Family Estate.

By then, there were already tons of comments with one even stating they were the employees of Lux Magazine and witnessed a wealthy-looking woman visiting Leanna at the company before.

Judging from the description of the comment, it could very well be talking about Sienna based on past events.

Following that, there was a comment about the illegitimacy of the child, which then spurred the discussion about which Pearson the baby belonged to. In the midst of it, another person mentioned that the child was not the one and only illegitimate member of the family.

It was already 10.00PM when Leanna caught wind of all this.

Zoe was the one who informed her of this.

Now that the incident has been blown out of proportion, Pearson Group's stock price must be affected to a degree.

Gulping, Zoe said fearfully, "Leanna, will they dump all the blaming onto you? Are you able to escape? Should I call the police to save you?"

Leanna thought the whole thing was strange as the scandal seemed to only target her at first before suddenly bringing up the topic of illegitimacy.

Yet, everyone in the Pearsons including Leanna knew clearly that this very topic was the biggest division and barrier put in between Aidan and his family, which essentially was the root of the problem.

Shaking her head at the thought of this, Leanna replied, "Please keep up with the situation out there and hit me up if anything happens."

She then continued after a pause, "And... look out for Louis too."

"Okay." Regardless, Zoe was still worried about her. "How about you send me a message as a safety notice every couple of hours? This way, I can ensure that they didn't do anything to you."

"Alright."

Just before they hung up, Zoe asked, "Oh right, how does Aidan plan to handle this?"

Leanna shook her head. "I don't know. He went to the company early this morning. He still hasn't returned yet."

Zoe replied, "Okay, then. I'll ask my friend regarding the situation at Pearson Group. I'll tell you if any news comes up."

Subsequently, Leanna had just hung up when she heard a huge commotion coming from the study downstairs.

It sounded like Gordon was smashing things out of anger.

Holding tightly onto her phone, she calmed herself down and opened the door.

Before she was about to head downstairs, she bumped into Justin.

“Leanna, where are you going?” asked Justin.

Pursing her lips, she replied, “This whole incident happened because of me, so I thought—”

“Leanna, you’re overthinking this. It’s not your fault.”

It was then that Leanna’s phone rang.

The caller was Aidan.

She hesitated before picking it up as Aidan’s cold voice sounded, “Stay in your room. Don’t you go anywhere. This incident doesn’t have anything to do with you.”

She was caught off guard for a moment.

Did he install a bug on me?

After Aidan finished his statement, he hung up without even waiting for her reply.

Seeing Leanna’s hand slowly drop from her ear, Justin smiled. “That was Aidan, right?”

She nodded in response.

“You should listen to him. He’ll handle everything.”

Upon hearing his words, Leanna did not utter another word before returning to her room.

In reality, she knew that she could not be of help anyway. At worst, she would only be treated as a punching doll.

Still, this incident is too strange... Everything seems to be connected. How puzzling.

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After locating Sienna in the garden, Justin called out for her after watching her from behind for quite some time, "Mom."

Turning around, she did not seem at all surprised at his appearance. "It's already so late. Is there anything?"

"You're the one who incited all this drama about Aidan, am I right?"

To that, she only smiled. "There are no secrets that can't be revealed. Perhaps, this is what the universe wants."

Frustrated, he replied, "Things have already blown out of proportion at this point, so why are you making it worse?"

"Worse? I thought that it could go even worse than this! After being wronged for so many years, don't you think it is only right for me to stand up for you? Besides, I wasn't the one who planned this; all I did was fan the flames," Sienna told the truth as she indeed was not the mastermind behind this.

To her, the truth about Aidan's illegitimacy not only concerned the reputation of the Pearsons but also her image and dignity. As such, she had been dreaming for this day to arrive for the past decades.

Lucky for her, she did not have to be the one who ignited the flames. All she needed to do was to give the heated discussion a little bit of push and direction.

"What's the point of doing all this? Does it change anything?" asked Justin.

"Even if it doesn't change a thing, I don't want him to have an easy life either." Standing up, Sienna stated, "I would appreciate it if you can stay out of this. I will deal with it as I see fit."

Standing in a dark corner was Anna who was biting her lips.

Aidan is actually Uncle Gordon's illegitimate child! So, that means that he and I are not related at all! He's not even my cousin!

No wonder Aunt Sienna disliked him since he was young. I always thought that she was just biased toward Justin due to his disability.

It was then that she realized why Justin was referred as a brother to her while Aidan was only a cousin.

This is all because he's a b*stard.

If so, then I won't have to be afraid of anything anymore.

Slipping away, Anna went to Leanna's door on the first floor with a piercing gaze.

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Facing the scandal, everyone at Pearson Group felt like they were walking on needles.

At that point, nobody had the time to care about the backer of Lux Magazine's designer or the father of the child inside her.

What they cared about now was the concerning rumors surrounding their president, which stated that he might be an illegitimate child.

Oftentimes, the stranger the tales of the rich, the more curious the public.

In the president's office, Jonathan felt that this was the biggest challenge of his career yet as cold sweat covered his back. "President Pearson, I can't seem to suppress the trending topics. There are also way too many negative comments. I am unable to delete them all..."

