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The black Audi that Alex was driving pulled into the Medika Hospital courtyard. Spotting Aurora standing in front of the lobby, he pulled over. He hurriedly got out, opening the door and gesturing for his wife to enter before taking her to his parents' second residence.

Tonight, there was a scheduled visit and gathering with the extended Wildblood family. Whatever the occasion, Alex and Aurora were obliged to attend.

If she could be honest, Aurora was personally reluctant to participate in the large family gatherings held by her mother-in-law. Not because she didn't want to socialize or blend in, but simply due to laziness, as it would inevitably become a topic of discussion and gossip, as it always did.

"If you feel uncomfortable or don't want to attend, I can turn back."

In the middle of the journey, realizing Aurora's discomfort, Alex dared to reach for her wrist, which was initially resting on her thigh, and gently held it. Glancing briefly, he then urged his wife to compromise before their car reached the destination.

"I know that lately, you've been uncomfortable every time we visit Mama's house."

Aurora stared straight ahead at the road. Without expression, she casually responded.

"Not really. In the early days of our marriage, I never received mistreatment. It's just that, since the second year of our marriage, I've started to feel uneasy every time we visit your parents' house. But don't worry. It's not a big deal for me."

"Are you sure?"

Aurora nodded confidently.

“Let alone just hearing the sharp remarks from Mama and your extended family. Seeing your husband cheating right in front of you, I can handle it.”

Aurora then immediately pulled her wrist from Alex’s grasp. At the same moment, the Arab-blooded man swallowed his saliva while putting on a frustrated expression.

It wasn’t Aurora’s fault that she still remembered and often mentioned the betrayal she had experienced with Nicole. Anyone would do the same if they were in Aurora’s position.

“I apologize, Aurora,” Alex whispered sincerely. “By God, I apologize for the pain I’ve inflicted on your heart.”

Aurora remained silent. Choosing to be silent until they both arrived at Alex’s parents’ second residence.

“Alex... Aurora.”

As soon as they got out of the car, Savana Wildblood, Alex’s mother, welcomed them. She threw a wide smile while hugging her youngest son and daughter-in-law.

“I’ve been waiting for you two for a while. Come on, let’s go inside! Harvey, Elijah, Aunt Rania, and the others are already inside.”

Alex nodded, and Aurora followed behind. Arriving in the family room, one by one, Alex’s cousins warmly greeted them. For now, the situation was still under control, and Aurora was enjoying every passing moment.

While Alex joined the men who were enjoying dinner on the right side, Aurora chose to sit with the cousins gathered on the left side of the dining room. Everyone seemed to be enjoying their meals while chatting, exchanging stories, and inevitably veering into off-topic discussions, appearing critical, and sometimes outright gossiping.

“Aurora, I’ve noticed you’re getting more beautiful, stunning, and elegant just incredibly gorgeous.”

Elijah seemed to sincerely compliment her. Of all Alex’s cousins, this woman was the friendliest and relatively close to Aurora since she entered the Wildblood family.

“Ah, you flatter me,” Aurora replied with a smile. In truth, without the need for clarification, everyone knew that Aurora’s beauty was already apparent.

“Elijah is right,” Fanny agreed. “Moreover, if you weren’t beautiful, how could Alex have fallen for you and hastily proposed? We all know Alex’s taste.”

“What’s my taste?”

Alex, sitting across from Fanny, joined in with laughter. He was accustomed to being the subject of discussion by his cousins like now.

“Please, esteemed Mr. Alex. As the most adored guy, women know that to be your girlfriend, they must be beautiful, tall, fair-skinned, and sexy,” Elijah added. As the closest female cousin, having studied together since childhood, she knew Alex’s habits, preferences, and personality very well. “Besides, it’s not a public secret that you’ve always been a playboy, right?”

“Exaggerated.”

Alex whispered softly. Even though what Elijah said was true, he still tried to deny it.

“This is the reality. Just think back to the appearances of all your exes. All beautiful and sexy, not to mention their revealing outfits. Aurora is the only sensible one.”

“That’s just a coincidence,” Alex defended himself. “Actually, I don’t apply criteria like being beautiful or anything.”

“But, no matter how beautiful and sexy your exes were, Aurora is the richest, right? Maybe you married Aurora because she’s wealthy?” Original content from NôvelDrama.Org.

Della, another cousin, chimed in with a joke. It’s unclear if this was too honest or a deliberate jab at Alex.

“It’s useless to be beautiful and wealthy if you can’t give Alex offspring.”

