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Albert felt a little guilty, as he evasively said, "I'm in a meeting, so I couldn't hear the ringing. Is everything okay?"

That sounded awfully familiar to Hylda. Those were the exact same lines Albert would say to fool Rainee whenever she called. At the time, he was actually lying on Hylda's bed.

The words he used, and his tone were exactly the same.

Hylda trembled with anger and said without beating around the bush, "Why haven't you brought her to get an abortion yet?"

Albert pursed his lips and answered, "The doctor told me that her current condition isn't fit to undergo surgery. Her life would be in danger."

Hylda's face darkened. "When will she be fit enough, then?"

Albert said, "Give her some time to rest and let's see what the doctor says. We can't force her to do it if the doctor disagrees with the operation."

Hylda clenched her fists, as she sneered inwardly. 'When did he become such a righteous man? I can still remember how reluctant he sounded when I suggested taking action against Rainee. However, he did not hesitate at all once he found out that he might go to jail.'

She suppressed her anger and said in a calm tone, "Albert, be honest with me. Do you want to keep that baby?"

Albert paused and quickly denied it. "Of course not. I've promised you that I'll handle this as long as you take good care of our baby inside you. It's true that I like children very much, but you've been with me for so many years. I can't just neglect your feelings like that. Don't overthink it and just rest well."

Hylda scoffed disdainfully inside, but she gently said," Albert, maybe we should just forget it since the risk of having an abortion is too high."

Albert was taken aback and thought that he had heard her wrong. "W-What did you say?"

Hylda then added, "You can keep the baby if you really want to. But, I want you to promise me one thing. Once that baby is born, get that woman out of Rivera forever, and you will not see her ever again. I'll treat her baby as my own. If you can guarantee this, I'll gladly accept her baby into our family."

Sophia was stunned. "Mom, you're crazy-"

Hylda shot her a glance, and she immediately stopped talking and gritted her teeth.

'Is my mom out of her mind? How could she offer to raise someone else's baby? Did her pregnancy make her go insane?'

Albert was caught off guard by Hylda's sudden change, and he even began to feel a little cautious.

Based on his understanding of Hylda, she was never such a kind-hearted person.

"What... What made you suddenly change your mind?"

"What else can I do?" Hylda said as her voice choked with tears. "If I don't give in, you'll eventually leave me like how you left Rainee back then. I'm only doing this because I don't want to lose you."

Albert felt a little hesitant and regretful after listening to her tearful voice. After all, they had been together for more than twenty years, and the feelings between them were genuine. He knew very well how Hylda had treated him.

In fact, Albert also knew that Xenia was still very young, and she would never want to be someone's mistress. He already had plans to distance himself from her if it weren't for her pregnancy.

That baby in her was the exact reason why he could not make his mind up.

He had been troubled by this for the past few days.

However, he could not be any happier now that Hylda had thought it through.

Albert felt a lot more at ease as he thought about that. Then, he said gently, "It's great that you can think of it this way. Don't worry. I'll get rid of her as soon as the baby is born, and I'll never see her again."

Hylda suddenly said, "Let's have a wedding ceremony."

Albert paused and frowned. "Why are you suddenly bringing this up?"

That was not the first time Hylda had talked to him about having a wedding ceremony. She mentioned it the most in the first months after they had registered as a married couple. However, their marriage was supposed to be a secret, and she understood that. So, she stopped bringing it up after talking about it a few times.

Albert was clearly a little upset now that she brought it up again.

After the news that Sophia was his illegitimate child broke out, almost everyone in his circle knew what happened between him and Hylda. Albert just thought that it would be very embarrassing for him to have a wedding ceremony with Hylda after cheating on his wife and secretly marrying his mistress.

So, he would always just brush it off whenever Hylda talked about it.

Hylda knew exactly what he was thinking as she said in a low voice, "Albert, hear me out. We can use the wedding ceremony as an excuse to announce my pregnancy and tell everyone that I'm pregnant with a pair of twins. That way, we'll not raise any suspicions. I can accept that baby, but I can't stand other people criticizing my marriage. Do you understand?"

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Hylda made herself very clear.

She would not have a problem with raising Xenia's baby, but Albert had to make their marriage look pretty to everyone else.

She was a homewrecker who managed to replace Rainee, yet the same thing was going to happen to her. She knew that she would become everybody else's laughingstock if they ever found out about this.

The reason she wanted to have a wedding ceremony was simply to conceal the fact that Albert had another illegitimate child with another woman. She just did not want to become a joke in the upper-class social circle of Rivera.

Albert was immediately convinced upon hearing what Hylda said.

He knew that Hylda would put her dignity before anything else in the world.

Although Hylda would act feeble and gentle in front of him, he knew very well what kind of person she was; a wolf in sheep's clothing. Albert figured that he should be more cautious if she told him she wanted to have the wedding ceremony solely because she loved him.

However, everything made sense to Albert after he listened to Hylda's reasons.

Albert thought for a moment and softly said, "That's a very good idea, but... you're pregnant now. Planning a wedding ceremony can be very tiring. I'm worried that you'll be exhausted now that you're pregnant."

Hylda sighed. "I'm only doing this for the sake of that child. We can just keep the ceremony simple. I wouldn't mind."

Albert immediately regretted what he did to Hylda upon hearing those words.