However, Aidan was not in the least bit of shock or fear as he casually skimmed through the scandals and asked, "Have you found the whistleblower from the start?"

"I haven't..." Jonathan replied quietly. "The person used a fake identity. Also, the IP address originated from an illegal internet cafe. Surveillance cameras from that nearby area also did not manage to capture the perpetrators' face."

Hearing this, Aidan uttered, "Leanna sure made a heck lot of enemies since we divorced for only half a year now."

Not ready to risk his life yet, Jonathan kept silent.

Love Change Of Heart Chapter 144-Jonathan could only bitterly inside. I think you should worry about yourself first! You are in much deeper trouble than you think you are!

In actuality, he had already suppressed the incident concerning Leanna.

Aidan continued, "This woman wouldn't even know what caused her downfall upon death if it wasn't for me."

"President Pearson..."

"From the charity event last time up until today's scandal, it looks like someone desperately wanted her reputation to be ruined. Therefore, whoever we should be looking into now will be the person who would benefit the most from Leanna's departure from Lux."

Pondering for a while, Jonathan knew what he was getting at. "What you mean... is the perpetrator might be an employee of Lux?"

While leaning against his chair with a cold look, Aidan replied, "That sharp tongue of hers must've pissed a lot of people off. Let's start off with the ones that are the most suspicious."

"Understood." Jonathan almost left the office before he turned back. "Then... What about the other matters?"

"There's no point in worrying ourselves with things that we have no control over. She'll naturally stop when the desired outcome is achieved."

Jonathan was rather shocked upon this statement. "President Pearson, you know who's the mastermind?"

In return, Aidan only lifted his gaze at him emotionlessly which made Jonathan reply, "I'll get to business on Madam's affairs right now."

After he left, the office descended into silence.

Standing up, Aidan arrived in front of the window with both hands in his pocket as he stared at the busy street below while deep in thought.

It was moments later when the phone on the table rang.

Turning back, he noticed it was from Leanna yet chose not to move from the spot.

The phone rang until the ringtone ended and the screen faded to darkness.

Directing his gaze elsewhere, he stood for another few minutes before picking up his phone and dialing back.

It was only a few seconds when Leanna's voice came from the other side. "President Pearson, were you busy just now?"

He grunted coldly. "I was."

It sounded as if even uttering a word more was too much for him.

"I see. You should continue your work, then. I won't hold you up any longer."

Just as she wanted to hang up, she heard his voice in an upset tone. "Speak."

She then replied carefully, "Miss Fletcher called me earlier. She's very worried about you."

"What's there to worry about? It's not like I'll kill myself or whatever."

Leanna was originally concerned about him, but after hearing how rude he was, she grew a bit frustrated. "President Pearson, do you have to talk like this?"

Looking straight ahead, Aidan seemed to have recalled something when he saw his reflection from the window.

It was then that he uttered, "I'm sorry about that. Could you repeat your question?"

Leanna did not.

"I'm fine. She doesn't have to worry about anything," he continued.

"Then... If you're really fine, give her a call."

"I got it."

"Okay, that's all. I'm hanging up."

At that moment, Aidan suddenly called out to her. "Leanna."

His tone made her heart skip a beat. "What?"

"I'm giving you one last chance." He continued gently, "Do you want to get back together with me?"

After a long pause, she replied, "Why are you bringing this up now?"

"Just answer me."

"Aren't you going to marry Miss Crossley?"

Her continuous questions made Aidan respond, "Alright. Enough with your excuses. You wasted your chance."

The call ended abruptly.

Leanna was then left with the disconnect tone.

Looking outside the window, she felt a little melancholic.

What is that b*stard doing again? He keeps testing my patience out of nowhere.

It was then that someone knocked on the door.

Rubbing her eyes, she went to open it.

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On the other hand, Queenie, who was watching the shift in attention on the internet, became restless and fidgety.

She knew that the journalists would not dare to expose the Pearson Group; frankly, she only wanted to use them to let the public know that Leanna was a kept woman and that she had an illegitimate child.

Yet, she never planned for things to spiral out of her control.

Obviously, someone has pointed out the location to be Pearson Family Estate before highlighting the topic about the illegitimate child. In the end, they actually directed all the attention to Aidan Pearson!!!

Queenie knew that things were completely out of hand now. In her worst case scenario, she might even be dragged into this mess.

In the midst of her helplessness, her phone suddenly rang. Seeing that it was an unregistered phone number, she quickly picked it up. "Hello, is this Ron?"

On the other end, Ron paused before speaking, "Queenie, I think they found me. So, this might be the last time I can help you."

"Where are you, Ron?" asked Queenie.

"You don't have to worry, Queenie. I told you that no matter what happens, I will bear it all by myself. I will not drag you down with me."

Even though he said that, she was still worried. "But... But..."

"Live a good life, Queenie. Don't be like me. Don't live a life where you can only survive in the shadows."

As soon as he said that, sounds of quickened footsteps could be heard from Ron's side. Queenie could only hear him mumbling, "When?" before a splash of impact was heard.

It turned out that he had thrown the phone into the water.

To that, she breathed a sigh of relief. If that's what I think happened, then I'm sure they won't be able to find me even if they track down the perpetrators.

