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What's her plan for the future?

Ellinor was somewhat puzzled by his question. She furrowed her brows and ambiguously replied, "Let's talk about the future in the future. The most important thing right now is to live in the present."

"You're really laid-back." Theo gave a light hum, then became serious. "What I mean is, the child in your belly isn't just yours. How do you plan to explain this to me?"

As expected, Theo was concerned about the baby in her belly.

Speaking of the child caused Ellinor's gaze to become very firm. "Mr. Blanchet, in what capacity are you asking me for an explanation?"

Theo's face darkened slightly, his eyes slowly squinting. "What role do you think I'm playing now?"

Ellinor picked up the glass of water on the table and took a big gulp. "To be honest, I don't think you hold any role in my life.

We both know very well how the child in my belly came about. It's an accident, but since he's already in my belly, I will welcome his arrival.

We two once spent some time together for some reason, but it's over now. We never got a marriage certificate, so the child in my belly has nothing to do with you!

Are you planning to sue me for custody? Do you think you can win?"

Theo looked at her firm and powerful face with his shiny eyes, and after a while, he gave a slight smile. "Ms. Mendoza, are you questioning the capability of the Blanchet Corporation's legal team or my personal strength?"

Ellinor was made uneasy by his smile. "I'm not questioning anything; I'm just stating my position! My child is mine, and no one can take him away!" Theo reached out and touched her chin. "You should know that if I want a child, I don't necessarily have to go through these formalities." "You..." Ellinor

frowned, then shook off his hand. "If you want a child, why not have your wife give birth to one? Why do you have to take mine?"

His wife? Theo paused momentarily. "You mean..."

"Are you two arguing?" Belinda appeared beside the dining table with a worried face.

When she brought Jacob over just now, she saw Theo rudely touching Ellinor's chin and Ellinor angrily shaking off his hand. The atmosphere between the

Nevery tense. two was very

Theo did not finish his sentence, turned his head, and coldly said, "No, we're just having a chat."

"Oh... really?"

She sat down with Jacob and sat next to Ellinor, leaned in, and whispered. "Aunt, did he just lose his temper at you?"

Ellinor shook her head and reiterated to her. "I'm not your aunt; I'm Ellinor."

Belinda fell silent.

This was really bad! Was Ellinor serious?

She looked helplessly at Theo. "It was not easy for Ellinor to come back, and you're losing your temper at her again without even making her feel better? Do you want to break up?"

Theo coldly glanced at Belinda. "Mind your own business."

Belinda was speechless.

Jacob wasn't quite sure about the situation, but he knew the atmosphere needed to be lightened, so he said, "Have you guys ordered yet? It's our first meeting, and I didn't have time to prepare anything, so let me treat you to this meal! Order whatever you want, don't be shy with me!"

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Theo was nonchalant. "Mmhm, we've already ordered. You guys order whatever you feel like."

"You guys already ordered?" Jacob said with an eager grin. "Then I'll order some of Belinda's favorite dishes."

As Jacob ordered, Belinda's mind was elsewhere, mulling over what was going on.

Just before she and Jacob arrived, Theo and Ellinor were still talking. But as soon as they showed up, Theo and Ellinor stopped their conversation.

Theo had a stern face, as if someone owed him a lot of money. Ellinor was staring out the window.

This couldn't go on!

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They had been apart for half a year. If they kept giving each other the cold shoulder, they really would break up!

In a cold war, the guy had to make the first move for things to get better.

And Theo's current attitude, with him acting all high and mighty, would only push Ellinor further away.

After Belinda thought about it, she realized that she couldn't convince Theo, but she knew someone who could.

She immediately messaged Veronica on social media, letting her know that Ellinor was back.

At the Blanchet residence.

Veronica had no classes that afternoon. She had just come back from school and taken a shower when she saw Belinda's message, stating that Ellinor was back.

There was also a sneaky photo of Theo and Ellinor sitting face to face, both looking pretty grim.

Veronica was about to jump for joy. She immediately replied, "Where are you guys? Where did Theo find Ellinor?"

Belinda responded, "We're at a restaurant now. Ellinor showed up on her own, and Theo happened to run into her."

Veronica quickly typed. "He should be bringing her home soon, right? I need to go tell Grandma the good news ASAP!"

"I don't think so. They're sitting together to clear up some things. Ellinor's attitude is really negative. She clearly doesn't want to talk to Theo." Veronica frowned. "Clear up what? The baby in Ellinor's belly is my brother's. She should be giving birth soon, right? Why are they still fussing around?" Belinda sent a helpless emoji. "You're asking me? I don't want to see this outcome either. That's why I contacted you. I hope you can bring Marissa to find us. Only Marissa's presence can put pressure on Theo to apologize to Ellinor."

