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Adam remained silent. His expression betrayed no hint of what was on his mind, and Nikki had no idea what he was thinking.

"Mr. Alvarez, it really was me that night. I gave you my first time="

Before she could finish, Adam had already stepped on the gas, and the houry car sped off.

"Mr. Alvarez!"

Nikki stood in place, her heart tilled with ease and fear. She was terrified that Adam might have discovered the truth.

At that moment, two black-suited men suddenly appeared. They grabbed Nildi by the arms and dragged her away,

Nikki screamed in fright, "Who are you? Let me go!"

"Get in! Ms. Tate wants to see you!".

The men roughly shoved **Nikki** into a bround car. Inside the car, Nildd looked up and saw Carly sitting across from her. Carly's delicate, beautiful face was **cold** and mind as she stared at her.

Nilda's heart sank. She had heard of Carly. Everyone in Mercity knew that Carly was Adam's beloved.

Celine was just the unloved wife, someone Nikki had no reason to fear. Carly, however, was a different story and someone truly intimidating

"M... Ms. Tate, hello," **Nikki** stammered

Carly gave Nikki a slow, scrutinizing look. "So you're the woman who spent the night with **Adam**? I heard that Adam has poured a lot of resources into you lately, making you quite the rising star."

Curly

ly sneered.

"Since **you** seem to

seem to enjoy sleeping with men, why don't I send you to a red-light district to take on clients full-time? What do you think?"

Nikki trembled uncontrollably. "No, Ms. Tate please."

Carly looked at Nikki as though she were a bug beneath her feet. She couldn't believe that the drug Adam had inhaled that night had ended up benefiting this lowly woman.

The thought of this despicable woman climbing into his bed made Carly wish she could make e her disappear entirely.

Carly gave a subtle nod to the two men. "Take her away,"

Yes, Ms. Tate,"

The two men stepped forward, ready to grab Nildi.

Nikki realized she was facing someone ruthless. Her face turned pale, and she hurriedly dropped to her knees in front of Carly. "Ms. Tate, you're mistaken. The woman who was with Mr. Alvarez that night **wasn't** me. It was Celine!"

Carly froze. "What did you just say?"

"Ms. Tate, I only pretended to be Celine. The truth is, the woman who shared that night with Mr. Alvarez was Celine. She had given her first time to him."

Carly gasped, her face filled with disbelief. That night... it was Celine? Celine had climbed into Adam's bed and consummated their relationship?

No wonder Celine had taken the birth control pills and fainted from the severe allergic reaction. She didn't take them because of Nathan. It was because

of Adam

How could this have happened? Why was it Celine?

A wave of burning jealousy surged through Carly, unraveling her composure and clouding her mind. She clutched her chest, her heart aching with rage.

At that moment, Lucy entered the car. "Carly, **are** you OK?"

"Mom, did you hear that? That night... it was Celine!

Lucy's expression darkened, her fury gathering like an impending storm. No matter how hard they had **tried** to prevent it, Celine had still **managed** to climb into Adam's bed.

"Carly, calm down."

"How can I **calm** down? Celine had a relationship with Adam! She had never been with another man before. It was her first time!

"And look at Nikki, pretending to be Celine. Do you know how many resources Adam wasted on her? Those should have belonged to Celine. I can't even imagine what Adam will do once he finds out the truth."

Adams had already developed a soft spot for Celine. If he discovered that she had given her first time to him, how would be react?

Carly dog her nails into her palms, but she was numb to the pain.

Lucy's gaze fell on Nikki, who was still keeling. "Is this all you can do? If you can't handle Celine, then there's no reason for you to stick around." Nikld hurriedly responded, "I can! I've already thought of a new plan to deal with Celine!"

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Lucy snorted coldly. "It's up to you to put on a good show. You can go now."

Nikki ran off in a panic.

"Mom, why did you let that imposter go?"

Lucy smiled slyly. "Carly, Mr. Alvarez still doesn't know that the woman from that night was Celine. We can use Nikki to deal with Celine before he finds out the truth. All we need to do is stay put and wait to reap the rewards."