Still holding onto her phone, she hesitated for a while before calling someone.

After the line connected, she said softly, "It's me, Miss Crossley."

Georgina smiled. "Hello, Miss Wojzicki. Is there anything I can help you with?"

"About the scandal online, I wanted to ask if that will affect Pearson Group in any way?"

"What do you mean by this, Miss Wojzicki?"

Queenie hastily explained, "Please don't misunderstand, Miss Crossley. It's because... It's because..."

In a state of panic, she did not know what to say as she only uttered after a while, "I was once sponsored by the company to go to Aeras for further studies. After I came back, the Pearson Group also helped me out. Regardless of anything, it is true that I owe them a lot, so I wanted to clear up my confusion concerning the sudden scandal."

"Oh, I see." Georgina continued in a gentle manner, "Actually, I'm not too sure about the entire situation myself. How about this? I'll ask around and inform you later. Is that okay with you?"

"Of course. Thank you for your help, Miss Crossley."

"No worries. It's just that since this happened so suddenly, Pearson Group's stock price has been affected quite severely by this."

Her words had nearly made Queenie's heart beat out of chest, but she did not dare to say much in fear of exposing herself. Therefore, she could only say, "I'll thank you in advance then, Miss Crossley. Please tell me if there's anything that I can do to help."

"Thank you for your concern, Miss Wojzicki," Georgina replied.

After hanging up, Queenie looked at the various news articles on her phone only to notice that the comments had lessened. Looks like the people of Pearson Group have begun to make their move.

Yet, it was this exact turn of events that struck fear into her heart.

Once they clean up the scandal online, they will be sure to trace the roots back to me.

Love Change Of Heart Chapter 145-Leanna opened the door; although Anna's appearance surprised her, she asked calmly, "Is there anything I can help you with?"

Anna displayed haughtiness and disdain with her arms crossed. "Seems like you're not affected in the slightest even after the big incident. You must be living a happy life, aren't you?"

Her sarcastic tone implied her purpose of coming over was to poke fun at Leanna, who was not in the mood of playing along with her. "Is there anything you wanna say?"

“Nothing in particular,” Anna mocked. “Don’t you know that bad things keep happening ever since the day you move to our house? How do you sleep at night knowing that you don’t belong here?”

“If you can persuade Old Master Pearson, I can leave immediately.” Leanna was trying to protect herself.

It had been a week since she started living here and there had been no issue at all. It was obvious that Anna wanted to cause a scene by getting on her nerves right now. Bringing up Gordon’s name was to remind Anna of the situation and suggest she back off.

The trick worked as her expression showed nuances, albeit for a fleeting second. She centered herself and jeered at Leanna, “You must be naive to think that I’ll be afraid of you just because you brought up Uncle Gordon. He just needs the baby in your belly to control Aidan. He doesn’t care even if you’re dead.”

Leanna smiled lightly in return. “That is true. No one cares if I’m dead. So, tell me, Anna Pearson, are you going to put your life at stake just to take me down right now? Or, are you going to wait after I give birth to the child?”

A flicker of resentment flashed across Anna’s eyes when she heard that. “Leanna McKinney, do you really think that you can keep that illegitimate child of yours?”

The smile on Leanna’s face gradually simmered as she stared coldly at Anna, who was content by the reaction. Anna continued nonchalantly, “You do know that your baby is nothing but a puppet, right? It’s not like the child is irreplaceable. If Uncle Gordon can find an illegitimate child, he can find the second and the third one. Your child is not as important as you believe, you know?”

Hearing that, Leanna finally understood the reason as to why Anna was at her door. Considering how Anna was afraid of Aidan back then, there was a possibility that she did not know about his identity as the illegitimate child.

It was probably because of his warning that made her stop her ploys for a short period of time, but her attitude totally changed after the truth of the illegitimate child had been transpired.

Contempt seeped into her words whenever she spoke of Aidan. Such a thing would not have happened if it was still yesterday.

Leanna held her tongue for a moment before gazing at her with serenity. “If the baby isn’t all that important, then why do you think I am confined here?”

It was now Anna’s turn to stay silent for a few moments before retorting, “Don’t get too full of yourself. I won’t let you slide off that easily.”

Leanna smiled. “Same goes for you.”

Recalling Leanna’s warning when she first returned to the country, Anna’s expression slightly changed. It was not that she was scared of Leanna, but Aidan might really let her pay the price with her life if he found out about the truth of the incident.

After Anna left, Leanna closed and locked the door as though that could give her a sense of security. She then sat on the bed wearily as she felt something sapped her energy; even her palms were clammy with sweat. That was close.

While confronting someone as domineering as Anna, Leanna knew well that she should never show signs of weaknesses during a clash. Although Leanna managed to pull it through tonight, Anna resembled a ticking time bomb that would go off any second now.

At that moment, Leanna’s phone rang. It was Zoe.

“Nana, are you alright?”

“I... I’m fine. Have you found where Louis is?” It was not until then did she feel her voice becoming hoarse.

“He’s right next to me. You—Hey, hey! Hey!”