Veronica felt like her brother was being treated unfairly. "Apologize? My brother hasn't done anything wrong. Why should he be the one to apologize? It was Ellinor who left without a word. She's been running away from home for half a year on a whim! She should be the one to apologize, right?"

Belinda was a bit helpless. "Veronica, do you want them to make up or not?"

Even though Veronica was a bit hot-headed, she really hoped that Ellinor would come back.

"Alright! Send me the address of the restaurant; I'll bring my grandma there later."

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When Veronica got the address from Belinda, she immediately changed her clothes, grabbed her phone, and bolted out to find her grandma.

Marissa Blanchet was in her room, hand-making a piece of clothing for her not-yet-born great-grandchild. She was sewing with all her heart.

Ellinor had run away from home. It was unclear whether she would return, but Marissa never stopped hoping. These unfinished clothes were her only solace.

"Granny!" Veronica burst into the room, startling Marissa so much that she pricked her finger with the needle.

"Ouch! Veronica, why did you barge in like that?" Marissa expressed exasperation as she removed the needle, dabbing at the blood on her finger with a

tissue.

Seeing this, Veronica immediately expressed concern. "Are you okay, Grandma?"

Marissa wiped the small amount of blood off her finger, tossed the tissue away, and frowned at Veronica, scolding. "I'm fine now, but one of these days you're going to give me a heart attack! Don't you know how to knock?"

Veronica felt guilty and apologized. "I'm sorry, Grandma. I was in a rush!"

"Alright, spill it. What's got you in such a tizzy?"

"Grandma! Ellinor's back!"

Upon hearing this, Marissa's eyes lit up. "What? Ellinor's back? Where is she? Take me to her!"

With that, she started heading out the door.

"Wait, Grandma! Hold your horses; let me finish! Ellinor hasn't come home; she's out at a restaurant with my brother."

Marissa was overjoyed. "So that means Theo knows Ellinor's back too? That's great! But why are they eating out? They should come home and eat. I'll prepare Ellinor's favorite dishes when they return tonight."

Veronica felt a wave of frustration. "Grandma, it's not as simple as you think. Belinda told me there might be some issues between them. They might be discussing ending their relationship!"

Marissa's smile faded. "Ending? Ellinor's about to give birth, and they're talking about ending things? What could Theo be thinking? He finally found her, and instead of bringing her home, he's talking about ending things?!"

Veronica took her grandma's arm. "That's why Belinda wants me to take you there, so you could put some pressure on my brother to apologize to Ellinor, or she might leave again and he won't be able to find her!"

Marissa made a swift decision. "Alright! I'm going! I must go! Veronica, take me to Ellinor now!"

Veronica couldn't help but chuckle at how anxious her usually composed grandma was. "Grandma, you're rushing so much that you forgot your coat! Don't worry, Belinda's there; they won't leave right away."

Without giving a thought to her appearance, Marissa grabbed a coat from her wardrobe, put it on, and hurriedly pulled Veronica out the door.

However, as soon as they stepped out of the room, they ran into Sophia, who was carrying two boxes of pastries to visit Marissa.

Sophia greeted them with a polite smile. "Where are you off to in such a hurry?"

Marissa looked a bit conflicted. "Veronica and I have something to take care of. Sophia, what brings you here?"

Sophia cheerfully lifted the boxes of pastries. "I managed to get these popular pastries that everyone's raving about, and I thought I'd bring some for you to try!"

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Marissa smiled and nodded. "That's sweet of you. Just put the snacks down; I'll taste them when I get back. Sophia, we've got some stuff going down at our place today, so we can't keep you around. You can come over some other time, and I'll whip up something nice for you."

Sophia grinned knowingly. "Granny, no worries, you don't have to be so formal! By the way, are you guys heading out? I drove here, so how about I give you a ride?"

Marissa gently declined. "No need; we've got a driver who can take me, so you don't have to bother."

Sophia was still eager. "It's no bother; I've got nothing else going on anyway."

Veronica had a beef with Sophia because she always tried to cozy up to her grandparents whenever she came over.

As a woman, Granny could understand where Sophia was coming from.

But Grandpa was another story; he was totally charmed by Sophia's brownnosing. He loved how outgoing and generous Sophia was, always singing her praises.

Just thinking about it made Veronica's blood boil.