Carly steadied herself, reminding herself that Adam still didn't know. Everything was still within reach.

"Mom, you're so clever."

Lucy hugged Carly affectionately. "Carly, I'm willing to do anything for your happiness. If Celine stands in your way, I will find a way to make her disappear."

To Carly, Lucy had always been like a stepmother. Yet, she treated her with such care that it felt as though she were her true mother.

"Mom, why are you so good to me?"

Lucy stroked her head gently, her voice filled with tenderness. "Because you are my daughter."

Carly felt an overwhelming rush of vengeful satisfaction.

Celine's mother had never loved her. The person she truly cherished was Carly. She treated her as though she were her real daughter.

Carly flashed a sweet smile and clung to Lucy's arm. "Mom."

Adam returned to Lux Garden, and the maid quickly greeted him. "Welcome back, Mr. Alvarez."

He walked into the living room, and his gaze fell on the couch. That night, on that very couch, two bodies had intertwined-one cold and strong, the other soft and delicate. Their connection had led to an unforgettable night of passion.

Who was the woman from that night? Was it Celine? He didn't dare to believe it because that woman had been a virgin. Could Celine still have been a virgin?

At that moment, something caught Adam's eye beneath the couch. He bent down and picked it up. It was a silver acupuncture needle. It was the needle Celine always carried with her. Why was her silver needle here? The answer was clear. That night hadn't been a dream. Celine had been there. This silver needle was the most undeniable evidence.

The woman from that night had been Celine.

Adam immediately took out his phone and made a call. The call connected quickly, and a familiar voice came through. It was Nathan. "Hello, Adam."

Adam clenched the phone tightly in his grip. "Nathan, I have a question for you." "Go ahead."

"Did you ever have a relationship with Celine?"

There was a sharp intake of breath from Nathan. His tone was slightly annoyed. "Adam, I have never even held Celine's hand. How could I possibly have had a relationship with her?"

He added, "Adam, Celine is a good girl. I respect her very much. I hope you will treat her well.

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It was her. It was Celine.

ine. But he had mistaken someone else for her.

The thought of all the coldness and humiliation he had shown Celine made him want to slap himself.

That day in the Infirmary, he had pinned her down on the bed while she cried and told him she hated him. She had looked so heartbroken

Adam found himself despicable. Every muscle in his body tensed. His handsome face was dark and brooding, but soon, his thin lips curled into a smile.

After returning to the apartment, Robin had a good night's sleep. The next day, Celine and Hailey took her out shopping.

The three of them strolled into the mall and entered an accessory **store**. Celine's eyes landed on a bunch of hair clips. They were girly and candy-colored, with pink strawberries, green watermelons, and yellow lemons. Each one was bright and cheerful.

"Celine, these clips suit you so well. You should get the yellow one," Hailey suggested.

"I think the pink one looks good too," Robin chimed in.

Celine was about to choose when a familiar voice rang out. "Celine, what a coincidence. You're out shopping too?"

Celine looked up and saw Nikld. She had brought her assistant along for a shopping trip.

Hailey frowned. "Why do we keep running into her? She's like a stalker."

As a celebrity, Nikki was impeccably dressed, even for **a** casual outing. Her assistant struggled with several luxury brand shopping bags, trailing behind her like a pack mule

Nakki took off her sunglasses. She walked up to Celine and said, "Celine, I have some good news for you."

"Wow! Did you win an award for Best Actress?" Robin exclaimed.

Nikki's face darkened. "You..."

But she quickly calmed down. Suddenly, she pressed a hand to her chest and bent over, gagging as though she was about to throw up.

Hailey frowned. "Nikka, what are you trying to pull this time?"

Nikki stopped gagging and looked at Celine. "Celine, I haven't been feeling well lately. I'm always tired and nauseous. You studied medicine, right? Can you check my pulse and tell me what's wrong?"

