

Unfinished 1321

Chapter 1321 Finding A Solution

Olivia did not expect Jade would approach Halma. In her recollection, she was understanding. Back then, it was she who took him to treat Old Man Nolan's illness. At that time, she did not have any airs of the wealthy, so how did she turn out so cold-hearted when it came to Halma? Asking someone to leave is one thing, but asking for their persuasion on behalf of them is pushing things.

"Does Nathan know?"

Halma raised her head and looked at her confusedly. "What?"

Olivia furrowed her brows and asked, "Does he know that his mother talked to you?"

Halma shook her head. "Don't know. If he does, he'll surely create a scene with his mother. I don't want him to argue with his mother because of me again. Last time, they had a big fight because he ditched the blind date his mother had arranged for him. How can I have the audacity to complain right after his mother warned me? Not to mention, we may not even end up together. Even if we reluctantly date, I feel shameless to face his mother."

Olivia's brows remained furrowed because she knew that was the case. If it was someone else, she might have treated it as a story to listen to, but sitting across from her was her best friend, and she could not be indifferent no matter how hard she tried.

"What do you have to be ashamed of? She even dared to talk you out of the relationship, so what's there for you to feel embarrassed about? She's deliberately sabotaging your love life! Why should you care so much about her opinion?"

Halma seemed a little irritated and sighed helplessly. "Olivia, do you think Nathan and I are incompatible? Otherwise, why would fate make us go through so many setbacks?"

Olivia stated, "Whose relationship is smooth sailing? Haven't Eugene and I experienced enough? I was kicked out of my father's house and lived abroad for seven years. When I returned to the country, he even tried to suppress and blacklist me in the company. There was always Stefanie meddling between

Jewel and Alex. Compared to Stefanie's fierce opposition, Jade just wants to find a suitable marriage for the benefit of her family. At least that can be understood, as the upper-class circles rely on alliances for support. Compared to Stefanie, what Jade did was nothing. Whose love doesn't go through setbacks and hardships? Only the love that has experienced setbacks and hardships can last longer. As the saying goes, time reveals one's true intentions! You don't need to be anxious; just deal with the matter at hand. Nathan hasn't said anything yet, but you're already retreating. Look at how shallow your feelings are for him."

Halma glared at her. "How can you, a pampered wife, understand my feelings? What else can I do but retreat? Push him against his mother till they fall out?"

Olivia did not care. "What's wrong with that? If he wanted to stabilize the family relationship through a political marriage, he should have cut off contact with you. If he wished to be with you, he should make it clear to his mother. This isn't something you should worry about. Would Nathan know even if you cried so hard? Suffering alone doesn't seem like your style!"

Halma glanced at her. "It's not that I wanna take everything upon myself, but I just don't want his mother to think I stole her son and then believe I'm a woman who undermines their mother-son relationship. It would escalate to questioning my character."

Olivia refuted, "Didn't his mother ask you to persuade him to marry someone else? Why don't you do exactly that? That would be fair."

Halma was speechless and understood instantly!

Chapter 1322 Celebrating Marriage

Eugene and Olivia's return was rather rushed, and they could only stay in the country briefly. They didn't plan to publicize or celebrate their special day, but Eugene's Twitter post immediately made it to the trending list. Soon, their friends and family knew that they had registered their marriage.

Subsequently, everyone considerably expressed their desire to treat them to a celebration dinner, but Olivia had no intentions of making a fuss, so Eugene declined on their behalf.

The two of them left work early and went back to the Nolan Residence. They could easily ignore the others and their requests, but Old Man Nolan was definitely not placed in that same category.

Although they often video-called and knew about Old Man Nolan's current situation, getting registered was such a big event that they chose to solemnly announce it in person.

Old Man Nolan wasn't one to surf the web or scroll through Twitter, so he was only made aware once they told him about it.

Not only that, but Eugene also told him the good news of Olivia's pregnancy.

Merlin was delighted upon hearing such fantastic news and kept proudly boasting that Eugene had his past charisma to thank for such an achievement. He also told Eugene to take good care of Olivia and told Olivia that if Eugene ever bullied her, she should come to him for help.

The two of them spent two whole hours in the Nolan Residence, and under Brian's urging, a few close friends eventually gathered in a private room for a small celebration.

Of course, at the request of Eugene and Olivia, there were no outsiders present in this small gathering.

The main purpose of this gathering was to celebrate their registered marriage and pregnancy, but Olivia had a selfish motive and wanted to help Halma and Nathan.

Although she gave Halma some terrible advice, she couldn't bear to put it into practice. As Halma said, if she ended up with Nathan in the future, there was a high possibility that Jade would inevitably accuse her of being a scheming gold digger.

So, Olivia decided to gather everyone together and have a frank discussion. If worst came to worst, she could play the villain role herself. After all, she had Eugene to protect her, and Jade wouldn't hold a grudge against her.

