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Stella immediately felt a lot better when she thought about how much Albert loved Sophia, yet he was still unwilling to let her inherit his wealth. She was pretty disappointed that she could not be there to witness Sophia's reaction when she heard that. She turned around and asked Keegan, "Are you going to pass your inheritance only to your son, but not your daughter?"

Keegan answered, "I'll pass them to you so that you can enjoy them with me. They can earn their own money."

Stella could not help but laugh.

"Didn't you inherit your wealth from your father? Why are you planning to be so strict with your own child?"

Keegan said in a serious manner, "It's true that my family gave me a good head start, but I could still have everything I own now if I didn't have them. It would just take me a little longer to achieve it, that's all. My father's wealth has always been kept by my grandmother, and I've not touched it. If I'm not competent enough, I wouldn't be able to run Vinci Rivera if it was passed down to me."

He paused before continuing, "The same goes for my children. They have to prove that they are competent enough to inherit my wealth."

Stella thought to herself, 'Keegan probably got these values from his grandmother, as she had always taught him this way. On the other hand, Aurora was raised by Dahlia, who was both narrow-minded and shortsighted. So, it was no surprise that she became a spoiled brat'

Stella felt proud of herself because of how she managed to pick such a good man like Keegan, as she was a person who prioritized looks over other traits in choosing a partner.

"What's so funny?"

Keegan pinched her hand.

Stella looked up and softly said, "I was just thinking about something. Aren't you worried that I'll abandon you when you're old and spend all your money on a sugar baby after you pass them all to me?"

Keegan kept quiet. He furrowed his brows and began thinking about that question seriously.

After all, his girlfriend was very famous among hot guys on the internet for being easily attracted by looks alone.

After a few seconds, Keegan said, "I'll place them all in a trust fund to accumulate my wealth then."

Stella glowered at him and pushed him with her elbow.

"How fickle of you! I'm not going to marry a person like this!"

Keegan chuckled and wrapped his arms around him.

Then, he whispered in a seductive manner, "They're not going to take off their clothes for you even if you tipped them, but I'd strip everything off just for you."

Stella was speechless.

Keegan was an excellent critical thinker, especially when he noticed that his plan needed to be adjusted to achieve his goals.

He would accurately utilize his advantage to the fullest.

And to Stella, his face was his biggest advantage.

It was very easy for Keegan to get what he wanted from a person who was obsessed with looks because all he had to do was something seductive, and it would always work.

Just like the night when she was drugged; all Keegan had to do was tease her a little and her guard crumbled like a house of cards.

As expected, Stella's eyes turned very red as soon as he finished speaking.

She cleared the censored scenes in her head and glanced at Keegan.

"Did you know that being too flirty would lower one's attractiveness?"

Keegan immediately shut up and returned to his usual cold self as if he was saying, "Woman, you better not test me."

Stella could not help but laugh.

Keegan was tall, handsome, and imposing.

He would always look like the most respectable alpha wolf in his pack.

But, once he did anything foolish, he would immediately turn into a little husky who thought that he looked elegant, but was, in fact, silly.

That extreme contrast was simply irresistible.

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Stella said in a low voice, "To be honest, I've only tipped them once. They were having a lucky draw in their live session, and they were going to pick ten winners to get ten thousand dollars each. So, I wanted to try my luck and topped up a few hundred dollars to enter the draw?"

As expected, she did not win anything at all. Online hosts like them would not just do a money-losing business like that.

They were only willing to give away one million dollars because they knew that they could have ten million or even more in return from their viewers' desire to take risks.

It would only cost a few dollars to enter the draw once, but it gave each participant a chance to purchase a Maserati in cash. The host would also keep persuading their viewers by telling them the more entries they had, the higher the chances of getting selected.

When their lucky draw gained more traction and attracted more participants that could go up to a million, the probability of winning became extremely low. However, the hosts still gained fame and money from the viewers, and organizing a lucky draw like that once would earn them a fortune.

Keegan was speechless after hearing that.

One of her bags alone could already be worth more than a hundred thousand.

He suddenly realized that Stella seemed like the kind of person who would expect good things to fall into her lap.

For example, she would always purchase a few lottery tickets from a shop whenever she went to the mall. The maid would always find a few lottery tickets in her pockets when washing her clothes.