Robin was about to speak, but Celine stopped her. "Fine, I'll check for you."

Celine reached out and placed her hand on Nikki's wrist. Soon, her touch stilled, and she looked up at Nikki.

Excitement flickered in Nikki's eyes. "Celine, what's wrong with me?

Celine withdrew her hand, her gaze calm and expression unreadable. "You're pregnant"

What? Hailey and Robin practically jumped. Both of them were stunned. "Nikki, you're pregnant? Whose baby is it?"

Nikki looked at Celine and smiled. "Celine, that night when Mr. Alvarez and I were together, he didn't use any protection. I'm pregnant with his child." **Nikki** was pregnant with Adam's child.

When Nikki bent **over** and gagged earlier, Celine had already guessed she might be pregnant, but hearing it confirmed made her delicate fingers curl involuntarily.

Hailey and Robin exchanged shocked glances, disbelief in their eyes.

Just then, a deep, magnetic voice rang out. "What are you all doing?"

Celine looked up and saw a man's tall, imposing figure. Adam had arrived.

Nikki's eyes sparkled with excitement as if **she** couldn't wait to share the news with him. She quickly moved to his side. "Mr. Alvarez, I have something **you'll** want to hear."

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Adam looked at Nikki. "What's the good news?"

"Me Alvarez, I'm pregnant," Nikki said..

Actons's this lips curved into a falist, indifferent smile. "Is the child mine?"

"Yes, the child is from that night. Mr. Alvarez, you're going to be a father."

Adam's distinguished face remained develd of emotion. "What do you want?"

Nikki's shy expression softened her features. "Mr. Alvarez, tomorrow is my birthday. I want to host a party, and I hope you will attend."

Nikki was a superstar whose every move captured media and fan attention. If the mysterious business tycoon, Mercity's wealthiest man, appeared at her party, it would seal her glory and success.

Celine's gaze rested on Adam's face. She watched as he nodded and agreed. "Alright".

He agreed to attend Nikki's birthday party.

Nikki's joy was ummistakable. "Thank you, Mr. Alvarez."

"Since you're pregnant, you should take care of yourself. Head home and rest"

Nikki's smile deepened as

she placed a hand **over** her stomach. "I'll go now. Don't worry. I'll take **good** care of our baby. See you tomorrow."

Before leaving with her assistant, Nikki cast Celine a triumphant look, her pride evident in her expression

Adam closed the distance between himself and Celine within moments, his piercing gaze locked on her delicate features.

"Mr. Alvarez, stop staring at her!" Hailey's voice was sharp with disapproval.

"You should be with your superstar girlfriend. Congratulations, you are going to be a father," Robin added with a sarcastic grin

Adan didn't spare them any glance. Instead, he reached out and grabbed Celine's slender wrist. "Come with me."

He pulled Celine along, intending to take her away.

Celine tried to pull away. "Let go!"

"Mr. Alvarez, let her **go**!" Halley and Robin both tried to intervene

Adam ignored them and wrapped an arm around Celine's waist. He hoisted her onto his shoulder and carried her away, his steps firm.

"Hey, Mr. Alvarez, are you seriously abducting her?" Hailey shouted, disbelief coloring her tone.

The bodyguards stepped forward, blocking their path and leaving Hailey and Robin helpless. "Where **is** be taking her? Robin muttered, frustrated,

Adam carried Celine into his Rolls-Royce Phantom and drove straight to Lux Garden.

Celine couldn't believe he had brought her back to the place. She refused to set foot inside again and crossed her arms defiantly, refusing to get out of the

Adam ignored her protests. He lifted her over his shoulder once again and carried her inside.

Her stomach pressed against his broad shoulder, causing discomfort. She clenched her tists and pounded them against his back "Adam, put me down!" The maids at Lux Garden exchanged **shocked** glances before rushing to **greet** them. "Welcome back, Mr and Mrs. Alvarez"

Adam walked into the living room and placed Celine on the plush **couch**.