Veronica said sourly. "Sophia, I know the hots you got for my brother, but don't bother; he's not into you!"

Sophia shrugged helplessly, playing innocent. "Veronica, I'm just offering to give you and Granny a lift. Don't read too much into it; I don't have any ulterior motives."

Veronica rolled her eyes contemptuously. "You know damn well that you've got other intentions! Let me tell you, Ellinor's already back; no matter how much you try to suck up to my brother and grandparents, it won't do you any good."

After hearing this, Sophia was first stunned, then her face lit up with joy. "Really? Ellinor's back? Where is she? Granny, are you going to see Ellinor now? Can I come with you? I've always wanted to meet her."

Marissa frowned slightly, helpless against Veronica's big mouth. "Sophia, I know you mean well, but let's do it another day. Ellinor just got back, so she must be tired and not ready to meet new people. I'll introduce you guys some other time."

Sophia insisted warmly. "Granny, don't worry; I won't be a bother to Ellinor. I think Ellinor left before because she misunderstood my relationship with Theo; it might be better if I explain it to her myself."

Marissa found this reasonable, and she started to waver.

Ellinor's departure might indeed have something to do with Sophia.

Now that Theo and Ellinor were having a chat, if Sophia went and cleared things up, they might patch things up.

Veronica sneered. "Granny, let her go if she wants to! I think she should explain things to Ellinor in person. Plus, when she sees Ellinor, she'll get the hint about my brother."

After some consideration, Mrs. Blanchet nodded. "Alright! Sophia, you can come with us."

Sophia chuckled happily. "Thanks, Granny!"

After handing the snacks to the Blanchet family's servant, Sophia picked up her car keys and headed out, helping Mrs. Blanchet along the way.

Ellinor's back!

She could finally see what kind of person this Ellinor really was.

Over at the dining area, all the dishes were served.

The waiter couldn't remember who ordered what and just placed them on the table according to the serving order.

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Ellinor was eating absentmindedly, not bothering to reach for food beyond what was right in front of her.

The two dishes in front of her were ordered by Belinda. They were not exactly her favorites, but she didn't care much.

Belinda was also lost in her thoughts, constantly checking the time on her phone, anxious about why Veronica hadn't brought Marissa

yet.

Jacob slid a chicken wing onto her plate. "What's on your mind? Why aren't you eating?"

Snapping back to reality, Belinda gave Jacob a forced smile. "Uh... nothing!"

If Veronica didn't bring Marissa soon, Ellinor would finish her steak and surely make an excuse to leave.

Ellinor was indeed about to finish her meal; this dinner seemed to drag on forever.

To slow Ellinor down, Belinda casually added some green veggies to her bowl. "Ellinor, you should eat more veggies; you need to keep your nutrition up!"

Ellinor pursed her lips. "Thanks."

Without giving it much thought, she accepted Belinda's kindness and was about to pop a few slices of carrot into her mouth.

But they were intercepted mid-air by someone else's fork!

Startled, Ellinor looked up. "What's the matter?"

She was a bit annoyed; dinner was already a drag, and surely Theo wasn't about to cause trouble again, right?

Theo frowned, his tone icy. "I can understand if others don't know, but you should at least remember what you're allergic to, right?"

Ellinor was speechless.

She looked down at the carrot on her fork and remembered that she was allergic to carrot.

She'd seen it on her allergy report, but she usually didn't pay much attention to it. A small amount wouldn't cause a reaction.

But she didn't expect Theo to remember her allergies.

Did he memorize her allergy report?

Her heart skipped a beat at the thought, but she quickly reminded herself that she was overthinking.

Even if he did remember a few of her allergies, it was only because he was concerned about the baby in her belly, so he wouldn't let her eat anything she was allergic to.

The more Theo cared about the baby, the more uneasy she felt.

He was right. If he wanted to take the baby, he didn't necessarily have to go through legal means, and she definitely wouldn't stand a

chance.

Perhaps because of her annoyance and unwillingness to be controlled, Ellinor ignored Theo's warning, dodged his fork, and stubbornly ate the carrot slice.

She knew her body best; a couple of carrot slices wouldn't harm her. She didn't need his interference.

However, the next moment, she saw Theo's face darken. He grabbed her chin, stopped her from chewing, and forcibly opened her mouth to take out the carrot.

Feeling very uncomfortable, Ellinor coughed lightly. "Cough, cough. What...what are you doing? Are you out of your mind?"

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Theo looked grim, and he had a hint of sarcasm in his eyes. "Ms. Mendoza, you may not care about your own life, but please don't joke around with your unborn child!"

