

THE DIVORCE PRESCRIPTION

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"Really? But it seems like Adam doesn't want to marry me right now," Carly said hesitantly.

Nigel reassured her, saying, "The marriage alliance between our families isn't something Adam can decide on his own. The Alvarez family would never allow him to marry someone else. The position of Mrs. Alvarez is yours, Carly."

Carly's eyes lit up with hope. "That's wonderful! Thank you, Dad."

Lucy seized the opportunity to chime in, "Mr. Hampton, I've noticed that Mr. Alvarez seems quite taken with Celine. To be safe, I think we should take some precautions."

Nigel pondered for a moment. "I'll give Adam's mother a call. If she finds out about Celine's existence..."

He left the rest unsaid, but Carly and Lucy understood perfectly.

If Adam's mother learned about Celine and that she was standing in the way of the Hampton-Alvarez alliance, she would ensure Celine disappeared from this world.

Carly and Lucy exchanged a knowing glance, then smiled.

Carly urged, "Dad, call Mrs. Alvarez now."

Nigel pulled out his phone. "Alright, I'll call her immediately."

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Meanwhile, Adam carried Celine to his Rolls-Royce Phantom, with Hailey following closely behind.

Celine looked at Adam and said softly, "Mr. Alvarez, you shouldn't have caused a scene with Mr. Hampton for my sake."

Adam replied firmly, "Celine, I won't marry Carly."

Celine didn't respond.

Just then, a melodic ringtone broke the silence. Adam glanced at his phone-it was his mother, Grace Holden. He looked at the screen for a moment but didn't

pick up.

Celine had already seen the caller ID. "Is that your mother?" she asked.

Adam nodded. "Yes."

"Then why aren't you answering?"

Adam met Celine's clear, unwavering gaze.

She looked at him calmly. "It's okay. Go ahead and take the call."

She understood everything.

Without another word, Adam stepped out of the car to answer.

Hailey watched Adam through the window and turned to Celine. "Celine, have you heard about Mrs. Alvarez?"

Celine shook her head. "No, I haven't."

Hailey whispered, "Mrs. Alvarez

came from a prestigious family. She had a high-profile arranged marriage with Adam's father, but he had a lingering affection for a woman from his past."

She continued, "The day Mrs. Alvarez was due to give birth to

Adam, that woman called his father. He left immediately, abandoning his wife in the delivery room. Mrs. Alvarez suffered a mental breakdown during labor, and due to excessive bleeding, she barely survived. Although she managed to give birth to Adam, the complications left her permanently disabled."

Celine's eyes widened slightly in surprise. She had never known about Adam's past.

Hailey sighed. "In the prime of her life, Mrs. Alvarez was confined to a wheelchair. She's been in it ever since. Over the years, her personality grew more reclusive, and she poured all her hopes and expectations into Adam. She raised him with strict discipline, and he has always obeyed her."

Celine nodded in understanding before turning to look outside. Through the car window, she saw Adam answering the call.

On the other end of the line, Grace's sharp voice came through. "Adam, Mr. Hampton just called me. He told me there's a woman named Celine by your side. Is this true?"

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When Adam heard the mention of Celine, his heart tightened. "Mom," he began cautiously.

Grace scolded, "Adam, I've told you before I can turn a blind eye to the women around you, but don't get attached. This time, Mr. Hampton himself called to say you're refusing to marry Ms. Hampton because of this Celine. Is that true?"

Adam was honest. "Yes, it's true. Celine is the woman I love. I won't marry anyone else."

"You fool!" Grace snapped angrily. "Adam, you've been bewitched by this Celine! The marriage agreement between the Hampton and Alvarez families must be honored. Now that Ms. Hampton has returned, you need to prepare and marry her as soon as possible."

Adam frowned. "Mom..."

"Adam, I've already arranged for a private jet. I'll be arriving in Mercity tomorrow." With that, the line went dead. Grace had hung up.

Adam stood outside for a moment, collecting his thoughts. Then, he got back into the car, started the engine, and said, "Celine, I'll take you home."

Celine nodded. "Alright."

Hailey curiously asked, "Mr. Alvarez, what did your mom say to you just now?"

Adam glanced at the rear-view mirror and met Celine's clear gaze. She was looking at him too.

After a brief pause, he replied, "My mother is coming to Mercity tomorrow."

He didn't elaborate on why.

Hailey's eyes widened. "Your mother is coming to Mercity? She has spent years in seclusion, rarely leaving her estate. She dislikes socializing and barely interacts with others. I can't believe she's actually coming here."

She turned to Adam. "Adam, you've been in Mercity for a long time now. Shouldn't you be returning to the Capitol soon?"

Adam pressed his lips into a thin line but said nothing.

Celine remained silent as well.

Half an hour later, the Rolls-Royce Phantom pulled up at Jupiter Heights.

Adam stepped out and opened the door

Celine. As she got out, he

hesitated for a moment before a

saying, "Celine, I—" Content Belongs to

Celine cut him off, "Mr. Alvarez, I don't know what you want to say, but I'll repeat myself—we're divorced. We have no ties anymore. You don't need to worry about me. Do what you have to do. And honestly, I don't want to get caught up in the affairs between the Hampton and Alvarez families. Do you understand what I'm saying?"