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Love Change Of Heart Chapter 146-Leanna opened the door; although Anna's appearance surprised her, she asked calmly, "Is there anything I can help you with?"

Anna displayed haughtiness and disdain with her arms crossed. "Seems like you're not affected in the slightest even after the big incident. You must be living a happy life, aren't you?"

Her sarcastic tone implied her purpose of coming over was to poke fun at Leanna, who was not in the mood of playing along with her. "Is there anything you wanna say?"

"Nothing in particular," Anna mocked. "Don't you know that bad things keep happening ever since the day you move to our house? How do you sleep at night knowing that you don't belong here?"

"If you can persuade Old Master Pearson, I can leave immediately." Leanna was trying to protect herself.

It had been a week since she started living here and there had been no issue at all. It was obvious that Anna wanted to cause a scene by getting on her nerves right now. Bringing up Gordon's name was to remind Anna of the situation and suggest she back off.

The trick worked as her expression showed nuances, albeit for a fleeting second. She centered herself and jeered at Leanna, "You must be naive to think that I'll be afraid of you just because you brought up Uncle Gordon. He just needs the baby in your belly to control Aidan. He doesn't care even if you're dead."

Leanna smiled lightly in return. "That is true. No one cares if I'm dead. So, tell me, Anna Pearson, are you going to put your life at stake just to take me down right now? Or, are you going to wait after I give birth to the child?"

A flicker of resentment flashed across Anna's eyes when she heard that. "Leanna McKinney, do you really think that you can keep that illegitimate child of yours?"

The smile on Leanna's face gradually simmered as she stared coldly at Anna, who was content by the reaction. Anna continued nonchalantly, "You do know that your baby is nothing but a puppet, right? It's not like the child is irreplaceable. If Uncle Gordon can find an illegitimate child, he can find the second and the third one. Your child is not as important as you believe, you know?"

Hearing that, Leanna finally understood the reason as to why Anna was at her door. Considering how Anna was afraid of Aidan back then, there was a possibility that she did not know about his identity as the illegitimate child.

It was probably because of his warning that made her stop her ploys for a short period of time, but her attitude totally changed after the truth of the illegitimate child had been transpired.

Contempt seeped into her words whenever she spoke of Aidan. Such a thing would not have happened if it was still yesterday.

Leanna held her tongue for a moment before gazing at her with serenity. "If the baby isn't all that important, then why do you think I am confined here?"

It was now Anna's turn to stay silent for a few moments before retorting, "Don't get too full of yourself. I won't let you slide off that easily."

Leanna smiled. "Same goes for you."

Recalling Leanna's warning when she first returned to the country, Anna's expression slightly changed. It was not that she was scared of Leanna, but Aidan might really let her pay the price with her life if he found out about the truth of the incident.

After Anna left, Leanna closed and locked the door as though that could give her a sense of security. She then sat on the bed wearily as she felt something sapped her energy; even her palms were clammy with sweat. That was close.

While confronting someone as domineering as Anna, Leanna knew well that she should never show signs of weaknesses during a clash. Although Leanna managed to pull it through tonight, Anna resembled a ticking time bomb that would go off any second now.

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Love Change Of Heart Chapter 147-Soon enough, there was a knock on the bedroom door.

The servant came with Leanna's breakfast and said, "Old Master Pearson has given instructions that you are not to head downstairs for the next few days. If you have anything that you need at all, just let me know. I will bring your meals into the room for you at the same time each day."

Leanna was not surprised at all by the scenario, so she nodded gently without being emotionally affected.

Judging by the incidents from yesterday, Gordon would surely blame every issue onto her. Hence, it was natural for him to not wish to lay eyes on her anymore.

As for the esteemed guest today...

She recalled the scene she had caught sight of in front of the window and it was quite likely that Georgina's father had paid a visit.

Therefore, it made sense that she was forbidden from heading downstairs.

She collected the breakfast from the servant and was about to enter her room when she suddenly caught sight of Aidan's figure.

The servant bowed slightly to her and quickly left after that.

At that moment, Leanna's eyes coincidentally met his cold and distant eyes. For a moment there, she was at a loss for whether to greet him politely or pretend that she did not see him and shut the door immediately.

Fortunately, Aidan voiced out first, "Don't trust anyone in this house."

She was perplexed by his words and paused for a moment before saying, "I don't get what you mean, President Pearson..."

"Whatever, then." He retracted his gaze and turned around before suddenly mentioning, "I definitely won't go back on my words."

With that, he did not utter another word and went back to his room.

Leanna was momentarily stunned before shutting the door behind her.

She glanced at the breakfast in front of her and just like that, her appetite was lost.

Truth be told, the words that Aidan said were not exactly a mystery to her. She just did not know the extent of his awareness regarding everything. Does he know that Sienna has come to see me? Or is he aware that Sienna had pre-arranged an escape route for me? As such, she chose to act oblivious.

Leanna knew that Sienna was not to be trusted, but without her help, Leanna would not even be able to walk out of the Pearson Family Estate.

After quite some time, she suddenly recalled the last sentence that Aidan said to her.

He mentioned that he would not back on his words.

