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Marie stormed out of the venue, fuming as she headed straight to the parking lot where a black SUV was waiting for her.

Miss, how- began an older man as he opened the car door for her.

Shut up and drive! she screamed at her chauffeur, shoving him aside before getting into the vehicle.

The chauffeur merely grimaced and complied, knowing that meant things had gone badly.

Marie pulled out her phone from her bag and began typing a message.

Stupid... how dare she steal my man? The Cooper fortune is mine... I was Jayden's girlfriend first, she seethed as she tapped angrily on her phone screen. "Tch.. damn it, why did my mother have to get all high and mighty and divorce Dad over that little slip with the secretary..." she muttered to herself, frustrated. All her plans had fallen apart because she lost contact with Jayden and he seemed to have forgotten her completely-something she was not about to accept easily.

Then she saw that her message had been replied to, making her smile as she read it.

Um.. Miss, where to...?

Isn't it obvious? Take me home, you idiot. Tch... why even ask? I'm not walking the streets in this expensive dress just for it to get ruined.

The older man only grimaced and decided not to speak further.

Marie arrived home and quickly changed her clothes before heading back out to meet her new allies and find out more about this Deborah floozy. The big problem, however, was that Jayden's mother had already accepted her into the family.

Her chauffeur drove her to one of those new, small cafés, as she didn't want anyone to recognize her and interrupt her. Besides, she was finally going to meet that blond and the old lady she planned to use to remove Deborah from the picture. "So, you're the one from the letter?" Sophia asked as the redhead took her seat at the table.

That's right, and I don't care who you are. I just want you to tell me everything about this Deborah because I want to destroy her and get her away from my man and his money.

Isabelle and Sophia smiled at each other as they began chatting with the Marie.

Meanwhile, Deborah had briefly forgotten about the horrible incident with that woman as she was reviewing the results from the big event.

Certainly, some made money, others lost... but public opinion was very positive because the advisors working at the firm were very friendly and had explained in simple terms how to play the stock buying and selling game. That was good because it meant that the day had increased the client portfolio she would now be handling.

Yesssss! Look at the future millionaire of the city! Danielle announced happily as she returned to her bosses, having participated in the event and won some money. Спарте 211

Congratulations, Tatiana said.

It certainly is interesting. Max added.

How did it go for you? Nicholas asked.

I wasn't lucky because the super cheap stocks were the first to sell out.

Cheer up, Max, if you want, I can help you with the next one, Deborah offered.

Thanks, boss.

It was then that James started fussing and began to cry.

Yes, love, we're going home now, Deborah said, noticing the little one starting to complain because he was tired and hungry.

Here. Nicholas pulled out some items from the diaper bag and prepared some milk for the baby.

Thanks, Dad. Look, James, here it is, she said, taking the bottle and bringing it to her little one's mouth. James eagerly grabbed the bottle and started drinking the white liquid. "Debbie-" Jayden came over and placed a bib on his son to keep his clothes clean,

If you want, I'll stay to say goodbye to the guests, so you two take my grandson to his bed, he said.

We'll stay and help too, Samantha said.

In that case, come on, bosses, Danielle said, grabbing the diaper bag.

Jayden and Deborah said their goodbyes and headed toward the exit to go home.

Máximo went ahead to get the car and park it at the entrance.

Today I can handle more, Jayden said, opening the car door and helping his partner into the vehicle.

It's just that I was excited, she said, wiping the sweat from the baby's forehead with a cloth. "Once we get home, I'll give him a bath so he can sleep comfortably." Jayden smiled at the interaction.

The drive was short, and upon arriving home, they bid farewell to the siblings and took James straight to his room for a bath before putting him to sleep.

When he had fallen asleep, Deborah seized the moment to talk to Jayden.

So now, can you tell me what all that was about? she asked, looking him in the eye.

What do you mean, love?

Who was that woman?

Um... well, now that she mentioned her name, I think she's my ex-girlfriend from when I was a teenager.

Hm... and what happened? Why did you break up?

Because she hated my hobbies and my mother, Jayden recalled, "If I remember correctly, she broke up with me because of that, and I did beg her for a while, but then I heard she moved away, so I stopped talking to her and got over it." "Hm..."

Hehe, are you jealous?

Very much so, because I hate that feeling of déjà vu.

I know, maybe I'm overreacting a bit, but it annoys me to see someone trying to ruin my happiness. It's bad enough that they're plotting something, and now I have to protect my baby and also protect your because a crazy woman wants to kidnap you. "Calm down, love."

I can't stay calm because it makes me angry, she said, starting to cry from the frustration she felt.

Aw, my lovely Debbie, Jayden said, hugging her.

Jayden, promise me you won't leave me.

I promise, he said, trying to wipe her tears away. "You're the only one for me."

Deborah smiled and hugged him before giving him a kiss on the lips.

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Fortunately-or rather, unfortunately-the so-called scandal on the day of the stock exchange's reopening went unnoticed, which infuriated Marie. It seemed her most expensive heels had been ruined for nothing Now all she had left was to see if those two poor souls could help her solve her problem, as they had claimed they could ruin this happy marriage.