Besides, she didn't think Jade would be unreasonable. Who knows? Maybe it was just a case of severe miscommunication.

Unexpectedly, everyone arrived except for Nathan.

Although Olivia didn't explicitly say that Halma would be at the gathering, Nathan would have known that Halma would be there if he had a little more common sense.

So, Olivia decided to give him a call after waiting for a while and not seeing him making an appearance.

Nathan apologized and said he was attending a reception with his father and couldn't leave, but he mentioned that he would come as soon as he finished and insisted on coming over to celebrate with them.

Olivia didn't think that it was anything out of the norm and started drinking and chatting with everyone.

Of course, the people in attendance congratulated them on their registered marriage. Then, they switched the subject and started talking about their situation in Mastar.

Brian was very concerned about Blake's condition, so Eugene and Olivia didn't hide anything and briefly told him what had happened during their time in Mastar.

Brian could feel his heart shuddering along with their words.

When he heard that the donor for Blake's transplant had died due to murder, his heart sank, but luckily Olivia announced her pregnancy.

She didn't hide it from him as he knew she considered him a part of his family. He was like her younger brother and the second man she could trust after Eugene.

The arrival of this child not only proved their love but also gave them hope to save Blake.

Yet, for some reason, Brian's mind seemed dazed, as if he had just realized they were now an item.

Although they had registered their marriage, lived together, and he had accepted the fact that Olivia was his sister-in-law, there was still a sliver of hope.

Frankly, he didn't know what he was hoping for.

On the other hand, Halma had no idea just what had happened between them. So, she listened with a mixture of shock and concern. She was truly worried about the child and Olivia, but she also kept repeatedly murmuring how she didn't know what to do to help out.

Nonetheless, Olivia didn't mind because it wasn't like there was no one available to help them over in Mastar. Friends might not always be around, but their words always have a powerful effect.

Time seemed to pass quickly as they chatted. They kept waiting and waiting, but Nathan never arrived.

Chapter 1323 A Night of Hope and Letdown

Although Halma seemed to be participating in their conversation that night, her mind was actually elsewhere. She kept looking at the door and expecting Nathan to rush in and apologize for being late as he had things to attend to.

However, that did not happen.

Instead, the door was left untouched for the entire night.

She started the evening with high hopes but ended up feeling utterly disappointed.

She pretended to be calm, making jokes and joining in their conversations as if she did not care about Nathan's attendance or lack thereof.

However, her constant glances toward the door and fidgeting fingers did not escape Olivia's notice, Olivia knew all too well that Halma was anxious and eager to see him.

Forget Halma; even she was starting to feel irritated from all that waiting.

Olivia raised her wristwatch and glanced at the time. It was 11.10PM! Hah! Very well. Very well, indeed! Couldn't you inform us in advance if you couldn't join us? Can't you at least make a phone call if you know you can't make it? Waiting like this with no sign of anyone showing up is just frustrating, she thought with a scowl.

Her expression turned grim as she dialed Nathan's number again.

Unfortunately, the call was answered by a mechanical female voice, who announced, "The number you have dialed is currently not available."

Olivia's frown deepened at that. "Where on Earth did Nathan go?"

Halma knew that the reason Olivia insisted on waiting for Nathan was to help her sort things out. Still, how could she allow Olivia to endanger her pregnancy just for her sake?

So, she spoke up, "Forget it. He probably has something urgent to deal with. Olivia, since you have just returned, let's not wait up. It's getting late. Why don't you go home and rest?"

Olivia also had a gut feeling that Nathan was probably held up by something important as his phone was off. It was just a shame that she could not guess what it was.

The problem was that she could not go searching for him now. If she did, Halma would surely suspect something was wrong. If that happened, Halma would start wondering whether Nathan had actually wronged her this time and that was the exact opposite of what Olivia wanted to achieve through today's gathering.

So, she deliberately started grumbling, "This guy is so unreliable. He made me wait for so long for nothing. He's being so unfilial right now, don't you think?" She looked at Eugene.

Eugene indulged her, saying, "Yes, we'll make him apologize to you tomorrow. Let's call it a night for today. It's really getting rather late. You should rest and our daughter needs to sleep too."

Olivia felt embarrassed by his comments and shot him a flustered glare.

Soon, the group left the place.

Olivia was worried about Halma, so she deliberately spoke in a light and teasing tone, "I will make sure to teach Nathan a lesson when I see him tomorrow. He can go on a date with his girlfriend without any hindrance, but he stood me up on our first meal together. Talk about priorities."

Halma smiled and replied, "Sure. When I see him, I will make him apologize to you personally."

Olivia insisted, "No can do. I'll definitely drag his uncle along for the ride."