Keegan remembered that she won three hundred dollars once, and it was enough to make her dance around. She even dragged him to dine in a

Fredrus restaurant. She had merely won three hundred dollars, but the bill turned out to be more than three thousand.

He thought about it and figured that Stella was not after the prize itself, but more to the thrill of winning.

She was nothing like a rich girl who would be petty and materialistic. Instead, she was a softhearted person who would never show her true feelings, and that was the exact trait of hers that Keegan became so obsessed with.

The argument was still ongoing in the ward.

Hylde was furious at the statement that Albert had just made. "What's wrong with our daughter? Isn't she also your child? Hugo is just introverted, that's all. Why are you so desperate to get him replaced? How could you be so sure that the slut will give you a son?"

Albert had made his decision to keep the baby, and he was not going to change his mind because of her words. Especially when he thought about the fact that she was going to have an abortion behind his back, he spoke even louder. "Is it wrong for me to find someone else to have my child because you won't do it? I'm going to keep this baby no matter what." Then, he warned her, "You better not try anything. If anything ever happens to Xenia and the baby, I'll come after you!"

Hylde got so angry that her face turned pale. It was true that she snatched Albert away from Rainee, but she did not expect him to be such a hypocrite. Albert did not dare to say a word when Rainee told him to do anything, but suddenly, he became a male chauvinist as soon as he got together with her.

Hylde had been together with him for so many years, yet he still would not let her be fully in charge of their finances.

Otherwise, she would never have to be so inferior and go through anything like this.

Hylde shut her eyes and took a deep breath before she said in a deep voice, "Fine, go ahead and let her have your child. I can only blame myself for trusting the wrong person. I want a divorce and please prepare the necessary documents. I'm not going to take a penny from you. All I want is Sophia and Hugo."

After that, she said to Ian, "Ian, help me pack my things. I'm leaving the hospital."

Albert froze in place, as he was not expecting Hylde to ask for a divorce at all.

Although he wanted another child, it did not mean that he was about to give up his current children.

He was already so old, and in addition to how big of a scandal he got himself into by remarrying that time, he was not planning to divorce Hylda and marry Xenia even though he wanted Xenia to have his baby.

Hylda was always very obedient to him, and she was also the mother of his two children. Moreover, they had some secrets that could never be exposed. There was just no way that he would divorce her.

Albert panicked and hurriedly grabbed her arm. "What divorce? You're still pregnant! Don't be ridiculous!"

"I don't want this baby anymore." Hylda shrugged his hand off and said with reddened eyes, "Don't you have another woman to bear your child? Why would you still want this baby? If someone else is going to take away the fatherly love my child deserves as soon as he is born, I'd rather have him die in my womb!"

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Albert tried to grab Hylda again, but Ian blocked his hand and said with a dark expression, "Brother-in-law, the decision you made is very unfair to my sister, yet she didn't say anything harsh to you. How far do you want to push her?"

Albert opened his mouth and could not find a word to say.

Then, Ian flatly said, "I'm going to hire the best lawyer for my sister in this lawsuit. We're not going to give up on Sophia and Hugo. You should tell your lawyer to be prepared as well."

Albert started panicking at that time.

Ian was not the same man anymore. He had the advantage over Albert since he married into the Moore family. Besides, Albert did not trust Hylda in keeping the secrets she had been hiding for so many years if their marriage were to be broken.

Albert would be caught in serious trouble if that happened.

When he thought about that, he got so worried that he immediately stepped forward to stop Hylda. Then, he said in a hoarse voice, "Hylda, don't be mad. I'm foolish and made a stupid decision.

"You've been with me since you were seventeen years old, and I've not given you a proper status or recognition at all. I didn't even give you a proper wedding ceremony, yet I'm making you go through something like this. I'm such an idiot.'

Hylde's eyes turned red as she choked with sobs. "There's no need to say anything like this. I know I'm getting older, and I'm nothing compared to a young girl in her early twenties. I guess I deserve this for ruining somebody else's family back then, and I accept it. After all, we've been together for many years. Let's not turn things ugly.'

Albert said downheartedly, "What are you talking about? I'm not going to divorce you. I want Sophia, Hugo, and the baby inside of you regardless of gender. Just focus on taking care of your health and quit thinking about giving up on the baby. The child is destined to be in our family, and I'm going to love the baby just as much regardless if it's a boy or a girl. As for Xenia, I'll give her some money and tell her to get an abortion. I'll never see her again."