Though she wouldn't put all her trust in them, she looked for a new opportunity to get closer to Jayden and noticed an invitation on her father's desk that might help with that new opportunity.

The next day. Deborah was scanning newspapers and magazines for public opinions.

Everything is going well, and today we have more work than ever, Nicholas said, on a video call with her at that moment.

I see that, and I'll see if I can come by tomorrow to help out.

t worry, your old man still has plenty of energy to hold the fort," the older man said Besides, you have something more important to attend to today."

Thanks, Dad. I'll make it up to you tomorrow.

"As long as you bring my grandson, I'm satisfied, and-

Sir, sorry to interrupt," Tatiana's voice said. "The new clients have arrived."

Oh, I'm coming. Debbie, I'll have to go. New clients have arrived.

Okay, good luck, Deborah said, ending the call.

Ma'am, she looked up to see the butler setting a glass of juice beside her.

a wink."

Thank you, she said, taking the glass and drinking a bit. Then she stood up to check on her little one, noting he was playing with his hands and babbling. "Hehe, what are you doing, my love?" "Ah..." James got excited seeing his mom. He stretched out his hands and kicked the air.

You're such a cutie, you know that? Deborah said, lifting him carefully and giving him a kiss on the forehead. "You know, my little boy, you're getting so chubby, hehe."

Hello, hello! Jayden's cheerful voice rang out as he entered the house.

James lit up at the sound of his dad's voice.

Welcome home, love, Deborah smiled and approached her partner to give him a kiss.

What a lovely welcome, Jayden commented, taking James into his arms.

How did it go?"

It went excellently-the issue is finally resolved, Jayden said happily. "So now I'm completely free until the next project."

That's good, my love, I was worried when I saw you rush out this morning, leaving your breakfast unfinished." Chapter 212

Sorry about that, love. I was notified that a batch of tiles arrived broken, but I quickly sorted it out.

Did you request a replacement?

No, we used them as is since they were custom-ordered, he said with a sigh. "But I suggested doing a mosaic style, and the slight separation gave it a more sophisticated look." "I'm eager to see how it turned out."

You'll see it at the party, and in the meantime, you and I are going to have a lot of fun because I've reserved a bunch of large building blocks for us to play with,

Ah... James didn't quite understand but enjoyed being lifted a bit, as he liked that feeling.

And you arrived just in time; I was about to go change him, Deborah said.

I'll help, Jayden said, adjusting the baby in his arms.

She smiled, and together they headed to James's room to change his clothes for going out.

Here they are, I caught up with you, Samantha said as she approached them. "Kids, can you buy this for me?" she asked, handing them a note.

Sure, let's see... ah, it's Grandpa's vitamins, Deborah read from the note.

Yes, he's running low, and if I don't load up his pill organizer, he won't keep track of his health.

Haha, my dad is quite rebellious.

Quite, Samantha said, looking at her grandson. "So you must be good and obey what the doctor says," she said, playing with his little hands and making him laugh. "Will do, Grandma," Jayden said, moving James's hand and making a high-pitched voice that amused the

women.

By the way, are you eating out or coming back home?

Out, as Elliot and Mr. George invited us to lunch, Deborah said.

Oh, well then, I'll make plans with Eric to eat out too, Samantha said, saying goodbye to them.

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After that, the couple went into the baby's room to change his clothes and prepare the diaper bag.

Once they were ready, they got into the car and headed to the doctor's office.

Upon arrival, the doctor was already waiting for them.

Hello again, James, the doctor greeted as the family walked in.

Ah...

Hello, doctor, Deborah greeted.

I see we've had quite a growth spurt, the doctor commented as he looked at the baby.

Indeed, it's not just my imagination, Jayden said as they took a seat.

That's good; it means he's growing well, the doctor said, picking him up. "Let's measure you, champ," he said, carrying the baby to the scale and measuring tape "Wow 62 cm. Hehe, you've really grown, last month you were 57," he said, looking at the baby's chart. "And let's see... oh, you've gained weight too. Last month you were 4.3 kg, and now you're 5 kg.'

Phew. I knew he was heavier, Jayden joked, making faces to make James laugh.

This little guy is growing up, Deborah said, coming over to hug her baby, who had been calm while the doctor examined him. James babbled happily.

I'm pleased to say he's growing normally, the doctor said, returning to his desk. "And tell me, how is the night routine going?"

He's slowly getting used to it and now only cries once a night, Jayden said, relieved not to be living with raccoon eyes anymore.

I told you, it's just a phase, the doctor said, noting some things in James's medical file. "But now that he's 3 months old, we're moving into a new stage."

Hm? the parents asked.

Soon, you'll notice that James will start putting everything in his mouth, the doctor said, observing James sucking on his hand.

Oh, son... Jayden said, pulling his hand away and listening to his laughter.

Don't worry, it's normal for babies to start exploring the world this way, though it's dangerous, so you need to keep a close eye on him.