She placed her hand gently on her baby bump and thought, Even if he keeps his words, it won't change a thing at all. After the birth of her child, she would be faced with only two options; the child would either be taken away by the Pearsons or be sent to some unknown place.

Therefore, she realized that she had to make plans for the livelihood of their lives.

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After being cooped up in her room for an entire day, Leanna realized that Right now, she finally felt the torture of being imprisoned.

Her body ached from lying in bed too much, but she could only walk around in the room.

The little one in her tummy seemed to sense the uneasiness from the outside world, so the baby was rather restless inside and thus, causing her to be very uncomfortable.

The subsequent night, Zoe sent Leanna the latest information.

Pearson Group had already come forward and cleared the air about the false rumors on the Internet from yesterday. The allegation about an illegitimate child was completely untrue and the Pearson Group would pursue this matter in court while taking action against those who spread the false news.

Besides that, everyone was widely discussing Aidan and Georgina's wedding. This unification of two wealthy families—be it their upcoming wedding next month or the immense benefit brought about by the union of their families—was the center of everyone's attention.

Occasionally, someone would bring up Aidan's mysterious ex-wife, who had never been seen in public. However, no one brought up anything about Lux Jewelry's designer.

Zoe spoke in a soft voice, "Nana, are you leaving today?"

Leanna nodded. Today was the day that she and Sienna had agreed upon.

It also happened to be Gordon's birthday banquet tonight.

Due to the upcoming merge of the Pearson and Crossley Family, his birthday banquet this year was much livelier than his previous celebrations. The bulk of the guests in attendance were there to pay their compliments and flatter him.

However, the lively situation had nothing to do with Leanna.

Even with her windows tightly shut, she could still hear the noises from outside.

She took a look at the time and saw that it was now 5.00PM, meaning it was soon for her to escape.

She looked at the clock as time ticked by slowly; her palms became sweaty as her anxiety grew.

As time passed, the sky outside had also gradually darkened. Finally at 8.00PM, she heard a knock on her door.

Leanna held her phone in her hands and regulated her breathing before walking to the doorway.

There were two men clad in black standing in front of her door and one of the men spoke, "Miss McKinney, Old Master Gordon has instructed us to send you off."

As soon as she heard that, she retreated several steps involuntarily. "Old Master Pearson?" How can it be him?!

The bodyguard nodded. "Miss McKinney, it's time to go."

Although both of them behaved politely, there was an insistent note in their voices and she was not given any chance to say no.

Leanna was unsure of the current situation, so she had no choice but to purse her lips and try hard to control her trembling body as she left with them...

The bodyguards led her out by using a different path to avoid the guests attending the party.

The path they took to the back door was very quiet and deserted.

Suddenly, she paused in her tracks.

The two bodyguards instantly looked in her direction. "Miss McKinney, is there something wrong?"

She replied, "I would like to know where you guys are bringing me."

"Old Master Pearson wants us to send you to a safe place until you deliver the child." The bodyguard continued, "He also wanted me to pass on a message to you. He emphasized that you should not defy him if you don't wish to implicate the people around you. Otherwise, if your child is harmed in the process, no one would benefit from this at all."

Leanna clenched her hands into a fist. He keeps threatening me with the same thing.

However, this time, they intended to send her off to a secret location.

The bodyguard rushed, "Miss McKinney, let's go."

She bit on her lip and had not even managed to take a step forward when the two bodyguards, originally behind her, suddenly collapsed to the ground one after the other.

Shocked, she turned around and saw that Sienna was standing not too far away with an indifferent expression.

It was her men who had dealt with the two bodyguards.

Despite that, Leanna was even more guarded as she did not feel any sense of relief at all.

However, Sienna did not bother to explain anything to her either. "There has been a change in plans, but don't worry. I will help you get away as per our deal."

Leanna responded, "Thank you, Mrs. Pearson."

"You're welcome. The two of us are just getting what we want respectively." Sienna walked over and looked at Leanna. "You have to leave your phone here."

Not making any move, Leanna seemed to be hesitating.

"If Aidan investigates this matter afterward, he might discover that I was the one who helped you get away. I've got the two perfect candidates to push the blame on, so it would be just nice if you left your phone with them," Sienna spoke up.

She then reached out to take a new phone from one of her men and handed it to Leanna. "Here you go. Do you feel more at ease now?"

Leanna turned back and shot a look at the bodyguards on the ground. Finally, she placed her phone next to them.

Sienna turned around with her back facing Leanna. "The car is waiting outside. They will escort you to a safe place first. Once the commotion dies down, then I will send you abroad. My phone number is already saved in the phone, so you can get hold of me anytime if necessary."

Leanna nodded slightly. "Whatever it is, I would like to express my gratitude, Mrs. Pearson."

Love Change Of Heart Chapter 148-Sienna did not answer the question, and she left.-Leanna held her new phone and heaved a sigh. She went to the backdoor with the men and looked at the car not far from her before she said, "Give me a minute. I don't feel too good."

One of the men turned around and told her coolly, "We're here to help, Miss McKinney. Don't try to pull anything funny."

Leanna bit her lip. "I won't. I mean, look at me. I'm pregnant. What can I even do? You know how pregnant women are. Life's a hassle for us. I can't help it."

