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Before Ellinor could utter another word, Balfour gently pressed his finger against her lips. "Listen, your main priority right now is to rest. Leave the other matters aside for now, okay? You need strength to see your baby, don't you?"

Ellinor fell silent.

Without leaving any room for her to argue, Balfour quickly made arrangements. "Ida, stay here with her and let her sleep a little more. Chase, Ms. Wesley, come with me, please. We don't want too many people in the room since Ellinor has just given birth."

Everyone agreed without question. Those who needed to stay did so, and the others followed Balfour out of the room.

As the room quieted down, Ida tucked Ellinor in. "Boss, you should sleep a little longer. When you wake up, you'll be able to see your baby."

Ellinor, drained and weak, could barely keep her eyelids open. "If Theo comes, wake me up, okay?"

A complicated look flashed across Ida's eyes, and she managed a weak smile. "Sure, if Mr. Blanchet shows up, I'll wake you up immediately."

Satisfied, Ellinor slowly closed her eyes and fell asleep.

Outside the room, Balfour turned to Chase and Belinda with a serious expression.

"I can't leave the hospital, but I've sent people to search for Theo. However, the more, the merrier. Chase, you should also gather some people and begin a search. We must find that scoundrel and the first child before Ellinor finds out!"

Chase nodded without hesitation. "Alright, I'll organize a search team."

Belinda snorted. "I'll lend a hand too. I'll head over to the Blanchet residence and see if Uncle has returned home."

Balfour nodded. "If you find out anything about his whereabouts, contact me immediately."

"Understood!"

"Alright!"

After coordinating their plans, they went their separate ways.

Balfour stayed at the hospital, avoiding the room so as not to disturb his sister. He went to the nursery instead, his heart melting as he watched his niece and nephew through the gla**.

Thinking about the other child who couldn't be properly cared for in the incubator made him grit his teeth in frustration.

That damn Theo!

Nobody had expected him to just take the first child without saying a word.

What on earth was he planning to do?

Outside the hospital, Chase and Belinda went their separate ways.

Chase led a team to the major transportation hubs to search for Theo, while Belinda hailed a cab and headed straight for the Blanchet villa.

Upon arriving at the villa, she was led into the courtyard by the Blanchet family's butler. There, she saw Veronica tending to the flowers with Marissa.

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Veronica nodded a**ertively. "I'm positive! My brother hasn't been home. Even if he did, he'd have gone to see Ellinor first, not come home. If you're looking for my brother, you're better off checking with Ellinor."

In a state of worry, Belinda sighed. "That's where I've just come from."

Veronica sensed something was amiss. "What's happened? Is Ellinor looking for my brother?"

Belinda carefully glanced towards Marissa, who was engrossed in watering her flowers, oblivious to their conversation. Once reassured, Belinda whispered, "Well, here's the thing. Ellinor gave birth today, and then..."

"What? She gave birth?!"

Veronica's excited outburst caught Marissa's attention.

Marissa turned to them with a furrowed brow. "What are you girls gossiping about? What's this about giving birth?"

Belinda discreetly nudged Veronica to prevent her from spilling the beans and then casually replied to Marissa, "Oh, it's nothing! We're just chatting about a game. My character leveled up."

Marissa shrugged nonchalantly, losing interest in their conversation.

Then, Belinda pulled Veronica a bit further away and complained. "Why were you so loud just now?"

Veronica was puzzled. "Why can't I say it out loud? It's great news that Ellinor gave birth. Grandma and Grandpa would be thrilled."

Belinda sighed deeply. "The problem is that there's a bit of a situation now. Uncle has inexplicably taken the newborn and vanished."

Veronica wrinkled her forehead, looking bewildered. "My brother took the baby away? Why would he do that? Is he playing a prank on Ellinor?"

"No, Uncle wouldn't joke about this. The babies were born prematurely, and there are triplets. Their weight at birth was too low. The baby he took is in danger." Triplets! Veronica was momentarily thrilled at the news, but then her expression quickly turned grave. "Where's Ellinor now? Does she know?"

Belinda shook her head. "Uncle only took one baby. We all agreed to temporarily conceal the truth from Ellinor and tell her that she gave birth to twins. She hasn't noticed anything unusual yet."

We need to find Uncle as soon as possible and figure out why he took the baby. Premature babies are fragile. It's dangerous for him to take the baby away like this. Veronica, do you have any idea where Uncle might have gone?"

Veronica thought for a moment and then shook her head helplessly. "I have no idea. My brother doesn't usually take me with him or tell me where he's going. Should I ask Grandma?"

Belinda quickly stopped her. "No, don't! It'll be more troublesome if your grandma finds out. She'll hurry to the hospital to see Ellinor and the babies, and we won't be able to keep the secret."

Veronica was distressed. "So what should we do now?"