The familiar sight of the couch made her breath hitch. Memories from that night surged through her like a tidal wave. She pressed her hands against cushion and tried to **rise**

Before she could, Adam knelt on one knee, locking his fingers around her wrist and pinning her down.

"Adam, don't touch me Let me go!" Celine's voice trembled with anger.

Celine struggled fiercely, wriggling beneath him frantically. With her arms pinned, she kicked him. She was truly fierce.

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A dangerous glint burned in **Adam's** eyes. His breathing was heavy, and his gaze grew darker. "Celine, stop struggling, or we'll relive that night exactly as it happened."

r been Nathan. He had assumed wrong from the start.

So that day, when she had an allergic reaction to the birth control pills and fainted in the infirmary, the hickeys that covered her skin weren't from Nathan but caused by him. He had been wrong all along.

They had been from him. It had always been him. It wasn't a dream. It had really happened. That night, he had taken her first time.

Adam placed his hands on his hips as his muscular chest heaved.

"Look at what you've done."

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say?

What did he just si

Celine's pupils constricted. He had gotten Nikki pregnant, and yet he had the audacity to say something like that to her.

Her shame and anger boiled over as she spat out, "You're shameless!"

Adam

lowered his gaze, his sharp features unreadable as he studied her. Her long, pure black hair spread messily over the couch, framing her pale face. Her clear eyes, bright and unwavering, stared up at him with indignation. She looked exactly like the woman from his dreams.

At that moment, everything came rushing back

A faint smirk tugged at Adam's lips, "Why are you calling me shameless? What exactly did I do to deserve that? Be specific."

Despite her sharp tongue, her scolding never went beyond simple words like "horrible" and "shameless". She sounded more innocent than scornful.

Celine glared at him. "Why are you here? If you dare to bother me again, I'll tell Nildi. She's pregnant with your child and can't handle stress, Don't push

Ar the mention of Nikki, Adam's eyes gleamed with an icy sharpness. She had dared to set her sights on him, and she would regret it by tomorrow.

"Celine, are you angry? Is it because of Nikki? Because she's

pregnant?"

Celine's face was blotchy, and she was overwhelmed with emotions. Fury, shame, and sorrow surged through her all at once. She sat upright and, in a sudden burst of rage, bit **down** on his Adam's apple.

It was a sensitive and vulnerable spot. Adam felt the **sharp** sting, and the edges of his eyes turned red with pain. He sat up straighter and lifted Celine into his arms, placing her gently on his lap.

He wore **a** crisp white shirt and black tailored trousers, **a** classic **look** that accentuated his dignified charm. Meanwhile, Celine was dressed in a white knit sweater paired with a pleated black skirt, the very picture of an innocent college student

The sight of the sophisticated

d CEO be

holding **a** beautiful, youthful girl in his arms felt like a scene straight out of a movie

A maid entered the room, holding a tray of coffee. "Mr. Alvarez...".

She froze at the scene before her.

The maids in Lux Garden were older and more experienced, but even they would blush at the intimate sight before them. She quickly retreated to the kitchen, averting her gaze

Adam's long fingers combed through Celine's silky hair as he cradled the back of her head. She was still biting him and refused to let go. His voice dropped into a husky murmur "Celine, I'm sorry."

His lips brushed against her ear as he whispered, "I'm sorry."

Celine froze and released him in surprise. A delicate imprint of her teeth marred his throat. She really had a habit of biting people. His body bore several marks from teeth.

"I don't accept your apology!" Celine pushed him away and stood up.

But Adam's strong arm wrapped around her again, pulling her back onto his lap. He pressed his face into her fragrant hair and repeated in a low, gravelly voice, "Celine, I'm sorry."

Celine was bewildered. Was this some kind of twisted game where he hurt her **one** moment and tried to comfort her the next? She didn't need his gestures of guilt

"Let me go! Don't touch me! Go find Nikki!" **Celine** struggled, trying to pry his hands off her.

Adam's lips tightened. "There's nothing going on between me and her."