"What do you want?"

"I..." Leanna looked around and pointed at the patch of wild bushes nearby. "I need to relieve myself. Can you give me a few minutes?"

The man looked a little impatient, and he was reluctant to let her go.

Leanna grumbled, “Look at me! Do you think I can escape? Besides, I’m pregnant with the Pearsons’ kid. I’m not some sort of criminal. Treat me like one and I’ll tell Mrs. Pearson about this.”

The man was about to say something, but his friend stopped him. He told Leanna, “Go. We’ll wait for you.”

“Thank you.” She slowly went to the bushes.

After she was gone, the man who spoke first complained, “Can you not waste our time?”

His friend replied, “This is the only road around this place. Even if she tries to run, she can’t make it too far. I mean, her belly’s too big for her to even run. Nothing’s gonna happen. Relax.”

The man looked upset, but he said nothing. He looked at the time. Leanna was still not back ten minutes later, and he had a feeling something was wrong. He went to the bushes, but before he could check on her, she said, “Stop right there! Don’t come any closer!”

The man stopped. “Are you done yet, Miss McKinney?”

Leanna said, “I told you pregnancy is a hassle. You’ll get it when you’re married.”

Ten minutes later, the man asked, “Miss McKinney?” Nobody answered him this time. He knew something was wrong, so he went and checked on her, but she was nowhere to be seen. All that was left was the phone Sienna gave her. The man scrolled through the phone. When he saw its call history, he realized that Leanna was talking to him through the phone. He cursed and turned around. “She’s gone! After her!”

Leanna came out after they were gone for some time. She held her waist and heaved a sigh. They’re finally gone. She asked Zoe to help her out before. This was the only main road behind Pearson Group’s building, but there was an alleyway beside it. Leanna just had to keep walking this path for about half an hour, and she would reach the main road on the other side.

She did not make it too far when she felt something sharp held against her throat. Someone said coldly, "Don't move." She stopped moving. Leanna could see that the guy was a ruthless one. The dagger was absurdly sharp, and she felt a sliver of pain coming from her neck. The man tossed a piece of cloth to her. "Cover your eyes." Leanna did as she was told, and the man held her hands behind her. He tied them up and pushed her shoulder. "Walk."

They came to a black car. The man opened the door and stuffed her inside. He said, hurt you for now, but only if you work with me." He then went to the driver's seat.

She felt the car sway. He's probably driving. A while later, she asked, "Have you been waiting for me? Is this your car?"

The man ignored her.

"What would you do if I hadn't distracted them? Can you take on all she chuckled. "I think you can. You're a lot more ruthless than they are."

The man was silent for a moment, then he said, "So, you know who I am?"

Leanna said, "I remember your voice." She continued coolly, "You always show up when I need it most. I get used to things like that."

Ron kept quiet and set his sights ahead.

The group of pursuers reappeared not long after Ron left. They heard the commotion, and what they saw shocked them. They were about to stop the car, but Ron floored the accelerator and sent two of them flying.

She could not see anything, as she was blindfolded. All she could feel was the car rumbling violently, and it felt like they crashed into something. She held back the urge to vomit and moved herself somewhere safe. A few minutes later, they came to the mountainside, and there were three cars there.

He said, "They're probably your rescuers."

Leanna was silent for a moment, and she smiled. "Probably."

Ron stepped on the accelerator without hesitation. The Pearson guys did not stop him as they were worried about Leanna. They made way for Ron the moment he sped up, and Ron's car disappeared into the night.

Jonathan got out of his car, looking dejected. He called Aidan, "Sir, someone took the madam. We... couldn't stop him."

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Aidan was in the residence when Jonathan called him. He hung up and tried to leave, looking all dark.

Georgina put her glass of champagne down and went over to him. "Where are you going, Aidan?"

Aidan ignored her question and picked up his pace.

"Aidan!" Georgina followed him out of the hall and held his arm. "This is the first time we're attending a public event since our engagement. You can't leave me alone just like this."

Aidan turned back. "I've agreed to your terms. Why do you care so much?"

"But Old Mr. Pearson is going to suspect something if you leave now. Your efforts will be for nothing. Miss McKinney will be fine. Trust me. I'll help with the search after this."

Aidan pulled his arm out. He told her, his voice as icy as the Arctic air, "She's not the only reason for everything I'm doing, but if something were to happen to her, someone will have to pay."

He flung her away. Georgina could only watch as he left the place.

Gordon was chatting with his guests when his underling told him about the news of Leanna's kidnapping. He froze up for a moment and told his underling what to do. Sienna got the news as well, but she looked calm, as if she did not care about this at all.

Love Change Of Heart Chapter 149-Leanna felt that they had been going for a long time, and the car was getting even faster. The ride was getting bumpy as well. She muttered, "Where are you taking me?"

A few moments later, Ron said grimly, "Nowhere."

Leanna froze for a moment, and she felt her blood run cold. "What do you mean?"

“Someone sabotaged the car. The brakes aren’t working.”

Leanna finally understood what Sienna had in mind. No wonder she warned me to keep my departure a secret. No wonder I’m not allowed to tell anyone about this. So this is what she had in mind. If she actually believed Sienna and left with her men, she and her baby would die, and none would be the wiser. That was Sienna’s real goal.