Understood, we'll be very careful with him, Deborah said, wiping away excess saliva from the baby's mouth.

This is where toys with different textures come in handy, as he'll be preparing for when his teeth start coming in a few months," the doctor said, watching James smile and put his hand back in his mouth. "Nuuu..." Deborah said, making the baby laugh as he refused to move his hand.

Hmm... tasty hand, Jayden joked, helping with that.

The doctor smiled at their comments and, after giving them some advice on dealing with the heat and ensuring James didn't get sick from the climate change, they left.

On the way back to the car, they stopped at the pharmacy to pick up Grandpa's vitamins.

Well, now we're off to lunch with Grandpa and Uncle, Deborah said, putting the medicine in the diaper bag

James loves going out, Jayden said, observing James's excitement as he moved his head from side to side, taking in everything that caught his attention.

Yes, Deborah said, taking her beloved's hand as they began to walk together.

Once they got into the car, they headed to the restaurant where they were expected.

But upon arrival, they were surprised to find that in addition to them, Roger was also present.

Seeing him, Jayden frowned, becoming serious and ready to protect his partner and child.

Deborah, Jayden, George greeted, standing up to approach them. "Come, sit down." "James," Elliot greeted the baby.

James smiled, excited to see his uncle.

May I ask what this means? Jayden asked, clearly annoyed as he pointed to Roger.

Is there a problem, Cooper?

Yes... your presence bothers me, Peterson.

Jayden, love... Deborah hugged him and tried to calm him down before looking at the older man. "Sorry, but why is he here?"

I'm not here to get friendly, Roger said, glancing at the baby. "Let's just say I have something to tell you that's so important you'll thank me in the end."

Ah? Deborah and Jayden exchanged puzzled looks before turning their attention back to Roger, who looked confident and assured.

They took their seats and prepared to listen to what Roger had to say about something that had happened the day before.

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Eric and Samantha were growing increasingly concerned. Ever since Jayden and Deborah returned from lunch with George and his son, they had been acting strangely

Samantha approached her son to find out what had happened and was met with a shocking revelation: Roger was now intent on being part of James's life. The worst part was that he had convinced Deborah to let him get close to the baby. Naturally, this upset Jayden and caused tension between them.

Jayden's parents were also a bit upset with Deborah, unable to understand why she had agreed to this when Roger had never shown any interest in James before.

As a result, the atmosphere at home grew a bit uncomfortable.

The weekend arrived, bringing with it the grand opening of the hotel.

When the Cooper family arrived at the event, many noticed that the young couple didn't seem as cheerful and harmonious as usual, drawing the curiosity of those eager to find out what had happened.

The hotel itself was quite impressive. From its facade to the interior, every detail showcased the fifteen floors, which included several pools, a golf course, gyms, restaurants, and a private rooftop garden. "Wow the place is beautiful," Deborah remarked as she took in the finished product.

Hehe, I was also surprised by the result, the hotel's new owner said. "Your husband is incredibly talented. As soon as I saw his design in 3D, I fell in love with his vision."

Thank you, sir," Jayden said, blushing with modesty.

I agree, son, You've outdone yourself, Samantha said, admiring her son's work.

You're definitely upholding the company's reputation. Eric praised.

I agree. He's very talented and shows his passion in his designs, Deborah said, holding Jayden's hand and smiling at him.

Ah.. James was excited, his little eyes wide as he took in the colorful flowers nearby.

Hm... the owner said happily. "Well, it's time to cut the ribbon," he said, apologizing to the couple before heading to the entrance to start the inauguration with a speech of thanks to the Cooper family for creating such a beautiful, functional work of art. Every part of the hotel had its own unique details and decorations.

After cutting the ribbon, all the guests were invited to the dining area to enjoy the party.

As they entered the dining room, the Cooper family was seated at a large table to enjoy the event, placed a little further away from the music to avoid disturbing James.

We'll be right back, kids. I'm going to greet some friends, Eric said, standing up with his beloved to chat with their friends.

Go ahead, Deborah and Jayden said in unison.

At that moment, Marie arrived, thrilled that her family had received an invitation. It didn't take her long to

find them

As Marie approached cautiously, she saw Deborah standing.

I'm going to change his diaper. I'll be right back, Deborah said, carrying James to the restroom.

Be careful.

Marie waited for Deborah to enter the restroom before approaching Jayden's table. "Jayden, what a coincidence"

It seems so, Jayden replied with an indifferent tone, glancing at her.

Marie didn't initially notice her appearance but quickly composed herself. "Um... I know we didn't get a chance to talk properly last time," she said, sitting down next to him and taking his hand.

I'm not sure what we would have talked about, he said, pulling his hand away.

Well, you know... the old times. Even though we're far apart, I still haven't been able to forget you, she said, sounding both distressed and a bit flirtatious.

Really? Then tell me, why did you never answer my calls or messages? he asked, frowning and looking her in the eye.