Savana Wildblood, who came from the kitchen and overheard Della’s words, immediately reacted. From her expression, it was clear that she didn’t appreciate her youngest son being cornered by his cousins.

“You’ve been married for two years,” Savana continued the conversation. This time, she directed her gaze at Aurora. “Look at Harvey. He got married just two months ago, and his wife is already pregnant. Fanny, who had a baby a few months ago, is pregnant again. So, when is it your turn? Maybe Aurora can’t give Alex children.”

“Mom...” Alex hurriedly interjected. Giving a stern look to his mother, he shook his head, signaling Savana to stop her hurtful words. “We gathered tonight not to talk about offspring, right?”

Savana nodded. “Yeah, it’s not, but-”

“It’s okay, Alex,” Aurora said casually, deliberately mediating the debate between her husband and her mother-in-law. Besides, she was already accustomed to being treated unfairly like this.

If she wanted to, Aurora could defend herself by announcing at the family gathering tonight who was actually having difficulty giving offspring. It wouldn’t be difficult for Aurora to turn her mother-in-law’s words around and, if necessary, embarrass her in return.

However, Aurora wasn’t that mean. Even though Alex had clearly hurt her feelings, and his mother had behaved unpleasantly, she still didn’t want to expose her husband’s shame to everyone.

“If you just stay silent and passive without making any effort to have children soon, Alex might run off with another woman,” Savana seemed

unsatisfied. Once again, she bombarded Aurora with many complaining and sarcastic words. “Out there, many are eager to be his wife.”

“Mom, that’s enough!”

Savana reflexively turned. Looking at her son, she let Alex continue his statement.

“I’m tired of discussing the same thing every time we meet. In case you forgot, Aurora is a doctor. She doesn’t need to be taught what to do. She knows best.”

Feeling irritated by his mother’s words, Alex then stood up. Walking closer, he reached for Aurora’s wrist, then asked his wife to stand up.

“Besides...” Alex continued. “No matter how hard we try or even if we turn everything upside down, what can Aurora and I do if it’s not God’s timing?”

“That’s why, if Aurora really has difficulty giving children, Mom suggests you better find a new wife. I’m over 55 years old. When will you have children again? Are you waiting for me to die first?”

Savana spoke so straightforwardly. In front of the whole family, she sounded like she was humiliating her son-in-law.

“Mom, that’s too much.”

Alex pulled Aurora and urged her to leave even though the event wasn’t over. He ignored his mother’s repeated calls.

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“I apologize for being too much tonight.”

Before going to sleep, while Aurora sat on the edge of the bed, Alex knelt down, gently massaging his wife’s ankles. Long before his affair was revealed, he often did this before going to bed.

“Don’t worry. I’m fine.”

“But, I genuinely apologize for everything that made you feel hurt or uncomfortable. I have a lot of faults with you, dear.”

Aurora nodded. Staring into Alex’s brown eyes, she believed her husband was sincerely apologizing to her.

“I’m fine. You standing up for me in front of everyone earlier, that’s more than enough.”

Alex then stood up. Changing his position, he intentionally sat next to Aurora. Taking hold of his wife’s wrist, he held it gently and affectionately.

“I know it’s not easy to forget or forgive me just like that. But, for God’s sake, I don’t want to lose you, Aurora. I’ll try to keep convincing you that I’ve changed.”

Aurora nodded.

“Yeah. We’ll see. I just don’t want to have too high expectations.”

Aurora then prepared to sleep. Lying down, she slowly closed her eyes. Not long after, she felt Alex hugging her from behind.

“Alex...”

Hearing Aurora calling, instead of letting go, Alex tightened the hug. He even deliberately pressed his pointed nose against Aurora’s neck. Inhaling the sweet scent of the vanilla perfume his wife often wore before sleeping.

“Please... just this once. I miss you so much.”

Aurora remained silent. Choosing to let it be until she eventually fell into a deep sleep.

While Alex, realizing Aurora had already fallen asleep, turned his body to check who had sent the message so late.

“Alex, our business is not finished yet.”

Alex sighed deeply. After ignoring Nicole’s visit to his office some time ago, now she contacted him again via a late-night text.

“Don’t expect me to give up. I will chase after you to the ends of the earth!”

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“Forgiving, letting go, and then giving a second chance after the betrayal you’ve endured is ‘another next level’ in the marriage you’re currently going through.”

Rayyen’s words of profound meaning that he once uttered were truly fitting for Aurora. After being blatantly betrayed and cheated on by her husband, the woman of Arab descent forgave and generously gave Alex Wildblood a second chance.