The car had come out of the mountain, and she heard the sounds of vehicles blaring around her.

She leaned against the seat and said, “You would have jumped out of the vehicle to escape if you were alone, wouldn’t you?”

Ron did not answer. He kept weaving through the traffic, trying to lead the car to a remote area.

Leanna was tired. “I think I know why you’re here for me. You might not know this, but Queenie was arrested yesterday. I’m surprised to know that you know her too.” Zoe told her about it the night before. Queenie and Ron were neighbors, and they grew up together. However, they stopped keeping in touch after Queenie went overseas. Leanna neglected that for a long time, but Ron’s appearance explained a lot of stuff. He’s probably behind the necklace’s switcheroo during the banquet too.

Ron’s veins popped. “I did that. It’s not her fault.”

“Just saying, but I can’t really do anything to save her.” She chuckled. “You’re probably abducting me for her, aren’t you? Well, I’m gonna die anyway, so you can go home early today.”

Ron gnashed his teeth. He was about to crash into a little girl, but he turned the steering wheel and crashed into the trash can on the sidewalk.

The momentum slammed Leanna against the car. A frown furrowed her forehead. She was biting her lip, but Ron still heard her gasp in pain.

He asked, “Are you alright?”

“I-I’m fine.”

Ron turned around when they came to a quieter area, and he saw Leanna's dress drenched in blood. He frowned. "You're bleeding."

Leanna said nothing. She knew what fate had in store for her. Maybe Aidan's right. I wanted the baby, so I have to pay the price, no matter how steep it is. Maybe I shouldn't have pushed forward after all. This is the price I have to pay. She regained a little of her strength a while later, and she said, "You should escape now."

Ron said nothing.

Leanna said softly, "Don't give me the good guy act. I hate you. I hate your guts. I wouldn't have done that if you hadn't taken my brother hostage." Her voice started to crack, but she held her emotions back. "This is supposed to be a closed chapter of my life. I don't even know why I dragged it out for three years. I've had enough."

She felt someone taking off the blindfold, and Ron tossed a small knife to her. "Cut the rope yourself."

Now that she could see again, Leanna realized how horrifying the bleeding was. I can't give up. I can't. The baby needs me. The car was running a bit more stably now, and Leanna managed to take the knife with just a bit of nudging. She started cutting through the rope. Fortunately, the knife was sharp enough, and the rope was cut off just a while later.

Ron said, "I'll take you to the nearest hospital, but I don't know what will happen, so be prepared."

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Jonathan and Aidan were in the black Rolls-Royce. "Got it, sir. The guy who took the madam away is Ron. According to the surveillance camera's footage, his car's brakes are malfunctioning." Jonathan whispered the last part out. The look on Aidan's face was terrifying. Jonathan received another call just then, and he said, "Ron's driving to the hospital now, sir."

Aidan said, "Prepare the speed bumps and buffers."

"Yes, sir," Jonathan said, then he went to make the arrangements.

Aidan rolled the window down, his lips pursed. His jaw was tense, and in the rear-view mirror, Jonathan could see that his hand was trembling.

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Ron noticed that there was nobody outside the hospital, and the entrance was filled with speed bumps. He said, "Sit tight." He drove over without hesitating.

Leanna was curled up in the corner. She bent over and tried her best to keep the baby safe, but she could feel herself bleeding. Her head was drenched with sweat, and she clenched her fists. She held on as Ron drove past every speed bump. In the end, they crashed into something, and all she could see was darkness. Her ears buzzed, and someone seemed to be calling her name. It was a familiar

voice. She wanted to see who it was, but she could not open her eyes no matter what. Everything turned black.

Aidan was outside the car, furious. Jonathan held him back. "We don't know if she's alright, sir. Just wait for the doctor."

Aidan calmed down a little, but he clenched his fists, and the veins on his hands popped.

The doctor came forward quickly to check on Leanna, then he carefully took her out of the car. She and Ron were both taken to the operating room.

Aidan stood outside. He opened his hands and looked at the blood on them. His heart felt like stopping for a moment.

Jonathan had never seen him looking like that. He too was upset, so he murmured, "She'll be fine, sir."

Just then, it started to drizzle. A drop of rain fell onto his palm. He clenched it and whispered, "The baby's really important to her." He looked up at Jonathan, fury burning within his eyes. "We must make sure it's safe at all costs."

Jonathan said, "I've called the nation's best doctor. They are on their way and should be here any minute."

Love Change Of Heart Chapter 150-Aidan grunted and pulled his hand back. He looked at the wrecked black car and asked coldly, "Who's the owner?"

"We're still looking into it, sir," Jonathan said. "But a few families made their move tonight, including the Crossleys. The Crossleys didn't do much though. They probably only wanted the madam."

After a pause, Jonathan continued, "Mr. Gordon's men were planning to take the madam tonight, and we've been keeping an eye on them, but something happened on our end right after they came down. Mr. Gordon's men were already down when we got there, and the madam was already taken away. As for the mastermind, I—"

Aidan strode into the hospital, the look on his face still furious. "Who else but her?"

