

Chapter 2151 Nightmare

Johanna brushed it off casually, remarking, "It's not a big issue. We could always have two celebrations. After all, it's been ages since we had a joyful event. Janet's wedding happened before she came back to us, and I still regret not having a grand celebration for her. This time, we must make it lively and spectacular to make up for that."

Beal chuckled and said, "You're getting ahead of yourself. The baby's still a long way from being born."

However, he soon added seriously, "But the garden at the villa could use a makeover. The decor is outdated, and it lacks that festive spirit. I'll hire a professional team to revamp it."

Now, it was Johanna's turn to tease. She laughed and remarked, "You accuse me of planning too far ahead, but aren't you doing the same?"

The two of them continued their playful exchange as they made their way downstairs, intending to talk to Janet about the party.

As they approached Janet's room, they noticed doctors and nurses rushing past in a flurry.

Johanna, her face going pale with worry, quickly stopped a doctor and asked, "What's happening? Are Janet and the baby not feeling well?"

The doctor replied, "No, no. It's just that Mrs. Larson is ready to deliver!"

"She's in labor?"

Johanna and Beal shared a nervous glance and quickly headed into the room.

Two hours earlier, after Johanna and Beal had left, Janet had a small meal and drifted into sleep.

While resting, she began to feel short of breath, her heart racing as a strong metallic taste filled her mouth.

Meanwhile, Brandon, who was nearby reviewing some paperwork, occasionally glanced at Janet. He soon noticed her breathing becoming irregular, her brow furrowed, and her face turning ashen.

Concerned, Brandon quickly went to her side to wake her up.

But Janet's condition worsened, and despite his attempts, she didn't respond.

Realizing the gravity of the situation, Brandon immediately called for medical assistance.

Moments later, a doctor arrived to check on Janet.

After reviewing the test results, the doctor's expression grew serious. He said gravely, "Mr. Larson, Mrs. Larson experienced severe fright, which has affected the baby. The fetal heartbeat has slowed. A decision must be made. Should we proceed with an early delivery or try to continue the pregnancy?"

Brandon held Janet's hand tightly; his face darkened at the doctor's words. He asked, "Which choice poses the least risk to Janet?"

The doctor hesitated briefly but then responded, "The most suitable approach for Mrs. Larson is psychological counseling to stabilize her emotions. However, her extreme stress may still impact the baby."

Brandon's concern deepened. After pondering, he stated decisively, "Janet's health must come first."

Though caught in a harrowing nightmare, Janet vaguely heard Brandon and the doctor talking. In fact, she could sense that her baby felt the same fear and tension she did.

Upon hearing the doctor's suggestion, Janet's first instinct was to ensure the baby's safety by delivering early, believing it would protect the child while she recovered. But then she heard Brandon's opposing view.

How could she focus only on herself and ignore her baby's well-being?

Driven by her intense concern for the child, Janet opened her eyes and said, "The baby comes first!"

Instantly, her voice drew everyone's attention in the room.

Brandon turned to her with relief and joy. "You're awake! Thank goodness you're all right!"

He then leaned down, gently held her, and whispered, "Don't worry. I'm here."

Chapter 2152 Low Fetal Heart Rate

Janet felt comforted by Brandon's familiar scent, and she managed a gentle smile. "I'm actually okay. I just don't understand why I suddenly had a nightmare."

The doctor quickly reassured her, "It's quite common during pregnancy for emotions to be more sensitive. Having nightmares, especially after being frightened, is not unusual."

Hearing this, Brandon finally let out a relieved sigh.

The doctor then suggested cautiously, "Would you like to consider further observation or perhaps consult a psychologist for emotional support for Mrs. Larson? If this doesn't happen again, early delivery might not be necessary."

Janet was listening carefully but the baby's restless kicking made her wince.

"Ouch..." Janet couldn't help but exclaim in discomfort.

This immediately set Brandon on edge. His eyes fixed on her belly, and he was ready to scold their little one to be more gentle. However, before he could speak, Janet's glance stopped him, and he fell silent, respecting her unspoken request.

Turning to the doctor, Janet asked politely, "Could you please check the baby's fetal heart rate again? I have a feeling something isn't quite right."

The doctor glanced at Brandon, who gave a firm nod of approval.

With his consent, the doctor began examining Janet.

After a few moments, the doctor furrowed his brow and said, "The baby's heart rate is still low. We might need to consider inducing labor."

Brandon shook his head. "No, that's not an option. Janet's already in a fragile emotional state. If complications arise during delivery, it could trigger postpartum depression and other serious issues."

The doctor paused to consider Brandon's words before responding, "In that case, I'll arrange for a psychologist to help Mrs. Larson stabilize her emotions first."

Brandon remained silent, silently agreeing with the doctor's plan.

Just as the doctor was about to step out to contact the psychologist, Janet suddenly called out, "Wait a moment."

The doctor stopped in his tracks, turning back to Janet with a puzzled expression. "Mrs. Larson, is there something else?"

Janet met Brandon's eyes, her voice firm and sincere. "I'm not afraid of postpartum depression. I can't bear the thought of the baby being at risk. Let's move forward with the delivery as soon as possible. I won't feel at ease until the child is safely born."

Brandon frowned deeply, clearly indicating his disagreement with Janet's decision.

Despite his silent protest, Janet looked past him and said to the doctor, "Please proceed with the preparations for the delivery."

The doctor hesitated, his gaze shifting between Janet and Brandon, unsure of how to proceed.

Brandon stood quietly, his stern expression betraying his internal conflict, but he didn't voice his objection.

The doctor, clearly under pressure and sweating nervously, turned to face Brandon's stern demeanor. With cautious precision, he began explaining the delivery process to Janet. Once Janet had signed the necessary consent forms, the doctor and a team of nurses began making preparations for the delivery.

When Johanna and Beal arrived at the ward, they were met with a flurry of activity, as doctors and nurses surrounded Janet.

Johanna's face paled in shock, and she asked Janet, "I was informed that you're about to give birth. What's happening? Are you feeling unwell?"

Janet offered a calm smile. "I'm fine. It's just time for the baby to come. You'll have the chance to hold your grandchild soon."

Johanna was momentarily taken aback. She moved closer to examine Janet's complexion carefully. Seeing that Janet seemed healthy and composed, Johanna managed to compose herself and inquired, "Isn't it



still a bit early for your due date? Why is the delivery happening so suddenly?"

Johanna knew that an early delivery usually wasn't a good sign, and her anxiety was evident.

Noticing her mother's distress, Janet reassured her, "I'm actually quite close to my due date. The baby is developing well, so arriving a few days early won't be a problem."

Despite Janet's explanation, Johanna still looked worried. Sensing this, Janet turned to Brandon for help.

Although he didn't entirely agree with Janet's decision, Brandon stood by her side. He stepped in to soothe Johanna's concerns, explaining, "The obstetrician has already performed all the necessary checks. Both the baby and Janet are healthy, and today is a good time for the delivery."