Halma laughed and hugged Olivia, assuring her, "Don't worry. I will be fine."

Nonetheless, Olivia's smile vanished instantly. She could sense the change in Halma's emotions. How could Halma not realize that she was also trying to comfort Halma?

Damn it, Nathan!

In those few seconds of hesitation, Halma had already released Olivia and said, "You have someone to accompany you, so I will be taking my leave now." She hailed a cab on the roadside and got in.

An inexplicable bitterness welled up in Olivia as she watched Halma taking the cab alone. She was just about to say that they would be more than happy to send Halma home.

A cab stopped by Halma's side, and she had already gotten in and closed the door.

Olivia watched the departing car and since she was unable to contain her anger, she turned to glare at Eugene, yelling, "What's wrong with your nephew?!"

Alas, Eugene seemed not to hear her words as his attention was drawn by a passing car.

Chapter 1324 Brian's Mystery Woman

That was... Brian.

No, there seemed to be a woman too, but it was hard to see clearly as she was so far away. Her figure was the only thing that distinguished her as female.

Moreover, Brian had already gotten the person into the car within a few seconds.

Olivia immediately became curious and asked Eugene, "Did Brian get a girlfriend?"

Eugene's expression remained secretive as he merely replied, "I haven't a clue."

She pressed for more, "Did you see what the woman looked like? How old was she?"

He shook his head, saying, "Nope."

She stared at him with her little gloomy face as she grumbled, "Is that how you talk to your wife? I haven't a clue? Nope?"

He immediately snapped back to his senses and finally caught a glimpse of Olivia's angry face. So, he quickly put on a placating smile as it was true that he had indeed been absent-minded earlier.

"No, I really didn't see who it was. I was just curious; it's been years since Brian ever got close to any woman. This is the only woman who had actually gotten into his car. Even if she is not his girlfriend, she's probably important to him, right?"

Olivia merely sized the man up and decided to forget it. She would not make a big deal out of such a trivial matter with a man.

Actually, her curiosity had won over the little annoyance she was feeling. So, she truly could not be bothered to argue with him at the moment.

Thus, she asked again, "If you did not see her face, you would have at least noticed her height and body shape. Meanwhile, I didn't even get to see anything."

Eugene thought it over for a moment as he said hesitantly, "She is of average height and not fat..."

She interrupted, "So, she is neither fat nor thin?"

He looked at her as he was stunned and nodded. "Yes."

Olivia raised her hand in frustration and was about to slap him. "Yes? Is that how you describe someone?"

Eugene looked confused but instinctively grabbed her hand as it came towards him, saying in a soothing tone, "Hey, there's no need for violence! Let me maintain some of my dignity in front of our daughter. What will she think of her dad if she sees this?" He finished speaking and kissed her hand gently.

Olivia was rendered speechless as she withdrew her hand. "It's your fault for not managing your own image. Where have all those years you have spent studying gone? How could you use medium height and average weight to describe someone?"

Eugene chuckled. "Well, she really does not seem tall or short."

When he saw that she was about to lose her temper again, he hastily added, "Well, it's not my fault that I don't have a good reference available."

She stood up straight, retorting hotly, "I am standing here right in front of you. You should at least know how I look compared to her."

Eugene held her hand and snorted disdainfully. "Who could ever come close to my wife? Wouldn't that be akin to asking for a round of humiliation?"

Olivia fell silent at his ridiculous words.

Although his response did not make sense and his sweet talk sounded a bit cheesy, she found it surprisingly pleasant.

She could not help but smile and soften her tone, saying, "When did you have such a silver tongue? I just wanted to know if she is the girl I know. Geez, all this talking and you haven't even given me anything useful."

Eugene looked at Olivia, who had calmed down, and secretly sighed in relief. His wife's temper was getting worse lately. Still, he wasn't in the business of aggravating a pregnant woman, especially when that woman was his wife.

Therefore, he continued, "I have to admit, she looks relatively young."

Olivia's eyes lit up again. "Is she around eighteen or nineteen years old?"

Eugene nodded. "Yes."

She excitedly blurted, "Could she be the girl I know? Remember the girl I was holding hands with when we were roller skating?"

He thought for a moment. "The first time we went roller skating together?"

Olivia answered affirmatively, "Yes, don't you remember a gaggle of students holding onto each other while they were skating? She accidentally held on to me. Does that woman look like that girl?"

Eugene nodded. "She does resemble her a bit."

She happily exclaimed, "That girl is the one North wanted to introduce Brian to!"

Chapter 1325 Love Unveiled: Behind the Soundproof Barrier

After a while, Eugene could finally put a face to the unknown woman that Olivia was referring to. "Is it the person North approached and spoke to at the Mi Amor?"

"Yes, that's her."

Then, he chuckled and said, "It seems like my son has quite the talent for playing Cupid."

