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Chapter 1371

Driven by curiosity, she couldn't help but ask when there was no one else in the elevator, "Ms. Gipson, do you like Byran?"

Ida replied casually, "What do you think?"

Belinda pondered. "I think you at least don't dislike him; otherwise, you wouldn't bother with him. But I feel you're more suited for a mature man, not someone childish like Byran."

Ida gave a small smile, not commenting on what Belinda said. Instead, she asked, "You're here to see Chase this early?"

Upon hearing Chase's name, Belinda's expression changed, and she shook her head. "No, I'm here for Jacob."

The elevator doors opened, and Ida walked out slowly. "Alright, off you go."

Belinda didn't manage to ask anything and felt a bit disappointed.

Ida always seemed distant. Like just now, her demeanor was calm, and she had a smile on her face. It seemed like she was responding to Belinda, but she didn't actually say anything.

Belinda really admired strong women like Ida, who seemed to handle everything effortlessly and didn't seem to care about anything. Unlike her, who was indecisive and had difficulty making decisions.

Walking in the opposite direction of Ida, Belinda arrived at Jacob's desk.

Seeing Jacob busy typing on his computer, she took a deep breath and walked over.

"Jacob!"

Upon hearing Belinda's voice, Jacob turned around, looking surprised, and then his expression turned serious. "What are you doing here?"

Belinda went over to him and said, "Because of some special circumstances yesterday, I couldn't explain things clearly over the phone. So, I'm here now to explain to you in person."

Jacob turned back to his computer, checking the data in the files, not looking at Belinda again, and said in an unfriendly tone, "I don't have time right now. I have to present for our team in a meeting later. You should go back."

"Oh, it's okay. Go ahead. I'll wait for you in the cafeteria."

Belinda knew Jacob was angry because he had never been cold to her before.

She was at fault for what happened yesterday and had to sincerely apologize.

Belinda stopped bothering Jacob and turned to go to the cafeteria, but bumped into a man in a sleek suit and caught a whiff of a high-end men's perfume.

She was very familiar with this fragrance because it was Chase's scent.

Looking up, she saw Chase's handsome face and noticed that he was smiling broadly.

"You're here to see me this early?"

Belinda frowned, thinking he was deliberately teasing her. He clearly knew she wasn't here for him.

"Mr. Larios, I'm not..."

Chase cut off her denial and patted her head lightly. "You went to bed so late; why didn't you sleep in a bit? You're up so early?"

Jacob heard their conversation, picked up a file to copy, nodded at Chase as a greeting, and walked away.

He admitted he couldn't confront his direct superior, but he could always avoid him and just not look at him.

After seeing Jacob walk away, Belinda knew he might have misunderstood again and angrily confronted Chase, "Why did you have to say such ambiguous things? You know I'm not here for you!"

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Chase gave a slight smirk. "Oh? So you weren't here for me. My bad, I must have misunderstood."

With that, he brushed past her, heading for his office.

Belinda twisted her lips in frustration as her heart filled with anger and helplessness.

He absolutely did that on purpose.

How had she never noticed before that Chase was such a master of pretense?

Now there was nothing she could do. She'd have to wait for Jacob to finish work and then explain everything to him.

Sighing, Belinda headed off alone to the company's cafeteria to wait.

The meeting went on for over two hours, ending just in time for lunch.

Employees flocked to the cafeteria to grab their meals. A few of Belinda's close colleagues came over to say hi and make some small talk.

Spotting Jacob entering the cafeteria, Belinda quickly finished her conversation with her colleagues and got up to approach him.

Jacob, tray in hand, joined the lunch line, ignoring her.

Belinda gently tugged at his sleeve. "Jacob, let's go out to eat something else. My treat!"

Jacob gave her a cold glance. "No need, I'll just grab something here at the office; I have work to do later; I don't have time to go out."

Embarrassed, Belinda let go of his sleeve. "Oh, I see. Well then, I'll join you here so I won't hold you up!"

Jacob ignored her and went to find an empty seat after getting his meal.

Like a child who'd done something wrong, Belinda followed him and sat down across from him, sincerely apologizing, "Jacob, I'm sorry, I didn't consider your feelings yesterday."