Marie smiled, as it meant he hadn't forgotten her. "The thing is... AHH!" she screamed as something fell on her head and soaked her.

"Wah... James's voice was heard behind her, causing her to turn around quickly and see the little rascal had accidentally spilled his milk on her.

Oh no, James... bad boy, that's not nice," Deborah said, trying to stifle her laughter."

Deborah, we're in public. That was rude, Jayden said, frowning as he offered Marie a napkin to clean her face.

It wasn't rude. James just likes to play with animals on the streets, Deborah explained.

Marie gritted her teeth at that.

Ah.. you know, I think I'm going to have to teach him better to be a decent man. Jayden said with a tired

tone.

Let me remind you that you can't do that, Deborah snapped, frowning.

Heh... really? Are you going to accept that idiot's apologies and take away my right to... Jayden began, raising his voice and drawing the attention of the other guests. "Buaaaa!" James cried out, frightened by the loud voices.

Jayden, don't shout. You're scaring him, Deborah scolded, rocking the baby. "It's okay, sweetheart, Mommy's here."

Tch... I really can't believe you're so stupid as to believe his fake apologies and let him get close to my son, Jayden complained, crossing his arms.

Who are you talking about? Marie asked, her curiosity and delight evident as she saw them arguing.

Stay out of this and leave!

Deborah, behave and don't insult Marie.

Don't worry, love... she didn't offend me. She's probably acting out because she's stressed, Marie said, adopting a mocking tone as she tried to hug Jayden, but he stepped away. "Um... Jayden, how about we catch up later? When she's not around," she added, looking down at Deborah.

What... Deborah tried to approach her but was stopped by Jayden,

Enough! We're in public.

Same goes for you, Deborah shot back. This slut just called you 'love' right in front of me."

What did you just call me?

It's what you deserve, since you're here trying to steal my husband.

He's not your husband.

He certainly is, and he's also the father of my child.

Seriously, Deborah? Because I remember you didn't say that yesterday.

Jayden, shut up.

James was very scared by his parents' argument and kept crying.

Seeing their little one's distress, they tried to calm down and leave the place.

Eric and Samantha were shocked by what had happened, and they weren't alone. Reporters immediately

flocked to Marie for interviews, eager to understand what had transpired.

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Samantha and Eric watched as Marie was interviewed and began to put on dramatics with the press, portraying herself as the victim of that horrible woman next to Jayden.

They were obviously upset and decided to apologize to their friends before leaving. They wanted to talk to their children and find out what had really happened.

Meanwhile, Deborah and Jayden were on their way home in the car.

Ouch... Jayden winced after receiving a hit on his arm, rubbing it.

You called me stupid, Deborah said, tears in her eyes.

Um... sorry, love, I...

That was offensive, and it hurt, she said, pouting.

I'm sorry...

Sorry, darling... sniff... your daddy is being bad, sweetheart, she said, hugging James.

Ah.. The little one touched his mommy's face, noticing the tears in her eyes but smiling.

Sorry, my love, I got carried away, Jayden said, hugging her and trying to rock her while giving kisses to

her cheek.

James touched his daddy's face, laughing as he received kisses.

You see, even James is scolding you, Deborah said with a smile.

Hehe, sorry my loves. I just got carried away, Jayden said, feeling embarrassed as he moved his little one's hands.

"Well, love, now you know, if you get tired of building houses, you can always look for a job as a soap

opera actor."

Ha, you're so mean."

Though I'm a bit worried...

Your parents' reaction, she said, making a face. "I think we should tell them the truth."

"Better not. My mom isn't good at acting or pretending

But with what happened today, we need to explain things to them so they don't get angry with us."""

I suppose you're right, especially since I don't want them to change their attitude toward you.

Hm.... if we're going to tell them, we should also call my dad so we can explain everything to all three of them at the same time, Deborah said, pulling out her phone to send a message inviting him over for dinner. "Sounds good, I'll let the chef know to prepare food for everyone," Jayden said, sending a message to the house chef.

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Let's explain what's going on so they don't get upset or act impulsively and ruin our plans, Deborah said, putting her phone away.

By the way. Jayden began while holding the baby, "why did you throw James's milk?"

Technically, it wasn't on purpose. My idea was to hit her with the bottle, but i didn't realize I hadn't closed it properly, so when I was about to throw it, all the liquid spilled out. I had to improvise.

Oh, I see. Though I did think you did it on purpose given how you said it, haha.

With that, the mood relaxed, and they began to recall the funny faces Marie had made.

When they arrived home, they changed the baby's clothes for his nap.

Meanwhile, Samantha and Eric arrived at the house and found Nicholas at the entrance.

Nicholas? Eric asked, confused, as they hadn't been expecting him,

Hello, good afternoon, Nicholas greeted. "And where are you coming from?" he asked, noting their elegant attire.

Oh, it was the inauguration of the hotel where Jayden works, Eric answered proudly.

Oh that's great. Congratulations, Nicholas said. "Your son is really talented. I saw some pictures of the place yesterday while watching the news."