They were still immersed in their conversation when Curtis made an appearance.

Olivia only managed to wrangle her mind into thinking about Nathan's situation once she was in the car. So, she turned and asked Eugene, "Do you think that something would happen to Nathan?"

Eugene inquired, "What do you mean?"

Since she was also unsure about it herself, she simply replied, "If nothing has happened, why didn't he show up today?"

He mused, "Maybe the party hasn't ended yet? Or... perhaps he failed to hold his liquor. It doesn't matter what the situation is, but if you are worried, I can arrange for him to meet you privately tomorrow."

Olivia frowned, wondering if this was how an uncle should behave.

"I'm not bothered by his lack of attendance to our little get-together. I'm just worried that something might have happened to him. Even if the party hasn't ended or he had too much to drink, why is his phone switched off?"

Eugene also couldn't help but frown at that. Still, maybe he was currently utterly content with his lot in life as he genuinely thought that there was really no need to worry over his nephew like this. The boy was a man grown, after all. "Come on, what kind of trouble could he possibly get into in front of his parents? You are overthinking things because of Nathan and Halma's relationship. They are not kids anymore. They can handle things on their own. Today is our wedding day, so you should focus more on us."

Then, he seized the moment to lean in and pecked her on the lips.

Meanwhile, Curtis, who was still there, was rendered speechless.

Sure, he knew that the president and his wife were affectionate. However, this was the first time they ever flaunted their love for one another when the soundproof barrier was lowered.

Truly, they could be a little more considerate to little old him. Yes, he should keep his eyes on the road, but he needed to check the rearview mirror from time to time too!

Besides, although he was well aware that he should focus on driving, his sense of curiosity certainly had no compunctions on making its presence known in his brain. That was mainly why he would risk taking a quick look through the rearview mirror like a weirdo.

And then...

The soundproof barrier gradually rose, completely blocking his view.

Curtis pursed his lips now that the show was over.

There, he could finally focus on driving without worrying that he'd get distracted in the process.

On the other hand, Olivia was feeling dizzy from Eugene's kisses. At this moment, whatever things that were bothering her had already been cast aside and forgotten.

As a result, she leaned against his chest while she made herself comfortable in his embrace as she said with a pout, "I'm tired."

She was probably about to drift off to sleep as her voice sounded lazy. Frankly, she sounded like a sleepy cat.

This was one of the few occasions where she would relax enough to use such an adorable tone with him.

Thus, it made Eugene extremely happy to be on the receiving end of such a gift. He held Olivia in his strong arms as he coaxed her tenderly, "Alright, go ahead and sleep. I'll wake you up when we arrive."

She hummed absentmindedly, snuggled in his arms, and fell asleep peacefully.

Once they arrived home, he didn't bother waking her up. Instead, he made sure to carry her upstairs and tuck her into bed.

By the time he had placed her on the soft bed, he was covered in sweat. Of course, he wasn't exhausted from carrying her. He was actually weary from resisting his little wife's charms. Even though he desired her, he wasn't going to wake her up just to help him with his problem.

This was an experience that he hadn't experienced. He had to admit that his urges had gotten stronger after having a taste of her.

Now that he had gotten a taste of the forbidden fruit, how would he still be willing to return to a life without it?

In all honesty, it was a good and honest miracle that he had succeeded in not disturbing Olivia's sleep.

Eugene couldn't help but pity himself as he gazed at the peacefully slumbering Olivia. He sighed wearily as he wouldn't be able to experience the joy of intimacy, especially on such a wonderful day. This was their wedding day, and he wouldn't be able to enjoy it to the fullest with her.

Regardless, he knew he had no other choice but to endure it. After all, he loved her with all his soul—she and the little baby in his wife's belly that everyone was eagerly waiting for.

Therefore, he could only swallow his grievances for now.

Naturally, he was going to make her compensate him twice once the baby was born. He was still a businessman, after all.

In the end, his wandering mind only made things more difficult for him. Just as he was about to lose control, he carefully lay on the bed beside her and gently placed his hand on her body while he once again kissed her.

Yet, he immediately ceased all movement when he noticed Olivia frowning uncomfortably. Finally, he gently pressed a soft kiss on her forehead and whispered, "Hush now. I won't bother you anymore."

Then, he slowly rolled himself off the bed and went straight to the bathroom to relieve himself.

Chapter 1326 The Next Day Morning After Marriage

Ever since Olivia got pregnant, her daily routine had become quite disciplined. She would sleep at 10.00PM and wake up at 6.00AM without fail.

It was truly way past her usual bedtime when she made it home after 11.00PM last night. She was so tired that the last thing she remembered before she fell asleep was Eugene kissing her in the car. So, she had totally no idea how she made it back to the room.