Jacob took a big bite of his lunch, coldly chuckled, and sarcastically said, "You should be dining with Mr. Larios, not me."

Belinda was a bit embarrassed. "It's not what you think! There's really nothing going on between Chase and me.

We were only together yesterday because Chase and Ellinor are old friends, and we were discussing something about Ellinor.

Err... I admit, I used to have a crush on him, but I gave up on him a long time ago. Since I agreed to date you, I'm seriously committed to our relationship, really!"

After hearing Belinda's long explanation, Jacob finally softened his gaze at her. He stayed silent for a while and then said, "Belinda, if you're really serious about us, why don't we just get married?"

What?

Belinda thought she heard him wrong. "What did you just say?"

Jacob's face returned to its usual gentle charm and he said seriously, "I said let's get married. Belinda, only in marriage can I feel secure, no longer worrying about you being taken away by other men."

Get married?

Was Jacob proposing to her in the company cafeteria, over a work meal?

Wasn't this a bit rushed?

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Jacob saw Belinda fall silent, and his brows furrowed, “What? You don’t wanna marry me? Think I’m just a plain worker and not good enough for you? If that’s the case, how can you say you’re serious about us?”

Belinda quickly shook her head. “No, I was just a bit taken aback by your sudden proposal. You spooked me.”

Jacob suddenly put down his fork and grabbed Belinda’s hand anxiously. “I really like you; that’s why I worry when you’re alone with other guys. I promise, I’ll work my tail off to give you a good life. I love you! Be my wife, will ya?”

Belinda was stunned; her feelings were all over the place. It wasn’t her heart beating like a drum, nor was it butterflies. She wasn’t even moved by her boyfriend’s confession.

At this moment, the colleagues nearby overheard Jacob’s proposal and started making a racket.

“Marry him!”

“Marry him! Marry him!”

Other colleagues also cast curious glances as they joined the chorus.

“Marry him! Marry him! Marry him!”

Jacob heard his colleagues’ support, grinned, and then got down on one knee, gazing at Belinda affectionately. “Let our colleagues bear witness to our happiness; marry me, will ya?”

Belinda blushed. “I…”

“What’s all the hullabaloo? What’s going on here?”

A smooth male voice suddenly interrupted the cafeteria’s lively atmosphere.

Recognizing Mr. Larios’ voice, the rowdy employees immediately quieted down and went back to their meals.

One employee stood up, smiling as he explained. “Mr. Larios, Jacob’s proposing to his girlfriend, and we’re all cheering him on.”

“Oh? A proposal, huh?” Chase walked over to Jacob and Belinda’s table, giving them a deep look.

Jacob was still on his knees as he awkwardly said, “Mr. Larios, I’m proposing to my girlfriend. It’s our lunch break. You don’t mind, do you?”

Chase smiled. “What if I say that I kinda do? What are you gonna do?”

Jacob frowned suspiciously. “I don’t get what you’re miffed about.”

Chase stared at him. “I’m miffed that you’re proposing like this; you’re making us guys look bad.”

Jacob was taken aback. “I really don’t get it. What’s so embarrassing about proposing like this?”

Chase laughed. “A proposal is a serious matter; it should be treated with respect. You chose to do it in the company cafeteria and only got your own lunch. You didn’t prep a meal for your girlfriend, let alone an engagement ring; isn’t that making us guys look bad?”

Jacob looked embarrassed. “I got carried away today and decided to propose to Belinda on the spur of the moment. I didn’t prepare it in advance. But I’ll buy the ring later, as a make-up gift for her.”

Chase raised an eyebrow, feeling intrigued. “Oh really? How many carats are you planning to buy?”

Jacob didn’t expect Chase to ask this. He pondered awkwardly before finally saying, “Mr. Larios, I can’t compare to your wealth; I can’t afford a big diamond ring, but I’ll buy Belinda the most expensive ring I can afford.”

Chase smirked. “Oh, I see, it’s the thought that counts, not the gift’s price tag, right? To show my support, I’ll give everyone in the company a day off today. You can go buy the ring now. Once you’ve got the ring, come back and continue your proposal. We’ll keep your girlfriend company here while we wait for you. Off you go.”