He wanted to explain, but before he could finish, a loud knock sounded at the d

door.

"Celine! Let Celine out! Hailey and Robin's voices echoed from outside.

Adam frowned in frustration

Taking advantage of the distraction, Celine showed him away with all her strength and bolted toward the door.

"Celine! Are you okay? **What** did Mr. Alvarez do to you?" Hailey and Robin pulled her into their protective grasp.

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Celine frowned in confusion. She couldn't understand Adam's erratic behavior. After bringing her to Lux Garden, he kept apologizing to her, which was

abnormal

As thoughts of Nikki's pregnancy flooded her mind, Celine realized she couldn't waste another moment dwelling on Adam. "Hailey, Robin, let's go."

"Okay."

Celine and the others departed, leaving Adam on the couch, his frown masking the desire flickering in his eyes, Just then, Leo approached and whispered, "Mr. Alvarez, I've found out the truth."

Adam looked up. "What's it?"

"Nikki has a boyfriend who lives in the countryside, and he loves her very much. He takes on the most grueling and strenuous tasks at the construction site, working tirelessly to support Nikki's university fees. They had sex long ago, and the child she's expecting is his."

Adam sneered. "Isn't tomorrow Nikki's birthday? Let's prepare a big gift for her."

Leo understood right away. "Yes, Mr. Alvarez."

At that moment, Adam glanced at Leo and reprimanded **her**, "It wasn't Nikki who visited me that night. It was Celine who came from **the** hospital. And you were completely unaware of this, I don't want this to happen again."

Leo felt embarrassed. "Mr. Alvarez, I'm sorry, I didn't expect Mrs. Alvarez to see you. It seems she still has feelings for you."

Adam wondered if she still liked him. That night, under the influence of the scented candles, he drove to the hospital to see her, expecting she wouldn't want to come. To his surprise, she agreed and came.

The following day, Celine, Hailey, and Robin made their way to the Atlas Hotel. They didn't **know** Nikki's birthday celebration was taking place there.

This **event was** sensational, **attracting** an eager crowd of fans and reporters from the media.

As Celine scanned the scene, her gaze landed on the star of the day, Nikki. Dressed in a high-end pink dress and showcasing a lovely braid, **Nikki's** innocent and breathtakingly beautiful face gleamed with radiance.

Fans took photos with her and showered her with compliments.

"Nikki is so beautiful. She's **really** everyone's sweetheart."

"She's truly deserving of my **admiration** as a celebrity. Stunning!"

"Sweetheart, please sign for me."

Diana stepped forward and announced, "Nikki, the birthday celebration can begin now."

Nikki smiled. "Hold

on, Diana. An important guest hasn't arrived yet."

Fans and reporters asked, "Ms. Barnett, who is this special guest?"

Nikki gave a mysterious blink **and** replied with a sweet smile, "For now, I'll keep it a secret."

Seeing this, Hailey and Robin felt sick. "What a bitch."

Celine initially intended **to** dine there, but her appetite **had** faded. "Hailey, Robin, let's go somewhere else to eat."

"Sure. I'm not in the mood to eat here too."

Just as the three were about to leave, **Nikki** caught sight of Celine in the banquet hall. She rushed out. **"Celine, are** you here to celebrate my birthday?"

Celine glanced at Nikki, who was obviously bragging. "No."

Nikki laughed joyfully. "Celine, what's the matter? Mr. Alvarez is coming to my birthday party later. As my friend, you simply must stay and be a **part of** my happiest moment."

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Nikki was eager to share her joy with Celine, but Celine remained distant and silent.

She gently placed her hand on her belly and asked, "Celine, are you jealous of me? Some women can only take birth control pills after sex, and they fai due to allergies.

"Meanwhile, I have the blessing of being able to get pregnant and experience unconditional love. It's incredible how each of us has such unique destinies.

"You!"

Hailey and Robin wanted to retort, but Celine interrupted calmly, "Let's go

After that, she left, followed by Hailey and Robin. "Celine, why did you stop us from scolding her?"