Hylde replied in a hoarse voice, "You're not lying to me, right?'

Albert then said, 'I'll go to her now and have the operation arranged."

Hylde sneered inwardly, but her face looked very helpless anyway. "Talk to her nicely and don't make things worse. Otherwise, your image in the company will be affected. A fresh graduate like her only wants to climb the social ladder and take shortcuts. Offer her more money and try your best to satisfy her."

Albert agreed with her and grabbed her hand before he gently said, "Get some rest, then. I'll go over there now."

"Okay. Try to settle it peacefully," Hylde said.

As soon as Albert stepped out of the door, the helpless look on Hylde's face immediately disappeared, and she said in a deep voice, "I'll follow him and see if he's really going to do as he said, or he's just trying to fool me."

"Okay," Ian said and left.

When Albert came out of the ward, he coincidentally saw Xenia talking on her phone in the hallway.

Xenia saw him, and she was stunned for a moment. Then, she turned around and was about to walk away.

Albert quickly went after her and grabbed her hand. 'Didn't the doctor say there's another checkup in a while? Where are you going?'

Xenia anxiously moved her hand away as her lips trembled. It took her a few moments before she could speak. "Does your wife want me to have an abortion?"

Albert paused and did not know what to say.

The look on Xenia's face instantly turned dejected when she saw how Albert just kept quiet without saying anything. After a few seconds, she said in a breathy voice, "Can I have two more days with my baby before I do that?"

Albert felt a bit conflicted, but he hardened his heart as soon as he thought of Hylda. "Get it done as soon as possible for everyone's sake."

Xenia's face turned pale as her eyelashes trembled slightly. Tears welled up in her eyes, but she held them back without letting them roll down.

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Xenia continued in a hoarse voice, "I know. I'm not trying to get anything from you using the baby, but I just want to bid a proper farewell to it. Even though I got very scared when I first found out about my baby, its existence made me somewhat greedy... for someone who doesn't belong to me."

She started sobbing as she spoke.

"Mr. Jewell, I don't want anything from you. I can have an abortion like you wanted, but can we not do it today? The doctor just let me listen to my baby's heartbeat, and my baby is probably conscious now. I want to have a proper conversation with my baby and tell the baby that I'm not giving up on it because I don't love it. Albert saw Xenia crying, and his heart immediately softened. She looked so much like Rainee when she was crying.

Besides, he even started to feel like their voice sounded very similar too even though it might just be an illusion.

When she cried and said those words, he could almost see Rainee in her twenties standing in front of him with her eyes reddened because she was injured from playing sports.

Albert was taken aback, and he turned hesitant.

He just could not forgive Rainee for betraying him.

He had always believed that his relationship with Rainee became so disastrous because of how assertive and domineering Rainee was to him.

Yet, deep down, he was very proud that he got to marry a woman like Rainee, who was beautiful, capable, and admired by many boys in their class back then.

The fact that this girl chose him and not the other boys who looked down on him greatly satisfied his inferior sense of pride.

However, Rainee had always been a very controlling person. She did not allow him to smoke or drink if it was not for business purposes, and she even had a curfew for him to obey. She would call him nonstop if he was not home after ten o'clock.

He felt as though Rainee chose him only because he was an easy person to contain, and he could easily satisfy her desire for control.

She would never seek his opinion when it came to making important decisions at work and always acted based on her own judgment.

That made Albert, who graduated from the same school as her, feel very unfair.

As time passed, he began to forget a lot of things that had happened when he was still dating Rainee.

However, after Rainee had passed away, he would always see Rainee's face when she was younger in his dream.

Sometimes she would look coquettish, and sometimes sad.

But, it all reminded him of the times when she depended on him for everything.

Xenia looked exactly like the Rainee in his dream right now.

Their similar voice and looks struck Albert right in his heart.

Suddenly, he completely forgot about the promise he had just made to Hylda as he gently wiped away the tears on Xenia's face.

"Don't cry. You don't have to get an abortion if you don't want you. It's just a child anyway. I have plenty of money to raise him."

Xenia asked in a hoarse voice, "But, what are you going to tell your wife? I don't want to put you in a difficult position."

Albert frowned, and his head hurt when he heard that.

Then, he said in a low voice, "Let that be my concern. I'll take care of it."