Jacob's face stiffened, and he now spoke with some resentment, "Mr. Larios, this is between me and my girlfriend; even though you're my boss, involving yourself like this isn't really suitable, is it?"

Chase pulled out a chair and sat next to Belinda. "I'm friends with your girlfriend's uncle and aunt. According to family ties, I'm somewhat of an elder to your girlfriend; I'm not an outsider. You want to propose without a ring today and want Belinda to marry you? That's not gonna fly; even her uncle and aunt wouldn't accept it, let alone me!"

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Jacob was left speechless.

Suddenly, his colleagues started to whoop and cheer. On one hand, they wanted to suck up to Chase; on the other hand, they agreed with him. How can a proposal not include a diamond ring?

They were just hooting and hollering, but they hadn't noticed this detail.

Most importantly, Chase had just mentioned that they could take the day off.

Once Jacob finished proposing, they could knock off and head home. What a joy!

Jacob was stuck in a bind. He stood up, gave an awkward laugh, and said, "Mr. Larios is right. A proposal must include a diamond ring! Belinda, wait for me; I'm going to buy a ring now. Wait for me!"

With that, he turned and bolted out.

"Wait, Jacob, don't..."

Belinda tried to stop him, but he was already out the door.

The colleagues all sat back down to continue eating, waiting for Jacob to return with a ring to liven things up.

Belinda turned to Chase, who was sitting next to her, and grumbled, “Why did you have to make things difficult for him? He’s just graduated and started working; where would he get the money to buy a diamond ring?”

Chase smiled. “No money for a diamond ring, but brave enough to propose marriage. Doesn’t married life cost money too? So, if I hadn’t shown up, were you really going to accept his proposal just like that?”

Belinda was taken aback, and her eyes flickered. “I don’t know...”

Chase sighed at her. “Silly girl, if you feel sorry for a man now, you’re in for a lifetime of bad luck. You feel sorry for him not having money to buy a ring, but he doesn’t feel sorry for making you trek all the way to find him. He didn’t even get you lunch.”

Hearing this, Belinda looked at him with a surprised expression, and pouted. “What about you? You’re a man too!”

Chase shrugged. “Same for me; any woman who feels sorry for me is bound to get her heart shattered.”

Belinda frowned but ended up laughing. “Didn’t expect you to know yourself so well.”

Chase always knew himself well; he didn’t mind criticism and joked, “Aren’t you going home? Are you really waiting for Jacob to come back and propose to you?”

Belinda had mixed feelings. She blinked at him as she said, “Chase.”

Chase listened attentively. “Hmm?”

“Don’t meddle in my affairs from now on; it causes me a lot of trouble.”

When Jacob returned, only Chase was sitting there with his long legs crossed as he scrolled through his phone.

Jacob looked around the canteen but couldn’t find Belinda. He walked over and asked, “Mr. Larios, where’s Belinda?”

Chase looked up at him. “Oh, she left.”

Jacob frowned, pulling out a delicate velvet box from his pocket. “Why did she leave? I’ve already bought her a diamond ring.”

Chase put down his phone, took the velvet box from Jacob, opened it, and looked inside. It was a decent size, but it was a man-made moissanite; it wasn’t a real diamond.

After closing the box, Chase put it on the table, stood up, gave Jacob a smile, lightly patted his shoulder, and said, “You might as well keep this ring. She probably won’t like it.”

Jacob’s face turned awkward, and the unease in his heart let him know that the diamond ring he bought was fake,

Where would he get the money to buy a real diamond ring?

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He spotted this massive, sparkly moissanite in the shop, thinking no one could tell it apart from the real deal. But by the looks of Mr. Larios’ reaction, he easily clocked that it was a fake in a heartbeat.

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At the Howard Group.

Balfour was eyeballing a hefty document. It was everything he’d asked Quinton to dig up on Thaddeus International Corporation.

Sophia, Thaddeus’ daughter, was sure as hell not going to let Ellinor off the hook because of Theo. And as Ellinor’s brother, he couldn’t afford to drop the ball.

Quinton had just handed over the document and was about to duck out when he suddenly remembered something.