As she opened her eyes, her mood instantly brightened as she saw her husband's familiar yet handsome face. They had just gotten hitched yesterday and Eugene was now her husband. A smile unconsciously formed on her lips at that thought.

It was just that yesterday was a special day, but it seemed like it was no different than an ordinary day. She felt sorry for her husband because despite them being married, they still could not consummate the marriage.

Then, she gently touched his eyebrows and well-shaped nose and couldn't deny that her husband was truly handsome from all angles.

Suddenly, Eugene held her hand and effortlessly pulled her into his embrace.

"Let's sleep for a little while longer."

He sounded sleepy yet seductive.

After a while, Olivia could sense a particular change regarding Eugene's body. Since she was a doctor, she honestly wasn't all that surprised by his morning wood.

Still, she couldn't help but feel somewhat sorry for him. It was a strange feeling, especially when he hadn't even uttered a single complaint. Perhaps it was precisely due to the lack of his protest that made her feel all the more guilty.

Fine. She had to admit, at least to herself, that she was someone who preferred gentleness over harshness.

Her soft body contrasted with his firm one, but she couldn't help the little bubble of hesitance welling in her heart. As she moved closer, she gently whispered, "Do you want me to help you out?"

Although Eugene was still feeling rather groggy, her gentle voice definitely did wonders for his mood.

He slowly opened his eyes and looked at her in disbelief, as if wondering whether he was hallucinating the entire exchange. Then, he asked with a tinge of uncertainty lacing his voice, "Are you... saying what I think you are saying?"

Olivia blushed as she scooted away from him and shot him an annoyed look. Then, she replied, "Forget about it."

Alas, her reaction only confirmed his suspicions that his hallucination was far from one.

So, he quickly grabbed her hand as she tried to get away before he started coaxing her since he was thrilled she was willing to go this far. "Come on. Why not?"

Even though Olivia would only be providing a helping hand, it was better than nothing. In the past, she wouldn't even offer such a thing and they would need a very long negotiation every single time before she finally relented to his wishes. Moreover, her temper became rather unpredictable with her current pregnancy. So, he truly never imagined that she would willingly offer to help.

This was honestly... straight out of his fantasies at the moment.

Meanwhile, Olivia shied away as she looked into Eugene's eyes which were full of intense desire.

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By the time they emerged from the bathroom, one of them looked energetic while the other suffered from an aching hand... and a sore arm.

Olivia secretly despised herself for falling victim to her husband's charms. Otherwise, how would she have ever voluntarily agreed to offer such help to him?

Yet, Eugene was in a fantastic mood. In fact, he had a great deal of energy to burn now as he carried her straight to the bed and proactively helped her to change her clothes—all while gently pressing his ear to her belly and sharing some little anecdotes with his 'daughter'.

She used to think that he was being silly for talking to her baby when it was still no bigger than the size of a peanut. However, now that he was doing it frequently, she couldn't deny that she had been infected

by his behavior as she no longer found him silly. Instead, she only thought that his actions were nothing but endearing.

Eugene remained oblivious to her change of heart as he helped Olivia to change her clothes. Once that was done, he went into the closet to do the same for himself.

Thus, it was a rather bored Olivia who was sitting on her bed as she started to scroll through her phone. Suddenly, a headline caught her attention. 'Baker Enterprise and Snow Group have formed a strategic partnership. Nathan and Lexie were seen leaving the hotel together. Will there be wedding bells on the horizon soon?'

Chapter 1327 The Beginning of the End

She didn't notice anything unusual at first. Then, she saw the photo that showed a lady supporting a man whose arms were wrapped around the lady's shoulder. It was clear that the man was drunk.

Wait a minute!

That wasn't the point. The point was that the man resembled Nathan Baker. Although only his side profile was captured, there was no doubt that it was indeed Nathan in the photo.

Did his parents try to matchmake him and the daughter from the Snow Group?

Would that mean Nathan and the girl were together?

Olivia's mind went blank at that moment. The only thought she had was to make sure that Halma would never find out—just to spare her from the sorrow.

But... How should she go about doing that?

So, it was in a fit of panic that she rushed toward the changing room.

Eugene saw her darting over and was utterly shocked by her actions. Then, he quickly held her hand, saying, "Slow down, my darling. What's wrong?"

She was so anxious that she didn't know how to explain the utter mess that was about to blow up in their faces. So, she just showed Eugene her phone, hissing, "What on Earth is going on right now?!"

Her voice was filled with barely restrained anger. It was as if the man in the photo was Eugene.

So, he hastily took her phone and stared at it. His face turned dark as he explained, "There are indeed rumors that the Snow Group and the Baker Enterprise are planning to work together. I just never expected it to be so soon."

Olivia exclaimed angrily, "I couldn't care less if they are working together. I just want to know, why Nathan is sleeping with another woman?!"