Initially, Aurora also wanted to retaliate or teach Alex a lesson. However, seeing his sincerity and the gradual, total change in his attitude, Aurora’s heart eventually melted.

“Even though you don’t have any children with Alex, you can easily free yourself from that toxic man, Aurora.”

Almost every day, Velia never got tired of provoking. She was annoyed by the foolish and naive decision that Aurora had made.

“Enough, Velia. Let this be my family matter. Besides, you can easily ask me for a divorce because you’re not the one involved in this relationship and issue. I’m sure there are many women out there who can’t easily make divorce their last choice for their marital problems.”

“I know,” Velia debated at that time. “Many endure being deceived, oppressed, and just resign themselves to their husbands’ wickedness for the sake of children and material reasons. But your case is different. There are no children to consider. Besides, you are financially independent. For God’s sake, Aurora. I’m worried that someday Alex will repeat his actions.”

“If that happens, I’ll send him to hell myself.”

Aurora had made up her mind. She had also strengthened her heart. Regardless of her fate, she would bear the risks herself.

To hell with her mother-in-law or Velia, who often nagged, protested, and said all sorts of things. This was her marriage. She knew best what was good for her.

“Darling, I’m sorry I’m a bit late.”

After three months of inner struggle, firming up her decision, Aurora chose to make peace with her heart. Slowly, she opened up again and accepted all the good deeds that Alex showed.

For example, this afternoon. After work, Aurora intentionally waited for Alex to pick her up. Well, this wasn’t the first time since their relationship improved. Over the past week, Alex had made a great effort to show his attention by taking the time to drop off and pick up Aurora from work.

Even amid his busy schedule at the office, Alex also tried to invite Aurora for lunch. Sometimes, if Aurora was busy, he was willing to buy food and eat it together in his wife’s office. In short, whatever Alex did was to regain the trust that had been lost.

“Earlier, the guest from Taiwan talked for quite a while. I felt bad rushing to leave.”

After making sure Aurora was seated in the passenger seat, Alex helped fasten her seatbelt. Turning around, he picked up something from the

back seat, then handed it to Aurora while softly speaking, “As an apology for being late, I bought your favorite cake and flowers.”

Handing over a bucket of white roses and a box of cheesecake with ‘I Love You’ written on it, Alex looked closely at Aurora. He kept watching, hoping that his apology would be accepted by his wife.

“Oh my, it’s so much,” Aurora said, then accepted each item Alex offered. “It’s okay, Alex. Besides, while waiting, I was busy chatting with Alissa. So, it’s not a problem.”

“So, am I forgiven?”

Aurora nodded.

“Yes.”

“In that case, give me a kiss.”

Both of Aurora’s cheeks instantly turned red. After several months of cold war, this was the first time Alex openly teased her.

Usually, a woman, especially when teased by her own husband, would feel shy. And that’s what Aurora felt right now.

“Oh God.”

“It’s okay, isn’t it? There’s no sin in asking for a kiss from your own wife, right?”

Aurora nodded with a smile. It wasn’t wrong for Alex to ask for a kiss. Rather than him asking for a kiss from another woman, Aurora preferred to be the one kissing him.

That’s why, without much protest or saying anything, Aurora leaned her face forward. A moment later, she gently kissed her husband’s cheek.

“Why just the cheek?” Alex protested afterward.

“What else do you want?”

“Others too.”

“Later. We’ll be late for Papa and Mama’s house.”

Alex immediately patted his forehead. He almost forgot that today was the scheduled visit to Aurora’s parents’ house.

Hastily and without many questions, Alex drove the car. Twenty minutes later, they arrived at Aurora’s parents’ residence.

Entering the courtyard, it was clear that the black Jeep Rubicon was neatly parked. Alex and Aurora were convinced that Asher and Clara must have arrived earlier.

“I thought you had forgotten Mama’s Home.”

Just as they entered the house and joined in the living room, Asher immediately addressed Alex. The words coming from the brown-eyed man’s lips were clearly directed straight at Alex.

After his affair was exposed, in the span of three months, Alex had only visited his in-laws’ house once during Elma’s birthday celebration. Not because he was afraid, but Aurora was reluctant to bring him along. Besides Rayyen, no one else knew the turmoil in their marriage. Moreover, if Aurora wanted, they could have acted affectionate as if nothing had happened.

“Asher...” Elma reprimanded while shaking her head. “Don’t start. Besides, Mama understands if Alex is busy.”

Asher chuckled disdainfully. His facial expression clearly showed mockery.

“So busy? What kind of tender are you handling that you don’t have time to visit? Are you building a supermarket for the month?”