Adam had a lot to say, but her words left him speechless.

At that moment, Perry walked over. "Celine, you're back?"

Celine stepped toward him. Perry reached out and wrapped an arm around her shoulders. "Are you tired?"

She shook her head. "I'm fine."

Adam's gaze darkened as he watched Perry's hand rest on her shoulder. His fingers curled into a fist at his side.

Celine leaned into Perry, resting her head against his chest. "Perry, let's go home."

Perry looked at Adam and said

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politely, "Mr. Alvarez, thank bringing Celine home. We'll be leaving now. Goodbye."

With that, he held Celine close and walked away.

Adam stood frozen in place, watching them.

He had seen every bit of Celine's intimacy with Perry. No matter how hard he tried

to reach her, she was no longer his.

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Hailey stood beside Adam and sighed. "Adam, did you see that? You've hurt Celine deeply, and now, she has moved on to someone else."

Even as Celine walked away with Perry, she could still feel Adam's gaze lingering on her.

Perry glanced down at Celine and chuckled. "Celine, what's going on with you today? Were you putting on a show for Mr. Alvarez?"

Celine lifted her head from Perry's chest and looked up at him. "Perry, I can never hide anything from you, can I?"

"What's the deal between you and Mr. Alvarez?"

"Carly is the heiress of the Hampton family, and there's a marriage alliance between the Hamptons and the Alvarezes. Adam is supposed to marry Carly. Grace is flying to Mercity tomorrow, and I'm sure she's coming to push Adam and Carly together."

Perry raised an eyebrow. "So, you were being affectionate with me to make Adam give up?"

"Perry, Adam and I are over. There's no need for him to struggle over this, and I don't want to be involved anymore," Celine replied.

Perry nodded. "Celine, I just hope that's truly how you feel."

"Of course, it is," Celine said, gently placing a hand on her lower abdomen and stroking it softly.

Perry's gaze fell on her stomach. "So, you're still not planning to tell Mr. Alvarez about the baby? He still thinks this child is mine. When he saw us together just now, he probably assumed we were a family of three."

Celine lowered her gaze. "He doesn't need to know."

Perry smiled. "Celine, you used to want to tell him. After all, Mr. Alvarez has the right to know about his child, and the child has the right to know who their father is. But now, you're more determined than ever not to tell him. You're afraid he'll be caught in a dilemma because of the baby, aren't you? Deep down, you still have feelings for him."

Celine quickly looked up, denying it, "I don't..."

Perry reached out and ruffled her hair. "Alright, Celine, you don't have to explain. Whether you admit it or not, you know the truth in your heart."

Celine fell silent.

"Celine, what's your plan now? Carly being the Hampton heiress has completely disrupted everything, and on top of that, your pregnancy is starting to show."

Celine thought for a moment. Carly's newfound status had indeed caught everyone off guard, making it impossible to act against her for now.

Moreover, her pregnancy was still unstable, and she needed to focus on her health and the baby's well-being.

"Perry, pack up. We're going back to Fustain. I'll have the baby first. As for my revenge against the Tate family and Carly, I'll settle it later."

Perry felt relieved. He had been worried that Celine might let her thirst for revenge cloud her judgment, but she had made the most rational decision.

Right now, the baby came first.

Perry nodded. "Alright. Besides, Carly is heading back to the Capitol soon, and I'm guessing Mr. Alvarez will be going back as well."

Celine stroked her belly and smiled faintly. "That's fine. One day, I'll go to the Capitol and find them."

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The next day, Grace arrived in

Mercy as scheduled. She had flown in on a private jet, and Sofia pushed her wheelchair as they entered the airport terminal.

Adam had come to pick her up. As he stepped forward, he greeted her, "Mom."

Grace sat in her wheelchair. She was dressed impeccably, exuding the air of a noblewoman. Her meticulously styled hair and pearl earrings hinted at the beauty of her youth

However, years of an unhappy marriage and a tragic past had cast heavy shadows over her features. Grace's expression was stern, and her eyes were cold and sharp, reflecting her harsh demeanor.

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Grace looked at Adam. "Adam, why did you come alone? Where's Carly?"

Just then, Carly cheerfully ran over. "Mrs. Alvarez, I'm here."

She had known Grace would be arriving in Mercy today, so she had come early.

Carly's appearance was flawless. Standing next to Adam, they looked like the perfect pair.

Grace examined Carly with evident satisfaction. "So, you're the Hampton heiress. You're beautiful."

Carly shyly took Grace's hand. "Mrs. Alvarez, you flatter me."

Grace patted Carly's hand gently. "Carly, our families have a marriage agreement. Tell me, do you like my son, Adam?"

Carly immediately looked up at Adam, her heart fluttering at the sight of his handsome, noble face. She bit her lip and replied, "Mrs. Alvarez, of course, I like Adam."

Grace smiled approvingly. "That's good. Carly, once you return to the Capitol, we'll arrange your wedding as soon as possible."

Carly nodded. "Alright, I have no objections."