Eugene thought to himself, How am I supposed to know that? Still, he knew better than to answer the agitated Olivia in that tone. So, he comforted her, saying, "Don't worry. Let me check things out."

Alas, she shoved him away and shouted, "You'd better get this trending photo off the internet. It would break Halma's heart if she sees this online!"

Eugene embraced her and said in a soothing tone, "Yes, of course. Don't worry. I'll get to it right away."

With that being said, he immediately called Curtis.

After Eugene ended the call, he comforted Olivia and informed her, "Alright, the photo won't be trending online anymore. There's no need to fret. Nathan and Halma aren't children. Let's not get between the two of them; relationships are meant to be experienced by the people who are in them. We may be able to help them this time, but not their whole lives. Some things are better left in their own hands."

Sure, she knew that, but she just couldn't bear not doing anything when she saw the news.

Olivia knew she ought to stay calm, but she was so furious it felt as though her head was about to explode from pure, unadulterated fury.

Then, she looked at Eugene and growled, "If it weren't for Halma's feelings for Nathan, I would've already killed Nathan eight times over. Your nephew is unreliable in both his words and actions. I've

known him for so many years, and yet, I have not seen even a hint of this responsible trait of his that you claim existed."

Eugene felt so wronged being on the receiving end of her anger. So, he made a silent note that he would make Nathan pay for this.

I swear to God, Nathan. It's bad enough you've made mistakes, but now you're even dragging me down with you! The worst part is that you've even angered my wife!

"Darling, calm down. I understand that you're upset, but you can't blame me for something I haven't done. Nathan is the one who messed up. I'm pretty reliable, aren't I?"

Olivia looked at Eugene's pitiful face and finally suppressed her rising anger, but she still shot him a distasteful glare.

"Didn't you say he won't act irresponsibly in front of his parents? How is sleeping with another woman not an irresponsible act? For all we know, this was his parents' plan all along! You'd better get to the bottom of this. If Nathan has truly betrayed Halma, he'd better not show his face before me ever again!"

Eugene sighed wearily as he thought to himself, Pregnant women are really hard to deal with. Just a few moments ago, everything was fine, and my needs were satisfied. She was so charming at that moment. Where did that adorable woman go? Okay, fine. She's endearing now, but it isn't the same cuteness as the one she exhibited earlier.

He cupped Olivia's face and squished her cheeks as he brushed his lips against hers. Then, he said in a doting yet resigned tone, "Alright, then. Give me some time, I'll definitely get to the bottom of this."

Meanwhile, Olivia gaped at Eugene's actions and blinked at him dumbly.

Then, she rubbed her face as she slowly came to her senses.

Only then did she realize that she had directed her anger at the wrong person. I really let my temper get away with me. Besides, it's not him that I'm mad at!

Chapter 1328 The Moment of Truth

Perhaps there was a reason why there was a thing called 'spoiled brat' for people with difficult personalities. Olivia had only started behaving in such an unruly manner because Eugene was willing to spoil and dote on her.

While he was busy sorting things out, she did not slack around. Since she had no clue how to broach things with Halma, she settled on the significantly lesser of two evils and called Nathan instead.

The phone rang a few times before it got through, after which a sleepy male voice mumbled, "Hey..."

Olivia had just calmed down, but his sleepy voice triggered something in her again. Still, she tried to contain herself and asked him softly, "Where are you?"

Nathan seemed to be more alert now, but it was not enough for him to notice her displeasure. So, he answered calmly, "I'm at the hotel."

Olivia could no longer contain her anger upon hearing that. So, she snarled, "At the hotel?! We waited for you till 11.00PM last night. Couldn't you have called if you weren't coming?! Don't forget that you were the one who begged me to get you and Halma together. Are you going to toss her aside like a rag just because you are a couple now? Are you going back to your old ways just after a few days of dating Halma? Please man up and have a proper discussion with Halma. Don't you dare two-time her and take her for granted. Nathan, in all seriousness, if you're not going to settle this once and for all, please get lost from my life. No, wait. Get lost from your uncle's life too. Otherwise, you'll definitely get a taste of my wrath!"

He was utterly dumbfounded by the barrage of words ramming into his ears.

If Nathan wasn't fully awake earlier, he definitely was now. He felt chills deep into his bones as his heart sank after hearing Olivia's accusations. He hastily explained, "It's not like that Olivia. Just give me a moment..."

Alas, she couldn't be bothered to listen to him for a second longer as she harshly reprimanded him, "Show some respect to your aunt! You brat, you really deserve to be punished!"

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So, Nathan obediently stammered, "A-Aunt Olivia! What are you saying? Since when did I cheat on Halma?"

An absolutely furious Olivia immediately sent him the screenshot of the article and exclaimed, "You'd better have a good explanation for this!"

Nathan rushed to see the screenshot she sent on WhatsApp without even replying to her. The moment he saw it, he was completely dazed, and his mind went blank.