Thank you, Jayden said. "And what are you doing here?"

Deb sent me a message earlier inviting me to dinner.

Dinner? Samantha repeated, confused, as she didn't remember making plans for a family lunch.

Um... is something wrong? You seem a bit off, Nicholas commented, noticing their unusual demeanor. "Well, earlier they... Samantha started to explain, but just then, the front door of the house opened. "They've arrived," Deborah said, approaching to hug her father. "Hello, sweetheart," Nicholas responded, returning the hug. "Sorry for arriving late. Since yesterday was a bit hectic at work, I didn't let anyone stay for overtime and sent them home to rest. But I did ask them to come in today to finish up some pending tasks." "Alright, Dad. Later, give me the names of the workers who helped you so I can pay them extra for the additional hours."

You're too late. I already gave that list to the accountant.

Hehe, well, now that you're talking about work, let's go inside so we're not under the sun, Jayden said.

Eric and Samantha were confused, but went along with their son, entering the house while pondering the right words to start their questioning

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As they sat down at the table, Samantha and Eric noticed that Jayden and Deborah were acting as if nothing had happened earlier. They were chatting and eating as if the earlier argument was just a bad dream.

Enough with this charade, Eric said firmly.

Is something wrong? Nicholas asked, looking confused.

You see, earlier... Samantha began to explain.

What happened earlier was just an act, Deborah cut in.

What? the blond couple exclaimed in unison.

What are you talking about? What did I miss? Nicholas looked around, bewildered.

Earlier, we were acting and arguing in public, Jayden explained.

Acting? But...

Let us explain everything, Deborah said, taking Jayden's hand. "You see, everything we told you earlier and what happened today was a lie. We found out something concerning during lunch with Mr. George... -Flashback-

Jayden and Deborah had taken a seat at the table, deliberately positioning themselves far from Roger.

James was playing with his hands, oblivious to the tense atmosphere around him.

Come on, Peterson, Jayden said with a frown.

How rude, Roger taunted, trying to provoke him. "Please, enough," George interjected.

Roger sighed and rolled his eyes.

Look, James, Elliot showed a new rattle, which immediately caught the baby's attention. James reached out his tiny hands to grab it.

Hehe, you're already getting to know him, Jayden remarked, seeing the excitement in his little one's face as the toy made noise. "Yep, this is a new baby toy."

You're so lucky, my love, Deborah said, smiling at James enjoying his new toy.

Um... Deborah, Roger called her while offering a gift box. I suppose it's the least I can do..."

What is it? Jayden asked as Deborah accepted the box and opened it to reveal a child's xylophone.

It's cute... thank you, Roger. I know he'll like it.

Yes... um... I chose it because I saw it's a popular toy for babies due to its colors and sounds.

So, is this the important thing you wanted to tell us? Jayden asked, slightly annoyed.

No, this is just a side note, Roger said with a grimace. "What I really wanted to tell you is that my mother came to talk to me again yesterday, accompanied by Sophia" "And...?"

Hold on, Jayden, Deborah said, "Tell me, do they have any connection to Marie Ward?"

What? Jayden now looked at Roger intently.

Well.. I don't know who she is, but-

Yes, they're connected, George interrupted Deborah.

How? Everyone turned to look at him.

I've always tried to protect you, which is why you and your mother have bodyguards who report on your movements in case anyone causes trouble."

Wait.. you're keeping tabs on us?

It's surprising you didn't notice, brother, Elliot said with amusement.

Anyway, back to what I was saying: they contacted me, or rather, my mother called me, and then I saw they were together. The point is, they suggested I fight for my rights as a father, Roger said with a grimace. "Even though I've made it clear I don't see James as my son, because it wouldn't be fair to claim that title since I've never cared for him, they kept insisting until I got fed up and asked them directly why they wanted me to do that." "Til guess, they just want to make you miserable," Deborah said sarcastically.

Yes, because they keep saying you ruined their perfect lives.

Oh... those women, Jayden said, trying to hide his frustration.

But we already knew about their delusions, Elliot started. "What about this new person? What's her deal?"

I can explain that, Jayden said. "She's an ex-girlfriend who seems to have returned to town and remembered my existence because her family is nearly bankrupt."

What a fool... uh, I mean, how naïve, Elliot quickly corrected himself, noticing his Deborah's disapproving look

That's what I thought, Jayden admitted. "So, I had her investigated, and it turns out she believed I was still waiting for her."

And it seems the three of them have teamed up to separate you, Roger commented.

Typical Deborah sighed and crossed her arms.

Of course, I refused, but they even suggested killing James just to destroy your happiness.

What?"

God... I think they should be locked up in a mental institution, George said, visibly angry. "To even

suggest that... and worse, what is Isabelle thinking by suggesting such things about her own grandchild?" "Dad, calm down," Elliot said.

What's important is that we've confirmed our suspicions that they're planning something. Deborah said.

I still don't understand why they can't get over the past and live in the present, Jayden said, adjusting James in his arms, who had started playing with a tambourine "Have no idea, but now that we know their plan, how about we teach them a lesson?" George suggested.