Hylde was just called out, and she heard exactly what Albert said as anger flooded her veins.

'What an asshole. He can never change who he truly is!' Hylde was about to explode with rage, but she heard Stella's voice coming from a distance.

"Mr. and Mrs. Jewell, what a coincidence."

Albert and Hylde were both shocked.

They turned around and saw Stella's nonchalant face from not far away with Keegan, why they had not seen for a long time, standing beside her.

They stood about two or three feet apart from each other, looking neither too intimate nor distant. But, the looks on their faces were very indifferent.

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Albert and Hylde both had strange looks on their faces as they realized that Stella witnessed the dramatic scene that had happened.

"Stella, why are you at the hospital?"

Albert was the one who recollected himself first as he hurriedly asked novelbob. Then, he looked at Keegan and asked, "Did you come here with Mr. Kane?"

Stella shook her head. "Nope. I'm here to see a doctor and met him downstairs, so we came up together."

She looked at Albert before shifting her gaze to Hylde, and finally to the woman that Albert was hugging. "And, this is?"

"She's-"

"She's the company secretary." Hylde interrupted Albert before he could finish speaking.

Hylde was a homewrecker who ruined Rainee's family, and she was so proud of it back then. However, after less than a year of getting married to Albert, he got sick of her and found someone a lot younger to replace her. How ironic was that?

Hylde could turn a blind eye to Albert having an affair outside their marriage, but she would not allow herself to be a laughingstock to Stella.

So, the first thing she could think of was to hide Xenia's real identity.

Stella did not speak as she sized up Xenia. Then, she said after a few moments, "This secretary of yours looks somewhat familiar."

Xenia's face was right in front of Stella, so it was just impossible for her to not see the resemblance judging from how close Stella was with Rainee. Hylde was fuming at the fact that not only did Albert cheat on her with Rainee, but he even did it with someone who looked so much like Rainee to challenge her limit.

Stella was a sharp person, and she could sort of already guess what was happening after bumping into them in the hospital.

"I thought the same as you too when I first saw this young lady. Look at her eyes. They look so much like Rainee's." Hylde sighed before she added, "Unfortunately, Rainee lived a short life and left us too soon. Otherwise, they'd look so much like mother and daughter when they stand next to each other. We wouldn't have hired her if it wasn't for how she looks. This young lady is a very hardworking and novelbob meticulous girl who knows how to read others' moods very well while serving tea and coffee to us in the office."

Stella's blood boiled with anger when she heard the shameless and malicious words coming out of Hylde's mouth

She sneered and said, "Do you feel okay with someone with so much resemblance to my mother serving you tea and coffee?"

Hylde smirked. "Why not? I actually feel pretty comforted too. If it wasn't for Rainee's help, I would've never gotten the opportunity to make it out of my old neighborhood. I'm very grateful to her."

Stella clenched her fists tightly.

Keegan coughed softly and the sound he made brought Stella back to her senses, as she took a deep breath to calm herself down.

Obviously, Hylde was just trying to provoke her, and everything that she had done would go in vain if she were to fall into Hylde's trap.

Her face turned pale, and she put on a dejected look on her face as she questioned Albert, "Is this what you meant by sincerity? My mother has passed away, yet you're making her go through a humiliation like this?"

Albert, who had been at a loss for words, finally recollected himself as he quickly said, "Don't listen to her nonsense. Today's her first day seeing Xenia."

Hylde's face brimmed with anger. 'What a despicable asshole! How could he embarrass me like this?!

After clarifying, Albert shifted his gaze back to Stella and Keegan. "Keegan, longtime no see."

His voice sounded a little unnatural. Even though he extorted fifty million from Keegan online remorselessly, he could not help but feel a little guilty when he saw Keegan in person.

Keegan's eyes always looked sharp and calm as if he could see through everything. Albert was about thirty years older than him, yet he would somehow feel uneasy around him.

Keegan swept his gaze across him. "Mr. Jewell, it's better for you to not address me by my first name to avoid any misunderstandings from others."

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Albert said in a gentle voice, "Even though you and Stella are divorced, to me, we're still family. Besides, I'm just used to calling you that after so many years."

Keegan raised his eyebrows and said, "Well, I'm afraid that you have to start getting used to addressing me in a different way now. You're not Stella's father. Technically, I'm not related to you in any way. If you don't stop calling me that, I'll have to do a lot of explaining to others. So, please stop doing that."