Celine smirked, mocking herself, "Why should we scold her? She's just speaking the truth."

She took birth control pills but fainted from an allergic reaction. Meanwhile, **Nikki** ascended to stardom due to her pregnancy.

Adam's preferences were glaringly apparent. **Nikki** truly knew how to hurt Celine, which caused her significant emotional pain.

When Celine and her friends stood by the elevator, a group of people approached. Leading the pack was a strikingly handsome and distinguished figure, Adam

He brought Leo and the others to the Atlas Hotel, where the manager personally greeted them and opened the VIP elevator, saying, "Mr. Alvarez, let's use

the VIP elevator.

Adam indeed made an appearance at Nikki's birthday celebration. It was no **surprise**, considering Nikki was expecting his child. His presence was certainly expected

At that moment, Adam g gazed at Celine as he stood in the VIP elevator and said, "Come in."

He was asking them to join him in the VIP elevator.

The hotel manager promptly welcomed the three of them. "Please come in."

Celine was reluctant to enter the elevator. She didn't understand **why** Adam apologized to **her the**

night before, and she couldn't see herself forgiving him.

She had no intention of sharing the elevator with him, and she certainly hadn't anticipated encountering him that day. Yet, Halley and Robin boldly seized her from either side and guided her straight into the VIP elevator.

Celine **was** speechless. She glanced at **Adam**. He wore a custom black suit and appeared aloof among the crowd. After a brief glance at her, he ignored her completely. She chose to keep her distance at the corner, and they both acted like strangers.

Just then, the hotel manager suddenly asked, "Mr. **Alvarez**, what happened to your Adam's apple? Did something bite you?"

The hotel manager noticed a small tooth mark **on** Adam's Adam's apple. Suddenly, all eyes turned to him. "Mr. Alvarez, it appears you've been **bitten.**"

Celine remained in the corner, trying to blend into the background. She hoped to go unnoticed, but the discovery of the mark sent a shiver down her spine, causing her slender figure to straighten

He calmly replied in a low, magnetic voice, "Yes, I was bitten by a puppy."

"Puppy?"

With a mischievous laugh, he remarked, "I have a puppy. It's quite the troublemaker and always nips at me."

"Do you really have a puppy? It's lucky to be raised by someone like you." Everyone started to feel envious. **Celine** was at a loss for words. At that moment, the elevator dinged, signaling its arrival. She stepped out instantly.

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Hailey and Robin called out, "Celine, why are you walking so fast? Wait for us!"

Adam watched Celine walk away and smiled. Just then, his phone buzzed with a message from Nikki. She seemned impatient, asking, "Mr. Alvarez, are you here yet?"

Adam's cold gaze deepened, and he responded simply, "I'm here,"

Nikki was thrilled to see Adam's reply at her birthday party. He was truly coming.

However, it **was a** shame that Celine wasn't here. She really wished Celine could witness this moment.

"Everyone, the birthday party can start now because the important guest I've been waiting for is here," she announced.

"Sweetheart, who is it exactly?"

"Ms. Barnett, could you please bring out the important guest? We are eager to meet him."

Nikki grinned. "In that case, let's bring him on stage right now.

The banquet hall door opened, **drawing** everyone's attention. Nikki walked forward happily and **said**, "Mr. Al-"

As she was about to call out Adam's name, she froze in disbelief at the sight of an unexpected figure approaching her. To her surprise, it wasn't Adam at all. It was her boyfriend, Liam Walker.

Liam arrived from the construction site, still clad in his **work** uniform. With a joyful stride, he approached Nikki and exclaimed, "Happy birthday, Nikki!"

Nikki was stunned. Why had Liam shown up, and where was Adam?

Throughout the years, Liam had been supporting Nikki's university studies, but she only used him. With her striking beauty and impressive physique, she simply viewed Liam as nothing more than a stepping stone. He wasn't worthy of her.

She desired a partner like Adam, dreamed of celebrity status, and envisioned marrying a wealthy man. She was eager to escape her impoverished upbringing and elevate her status.