"There's not much we can do. If you have time, come with me to look for him. Let's start at Uncle's office."

Veronica nodded. "Alright, I'll go with you. Let me tell Grandma, then we can leave."

Belinda warned her. "Don't let anything slip to her."

"I got it."

With that, the two left the Blanchet family home and headed for Blanchet Corporation.

Byran arrived home alone, only to hear the news that Ellinor had been rushed to the hospital when her water broke. Worried, he hurried to the hospital.

After asking at the nurses' station, he found Ellinor's room and knocked on the door.

Ida answered the door.

Byran was initially worried, but after seeing Ida's face, his expression darkened and his handsome face clouded over.

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Ida spotted him, revealing no particular emotion on her face. She just adjusted her gold-rimmed glasses as she said, "She's asleep now. You can come in later."

Rather than being stubborn and insisting on entering, Byran simply asked in a somber tone, "Is the baby born already? Is she okay?"

Considering the current complicated situation, Ida sighed slightly. "She's doing okay... I guess."

Without a word, Byran turned around and sat on the waiting chair near the door.

Ida was somewhat surprised by this..

Why was he so cooperative today? It was unlike his usual privileged attitude.

She squinted her eyes and observed him for a while before she closed the door and returned to watch over Ellinor.

When she came back, Ellinor was already awake. She was probably stirred by the earlier knocking sound.

She wearily opened her eyes and hoarsely asked, "Who was that?"

Frowning slightly, Ida replied, "It wasn't Mr. Blanchet. It was Byran."

The light in Ellinor's eyes gradually dimmed. She had just fallen asleep, but it was a restless slumber. "Ida, what time is it now?"

Glancing at the clock, Ida answered. "It's past six in the evening."

"Oh."

This simple response carried a mix of anxiety and disappointment, which Ida could discern.

The boss was waiting for Mr. Blanchet. She had been waiting for him all this time.

And that man, who stole a child, had fled.

The boss didn't know yet.

Sigh!

At this moment, the door to the room was knocked on again.

Turning around, Ida opened the door to find two nurses carrying babies.

She held the door open, allowing the two nurses in.

Just as she was about to close the door, she remembered the young man waiting outside. She paused and looked towards him.

By that time, Byran had noticed the nurses bringing the babies in and had stood up.

He was tall and thin. He tiptoed to catch a glimpse of the babies but was too shy to approach.

Ida suggested. "She's awake now. Why don't you come in and see the babies too?"

Caught off guard, Byran then awkwardly walked into the room with a stern expression.

The two nurses took turns bringing the babies to Ellinor for her to see.

She was too weak to even lift her hand, let alone hold the baby. She was afraid she might drop the baby due to her unstable strength.

While looking at the babies swaddled in blankets, her heart felt warm.

These were her children, born from her womb. It was a miracle.

Both were very small. They looked like hairless little animals. Their noses and eyes were well-formed, very much resembling their unreliable father.

After thinking of Theo, who had yet to make an appearance, Ellinor felt a tightness in her chest. It was like something was stuck there.

The nurses felt that it was time to leave and stood up with the babies. "Alright, the babies can't be away from the incubator for too long. We'll bring them back for you to see tomorrow."

Reluctant to let go, Ellinor craned her neck for one last look at her two babies before nodding in agreement for the nurses to take the babies away.

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When the nurse carried the babies away, Bryan, who had been quietly standing by the side, peered curiously at his tiny niece and nephew, finding them irresistibly adorable.

Ellinor, after bidding farewell to the nurses, turned her attention to Bryan, asking, "Where's your brother? Why are you alone?"

"I heard you were rushed to the hospital, so I came straight here. I haven't seen my brother."

Ellinor was too spent to probe further and simply replied with a "hmm."

Bryan moved closer to Ellinor. His face was serious as he spoke her praises. "Ellinor, I must say, you're quite something. Delivering twins in one go is a heck of an achievement."

Ellinor managed a wry smile. "Well, thank you."

Bryan, unaware of the situation, glanced around the room, looking puzzled. "Where's Theo? Isn't he here?"

At the mention of Theo, Ellinor's pale face turned sour, and she scoffed. "Who knows where he's gone off to?"

Bryan furrowed his brows and expressed his disapproval. "You're giving birth, and Theo's not here? He is the father, after all. That's pretty irresponsible."

Ellinor's expression darkened further.

Ida regretted letting him in. She cleared her throat, walked over, and tried to hush him. "Alright, she needs to rest. You need to stop prying."

Bryan, as if electrocuted, immediately sidestepped Ida's touch and moved further away from her.

Ida paused. Bryan's seemingly repulsed reaction took her by surprise. He was usually more than happy to engage in physical contact with her.

Bryan could feel Ida's probing gaze and became irritated. "Ahem! Ellinor, you take care. I'll step out. I'm not sure what women need after childbirth. If you need anything to eat or drink, let me know, and I can get it for you."