He fell silent for a while before he said, "Don't say that. I know this is very hard for you. You've gone through so much with me all these years. You always told me that wearing a wedding dress is the dream of every woman, yet you've never worn one. I couldn't give you that when I was younger, but it wouldn't be right for me to not give it to you now since I have the means. If we're going to have a wedding ceremony, we'll make it a grand one. You don't have to worry about the preparations. Just focus on taking care of yourself and the baby at home. I'll handle everything."

Hylda looked emotionless when she said in a gentle voice, "Thank you, Albert."

The look on Albert's face turned less tense. "I'm coming back soon. What do you feel like eating? I'll bring some food back for you."

Hylda could not help but think about Albert wearing an apron and cooking for another woman when she heard what he said. It made her feel

nauseous.

"It's fine. I don't really have an appetite these days. There's nothing I want to eat."

"I'll get some fruits for you, then. Even if you don't feel like eating, we can't let our son go hungry."

Hylda sneered. 'As expected, the baby is all he cares about.'

After she hung up the phone, Sophia, who was sitting at the side, could not hold herself back anymore. "Mom, have you lost your mind because of that little slut? Are you really going to raise her baby as your own? What is wrong with you?"

Hylda put her phone aside. Then, she looked up and flatly said, "Do you have a better idea to get rid of her, then?"

"Let's just get someone to watch her. I'm sure that we'll eventually catch those bodyguards slacking. And when that happens, we'll seize the opportunity and kidnap her to the hospital."

Hylda looked at Sophia as if she was an idiot. "Do you think that you own the hospital, and the doctors would terminate a pregnancy for someone you kidnapped there? Use your brain! Would you have come to me if you could get close to her?"

Sophia froze and her heart skipped a beat. "Mom, what do you mean?"

Hylda's expression was cold. She knew her own daughter well enough to see through Sophia's true intentions.

Sophia obviously got very upset ever since she found out about Hylda's pregnancy. It was just impossible for her to be happy about dividing her family's inheritance with another person.

She restrained herself a little from showing her dissatisfaction in front of Hylda, but her resentment completely took over her as soon as she found out that Xenia had a baby boy.

Hylda was not bothered to expose her because they had a common enemy. She had no problem with her daughter being ambitious.

Then, Hylda said with a deep voice, "How will we ever have the chance to get close to that slut if I didn't suggest having a wedding ceremony?"

She leaned close to Sophia and whispered.

Sophia was stunned and suddenly realized what Hylda was trying to do.' Mom, are you...

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"I just want a wedding ceremony." Hylda glanced at her and said nonchalantly, "You better keep your guard up. Stop going shopping and having high tea with those rich girls all the time."

Sophia still could not process what happened. She only nodded after hearing what Hylda told her. "I got it, mom."

Albert left not long after he hung up. Xenia quickly told Stella about the information she had gathered earlier.

Stella frowned and fell into her thoughts.

She was still trying to figure out what Hylda's plan was when she received a text message from the production team of The Palace, telling her that World Peace's premiere had been rescheduled. The two dramas were supposed to be aired a day apart. However, both premieres fell on the same date at the exact same time, which was the prime-time slot of 8 PM.

The production team of World Peace had cut off the ending of another drama just to secure the slot and premiere World Peace on the same day as The Palace.

It was a despicable move as the ratings of the premiere were very crucial to the production. It could directly affect future investments, online exposure, and public attention.

The original premiere dates of these two shows were already very close to each other, yet World Peace decided to reschedule it to the exact same day. It was very obvious that they were simply trying to overshadow The Palace.

World Peace was adapted from a controversial comic, and it had gained a lot of traction before it was even aired. The production team was known for not prioritizing quality in their work. They only wanted to take advantage of the hype and create a money tree.

Even though The Palace had been very low-key in its marketing campaign, Daniel's reputation was just too good. Everyone knew that every drama he directed would be worth watching.

If The Palace were to be aired first, audiences who watched it would not be able to stand a money-grabbing drama like World Peace. So, they had to be aired on the same day to overshadow The Palace and secure a share of the viewership.

By doing so, even if some people realized that The Palace was a better drama than World Peace, it would not matter anymore because the show had already ended and made enough money forthem. Nobody would care anymore after that.

Then, The Palace would become a drama with good reviews but no viewership.

That was the dark side of the film and television industry.

A coworker shared the news of World Peace rescheduling its premiere in the group chat.

And everyone was shocked.

After a few months of hard work, they were met with a cut-throat competition like this to ruin their drama. So, all of them were upset.

Daniel sent a publicity template in the group chat and tagged Stella. [StellaJewell, why haven't you uploaded any of our promotional posts yet?] Stella froze.

[I forgot to.]

Daniel urged her. [Hurry up and post it now. You're the only person who hasn't done it.]

Stella edited the template and uploaded it on Facebook.

Then, she thought for a while and decided to call Daniel.

As soon as the call was connected, the sound of people chattering and playing drinking games came from the other side of the phone.

Stella softly said, 'Mr. Wood, are you drowning your sorrows before the war has even started?"

The edge of Daniel's mouth twitched. "Shut up, you jinx! I'm at my friends' baby shower party."

"Oh." Stella then added, "I'm impressed. How could you still have the mood to attend a party when the premiere is on tomorrow night?"

Daniel replied nonchalantly, "Have you gone to school and taken an exam? Have you ever seen a top student studying the day before the exam?"

Stella paused. Then, she said slowly, "Well, a low-performing student wouldn't study a day before the exam either because he wouldn't understand a thing anyway."

Her response left Daniel speechless