Then, he returned to his conversation with Olivia and explained anxiously, "Olivia, these are all nonsense. I was drunk last night, and Lexie Snow helped me back to my room. She wanted to stay and take care of me, but I did not accept her help! I'm alone in this hotel room right now and we did not spend the night together. I swear that these are all rumors fabricated by the paparazzi."

Olivia furrowed her brows at his words. Considering her understanding of Nathan's character, she actually did believe part of his story.

Nonetheless, a small part of Olivia's fiery anger refused to be doused as she said icily, "What's the point of you explaining yourself to me? And what's going on between you and Halma? Did you know

that your mother spoke to Halma? She was already insecure and sensitive because of your mother. Yet, here you are, giving her another big slap in her face. You made it to the trending news by sleeping with another woman even though you're in a relationship. Did you think Halma wouldn't see it? Have you ever considered the consequences that Halma would need to face once the news is out there? How many times do you need your uncle to clean up your mess?"

Nathan was stunned upon hearing her harsh words. "I'm sorry, what did you say? My mother spoke to Halma? What for?"

She responded sarcastically, "For her to break up with you and convince you to date another woman. Halma did not tell you because she was worried it would affect your relationship with your mother. However, don't you dare think for even a second that it gives you any permission to bully her. You're the one who wanted her so badly in the beginning, and yet you're also the one breaking her heart right now. If you can't stay in a committed relationship, then you'd better stay the hell away from her."

The more she went on, the more vexed she got. So, she hissed in protective fury, "How dare you cast her aside now! Since you've already harbored such disgusting thoughts, then what's the deal with your chasing after her skirts, huh?"

Nathan hastily explained, "No, it wasn't me. I have no idea what's going on either!"

Olivia refused to listen to his explanations and rebuked, "You know what? You're an utter joke. Do you think you're desirable just because you're born with a silver spoon? Well, I've got news for you! Not all of us find that some filthy money is enough to overlook your sh*tty behavior! Get your sh*t together! Also, I'm warning you right now! Don't you dare drag Halma into your mess. If you're not capable of doing that, just get out from her life. I truly regret ever thinking that you'd be good enough for Halma! If I could turn back time, I would have never introduced you to her!"

Chapter 1329 It's a Setup by His Parents

The call ended abruptly.

Olivia was left to stew in her anger as she sat on the bed, breathing heavily. Her chest heaved as she cursed Nathan in her heart. Who does he think he is?

Right then, Eugene had just finished his call and happened to see Olivia boiling mad on the bed. He couldn't help but feel amused at her plight as he paced to her and pulled her to him, consoling, "There, there. Don't be mad. You look as though I have cheated on you with some other woman."

The still furious Olivia raised her icy eyes and ferociously glared at him without saying a word, which sent a chill down his spine, and he grinned sheepishly. "I'm just kidding. I have such an amazing wife. Why would I ever cheat on you?"

However, she merely glowered at him with a stoic face and intoned seriously, "If you dare to pull such a stunt, you can forget about ever coming home. Once my trust for you is broken, you can never have it again."

Eugene was at a loss for words as he thought, I must have lost my mind. Why did I even try to crack such a tasteless joke at a time like this? So, he hastily pulled her into his arms and tried to pacify her. "I told you that I was just kidding. Don't get huffy, okay? All of me, including my heart, belongs to you and I'm not afraid to put my faithfulness to the test."

Only then did Olivia deign to grace him with a look that was significantly less threatening than the one he was given earlier.

Thus, he silently breathed a sigh of relief, knowing that he was safe for now. "I've found out what happened last night. Would you like to hear about it?"

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He was actually thinking about asking for a kiss from her, but he knew that he would be in trouble if he asked for one when she was in such a state. Therefore, he sighed inwardly and secretly made a note in his mind to put this under Nathan's tab. Frankly, he had endured quite a few lectures from his wife all because of his unruly nephew.

"The party last night was a collaboration party between Baker Enterprise and the Snow Group, which later turned into a blind date event. I heard that Miss Snow was the blind date my sister arranged for Nathan back then, but he stood her up. That was how it resulted in the hotel fiasco last night and the viral news today."

A frown crept over Olivia's face as she was filled with unease. "What are you implying? Are you saying that this is a setup Nathan's parents arranged?"

"Well, you can say that parents from both sides are in on it," Eugene answered.

Her shoulders slumped in sheer relief, and she couldn't even find the words to describe what she was feeling. Are they completely ignoring their children's choices and forcing them into an arranged marriage just for the sake of collaboration?

Eugene hugged her just as her mind started its downward spiral. "So, there's no need to be upset. This means that Nathan doesn't want anything to do with that woman and his family arranged everything against his wishes."