Ellinor nodded. "Alright, thanks. Nothing for now."

Bryan didn't press further and exited the room.

Even after he left, Ida's gaze lingered on the door.

Once outside, Bryan sat down on the waiting chairs, his head drooping as he lost himself in thought.

Until a pair of high-heeled shoes appeared in his line of sight.

He recognized those shoes. They belonged to Ida.

Taken aback, he looked up at Ida, who was now towering over him, and asked irritably, "What? What do you want?"

Ida's brows furrowed slightly. She adjusted her sliding gold-rimmed glasses and asked, "What's wrong with you?"

Bryan grunted. "Nothing! I'm perfectly fine! I'm just sitting here, keeping an eye on my sister, who just gave birth to twins. What's the problem? Can't I do that?"

Ida's frown deepened. The kid was acting off today. Had something happened?

"No problem at all. You can sit wherever you want."

Bryan glared at her. "Then stay away from me. Don't bother me with your presence."

Ida paused. The kid actually found her annoying?

She scoffed lightly and took a seat next to him. "Bryan, have you finally come to your senses?"

Bryan disliked Ida's flippant attitude. "Please! Even if I did come to my senses, I wouldn't be as wild as your ex."

The sarcasm in his words was unmistakable.

Ida wasn't offended; rather, she was intrigued. "What's gotten into you today? It's not like you just found out about my wild side."

Bryan clenched his teeth. Every time he thought about the man he saw in Ida's office, he felt an uncontrollable rage.

But now, he knew clearly that he was never her boyfriend in her eyes. He didn't even have the right to feel jealous or angry.

Each of his tantrums was treated by her as a childish game. It was nothing more than a laughing matter to her.

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"Don't worry, I won't be a thorn in your side anymore."

Byran uttered these words with a hardened expression. His fists clenched tightly, as if he had made a monumental decision.

Upon hearing this, Ida's expression didn't change, but after a moment, her lips curled slightly into a smirk. "That's good to hear."

Then, without another word, she stood up and returned to Ellinor's hospital room.

Byran hung his head low, deflated like a punctured basketball, devoid of his usual vitality.

"What brings you here?"

After hearing his brother's voice, Byran lifted his head.

Balfour had returned, and upon seeing his younger brother sitting by the door, he approached and asked sternly.

Byran responded in a dispirited tone. "I heard our sister was about to give birth, so I rushed over to check on her."

Balfour frowned. He was afraid that his little brother would cause trouble. "Once you've seen her, go home. Get your stuff packed, and next week, I'll have Quinton take you abroad."

Byran nodded and then turned his gaze towards Ellinor's room with a complex expression before standing up and leaving with a dejected air.

After seeing his brother off, Balfour entered Ellinor's room.

Ellinor had fallen back into a deep sleep due to her weakness.

Upon seeing Balfour enter, Ida glanced at Ellinor, who was even frowning in her sleep. After confirming that she was still asleep, she asked, "Mr. Howard, any news of Theo?"

Balfour shook his head grimly. "No leads yet."

Ida's brow furrowed. Where on earth could Mr. Blanchet have taken their first child?!

Balfour looked at Ellinor, who lay sleeping deeply on the bed, and felt his emotions surge. "Did she ask anything else?"

Ida sighed and nodded. "She did, but she seems to have sensed something and did not press for more details."

Balfour felt even more for his sister, and his expression darkened further.

Initially, for his sister's sake, he had been ready to let go of the feud between their families and approve of the marriage, accepting Theo as his brother-in-law.

Now, with the current situation, he was utterly disappointed with Theo.

Once they found Theo, he needed to reconsider his sister's future.

Won't his sister's life be in turmoil while living with such an unreliable man?

Three days passed, and Ellinor's condition had significantly improved, and she could now move around.

Theo still hadn't returned. His phone was unreachable, and he hadn't replied to any messages.

Ellinor had asked Balfour several times, but he always evaded her questions, saying that Theo had important matters to attend to in M State, and while he was safe, it would be some time before he could return.

She didn't know what important matters were keeping him from returning and didn't want to understand, only understanding that he had broken his promise. He had clearly said he would return in three days. He even showed her his return ticket.

But in the end, it was nothing but an empty promise.

Apart from when she was with her child, Ellinor spent most of her time staring out of the hospital room window in silence, speaking very little as she lost herself in her thoughts.

This morning, Balfour had come to check on her before leaving.

Veronica looked puzzled. "What brings you here? Do you need something?"

Belinda leaned in closer and lowered her voice. "Veronica, has my uncle been here?"

Veronica frowned in surprise. "You mean Theo? No, he hasn't. Why?"

Belinda felt a surge of disappointment. "Are you sure he hasn't been here?"