Clara, who sat right next to Asher, immediately pinched her husband's waist fondly. She was self-aware that Asher had always been critical, and when he spoke, he liked to hurt the feelings of whoever he was talking to.

"Asher, that's enough." This time Joshua intervened, trying to mediate to prevent the atmosphere from heating up.

"Yes, Pa."

Joshua then turned back to Alex, who was already sitting in front of him. With a friendly demeanor, the middle-aged man invited his son-in-law to have a conversation.

"Alex, how have you been? Healthy?"

"Healthy, Pa," Alex replied promptly.

"How's the company? Running smoothly?"

Alex nodded again.

"So far, Lumire is running smoothly and experiencing significant growth."

"Good."

Joshua nodded with a proud expression. Without needing a lengthy explanation, he knew that Lumire, the subsidiary given to Alex, had indeed experienced rapid development.

"I hope you can continue to focus on developing and maintaining Lumire's stability so that it continues to progress and succeed in the future."

"Sure, Pa. Alex will do his best."

"And, how's your relationship with Aurora?" Asher suddenly asked. This question immediately shifted the attention of everyone in the living room. "All good, right?"

Asher clearly emphasized the phrase ‘all good’ that he just uttered. From the beginning of Aurora’s marriage, he had doubts about whether Alex could make his sister happy.

“Asher... that’s enough.” This time it was Aurora who intervened. She shook her head, signaling her younger brother to stop his banter.

“Why? I’m just asking. If everything is fine and there’s no problem, just relax.” Asher then turned his attention back to Alex. Staring intensely. The man’s expression was like a lion ready to pounce on its prey. “I hope you treat Aurora well. But if something happens to her because of you, I’ll be the one to settle the score.”

Alex tried to smile while nodding. He felt a chill from the clear threat Asher directed at him.

“I hope you understand what Asher said last night.”

The next day, during breakfast, Aurora brought up what Asher did to Alex when he visited her parents’ house. Aurora just didn’t want her husband to feel pressured or uncomfortable.

“It’s okay, Honey. I’ve known from the start that Asher doesn’t like me.”

Alex reached out and gently held Aurora’s wrist. Although there was concern and a bit of fear, and Alex was self-aware that Asher was a strong and serious man who didn’t like to joke around, he still had to reassure his wife that he was fine. Alex didn’t want to appear weak in front of Aurora.

“Besides, Asher has no idea what happened in our marriage. So, you don’t have to worry.”

Alex nodded. He kissed the top of Aurora’s wrist lightly.

“By the way, are you sure you don’t want to join me on my business trip to Singapore?”

Aurora shook her head. Today was the scheduled departure for Alex to Singapore for a few days. For the past two days, he had been pleading, asking Aurora to accompany him on his overseas trip.

Aurora would have agreed to join him. However, considering her own schedule, she couldn’t just cancel her commitments.

“I can’t, Alex. I have a seminar to attend.”

“Can’t you reschedule?” Alex asked to confirm. “Moreover, the business meetings are only for two days. The rest of the time, we can go sightseeing. Let’s consider it a honeymoon.”

Alex put on a pleading expression, hoping Aurora would grant his request.

“I’m really sorry. But this time, I really can’t. How about we plan a vacation to Europe later?”

Alex took a deep breath and nodded. What else could he do? If Aurora had work that couldn’t be postponed, he couldn’t force her.

“Okay. But next time, promise me you’ll make time for a vacation, just the two of us.”

“Yes, I promise.”

After breakfast and before heading to work, Aurora intentionally accompanied Alex to the airport. She bid him farewell and made sure he entered the waiting area before leaving for the hospital. Content © provided by NôvelDrama.Org.

Meanwhile, Alex and his two colleagues seemed to be enjoying their business trip to Singapore. Upon arrival, he headed straight to the meeting place and returned to the hotel only in the evening.

“Honey... I just arrived at the hotel. I’m on my way to the room to take a shower and then get ready for dinner with Adrian and Rafael.”

Alex appeared to be contacting Aurora, updating her on all his activities.

“I’m still at the hospital. Maybe I’ll be home in 30 minutes,” Aurora replied on the other end.

“Don’t tire yourself out. I’m far away, and there’ll be no one to give you a massage.”

Aurora chuckled.

“Don’t worry. Okay, you go ahead and shower. We can continue our chat tonight.”

Closing the call from Aurora, Alex, who was already in front of his hotel room, decided to enter. Walking slowly toward the bed, he found a familiar figure.

“Have you been waiting long?”

“Even if it’s a thousand years, I wouldn’t mind waiting for you, Honey.”