Ellinor arrogantly pulled away from his grasp. "Mr. Blanchet, aren't you a bit too worried? I've never heard that eating a carrot can harm a child!"

Theo withdrew his hand; his icy gaze made him look like he was seemingly trying to see through her.

Ellinor didn't like the way he was looking at her; she got up and said, "Excuse me, I'm not feeling well, I need to use the restroom.

Without waiting for anyone's response, she left the dining table.

After watching Ellinor's retreating figure, Belinda turned her head towards her uncle.

"Uncle, what were you doing just now? You upset Ellinor!"

Theo remained silent, squinting his eyes at the sight of Ellinor's retreating figure, not saying a word.

Because of her pregnancy, Ellinor walked slowly. Before she could reach the restroom, she bumped into Veronica and Marissa, "Grandma, look, it's really Ellinor!" Veronica, holding onto her grandmother's arm, exclaimed excitedly.

Ellinor stopped when she heard her name, turned her head, and looked.

She was slightly surprised to see Veronica and Marissa come over. She then politely flashed a simple smile. "Marissa Blanchet, nice to see you."

After a long time apart, Marissa's eyes were slightly moist. She stepped forward and took Ellinor's hand, looking at her with concern. "Ellinor, where have you been these past six months? I think about you every day, wondering if you're okay."

"I've been to a beautiful place, and I'm doing well."

Marissa sighed. "What scenery can compare to home? Isn't it better to stay home and take care of your pregnancy? Look at you! You're eight months pregnant, but you look pale. It breaks my heart to think you might have been suffering alone."

Ellinor, a little helpless, explained, "Marissa, I wasn't suffering; I was really doing well on my own."

But Marissa didn't seem to take in her response and was still holding her hand with a pained look.

Ellinor didn't want too much contact with the Blanchet family, but she didn't want to be cold towards Marissa either, so she just endured it for now. At the same time, she felt a pair of unfriendly eyes staring at her.

She cautiously looked at the pair of eyes that made her uncomfortable, only to see Sophia walking over with a bright smile, reaching out her hand.

"Hello, Ms. Mendoza! I often hear people talking about you! Nice to meet you... no, we should have met yesterday, right?"

Through Ellinor's figure, Sophia identified her as Moon she saw yesterday.

Ellinor laughed lightly at Sophia. "Yes, we meet again."

She merely responded to Sophia's greeting without shaking her hand.

Sophia's outstretched hand hung awkwardly in the air for a moment before she withdrew it, but her cheerful smile was still on her face. Ellinor originally had some respect for Marissa; she was very grateful for her past care, but now, after seeing Sophia appear alongside Marissa, Ellinor lost the mood to deal with the Blanchet family,

She withdrew her hand coldly. "Marissa, I'm sorry, but I have to go. I need to use the restroom. Mr. Blanchet is just over there, you can go find hir

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After Ellinor finished speaking, she breezed past them and headed for the bathroom.

Marissa Blanchet looked worried. She tapped Veronica lightly. "Veronica, go with Ellinor. She's pregnant now, so if she needs a hand, make sure to help her out."

Veronica nodded and hurried after her.

The moment Ellinor stepped out of the bathroom, she saw Veronica with her arms folded, looking at her seriously.

She ignored her and went to wash her hands.

Veronica was miffed and asked, "Where have you been for the past six months?"

Ellinor squeezed some soap into her palm, lathered it up, and answered casually, "Why do you care about where I've been?"

Veronica frowned. "It is my business! You're my brother's wife; how can you just up and leave?"

Ellinor chuckled, "You've got it mixed up. I'm not. Didn't your brother's wife just come with you?"

Veronica was taken aback, and then it clicked. "You mean Sophia? She's not..."

"Veronica!"

A clear female voice interrupted Veronica.

It was Sophia, walking in with a smile.

Veronica didn't like Sophia, so she didn't bother to hide her displeasure. "What do you want?"

Sophia replied with a smile. "Granny asked me to fetch you."

Veronica blinked. "Granny wants me? What's up? Didn't she just ask me to accompany Ellinor to the bathroom?"

"You have Granny's bag; it has her medicine in it."

Veronica looked down, and sure enough, she was carrying Marissa's purse.

Marissa must've gotten too excited after seeing Ellinor and needed to take some medicine to calm her nerves.

So Veronica didn't dare delay. "I'll get her medicine to her right away!"

After watching Veronica leave, Sophia took out a lipstick from her bag, walked to the mirror next to Ellinor, and started to touch up her makeup.

