## A Ruling Passion – Chapter 0109

After coming out of the consultation room, Arianne tried to escape. "I think I'm fine now, Brian. Let's go back now."

Brian thought she was just afraid of getting poked by a needle so he comforted her. "It's going to be fine. It's just a blood test. It'll be over before you know it."

Arianne was rendered speechless. They walked into the phlebotomy department. She stared at the nurse and watched as she inserted the needle into her vein. About two test tubes full of her bright red blood were then collected.

Brian couldn't help but mumble to himself. It didn't seem like Arianne was scared... but why was she acting all fidgety then?

The blood test result came out very quickly. Arianne couldn't make heads or tails of the small numbers on the paper. When they returned to the consultation room with the slip, Brian's phone suddenly rang. "Madam, I'll go answer the call first."

The doctor took a look at the slip and announced the result to her. "You're pregnant."

In that instant, Arianne felt as though the blood in her body had started flowing backward. Her hands and feet were icy. "Are you sure?"

When the doctor realized that she didn't look too happy, she gave her some cold advice. "If you don't want to keep it, we can schedule an abortion for you while it's still young. If you were not planning for a child in the first place then we recommend that you refrain from conceiving one, lest it becomes a suffering for both the baby and the parents."

Arianne fell silent for a while before giving her reply. "As long as the baby is healthy, I'm keeping it."

This was her hope... Mark had said that as long as she gave birth to a child, he would let her go... She was so close to freedom now... but why wasn't she feeling happy?

It was then that Brian finished up with the call and came in. "Doctor, what's the result?"

Just when the doctor put the slip in front of him and was about to speak, she was suddenly interrupted by Arianne. "I'm not pregnant. It's getting late today, so I'll go get my gastric checked out tomorrow."

The doctor was slightly taken aback. Arianne gave her a pleading look, and the doctor finally spoke after a few seconds of silence. "Be mindful of your stomach next time. Don't starve yourself. Eat whatever you want too. no need to abstain unless it's something you are not supposed to eat. Do not take any medications that are not prescribed to you."

Arianne breathed a sigh of relief. She understood all the subtle instructions given by the doctor. "I see. Thank you, doctor."

Actually, she wasn't even sure why she was trying to hide her pregnancy. It was a totally instinctive reaction. To others, the arrival of a new life was a joyous moment. However, to her, it felt so heavy...

Did Helen abandon her back then because she felt the same way? Arianne was no different than the baby in her womb; their existence was a form of tragedy.

Mark was still around when they returned to Tremont Estate. He looked like he was waiting for the news. When Brian told him that she wasn't pregnant, Mark stood up and went to the door emotionlessly. "No need to send me, I'll drive myself."

As Arianne watched him leave, she suddenly remembered that both of them would have nothing to do with each other once the child was born. The man who was deeply ingrained in her life for a few decades would completely disappear from her world soon... In the end, she would be the one to walk out of this door and never return again.

The next morning, Arianne was woken by a phone call.

She answered the phone in a daze and was greeted by Eric's voice. "You're not up yet? I heard you've been searching for a job lately. Will you consider returning to my company?"

"How did you know I've been searching for a job?" Half of Arianne's drowsiness instantly vanished.

Eric laughed gleefully. "Everyone in the industry now knows that Mrs. Tremont is searching for a job. They think that Mark is treating you harshly by not allowing you to spend his money. Isn't that embarrassing? If you're really short of money then come back to me. No one else would dare to hire you."

Arianne felt a little distressed. She didn't expect that her action of casually searching for a job out there could ruin Mark's reputation. "I... I'll think about it."