“Mr. Howard, we’ve got wind of someone snooping on Ms. Mendoza today; it’s probably one of Thaddeus’ henchmen.”

Balfour, engrossed in the Thaddeus International Corporation info, wasn't surprised. "Does Theo know?"

Quinton replied, "Probably. He has a bunch of plainclothes bodyguards patrolling our turf. They are likely to protect Ms. Mendoza from any moves by Thaddeus' people."

Balfour snorted. "If it weren't for him, Ellinor wouldn't be in this mess."

Quinton kept his trap shut.

It was a tough call, but he could tell Theo didn't want anything to happen to Ms. Mendoza either.

"We can't bank entirely on Theo. We need to beef up our own security at home. For the next few days, keep Ellinor indoors and limit visitors."

Quinton nodded. "Don't sweat it, Mr. Howard. I've got it covered. But the doctors said Ms. Mendoza needed to stay in the hospital because of the stress. She's home now, but she might have to go back for the delivery. The hospital is a madhouse. I'm worried..."

Balfour had already thought of that. "I know. When the time comes, I'll be with Ellinor in the hospital. You handle the company business for now. Alright, you can go."

"Yes, Mr. Howard."

After Quinton left, Balfour rang up Theo.

The call connected quickly, but neither of the tight-lipped men said a word.

After a moment of silence, Balfour impatiently broke it. "What's your plan for Thaddeus?"

Theo seemed to have expected the question, so he answered coolly, "Don't worry, I've got a game plan. I'll meet him in person in the next couple of days."

Balfour scoffed, "Meet him? Do you know what Thaddeus is like? Aren't you afraid he might keep you there and make you his daughter's hubby?"

Theo caught the sarcasm in Balfour's tone but didn't argue.

“You don’t need to worry about me. I’ve met Thaddeus before. I’ll be back in three days, tops: Look after Ellinor for me while I’m gone. I’ll thank you return.”

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Balfour retorted. “You think I’m worried about you? I don’t need your thanks. If Ellinor didn’t care about you, I would never let the two of you see each other again!”

Theo fell silent.

He was mocking Theo’s lack of finesse in handling relationships, which had put Ellinor in danger.

Theo had no comeback. It was his fault.

“I’m sorry. Because of me, Ellinor has been under a lot of pressure that she shouldn’t have to bear. But believe me, I’ll sort out all the unresolved issues this time, and I won’t let Ellinor face any danger or attract any unwanted attention because of me. Balfour, please take good care of her during these few days; if anything happens, call me ASAP!”

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Balfour spoke with a hint of aloofness, “Don’t sweat it. Ellinor’s my sister. Even without your plea, I’d have her back and always keep her out of harm’s way.”

Theo responded, “Thanks.”

Balfour then asked, “When are you planning to hit the road?”

“Tonight.”

“Well then, let’s have dinner together tonight.”

Theo was surprised by Balfour’s invitation. “Didn’t she ban me from your house?”

Balfour replied sarcastically, "Indeed! Given your current messy emotional baggage, our house isn't a place for you.

But, once you're outta here, if you really become a puppet for Thaddeus and end up being the hubby of his darling daughter, tonight might be the last time you see Ellinor. I don't want her to have any regrets. So, let's have dinner together tonight, and then you can take off."

Given a choice, Balfour would rather have Ellinor marry a simple man and live a peaceful life.

Theo was far from his ideal brother-in-law. His background, although strong, was too complicated. Ellinor being tangled up with a man who was like a walking disaster wouldn't be easy to deal with.

But when he saw Ellinor fearlessly seeking revenge for Theo last night, even though she was pregnant, Balfour realized how important Theo was to Ellinor and that she couldn't just let him go.

If Theo got into trouble in M State again, Ellinor would definitely rush to his side.

So, only when this man was safe could Ellinor be okay.

Being nice to this guy was just another way of looking out for Ellinor.

Ellinor could give birth at any time now; she couldn't be stressed anymore. Letting them say goodbye properly and letting Ellinor know his travel plans would help her feel more at ease and stop her from overthinking.

Even though Balfour might have sounded harsh, he meant well.