The edge of Albert's eye twitched as he felt extremely awkward.

However, when he heard how warmly Keegan said Stella's name, he realized that Keegan was still willing to be with her despite being lied to previously.

So, it further solidified his decision to adopt Stella and become her foster father because the benefits that the Kane family had brought him in the past years were simply irresistible and he could not let go of them.

Albert quickly adjusted himself. "Even though I'm not Stella's biological father, I've raised her since she was a child. I've also told her about adopting her and I know that deep down, she's fine with it too. No matter what, I'm still considered as her father."

Hylde became anxious after hearing what. "What nonsense are you talking about? Are you sure that you want to adopt Stella? Are you out of your mind?"

Albert's face immediately darkened. "Shut up when men are talking!"

Hylde was fuming. Not only that Albert cheated on her and got another woman pregnant, he even tried to adopt Stella. She could not figure out what was going on in Albert's head. Stella had such deep resentment toward them, yet he wanted to keep a deadly threat around him. Albert's decision was simply ridiculous to Hylde!

As her anger flared, her stomach began hurting. She instinctively grabbed Albert and grunted, "Albert, my stomach hurts."

Albert thought that she was just pretending to ruin his plan, so he got impatient with her. "Go back to your room and rest then. Who told you to come outside?"

Then, he turned to Stella and put on a concerned look on his face. "Stella, how have you been lately? Is the money I transferred to you previously enough? I can give you more money if you need them."

Hylde was already very angry, and her eyes rolled to the back of her head when she heard Albert giving Stella money behind her back.

Ian was watching from afar, and he immediately went forward to hold Hylde up when he noticed that something was wrong with her. He frowned and asked worriedly, "Sis, are you okay?"

Hylde responded weakly, "My stomach hurts."

It was only then that Albert knew that Hylde was not pretending. He immediately started complaining when he realized that their baby could be in danger, "The doctor already told you that you need to rest. Why did you come outside? You just got to make things difficult for everyone, don't you?"

It was simply impossible for a person to listen to what he said and not get angry.

However, Stella did not sympathize with Hylde at all. She figured that her revenge would mean nothing if Hylde could not experience what her mother had to go through back then.

Hylde was in so much pain that she could not speak. Ian immediately held her up and went to look for a doctor without saying anything.

Albert was not bothered to throw himself at Keegan anymore, as he quickly followed Ian after briefly saying goodbye to him.

Keegan asked, "Mr. Jewell, do you need help?"

Albert paused as he did not expect Keegan to call him back.

He instinctively asked without thinking, "With what?"

Keegan then flatly said, "I can recommend you to a good obstetrician that I know. She provides excellent care for older mothers and ensures minimal pregnancy complications."

Albert was surprised when he heard that. "Why would you know an obstetrician?"

Keegan replied, "I had plans to have a kid with Stella, and I wanted to find out how to increase the probability of having a boy."

Stella was speechless.

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'I can't believe it!'

Stella was still worried that Keegan's acting would be unnatural and too obvious to trick them.

It turned out that her concern was completely unnecessary, as she saw how effortlessly Keegan said that.

The serious and calm look on his face was so convincing that even Stella herself was going to fall for his lies.

Albert got interested as soon as he heard what Keegan said. However, he remained skeptical.

'Is that even possible?'

Keegan said, "Our technology is so advanced now that gene engineering and gene medication are very normalized. So, why would it be impossible to do that?"

Albert immediately got tempted. "C-Could you send me her contact, then?"

Keegan replied, "Of course. Just mention my name when you call her."

Albert was extremely grateful, but he was filled with deep regret when he saw how well Stella and Keegan looked together.

However, he could not spare more time to chat with them anymore, so he said to Stella, 'Stella, my words always stand. It's not easy for a girl like you to earn a living out there. The Jewell family's door will always be open for you if you ever feel like coming back.'

Stella's eyes twitched, but she remained silent.

Albert finally acted like a father as he said to Keegan, "Mr. Kane, please take care of Stella for me."

'Sure,' Keegan responded. Then, Albert walked away hurriedly, and of course, taking Xenia with him.

Stella laughed out loud after they went out of their sight. "Your lie is ridiculous! How could you choose the gender of a baby? Aren't you worried that he'll see through your lie?"