Jonathan knew who he was talking about. He kept quiet and followed Aidan.

The operation went on for ten hours.

Aidan waited outside for ten whole hours.

Georgina was standing in the corner. She saw Aidan waiting for Leanna, his hands covered in blood. She bit her lip and backed off, but not before she glanced at the sign over the operating room's door. I'll be nothing to him if she gets through this. He might have agreed to the marriage, but he never saw me as his wife. I'm just an object for him. Just something he can use to make more money. He doesn't love me. All he cares about is her. She took a deep breath and left. But I won't give up. Someday I will get the respect I deserve.

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The first thing Leanna saw when she woke up was a blinding white light. She opened her eyes with difficulty and managed to focus after a long while. She eventually noticed the scent of antiseptic and the beeps of the machine beside her. She spaced out for a long while, and when she finally snapped out of it, she remembered something important. She placed her hand on her belly, but it was no longer round. Instead, it was flat and covered in bandages. She pushed herself up with sheer willpower and pulled out the needles in her. She wanted to get out of bed.

Someone came in, and Aidan appeared before her. He was shocked to see Leanna trying to get out of bed, and he strode over to hold her down. "Are you mad? You could die!" He rang the bell and called for the nurses.

Leanna looked up at him, her face pale, and her eyes bereft of any emotion. "Where's my baby, Aidan?"

He looked away. "It's gone," he said calmly.

Leanna stared at him stubbornly. "What do you mean it's gone?" Aidan did not answer. Leanna grabbed his arm. She asked despairingly, her voice raspy, "What do you mean it's gone? You promised I could have the baby. You promised you wouldn't hurt it. You promised!"

"Alright, enough." Aidan hugged her in

Leanna slowly stopped struggling. She felt helpless about the she said coldly, "You got your wish, Aidan. Happy now?"

Aidan froze, and his jaw tensed. He asked coldly, "Is that how you see me?"

"How else am I supposed to see you?" She pushed him away and smiled. "You've been trying to get rid of my baby ever since you found out I was pregnant. You'd give me half of your company just for that. Well, it's all over now, and you won't have to worry about an unborn child threatening your spot."

Aidan's face fell. "I know you're upset, so I'll let this slide. Just get some rest."

"Don't. Please don't let this slide. I don't even see the point in living anymore." She stopped for a moment. "Does your fiancée know you're here? I don't want anyone taking this the wrong way, so you should leave. Get someone else to kill me off if you want."

"Leanna!" He gnashed his teeth.

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Aidan grunted and pulled his hand back. He looked at the wrecked black car and asked coldly, "Who's the owner?"

"We're still looking into it, sir," Jonathan said. "But a few families made their move tonight, including the Crossleys. The Crossleys didn't do much though. They probably only wanted the madam."

After a pause, Jonathan continued, "Mr. Gordon's men were planning to take the madam tonight, and we've been keeping an eye on them, but something happened on our end right after they came down.

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Aidan strode into the hospital, the look on his face still furious. "Who else but her?"

Jonathan knew who he was talking about. He kept quiet and followed Aidan.

The operation went on for ten hours.

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Georgina was standing in the corner. She saw Aidan waiting for Leanna, his hands covered in blood. She bit her lip and backed off, but not before she glanced at the sign over the operating room's door. I'll be nothing to him if she gets through this. He might have agreed to the marriage, but he never saw me as his wife. I'm just an object for him. Just something he can use to make more money. He doesn't love me. All he cares about is her. She took a deep breath and left. But I won't give up. Someday I will get the respect I deserve.

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The first thing Leanna saw when she woke up was a blinding white light. She opened her eyes with difficulty and managed to focus after a long while. She eventually noticed the scent of antiseptic and the beeps of the machine beside

her. She spaced out for a long while, and when she finally snapped out of it, she remembered something important. She placed her hand on her belly, but it was no longer round. Instead, it was flat and covered in bandages. She pushed herself up with sheer willpower and pulled out the needles in her. She wanted to get out of bed.

Someone came in, and Aidan appeared before her. He was shocked to see Leanna trying to get out of bed, and he strode over to hold her down. "Are you mad? You could die!" He rang the bell and called for the nurses.

Leanna looked up at him, her face pale, and her eyes bereft of any emotion. "Where's my baby, Aidan?"

He looked away. "It's gone," he said calmly.

Leanna stared at him stubbornly. "What do you mean it's gone?" Aidan did not answer. Leanna grabbed his arm. She asked despairingly, her voice raspy, "What do you mean it's gone? You promised I could have the baby. You promised you wouldn't hurt it. You promised!"

"Alright, enough." Aidan hugged her in

Leanna slowly stopped struggling. She felt helpless about the she said coldly, "You got your wish, Aidan. Happy now?"

Aidan froze, and his jaw tensed. He asked coldly, "Is that how you see me?"

"How else am I supposed to see you?" She pushed him away and smiled. "You've been trying to get rid of my baby ever since you found out I was pregnant. You'd give me half of your company just for that. Well, it's all over now, and you won't have to worry about an unborn child threatening your spot."

Aidan's face fell. "I know you're upset, so I'll let this slide. Just get some rest."

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