What do you have in mind, Dad?

A plan to give those three a definitive lesson, but we'll need everyone's cooperation.

What? Roger and Jayden protested.

Yes, just for this one time, we need to work together to ensure James's safety.

-End of Flashback-

I knew that girl would only bring trouble, Samantha said, frustrated. "And teaming up with that other woman of questionable reputation as well as Isabelle... oh, my God."

And what's George's plan? Nicholas asked.

"We're going to pretend to be on bad terms in public so Marie will think she has a chance with me and get rid of that gold-digger who's trying to steal her fortune,

Hey!" Deborah, who was listening with amusement, protested. "And to make it seem like their plan is going well, Roger will pretend to be getting close to me again, and I'll have a lapse of idiocy where I'll want to return to his arms so James can grow up with his real dad and all that nonsense..."

**Samantha stood up and gave both young people a light smack.

Ouch... they both exclaimed.

Such mischievous and deceitful children. You lied to us.

It was Jayden's idea, Deborah said, pouting.

It's because, Mom... I didn't want to tell you because you're a terrible actress.

Well... they do have a point, love, Eric said.

My love, you're being so mean... You're supposed to be on my side.

Wait... does this mean I have to pretend and be nice to this kid who hurt you? Nicholas asked, frowning.

Don't worry, that won't happen, Deborah said, looking him in the eye. "Roger knows he's not James's father."

This sweet child is mine, but I'll pretend to hate him to protect him, and I hope you'll support us in this because we want to see how far they'll go, Jayden said.

Of course, we'll help, the elders agreed.

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Marie was overjoyed when watching her interview on television. She couldn't get enough of seeing the footage of the supposed happy couple arguing.

It looks like their happiness wasn't as genuine or everlasting as they claimed, she commented while sipping on a glass of champagne.

I told you their happiness was fleeting. Sophia said.

And luckily, my son is doing his part, Isabelle declared. "I'm glad to see he used his head and managed to fool that idiot by telling her he still wants her and all that romantic nonsense that impresses women like her."

By the way, has he planned what he's going to do about the child? Sophia asked. I mean, Roger made it clear he doesn't want him."

No idea. Maybe he'll just throw him away because he doesn't resemble my son, so I refuse to acknowledge him."

Well, looking at the baby's photos, he does resemble her, Sophia said, noting that despite her dislike for the former mute woman, James was a very cute baby.

"I don't care. Boys are supposed to resemble their father, and girls are supposed to resemble their mother.

Her companions exchanged glances before looking back; they thought that comment made no sense.

But they preferred to keep their opinions to themselves, not wanting to contradict her, since Isabelle was the one funding the operation.

Sure..." Marie said nervously, returning her gaze to the television."

By the way, dear, Isabelle said, looking at Marie, "you need to keep insisting and make sure that Jayden doesn't have too much happiness... I simply can't allow that."

You know, I... I have a question, Sophia began. "Why do you hate her? I thought your families were friends."

Yes... but the truth is, I've always hated Alexandra because she was the perfect girl, and for a moment, thought she would be my competition and try to steal George's love from me, Isabelle said, settling into her seat. "In fact, I once thought Deborah was their secret child," she said, looking bored as she examined her nails. "But it turned out she wasn't. Still, it angered me that her daughter wanted to take my Roger away, so I tried to teach my son not to believe in her love talk because I would never accept her as my daughter-in-law."

And I was accepted, why...? Sophia asked, somewhat confused.

Because you resemble me when I was young: beautiful, ambitious, talented, intelligent... everything I was, that's why I supported you.

...Sophia wasn't too thrilled about being compared to her, especially since it was clear that Isabelle was unhinged

Anyway, what's important is that the three of us need to get our happy ending." Marie said, pouring

herself more champagne.

Cheers to that, the three of them said, clinking their glasses.

Isabelle was thrilled because soon she'd be working to restore everything to its natural order... and yes, maybe Deborah had recovered her fortune and was no longer a kept woman, but that wasn't important..

What mattered was that Deborah was never happy in love, and they needed to sever the connection between her and that baby. To ensure all ties were cut, she needed to get rid of the baby, otherwise in the long run, that child would compete with Roger's future children. After the small meeting, Isabelle left happily for the bank to withdraw some money as her pension was being deposited that day.

When she arrived at the ATM, she saw that her account was at zero...

WHAT! she screamed, creating a scene at the bank before pulling out her phone to call George, regardless of the time.

What's going on? she heard on the other end of the line.

Why are you asking that? You know today you're supposed to deposit my pension, she said, frustrated." And there's nothing in my account."

Oh right, but I don't see what the problem is.

Didn't you read the papers you signed? The pension you receive comes with a very special condition.

Condition? she repeated, confused. "What the heck are you talking about?"

Read the documents, and you'll understand, Have a nice night, he said, ending the call.

Isabelle was bewildered, so she hurried back home to find those papers

After a few minutes of searching, she found them and began to read them.