She had been secretly **dating** Llam, keeping their relationship hidden from everyone, but now he made a surprising entrance at her birthday party.

Everyone turned to Liam. "Who's this?"

"Ms. Barnett, is he the important guest you've been waiting for?

Liam's work uniform had sparked hushed conversations among fans and media. Nikki's expression shifted instantly. She couldn't allow anyone to discover her connection with Liam.

Turning to him, she declared, "Who are you? I don't know you. You must have mistaken me for someone else. It's my birthday today. **Please** leave." Nikld began to chase him away. Liam grasped her arm, saying, "Nikki, what's going on? I'm your boyfriend."

Fans and media reporters were left astonished, exclaiming, "Ms. Barnett is in a relationship with a construction worker?"

Panic washed over Nikki at **Liam's** unexpected presence. His arrival threatened to shatter her **moment** of triumph. "I don't know him! Please get him out!

She began to call security, and Liam's anxiety heightened. He wrapped his arms around her. "Nikki, why won't you acknowledge me as your boyfriend? Do you look down on me now that you've become a celebrity? Do you think I'm not worthy of you?"

Before Nikki could speak, Liam showed the photos on his phone to the reporters. "Look! Here are the intimate pictures of Nikki and me. I'm her boyfriend.

"I've been working tirelessly at the construction site to fund her education. I've spent over a million dollars on her. She promised that she would marry me once she graduates."

Liam had many photos on his phone, including moments with Nikki where they were hugging and kissing like a couple. The sight lett everyone in awe.

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Nikki invited many media reporters to her birthday party, and they attended due to her popularity. She wanted to take this opportunity to elevate her

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However, just as she was about to **seize** this **chance**, Liam unexpectedly **arrived** and dropped a bombshell, shocking everyone with the news.

The atmosphere erupted excitedly as media reporters swiftly lifted their cameras, capturing every moment of her. "Ms. Barnett, it **appears** have a boyfriend."

"Did your boyfriend really work as a bricklayer at a construction site just to help pay for your university fees?"

"Are you misleading your fans and the public by portraying yourself as a single and kind woman?"

Nikki was caught off guard when the situation unexpectedly spiraled out of control. In a state of panic, she urged, "Stop filming! Stop it!"

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At that moment, she unintentionally caught sight of the second floor, where a strikingly handsome and distinguished figure **stood** at the intricately carved railing. It was Adam. He had arrived and was overlooking the scene from his elevated position.

The sight filled her with shock. She was doomed. Adam was aware that she had a boyfriend, and she couldn't allow him to discover the complete truth.

"That's it for today's birthday party," Nikki said as she turned to leave.

She wasn't in the mood to celebrate her birthday anymore. All she wanted was to escape. But just as she began to leave, Liam grabbed her arm. "Nikki, where are you going?"

"Let me go!"

"Nikki, how long do you plan to keep your pregnancy hidden from me?"

Nikki froze, surprised that Liam knew she was pregnant. "What... nonsense are you talking about? I don't understand"

Liam quickly pulled out a document and declared, "This is the pregnancy report from the hospital, Nikki. Are you still going to deny it?"

A few days ago, Nikki visited the hospital for a checkup. She **was taken** aback to find her pregnancy report with **Liam**. **Without** hesitation, she snatched it back "How did you get it?"

"Someone gave it to me."

She wanted to know who had done it.

"Nikki, why didn't you tell me you were pregnant **with** my child? What were you **planning** to do?"

With a surge of emotion, she reprimanded Liam, "Shut up! The child I'm carrying is not yours!"

The child growing inside her could only belong to Adam. He was on the second floor now, and she couldn't believe things were getting worse.

"Nikki, it's been a month since you became pregnant. Do you remember that night a month ago when I brought you some money? We checked into a small hotel together.

"You were enthusiastic, saying I deserved a good reward for all my hard work. That night, we chose not to use a condom, and that's when our little bundle of joy **was** conceived."