As she applied her lipstick, she glanced at Ellinor through the mirror while smiling brightly. "You're just as gorgeous as the rumors say, even without makeup. You changed your look yesterday, so why are you showing your true colors today?"

Ellinor rinsed off the soap from her hands, turned off the tap, and dried her hands leisurely. "Theo already spotted me, so there's no point in disguising myself."

Sophia capped her lipstick. "Ms. Mendoza, you seemed rather reluctant to be found by Theo, huh?"

Ellinor raised an eyebrow. "Ms. Sophia, I guess you'd rather I wasn't found. But you can rest easy; I have no interest in him now, and I won't threaten your position."

Sophia laughed and shook her head. "No, I'd love to see you two reunite. Ms. Mendoza, I'm glad to meet you!"

Ellinor squinted slightly, trying to figure out if Sophia was playing some other game.

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Sophia slid her lipstick back into her purse with ease, then looked up to see puzzlement in Ellinor's eyes. She laughed. "Ms. Mendoza, you don't believe what I'm saying?"

Ellinor crumpled up the used tissue and tossed it gently into the trash can. "Sophia, do you really think I'd take your word for it? No wife wants to see her husband tangled up with another woman, right?"

Sophia shrugged nonchalantly and then nodded. "To be honest, it does bug me a bit. But I'm more focused on the long haul. Ms. Mendoza, if you're out of the picture for good, Theo will always have a place for you in his heart, and there's nothing I can do to make him forget you. But if you two were to reunite, you might be together for a while and then get sick of each other. I won't have to lift a finger, and Theo won't fancy you anymore. He'll come back to me, and we'll stay together."

"So that's your game plan." Ellinor looked at Sophia with a hint of admiration in her eyes. Sophia's tactics were more sophisticated than Patricia Howard's, and she was upfront about it.

Sophia smiled. "I'm not wrong, am I? I don't care about how many women Theo has been with; all I care about is who's gonna stick with him in the long run. I believe I'm the one who'll go the distance with Theo, and you're just passing through."

Ellinor returned the smile. "Well, of course, it's you who's willing to go the distance with Theo. Even if it's not you, it's not gonna be me. I'm no longer interested in that man."

Sophia blocked Ellinor's way. "But you're carrying his child."

With that, she gently stroked Ellinor's belly.

Ellinor backed off defensively. "The child is mine; it has nothing to do with Theo."

Sophia smiled. "Ms. Mendoza, you've got it all wrong. I didn't mean anything by it. I just love kids, and I'm looking forward to the safe delivery of your child."

Ellinor thought Sophia's thinking was off, but she might be another victim who had been initially deceived by Theo's feelings.

With that in mind, Ellinor made her position clear. "My child will be born safe and sound, and I will raise him on my own. I won't let anyone else interfere."

Sophia disagreed. "That won't do! Since it's Theo's child, it's better to bring him back to the Blanchet Villa! I'm confident that I can be a good stepmother. I'll educate Theo's child properly."

Ellinor had never seen a woman like this before.

They had nothing in common, and she didn't want to waste any more time with Sophia. So she walked briskly past her and out of the restroom, only to bump into someone because she was in such a rush.

"Watch where you're going!"

At the sound of the familiar male voice, Ellinor's heart tightened. She looked up and saw Theo towering over her, looking at her disdainfully.

She took a step back instinctively. "I'm sorry, I didn't see you there."

Theo sneered, gripping her chin firmly. "What are you thinking about that made you not watch where you're going?"

Ellinor didn't like his arrogant attitude, and she pushed his hand away forcefully. "I wasn't thinking about anything! Mr. Blanchet, mind your manners. You can talk, but keep your hands to yourself!"

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Ellinor slapped Theo's hand away, prompting an annoyed squint from him.

"Ellinor! Do you realize I..."

"Theo, heading for the bathroom too?" Sophia emerged from the restroom.

Theo's words died on his lips.

Sophia slid up next to Ellinor, hooking arms with her nonchalantly. "Theo, I've already met Ms. Mendoza in the ladies' room. Don't worry, I'll help her find Granny. Go on and do your thing!"

Theo shot Sophia an indifferent glance, said nothing more, and turned to enter the men's restroom.

Once he was out of sight, Ellinor wiggled her arm free from Sophia's grip, straightened her sleeve, and started striding away.

Sophia caught up with her. "Ellinor, seems like Theo cares about you, doesn't he?"

Ellinor snorted. "Does he?"