After several pages, she came across the condition George had mentioned:

This pension is not mandatory and may be reduced, increased, or suspended at any time without prior notice, as it is subject to the discretion of Mr. George Peterson.

What... she was terrified after reading this. "No, this is a bad joke."

It was definitely Deborah's fault... yes, it was all her damn fault because she caused the divorce... but this wouldn't end here. If she lost everything, Deborah would lose everything too. Meanwhile, on the other side of the city...

Dad. are you sure about this? Elliot asked after hearing what had happened.

Yes, I think it's time to put an end to this once and for all. It's not fair that Deborah and my grandson should live in fear, thinking she might appear and try to harm them.

"In that case, I'll let my sister know so she can prepare, Elliot said, pulling out his phone to send her at

message.

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Hm... it's better to confront them directly. What they're doing is not right."""

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With the alert now in their possession, Deborah and Jayden started planning their next move. Their primary goal was to secure their most treasured possession.

They began searching for a place to buy "it," and now they were simply waiting for its arrival to set their plan into motion and deal with the three troublesome women. To avoid the press and the ongoing speculation about Issues in the Cooper marriage, they stayed at home, enjoying their time together.

Jayden took advantage of the moment to rest and spend more time with James.

Deborah managed the company's affairs through video calls.

Four days had passed since the scandal, and that morning. Jayden woke up late, realizing he was alone in bed.

Ah... it feels so good to sleep in, he commented as he left the room and headed to the kitchen for

breakfast

Good morning, dear, Samantha greeted, reading the newspaper and sipping her coffee.

Morning, Mom, Jayden approached and gave her a kiss on the cheek. "Where are Deborah and James?"

"They're coming. They went to change James's diaper

Ah, I see," Jayden said, taking a seat."

Here's your breakfast, Katie said as she set it down.

Thanks, Katie, Jayden said, taking a sip of water before starting to eat. "And Dad? Did he go out?"

No, he's resting. He just went to the room to grab his phone just in case someone calls.

I see. I keep mine close, too, Jayden said with a grin, placing his phone on the table.

We're back, Deborah announced as she entered, carrying James, who was smiling and holding his favorite cloth rattle.

Good morning, Jayden said, standing up to kiss his beloved on the lips.

Good morning, Deborah replied as James eagerly reached out for his dad.

Aw... James really loves his dad, Samantha remarked, watching the sweet scene.

And I love him very much, too, Jayden said, planting a kiss on James's forehead. Deborah smiled as she sat down next to her husband.

Here, give me James so you can eat, she said, taking the baby.

And you, love? Have you had breakfast?

I have.

James reached for his dad's food with a babble. Chapter 210

Hehe, no James, you're still too little for that. "Ah..."

When you're a bit older, I'll let you try, Jayden said, noticing the pout on James's face.

That reminds me, we need to buy his first utensils for when he starts eating solids, Samantha suggested. "And more clothes," Deborah added.

"More? But we bought some last month, Eric commented as he returned to his seat.

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Yes, but between the last check-up and this one, he's grown 5 centimeters."""

Wow... he grew a lot, Eric said with amusement.

James is a growing baby, Samantha explained.

So, what's the plan for today? Eric asked.

Relax at home and... Jayden began, but at that moment, the doorbell rang.

This was unusual for the family since they weren't expecting visitors.

Please, come in. Leave it in the living room, the butler instructed.

Of course, sir, a man's voice replied, followed by the sound of something heavy being set down. "Just sign here."

Sure, here you go.

Excellent, see you later.

What did they bring? Samantha asked, curious as the butler went to check

Mr. Jayden, a package has just arrived for you.

Did you buy something? Deborah asked.

Hm... no... ah... Wait, I know what it is, Jayden said, excitedly picking up James as he stood and hurried to the living room. "Look, son, this is for us," he said, pointing to the large cardboard box. "Ah..." James looked at his dad with confusion but then smiled as he was brought closer to the box and began to hit it.

What did you buy? Samantha asked as they entered the living room.

Wait, I recognize that logo, Eric said, examining the box closely. "Is it what I think it is?"

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Yep, check it out, Jayden said excitedly, opening the box to reveal a bag of large building blocks.

Waaa... James was thrilled at the sight of all the bright colors.

Wait... is the whole box filled with blocks? Deborah asked, moving closer to see the contents of the box, which was about a meter tall. Yep, I actually bought around 20 bags," Jayden declared with excitement. "The idea is to build a huge castle."

Wow....you really got into this, didn't you? Samantha said, looking at the toy bags.

Yes! And now we're going to play, right, son? Jayden said, trying to open a bag to dump its contents on the floor.

One moment, Deborah said, taking the bag of toys away.

But, love...

We're not going to create a mess of blocks in the living room, Deborah said, grabbing the box. "We'll find a special room for block play." "Nooo." Jayden bemoaned.

Son, she's right, Eric said. "It's better to play in a safe place to avoid accidents with the blocks."

Well... I guess you're right, Jayden said, making a face.