Theo accepted his good intentions. "The scenario you're worried about won't happen. But thanks anyway."

"Alright, I'll text you the time and place later."

Even though Balfour invited Theo for dinner, he did not invite him to his house. He remembered promising Ellinor not to let Theo in.

After hanging up, Balfour dialed Ellinor.

"Ellinor."

Ellinor sounded sleepy. "Mr. Howard, what's up?"

Balfour rubbed his temples helplessly after hearing her call him Mr. Howard.

Clearly, the "bro" from before was just Ellinor's way of calming him down. It was not a sign of forgiveness.

"Ellinor, how about having dinner together tonight?"

Ellinor was confused. "Don't we always eat together anyway?"

Balfour chuckled at Ellinor's response. "Tonight's different. We're dining out."

Ellinor asked curiously, "Where are we going?"

Balfour didn't say much. "Just get ready. I'll pick you and Byran up after work."

"Okay."

After coming to an agreement with his sister, Balfour saw a text message on his phone from Theo, stating the time and place, along with an additional message.

"I'll handle everything tonight; you just bring her."

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Ellinor put on a loose, pale yellow maternity dress with a ruffle-like design at the hem, casually tied her hair into a bun, and then followed Balfour out the door.

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In the restaurant, the moment she stepped into the private room and saw Theo already seated there, her brows furrowed in an instant.

"Why the heck is he here?"

She asked Balfour, who was beside her, in a somewhat disgruntled tone, blaming him for not letting her know in advance that Theo would be there.

Balfour could tell that Ellinor was ticked off, but it was something he had anticipated, so he gently explained, “He’s the one footing the bill today. Ellinor, Mr. Blanchet is heading abroad for a bit. He’s here to say goodbye.”

Hearing this, a strange feeling arose within Ellinor. He was going abroad again?

Her smile was tinged with sarcasm. Her chest felt stuffy and uncomfortable.

Theo slowly got up and came over, pulling out a chair for her himself. “You wish I’d never come back, don’t you?”

Ellinor snorted, “Do I even have a say in your travel plans?”

Theo didn’t rush to make excuses; he simply pointed to the chair he had pulled out with his chin. “Sit.”

Without any fuss, Ellinor went over and sat down.

At this moment, Byran leaned in and asked, “Theo, which state are you heading off to this time? How long before you’re back?”

Theo answered Byran, “M State. I’ll be back in three days, barring any unforeseen circumstances.”

Ellinor took a sip of the lemon water on the table. She was lost in thought and didn’t speak anymore.

Theo raised his hand again, inviting Balfour and Byran to sit down as well, and only then did he pull out the chair next to Ellinor and sit down.

The group discussed and ordered their dishes. Ellinor didn’t utter a word throughout; the ordering was done by Theo and Balfour.

It was only when the food arrived that Ellinor finally lifted her head. She had been deep in thought. Who knew what she was pondering?

Theo added a piece of steak to her plate. “What are you thinking about? Why so silent?”

Ellinor hadn't touched her cutlery yet; she suddenly looked up at him with a glare, seemingly having reached the end of her patience. She finally asked, "What are you doing in M State?"

Theo paused slightly and then answered truthfully, "Sorting out the issues that make you unhappy. I want to get it done quickly, so I can come back to give you an explanation."

Ellinor frowned. "Do you have to go now?"

Theo slightly raised his eyebrows. "Don't you want me to resolve it quickly?"

-Ellinor was speechless.

Of course, she hoped that he could quickly resolve his issues with Sophia, but for some reason, she couldn't say why she didn't want him to go to M State right now; she felt like something bad might happen to him there.

She didn't say anything, so Theo added some more food to her plate. "Be good and eat. You can interrogate me all you want later."

Theo's tone was patient and tolerant; it was like he was coaxing a child.

Ellinor absentmindedly picked up her cutlery and stuffed food into her mouth, but it was tasteless.

At this moment, Balfour stood up. "You guys carry on; I need to take a call."

With that, he walked out, throwing a suggestive glance at his clueless brother, who was busy eating.

Byran was quick on the uptake today and immediately understood Balfour's hint. He pretended that he needed to use the restroom and also got up to leave.