Nikki's breath caught in her throat as she exclaimed, "That's enough! Stop talking! Just be quiet!"

Liam continued, "Nikki, we had sex a long time ago. You even gave me your virginity before university. Have you forgotten?"

It was all over for her. Nikki felt the weight of **Adam's** intense stare, even without looking up. He examined her closely, observing the tumultuous wave of panic, fear, and embarrassment that enveloped her as her lies fell apart.

She tightened Iter fists and implored, "Liam, I need you to stop talking. I'm begging you. Just please, stop!

Liam fell silent, but the cameras didn't stop taking pictures. The sound of the shutters echoed around them. **Media** reporters quickly surrounded her.

"Nikki, are you pregnant?"

"A well-known celebrity is in a relationship with a bricklayer from a construction **site**, and she's expecting a baby before tying the knot. This news is incredibly sensational!"

"Nikki, are you breaking up with your boyfriend who funded your education now that you're famous?"

"Many resources have been invested in you. Have you found a wealthy man?"

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The reporters grew increasingly aggressive, and Nikki's face was drained of color. She then glanced up at her fans.

The fans' affection for her had vanished, and they lamented, "How could we have been so stupid?"

"At first, I believed I was admiring a kind-hearted celebrity, but it turns out she's just a

"Let's go.

With that, all her fans left.

Nikki realized she had hit rock bottom. **Her** birthday was supposed to be the highlight of her life, but she had failed spectacularly. One moment she was on top of the world, and the next, she had fallen into despair.

She felt lost.

In her daze, she gazed up at Adam, who stared at her condescendingly. His eyes were **cold** and knowing, and she felt an eerie tenses

moment, she understood that he knew everything.

in the air. At that

Two black-clad bodyguards rushed Nikki up the stairs. "Hurry up!"

She lost her balance and fell to her knees on the carpet. Adam, standing by the carved railing, stared down at her.

Nikki trembled with fear. "Mr. Alvarez... please hear me out."

"Go ahead. So, tell me. Why did you pretend to be Celine? Adam asked indifferently.

Nikki's eyes widened in disbelief **as** she realized Adam had already uncovered her secret. "Mr. Alvarez, you knew all along?"

Adam sneered in response...

Just then, Liam walked in. "Good evening, Mr. Alvarez."

Nikki was even more surprised. "How did you know Mr. Alvarez?"

Liam gazed at Nikki with a hint of disappointment **in his** eyes. "Mr. Alvarez shared the pregnancy report with me and arranged for me to come to your birthday. Otherwise, I wouldn't have seen your true self."

Nikld gasped as she tried to **make** sense of the fact that Adam was already aware of the truth. Yet, he remained **passive**, using Liam to bring **her down**.

A chill ran **deep** within her as she grasped the true nature of the person she had dared to provoke.

"Mr. Alvarez, I'm sorry, I was wrong. It was Celine that night,

and I pretended to be her. I was too jealous of her. I couldn't understand why she **could** have you while I couldn't. Please forgive me. I won't do it again," Nikki pleaded.

Adam cast a cold, contemptuous glance at her. If it weren't for Celine, she would've just been another face in the crowd.

"I'll revoke all the resources I provided, ban you from all platforms, and ruin your dream of becoming a celebrity. I never want to see you **again**.

"You'll **be** expelled from Yorhine University, so pack your belongings and leave Mercity. Don't ever show up in front of me again."

Nikki cried, overwhelmed by losing **everything** after working hard to enter Yorhine University. She had enjoyed being admired like a celebrity, and it was all gone. The fame and wealth that once filled her life **had** vanished

Adam turned to leave after delivering his **punishment**.

"Please, Mr. Alvarez... I beg you." She sobbed.

Adam paused and glared at her. "It's important for **one** to be self aware. What gives you the right to feel jealous of Celine?

"you're just a **wicked** soul trying to intertwine yourself with her life, pretending to be her. This will undoubtedly be the most regrettable choice you've

ever made."