Keegan shrugged his shoulders. "I didn't explicitly tell him that it's possible. He could be just unlucky if things didn't work out for him. How brilliant was that, huh?"

He held her finger as he spoke. "Let's go. The show's over. I'll take you home now."

Stella grabbed his hand and openly held it.

Aldor had been waiting in the car for them. He started the car as soon as they got in.

'Mr. Kane, I got what you asked for. They're on the seat.'

Aldor said while driving.

'Okay,' Keegan said as he picked up the file from the passenger seat. He scanned it before shifting his gaze to Stella. He was about to say

something, but he saw Stella texting someone on WhatsApp while typing nonstop.

Keegan put on his glasses, and his face turned red with anger.

Stella was going back and forth with a person named "Fifty Million" on WhatsApp.

Keegan knew that the person could only be Marshall.

He felt even worse when he thought that the fifty million originated from the money she had to pay for filing the divorce against him back then.

“Who are you talking to?”

She suddenly heard Keegan speaking. His breath was so close to her that she was startled.

Stella pushed him away and said, “Don’t speak so close to my ear.” Then, she added, “Marshall said that Duncan’s wife is safe now, and their baby is fine too. He just texted me to keep me updated.”

Keegan said, “And, it takes him so many messages just to tell you that?”

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“We talked about something else too, but I mainly want to find out if he knows anything about his uncle. But, he doesn’t seem to know much.” Keegan scoffed.

“It’d be strange if he does. His parents aren’t really close with Irene, and they don’t talk with each other much. No one in the Moore family is happy with Irene’s husband either. They didn’t even allow them to have a wedding ceremony after receiving the marriage certificate, and Marshall has only met with him a few times.” Stella was shocked.

“But, Marshall’s mom seems very close with Irene at the jewelry exhibition back then. How can you be so sure?”

Keegan said flatly, “They were just putting on a show for outsiders.” He paused for a moment before continuing, “

Marshall had a brother who was two years younger than him, but he accidentally choked on a small toy and passed away.”

Marshall’s parents were out shopping at that time because Frederick was very happy that Irene had come back from studying abroad. He prepared a grand welcoming party and insisted on organizing it at home.

Because Marshall’s parents lived with Frederick back then, they were responsible for arranging the party. So, both of his parents were told to go out and do the shopping.

Everyone in the family was busy doing something for Irene.

No one was there to look after the two children, and that was how the accident happened.

Because no one was around them, nobody knew that Marshall's brother was choking on something.

Marshall was only three or four years old at that time, and he had no idea why his brother could not breathe. He went to the adults for help, but all of them thought that he was just playing around, so they ignored him.

By the time the nanny went upstairs to check on Marshall's brother, his face was already purple, and his heart had stopped beating.

When they sent him to the hospital, the doctor told them that it was already too late.

Ariel was so shocked that she passed out on the scene.

In fact, there was no need for them to leave the house since the nanny could have done everything for them.

However, Frederick insisted that Marshall's parents should do that instead because he thought that the nanny would not be meticulous enough.

Ariel was still in the breastfeeding stage, and she was so worried about her younger son getting hungry or needing to get his diaper changed that she would call the nanny for updates every half an hour.

The nanny told her that her child was doing fine, yet something like that had happened.

Marshall's parents confronted the nanny.

However, she claimed that Frederick asked her to do something else, and she had told Irene to check on the kids.

But, Irene said that the nanny did not speak to her about it at all.

The child lost his life due to the adults' negligence, yet no one in the family took responsibility for the tragedy.

Ariel even called the police, but all the police could do was find out the cause of death, and further legal actions would have to depend on the court.

Frederick thought that their family's reputation would be tarnished, so he fired the nanny and prohibited anyone in the Moore family from ever talking about it.

In the end, no one was held responsible for what happened.

Then, Keegan said, "No matter whose fault it was, it all happened because Irene came back. Otherwise, the nanny wouldn't be doing anything else apart from looking after the children. Do you think that Ariel could ever let this go?"

Stella felt a chilling sensation all over after listening to Keegan's words. She finally knew why Keegan said that they were just putting on a show.

It was simply impossible for a mother not to hold resentment toward a person who caused her son's death.

Any mother in the world would have a difficult time forgiving Irene, in this case.

Stella sighed and softly said, "I feel so bad for Marshall. He was right there with his little brother. I wonder if any of the adults blame him for what happened. He was only three years old. He was probably frightened."