And then, only Theo and Ellinor were left in the private room.

After a long silence, Theo just served her some soup without saying a word.

It was Ellinor who broke the silence first.

"Theo, can you not go to M State?"

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Theo looked a bit surprised. "How can I deserve you if I don't tackle this problem?"

Ellinor knitted her eyebrows. Her tone became serious as she clearly expressed her opinion. "The problem must be resolved, but there's no need to rush. You can wait until after I give birth."

Theo saw the worry in Ellinor's eyes and squinted a bit, pretending not to understand. "Oh? Why's that?"

Ellinor lowered her eyebrows, feeling a bit embarrassed as she voiced her concerns. "If something happens to you, I might go into labor at any moment, and I won't be able to help you..."

Theo gazed deeply at Ellinor beside him as warmth radiated from his eyes. He had always been a self-reliant man; he had been solving his problems on his own since childhood. Everyone around him depended on him, and he had never experienced the feeling of being protected by someone else.

His parents had split up due to marital issues in their early years and went their separate ways, neither thinking about taking him, the product of their marriage, with them.

As a child, his elders constantly reminded him of his heavy responsibilities. He couldn't cry or show weakness. He had to be strong to shoulder the responsibilities of the Blanchet family.

Even when he broke a bone as a kid, no one at home would help him.

They'd tell him, "If you can't even handle these little bumps and bruises, how can you stand on your own or lead the family in the future?"

Then they'd demand that he bear the pain and stand up on his own.

This was the first time he felt unconditional protection from someone else, a woman who sincerely wanted to protect him.

It sounded ridiculous, but it was heartwarming..

He was truly lucky to have randomly bumped into such a gem of a woman that day at the coffee shop.

Theo gently pursed his lips, raising his hand to touch her face, but stopped just as he was about to touch Ellinor.

“I don’t have the right to touch you now. After I solve my problems, can I hold you?”

Ellinor frowned, remaining silent.

Even if he held her now, what could she do?

Hadn’t he always held her first and asked questions later? Why was he suddenly so polite today?

Theo spoke again, “If I don’t go to M. State to sort things out, who knows what extremes Sophia’s father might go to? So, I can’t delay any longer.

I promise to be back in three days. I consulted a doctor, who said that at the earliest, you still have a week until your due date. By then, I’ll be by your side, accompanying you into the delivery room to welcome our child.”

Ellinor still didn’t want him to go, continuing to knit her eyebrows. “Are you sure you can solve everything in three days? You didn’t manage to do it that quickly before, so can you do it now?”

Theo patiently responded, “I’ve already spoken to Sophia’s father on the phone. He agreed to meet. Ellinor, I never break my promises. Won’t you trust me one more time?”

Ellinor did not doubt Theo. He definitely planned to return in three days.

What she worried about was that the situation with Sophia and her father might not be that simple. Had they set a trap and were just waiting for him to walk into it?

After all, M State was their turf. Although the Blanchet family also had influence there, it was nowhere near as strong as the influence of those who had lived there for years.

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Also, if a woman had a character like Sophia, you could bet that her dad was not a saint.

Thaddeus was rumored to be a cold-blooded killer. He had no mercy; he was willing to do whatever it took to get what he wanted.

Ellinor was worried, not distrustful.

But she could tell that this man was determined, and she probably couldn't stop him.

"I trust you." She said calmly and firmly, and then added, "But I don't trust Sophia and her father."

Theo clearly understood her worries; he was not taking things lightly either.

"Don't worry, I have my own plans."

Ellinor knew she couldn't talk him out of it. She huffed, decided to drop it, and started eating.

Theo served her food warmly.

Ellinor was eating, and then a thought popped into her head. "Oh, right, what was that about your fake death? You were fine; why did you let a rumor spread that you were blown up?"

While serving her food, Theo replied truthfully, "The fake death was to expose the puppet master behind the scenes, but I didn't expect you to risk looking for me."

Ellinor frowned. "So I messed up your plan?"

Theo chuckled. “No, but you can’t do such dangerous things for me next time, got it?”

Ellinor didn’t respond and then asked, “So, the silver-haired man who kidnapped me twice, he’s not the puppet master? There’s someone else behind the scenes?”