Actually, I have a solution to this dilemma, Samantha said cheerfully. "Come, follow me."

They exchanged glances and followed her to a room.

Upon entering, they noticed the room had no furniture, just a large window with a balcony, curtains, and a soft gray rug.

And this? Deborah asked, admiring the space.

This will be James's special room, Eric said.

It used to be Jayden's room, and eventually became his special building space, Samantha added.

Really? I don't remember that

Yes, we wanted to give you an empty room to decorate with your passions and hobbies, Samantha explained.

I like the idea. So, this room will be for James and his new blocks? Deborah asked.

Yes, so he can have make a mess here without disturbing anyone, Samantha said. "Thanks, Mom and Dad," Jayden said.

Well, I'll go get some pillows so we can settle in to play. Deborah said.

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Jayden smiled as he began to open the packages, much to James's excitement.

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Deborah returned, taking James as they all sat on the floor to play.

James picked up a block and started sucking on one piece, occasionally moving it up and down.

No, James, look, this is how they work, Jayden said, showing him how the blocks could be joined to build a tower. "Ta-da..."

James watched, then tried to touch the tower. His attempt to push it over led to a crash, making him laugh heartily. "No, son."

It looks like he likes it, Deborah said with amusement.

Wait, I'll make another one. Jayden said, building another tower, only for James to knock it down with more laughter.

Hehe, I think he enjoys the destruction for now, Deborah observed.

Jayden just smiled and continued stacking towers for the little one to knock down. While it annoyed him slightly that he couldn't build something different, hearing James's laughter made it all worthwhile. Samantha and Eric watched with smiles, capturing the moment on video to send to Nicholas and George. as hearing James laugh was truly heartwarming.

Alright, dear, haha, Deborah said, giving Jayden a kiss on the forehead.

Okay, James needs to take a breather, Samantha said.

Hehe, sorry, son.

Let's switch, Deborah said, passing the baby to her so she could build. "Look, James, this is the red color," she said, showing him a single-color tower she built. "Ah..." James reached out and tried to push the tower over.

The adults smiled and joined in the fun, creating towers and placing them next to James for him to push over.

By the afternoon, they received their long-awaited package.

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Finally, they've left the house. I think they're heading to the mall with the kid, a male voice said over the phone.

Excellent. Keep watching them, Marie instructed, ending the call and dialing Isabelle. "Hey, it's time for your son to play his part. They're at the mall with the little one."

Perfect. And lucky for us, it's his day off, so today is definitely our big day.

Got it. I'll see you at the south entrance so we can find them and start the show, she said, finishing the call. "Well, let's get ready. Today, Jayden will be back in my arms," she said, striding toward her wardrobe to choose a very provocative outfit. Meanwhile, Deborah and Jayden had gone out to buy more clothes for James.

They entered the mall casually and made their way to the baby boutique, where they began searching for summer clothes and a few formal outfits for when they went out.

Look at this, Jayden said, holding up a green T-shirt with a cute brown bear face on it. "Do you like it?"

"It's adorable. But remember to check the label to make sure it's for a one-year-old so it lasts a bit longer.

Oh yes, but won't it be too big?"

Maybe a little. If it is, I'll adjust it with a snap or add some Velcro buttons.

Hehe, looks like you've got it all planned out.

It's thanks to the magazine 'My Baby and I, she said, winking at him. "Look, honey, do you like this?" she asked, showing him a white shirt paired with green suspender shorts. "Ah."

That's a yes, Deborah said, noticing James' excitement as he waved his hands animatedly and tried to grab the clothes.

It seems he really likes green, Jayden observed, seeing how the color excited him even more. "It's curious since it matches his hair color."

So tiny and already into fashion, she joked, watching as James chewed on his rattle.

Well, I think this outfit will be perfect, he said, surveying all the clothes they had chosen.

Yep, let's go, James, and pay for your clothes.

James babbled in response.

His parents laughed at his antics while heading to the checkout.

After leaving the store, Deborah momentarily left Jayden alone as she took James to the restroom to change his diaper.

While he waited, Jayden settled on a bench and started checking his phone

Jayden, he looked up to see Marie walking toward him, trying to sit as close as possible
“Wow, what a

coincidence, right?”

It seems so, he said, sighing and moving away slightly, but noticed she closed the distance again.” Please, back off a little “What? Why? I’m not doing anything wrong,” she said, trying to sound a bit hurt.

“I don’t want to have issues with Deborah like last time

Ah right, sorry, I got you into trouble with her that day and...””

And why do you call my husband love”?” Marie looked a bit scared as she turned and saw Deborah had returned, glaring at her while holding James, who seemed to be sleeping.

First of all, Jayden and I use those terms because we’ve shared something very beautiful and special for years something you’ll never understand, Marie said with a mocking tone. “And second, he can be with whoever he wants. He has no obligations to you since I’ve heard you’re forcing him to take responsibility for a child that isn’t his.”

Forcing? Deborah raised an eyebrow.

Yes, because that kid doesn’t share Jayden’s blood.