"Absolutely! I've known Theo for over 20 years, and I can tell when he's got the hots for a girl. So cut him some slack, okay?" Ellinor looked at Sophia with a skeptical gaze. "You, as Theo's legit wife, want me to make up with him?"

Sophia laughed it off. "Yes! I hope you and Theo can make amends. I promise I won't get mad."

Ellinor rolled her eyes in exasperation. "You've lost it!"

She headed towards the restaurant exit, but Sophia grabbed her. "Ellinor, where are you going? Granny is waiting for you!"

Ellinor shook off Sophia's grip. "I'm full. I'm not going back. Ms. Sophia, you can say goodbye to Marissa for me."

She tried to stride away, but Sophia darted in front of her. "No can do! I can't let you leave like this. If you go, Theo will think I said something nasty to you."

Ellinor smirked. "You think you didn't?"

Sophia shrugged. "I was just honest with you about my feelings. I made it clear that I don't mind you and Theo temporarily making up. Did I say something that gave you the wrong idea? You walking out like this makes me look bad!"

Ellinor remained expressionless. "That's sickening enough! You two are a match made in heaven! One pretends to be single and deceives others' feelings, even though he's married. The other plays the magnanimous wife, allowing her husband to hurt other women! You're both awful!"

Sophia laughed it off. "Oh, Ms. Mendoza, lighten up! Many girls wish they could get a chance to be hurt by Theo. And you even have his child. I think Theo is pretty good to you."

Ellinor was about to throw up; her face was a picture of resignation. "Move!"

Sophia stood her ground. "No way! I already said that I can't let you leave like this!"

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Chapter 1230

Ellinor was pregnant and close to popping, so her hormones were all over the place. Plus, seeing Theo made her feel uneasy, and Sophia kept yapping nonsense and blocking her way.

She couldn't stand it anymore, so she tried to push Sophia away.

But as soon as her hand touched Sophia's clothes, Sophia flew off like she had been hit by a truck, crashing into the restaurant counter. Blood trickled down her forehead, and she screamed in pain.

Ellinor frowned at Sophia's over-the-top performance. A few minutes ago, she thought Sophia was smarter than Patricia. Now, not so much.

She didn't even push that hard. Sophia just took a dive. Naturally, Ellinor didn't feel guilty at all. Nobody was stopping her, so she could just walk away.

But before she even took two steps away, a stern voice stopped her.

"Who said you could leave?"

After hearing Theo's voice, Ellinor stopped in her tracks and turned around. "Since when do I need permission to leave?"

Theo, stone-faced, walked over to Sophia, who was still on the ground, helped her up, and then glared at Ellinor.

"You did this to Sophia, and you're just gonna walk away?"

After being helped up, Sophia tried to play the martyr. "Don't mind me, Theo, I'm fine! You and Ms. Mendoza just had a reunion; don't let me ruin it..."

Theo snorted. "You're really thinking about her, huh? But what about her?"

Sophia shook her head, managing a weak smile. "Theo, I'm really okay!"

Ellinor retorted coolly. "Mr. Blanchet, she wouldn't let me leave. Was I not supposed to push her away?"

Theo stepped closer, his expression darkening. "Pushing her away is one thing, but did you have to push her down and make her bleed?"

He was still the same man, but he had taken a different stand.

In the past, whenever Ellinor was misunderstood, Theo always took her side unconditionally. He didn't even ask for her side of the story; he simply believed in her.

Now, he had chosen to stand by his wife and believe her.

And there's nothing wrong with that!

When it was just other women, she carried some weight in Theo's eyes, so he supported her unconditionally. But now, in front of his wife, he knew whom to back.

His wife was closer to him, so of course he backed her.

Even though it was only natural, Ellinor still felt chill in her heart. She forced a laugh. "So what are you gonna do? Hold me responsible?"

Theo's gaze swept over her, and then he said flatly, "Just apologize to her, and we'll let this go!"

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He asked her to apologize? For something she didn't do?

Ellinor smirked. "You might as well hold me responsible then! I won't apologize. I didn't push hard, so only she knows why she fell so hard."

Sophia inhaled deeply, looking wronged. "She's right! Ms. Mendoza didn't push me hard; I just lost my balance and fell. Let it go, Theo, I'm fine!"

But Theo had no intention of letting Ellinor off that easy. He stepped closer again, demanding that she apologize. "I'll ask you one more

me, will you apologize?"

Ellinor's heart ached as if it had been cut with a knife. What hurt her wasn't being misunderstood, but Theo's lack of trust in her character.