Theo nodded. “I’m sorry. I shouldn’t have involved you in Blanchet family issues. Now that you’re being watched by those people, you could be used as a bargaining chip at any time, and it’s dangerous.”

Ellinor didn’t care. “So what? I’m already being watched, and there’s no escape. Actually, you could have told me the truth from the beginning. I wouldn’t have jumped to conclusions and thought you had other motives.”

Theo sighed while looking at her helpless face. “I know you; if I told you the truth, you wouldn’t be scared of those people, and you wouldn’t stay home like I asked, but start investigating instead; that would have alerted them sooner.”

Ellinor realized that he was not wrong. She wouldn’t be scared; she would definitely investigate.

Theo spoke as if he were coaxing a child, “Ellinor, promise me that you’ll stay home for the next three days and wait for me to come back.”

“Alright, got it.” Ellinor agreed with no enthusiasm.

He had just told her that, besides the silver-haired kidnapper, there was a puppet master behind the scenes. Since he decided to go abroad for three days, she didn’t want him to worry about her safety while abroad.

Actually, she now felt that Theo, who seemed mature, decisive, and firm, was someone who needed to be cared for.

Yesterday, when Belinda told her about Theo’s past, she felt a bit bitter. She thought his parents were selfish because they only cared about their own happiness and did not take their responsibility as parents seriously. After getting disappointed in their marriage, they left Theo alone

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He wasn't as lucky as Ellinor. At least when her mom took off, she took her along, even though she ended up living with the Mendoza family out of sheer desperation.

So in her fuzzy childhood memories, her firmest belief was that her mom loved her to bits. Even when her mom was not around, she never felt devoid of motherly love or abandoned, thanks to this belief.

As for Theo, he could hardly deny that his parents chose to ditch him; they didn't give a damn about him. His young soul surely took a heavy blow. Luckily, even though Theo grew up in the harsh environment of the Blanchet family, his personality didn't get twisted. He just became a bit cold and standoffish, which made people find him hard to approach. But deep down, he was still kind and gentle.

That was pretty darn admirable.

Thinking about all this made Ellinor's heart soften a bit. "Theo."

Theo was peeling shrimp for her. "Hmm?"

"Give me an address."

Theo raised an eyebrow, not quite understanding her request. "What address?"

She pouted a bit bossily. "Sophia's address! Just in case you don't come back in three days, I'll have somewhere to find you."

Theo's expression froze for a moment, and then a smile appeared on his face. "Are you really that scared that I won't come back?"

Ellinor frowned. "Cut the crap! Just give me the address!"

Theo fed her the peeled shrimp. "I promised to be with you in the delivery room. I will come back."

"I don't care. Just give me the address."

"Alright, I'll text it to you later."

That was more like it. Ellinor ate the shrimp he fed her, then held out her hand and gave him a thumbs-up. "Theo, when you come back, we're gonna stick together. But you can't lie to me or hide things from me anymore."

Theo looked at her small hand and then hooked it with his rough, big hand. "Hmm, I won't. I'll never do it again. From now on, I'll listen to you in everything; we're gonna stick together."

Ellinor felt a bit sad while holding his warm, big hand. She really didn't want him to go.

Maybe it was because her due date was approaching and her hormones were all over the place, making her emotions fluctuate.

Soon, the Howard brothers, Balfour and Byran, came back. They chatted about other stuff, finished their meal together, and then went to the airport to see Theo off.

Before boarding, Theo lightly scratched Ellinor's cheek. "Alright, go rest with your brother. I'll call you as soon as I land."

Ellinor nodded, watching Theo and his assistant, Collin, walk into the VIP passage of the airport.

Even when she couldn't see him anymore, she stood there for a long time, lost in thought.

Balfour gently ruffled Ellinor's hair, bringing her out of her daze. "Alright, we should head home now."

Ellinor felt a bit uneasy, her brows slightly furrowed. "I don't know why, but I'm a bit worried."

Understanding her feelings, Balfour tried to comfort her. "Don't worry, even though Thaddeus is a tough nut to crack, Theo isn't a pushover either. He'll be alright."