Keegan paused and pulled her face closer as he said in a deep voice, "Are you feeling bad for another man?"

Stella was speechless.

Then, she shouted angrily, "It's natural human emotions, okay? Don't you know who else I feel sorry for? I had such a hard time sleeping last night. I would've just left if it weren't for the rashes all over your body!"

Keegan felt very happy, yet he said, "You clearly took up most of the bed, and I was the one getting squeezed into the corner despite being the patient."

Stella gritted her teeth.

"I'm a chicken if ever go back here to take care of you!" Keegan chuckled.

"I still prefer you to be a human." He handed her the file as he spoke.

"Take a look. It's something you wanted."

Stella took it and said, "A property transfer contract?"

Keegan kept quiet.

"No. It's an organ transplant contract."

Stella was speechless.

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Stella flipped it open and saw Ian White's information.

Ian White...

No, it should be Phil Corden.

This person had a very similar background to Hylida.

They were both from a small town and came to Rivera with nothing when they were just teenagers. He worked as a waiter, a nude model, a helper in a barbershop, and a car mechanic... He had worked in almost every position that was available to the lower-class laborers.

The two positions that he worked the longest were as a model and a waiter at Sapphire Clubhouse. His parents had passed away a long time ago, and his family, including his two older brothers, had not seen him for a very long time.

A lot of people believed that he died in an accident, and even his identification documents were destroyed.

That was the exact reason why Hylida could seamlessly fake him as Ian White. He was a person without an identity, and nobody would suspect anything if he were to replace another person who was abducted and went missing a long time ago. He had known Hylida for ten years, but Hylida was a careful person.

That was why they could not get a lot of information about him.

However, it was proven that Hylida paid for Phil's tuition fees at the art academy.

Most importantly, Phil had plastic surgery, and he looked completely different now compared to how he used to.

Stella looked at the photos of him before he had the plastic surgery, and her eyes widened.

"He... looks so much like Hugo!"

Keegan was not surprised at all as he already had this suspicion before looking him up. He only conducted the investigation on Phil to further solidify his assumption.

Then, he asked, "What are you planning to do about it?" Stella recollected herself as she closed the file.

"The show will be better when the baby is older. In three months...or maybe lesser, Hylda will be more worried than us."

Hylda had already used her pawn, Phil, to pave the way for her son by making him marry Irene.

Stella figured that Hylda would not want another child at that time because she would not have the energy to take care of him, and it would risk jeopardizing her plan too.

From the information Stella read about Phil, she realized that he was very deeply in love with Hylda.

Hylda was very smart.

She did not deny that Phil was just a pawn to her to help her in achieving her goals.

With both of her children in a favorable position, she knew that she would be able to live her life comfortably and luxuriously without having to worry about anything in the world. She was already planning to sort out her relationship with Phil as Irene was not just a pushover that she could take advantage of.

The stakes were extremely high in what she was doing, and she could potentially lose everything she had to reach her goal.

Stella had never met anyone like Hylda in her whole life.

Hylda would do just about anything to climb the social ladder.

She did not only desire a man, but she also wanted to be wealthy and earn herself a reputation in Rivera. She wanted to turn her life around which most people could only dream of doing.

Stella was impressed by how ambitious she was, but she detested her unscrupulous means.

Her mother, Rainee, had always yearned for the Jewell family to make a name for themselves in the upper circle of Rivera.

However, she prioritized the well-being of her children, the safety of her husband, and the harmony of her family. She thought that if she could achieve that, all of her problems would be resolved by money alone.

Rainee was also once met with cold glances too when she tried to fit in that circle, but her worth as a person surpassed all those women who could only live under their husband's shadow by miles.

Stella's intention for revenge became even stronger when she thought about how Albert hurt her mother for a woman like Hylda.

The car arrived at Clouditude International very soon later.

Stella asked Keegan when she was getting out of the car, "Are you going straight to the office?"

Keegan nodded.

Stella said, "You haven't changed your clothes yet."

Keegan paused and said, "It's fine."

"Your colleagues are going to gossip about you."

"They wouldn't dare," Keegan said.

Stella looked at Aldor, and he immediately said, "They wouldn't dare to do it in front of you, but they'll do it privately. Keegan was speechless.