Olivia glared at him. "Is there a difference between his family's wishes and his wishes? Their families have clearly arrived at an accord prior to this and the news of him spending the night with a woman in a hotel has become viral overnight. Even if these were against his wishes, the ending is already set in stone. Do you think Halma can accept this outcome?"

Eugene immediately realized that he had put his foot in his mouth again as he hastily explained, "Calm down. I mean that there's a difference between taking the initiative and being pushed into a situation. Look, the court usually gives a lighter sentence to a person who pleads guilty. Plus, we aren't even involved in this mess. Who knows? Maybe Halma will forgive him after hearing him out."

Olivia snorted disdainfully. "That's impossible. Even though I'm not Halma, I know her well. She's a lot like me in many ways and would rather die than yield. Asking her to compromise in a relationship is completely out of the question!"

Eugene tightened his arms around her and coaxed, "Okay, that's a problem in their relationship and we can't do anything to help. Just trust me that I won't place you in such a difficult position."

She shot him a glare from the corner of her eyes and drawled nonchalantly, "I won't even need to contemplate whether I should dirty my hands if you ever have the guts to betray me. My son will gladly finish the job for me without any prompting."

Her words caught him off guard, and he was rendered speechless by her vicious yet utterly true statement.

Chapter 1330 Eugene's Stance

Olivia instantly felt a great deal better after noticing the devastated look on Eugene's face as she commented, "You'd better pray that I'm having a daughter this time."

Eugene's eyes immediately glimmered with a sliver of hope as he gazed at her belly and whined sadly, "My daughter, grow up quickly, okay? Look at the situation in our family. It's one against five and I don't have a place in the family at all."

Olivia failed to stifle her amusement as she giggled at his antics. Meanwhile, he felt more at ease now that her mood had brightened. So, he held her hand and said, "Dear, it's not a problem for me when you lecture me, but please keep in mind that you're pregnant now. You really shouldn't get worked up so often. There's really no need for you to be so upset when it doesn't even affect us. What if all the mood swings you're having negatively impacts the baby in your womb? Wouldn't that be a shame?"

She snorted derisively. "Why did you bring it up if it doesn't matter, then?"

A frown appeared on his face. "That's clearly not my point. Can't you grasp the main point?"

"No, I can't. The first part of your great speech was so annoying that I couldn't even focus on the latter part," she said, and Eugene pinched her nose playfully in frustration. "Baby, your daddy is bullying me!" Olivia immediately pounced at this opportunity to complain to their unborn child right then and there.

On the other hand, Eugene couldn't help but chuckle at the sight. He found it amusing that Olivia was acting as silly as him, talking and staring at her belly even though she knew that there wouldn't be a response. Yet, he cherished such heart-warming moments with all his heart.

She calmed down after a while and started to think about what had happened in the morning as she turned to him. "So, you mean that they're the ones who made the news viral?"

"Yes," he answered promptly.

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Eugene looked into her eyes. Perhaps it was due to his unborn daughter as he sometimes had the urge to dole and spoil her like he would toward his daughter. So, he ruffled her hair gently as he flashed her a warm smile and said, "So be it. They now know my stance after I've removed the headlines, at the very least. Besides, I was never interested in getting involved in their family affairs, but since they made my wife so angry with their actions, I should definitely seize this opportunity to make my stance known."

All of a sudden, she felt that it was a little inappropriate for them to poke their noses in such matters. Even though it was true that she became hopping mad after seeing the report this morning, it wasn't really her business, after all. She really had no right to force Eugene to stand by her side unconditionally because of her friend. I think I went overboard this time. If Eugene and Jade fell out because of this...

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"Will your sister get even with you over this?" Olivia asked in concern.

He chuckled. "That doesn't scare me at all. Don't worry. I know that she'll listen to my advice, and I can talk her around if she comes looking for me."

"I just called Nathan and he claimed that he didn't spend the night with that woman," she uttered. "I don't know whether I should trust him."

This information surprised Eugene. "Did he say that?"

"Yeah," she replied. "It looks like he isn't aware that he's trending nor that his mother had looked for Halma."

Eugene was bewildered. "Jade even went to look for Halma?"

Olivia rolled her eyes at him and shot him a look that read, 'Duh?'

Still, after a few seconds, she confided, saying, "Not only did she ask Halma to leave Nathan, but she also wanted Halma to talk Nathan into the arranged marriage. Honestly, I have no idea what they're thinking. Did they really take Halma for a pushover?"

Eugene let out a helpless sigh. "It's true that they went overboard in this matter. I'll speak to Jade about this matter."

"Forget it. It's just like you said, they should solve their relationship problems by themselves. I've given Nathan a lecture earlier and spoke with him about this. Let's see how he'll fix this mess. If he fails to come up with a good explanation regarding that hotel incident, Halma will leave him even if it kills her, with or without your sister's interference."