However, Adam remained indifferent. "Mom, I won't marry Carly," he coldly said. Carly froze.

Grace's expression darkened. "Marriage isn't a trivial matter, Adam. No one else will ever step through the Alvarez family's doors. Carly is the daughter-in-law I've chosen."

She turned to Carly reassuringly. "Don't worry, Carly. You have my full support. If Adam ever mistreats you, just tell me."

Carly was overjoyed. Just when she thought there was no hope with Adam, Grace had become her strongest ally.

Adam was an obedient son, and with Grace's support, Carly was confident she would soon become Mrs. Alvarez.

Celine would remain her defeated rival.

Carly nodded eagerly. "Thank you, Mrs. Alvarez. I understand."

At that moment, Nigel walked over. "Grace."

Grace looked at him and smiled. "Congratulations on finding your daughter, who's my future daughter-in-law."

Nigel chuckled. "I've reserved a private dining room. Let's have a meal together." Grace nodded. "That sounds good."

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The two families gathered in a luxurious private dining suite at a five-star hotel. Grace and Nigel

together while Adam and Cady were seated side by side. fo

Grace turned to Nigel. "Mr. Hampton, when do you plan to return to the Capitol?"

Nigel replied, "In the next couple of days."

Grace then looked at Adam. "Adam Mr.

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Adam pursed his lips. "I can't leave just yet."

Grace frowned. "You can delegate your work to your subordinates. The Capitol needs you—"

Before she could finish, Adam abruptly stood up. "Mom, I have business to handle

at the company. I'll be leaving now."

With that, he turned and walked out.

The moment Adam left, Grace's expression darkened.

Carly pouted, feeling wronged. "Mrs. Alvarez, Adam doesn't seem to like me."

Grace reassured her, saying, "That's not true, Carly."

Carly hesitated before leaning in slightly. "Mrs. Alvarez, perhaps you don't know, but Adam is infatuated with a woman named Celine. She's already with another man and is even carrying his child, yet Adam is stiffobsessed with her."

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"What?"

Grace was so shocked she nearly jumped up. She had heard of this woman named Celine, but she had no idea that Celine was pregnant with another man's child. "This woman's personal life is so chaotic. How could Adam be interested in someone like that?"

"Mrs. Alvarez, don't blame Adam. It's all Celine's fault. She's too good at seducing men. Now, Adam doesn't even want to marry me because of her."

Grace turned to Nigel. "Mr. Hampton, I apologize for this embarrassment."

Nigel raised an eyebrow. "Our families have a marriage agreement, but if Adam doesn't want to marry Carly, the Hampton family won't force it. However, Carly is deeply in love with Adam. As a father, I only want my daughter to be happy and fulfilled."

Nigel looked at Carly with deep affection. As a father, he would go to great lengths to ensure his daughter's happiness, even if it meant plucking stars from the sky.

Grace nodded. "I understand, Mr. Hampton. Don't worry, the marriage agreement between our families will stand. I'll go meet this Celine myself."

Celine had returned to her apartment in Jupiter Heights. Since she was planning to leave for Fustain, she was in the middle of wrapping up some affairs.

Just then, the doorbell rang.

Who could it be?

Celine went to open the door and found a group of black-suited bodyguards and Grace's personal maid, Sofia, standing outside.

Sofia looked at Celine. "Are you Ms. Tate?"

Celine nodded. "That's me. Who are you?"

Sofia replied politely, "Ms. Tate, Mrs. Alvarez has arrived in Mercity today. She would like to meet with you."

Celine glanced at the bodyguards behind Sofia. "I assume Grace hasn't given me the option to refuse?"

Sofia smiled. "It seems you're a smart woman. I've heard you're pregnant, so it's best if you come willingly."

Celine wasn't entirely surprised. She had expected Grace to seek her out eventually. She nodded. "Alright, I'll go meet Grace."

At that moment, Hailey arrived. "Celine, where are you going? Who are these people?"

Celine reassured her, saying, "Hailey, it's fine. Mrs. Alvarez wants to see me. I'll be back soon."

Sofia gestured toward the car. "Ms. Tate, this way, please."

Celine followed them without hesitation.

Hailey panicked. "Celine!"

Without wasting a second, she pulled out her phone and dialed a number. "Adam, we have a problem!"

At that moment, Adam was in his office at Alvarez Group, reviewing documents. The moment he saw Hailey's call, he answered immediately.

Adam's hand froze in mid-air. "What happened to Celine?"

"She was taken away!" Hailey replied.

"Who? Who took her?" Adam demanded.

Hailey hesitated for a second before saying, "Better damn, you should know anyone. It wasn't need anyone-it was your mother"

Adam's expression darkened. His mother had taken Celine.

"I understand, Allie. I'm going to bring her back right now."

After ending the call, Adam turned to Leo. "Find out where my mother took Celine right now."

Leo nodded firmly. "Yes, Mr. Alvarez. I'll get on it immediately."

Celine was

taken to a hotel room.

Sofia opened the door, and Celine walked in to see Grace sitting in her wheelchair. She eyed Celine up and down with an expression of disdain. "So, you're Celine?"