Stella tried to hold her laughter back, as she softly said, "I have some men's clothes at my place. Do you want to get changed?"

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Keegan's eyelid twitched, and he repeated what she said.

"You have men's clothes at your place?"

Stella replied, "I did a photoshoot for a local clothing brand previously. They had a design that looked really good, so I took two sets of it for you. The fabric is very soft, but it's not something very expensive. Just forget it if you're not interested."

Keegan paused.

"Why are you speaking as if you've bought me any expensive clothes before?" Stella was speechless.

Then, she gritted her teeth and said, "What makes you say that? The socks that I bought you cost a few hundred dollars for a pair, and the ones I'm wearing are just a few dollars!"

"Except for socks," Keegan said.

"What about boxers? They cost several hundred, and some are even more than a thousand!" Keegan was speechless.

"Except for boxers."

Stella opened her mouth and argued back, "I didn't buy you expensive clothes not because I'm not willing to spend that money on you, but because they're just not worth the price. You know that when you buy from a luxury brand, you're paying a premium for its brand. A shirt that is sold for a few thousand dollars only costs a few hundred to make. I just can't find a reason to spend that much on something that you wear casually every day."

She began to think that her point made a lot of sense, and she spoke even more confidently, "I'd compare prices from different stores whenever I buy something. It's a very tiring thing to do, okay? I'm just trying to save money for you, yet you're mocking me for it."

Keegan's eyelid twitched.

"You compared prices from different stores, and you got me a pair of swimming trunks which the color came off?" Stella kept quiet.

Aldor could not help but burst into laughter.

Everybody knew that Keegan did not know how to swim.

However, some of his business partners would choose to talk business in a club to play some golf or swim while they were at it.

Obviously, Keegan had to accompany them throughout those activities, but he would normally not get into the water.

However, he met a client who happened to be an excellent swimmer.

After finding out that Keegan could not swim, he insisted on teaching him.

He even said that Keegan would get himself a deal once he learned how to swim.

Keegan had not gotten a stable position in the company yet, so he needed big contracts like this to boost his reputation. So, he agreed with the client even though he was afraid of the water.

Then, he called Stella and told her to bring a pair of swimming trunks over.

Stella knew that he was going to learn to swim and enthusiastically went to pick a pair of swimming trunks for him.

However, Stella's taste in swimming trunks was rather peculiar.

They either had superheroes printed on them, had a farting pattern printed on the back, or had an elephant's trunk or banana printed at the front.

None of them could be worn in public.

The problem was that Keegan had a meeting with the client, and he was waiting for her to send him the swimming trunks.

She sounded very confident and said that Keegan would love the swimming trunks she bought when she was speaking to him on the phone.

What happened next was obvious.

Keegan's face turned pale when he saw those various designs of swimming trunks.

However, the client was waiting for him, and he had no time to buy a new one.

So, he reluctantly picked a plain black and red design and wore it.

It looked like the most normal one out of the others; before he got into the water, at least.

When they were almost done negotiating the terms, the client told him to get into the water and that he was going to teach him some breathing techniques.

So, Keegan prepared himself mentally and got into the pool.

Everything was going fine at first, but the look on his client's face began to look strange after teaching him for a while.

In the end, the client could not hold himself back anymore and asked, "Mr. Kane, do you want to see a proctologist? Your hemorrhoids seem pretty serious. Even the water is turning red."

Keegan was stunned. He looked down and saw a faint red color seeping out from between his thighs.

The scene looked just as shocking, as his backside was bleeding from hemorrhoids.

Keegan's face looked extremely dark.

Even though Aldor tried his best to explain that the red color came from the discolored swimming trunks, the client still gave him a peculiar look despite already acknowledging the situation.

Keegan was very bothered by that embarrassing incident, and he still could not let it go even though two years had passed.

At the same time, Aldor still had a hard time containing his laughter whenever he thought about it.

Stella's way of saving money was simply impeccable.

Stella naturally remembered what happened after Keegan brought it up, and she spoke in an awkward manner.

"That pair was a gift from the store owner. All the other ones I bought were just fine, yet you just had to pick the free gift."

Keegan lifted his brows.

"So, it's my fault, huh?"

Stella gritted her teeth.

"Forget it if you don't want to get changed! Bye! Keegan grabbed her wrist and chuckled softly, "You offered to give them to me. How could you go back on your words?"