

HER GRACEFUL WAR SONG

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Though Aurora felt a pang in her heart, she replied calmly, "I'm not a petty or jealous person. Besides, I can understand the need for it. When you have your own child, your future will be secured.

"As for whether he still shares your bed after you get pregnant, that's none of my concern."

Her last sentence clearly showed signs of annoyance.

Barrett quickly promised, "Don't worry, if she gets pregnant, I will never touch her again."

"No need to reassure me, I'm not that petty." Aurora turned away, clearly displeased.

Watching the two people in front of her, Carissa felt a sense of absurdity.

Standing up, she looked at Aurora and said sternly, "Being a woman in this world is already hard enough. Why must you degrade us further? You're also a woman.

"Just because you've been on the battlefield and killed enemies, does that give you the right to treat other women like this? Do you only see me as someone who relies on having a family's heir to survive? Am I destined to do nothing but play a background role in this place?"

Taken aback, Aurora frowned. "You're making a big deal out of this."

Carissa's voice turned cold as she added, "Let's get a divorce, Barrett. There's no need to say anything else. It's not dignified to argue further."

"Divorce? Aren't you just making threats now?" Aurora sneered coldly. "But I'm not someone you can easily threaten. Go ahead and make a scene. Damaging your own reputation will be your loss."

She knew well that noblewomen valued their reputation dearly, especially someone like Carissa, who was the daughter of a marquis.

Barrett also spoke up, "Carissa, I won't divorce you. We're saying all this for your own good,"

"No need expression was calm, and she exuded a sense of dignity. "You're

for that!" or just afraid of being criticized for being heartless and fickle. Everything you do is for yourselves, yet you hypocritically claim it's for my sake. It's sickening to hear." Barrett looked anxious. "That's not what I meant. Please don't misunderstand."

But Aurora just shook her head with a cold smile. "I knew it. Someone like you will never be able to understand our point of view. Until now, you still insist on clinging to the pretense of being a noble lady.

"I initially wanted to have a straightforward talk with you, but it seems your thoughts are too heavy. You insist on jumping to wild conclusions as if we're plotting against you. I was only being considerate of you.

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"If you get divorced, you'll be like a discarded woman. Life outside won't be as good as what

have here. Why bother holding onto this pride and making life difficult for yourself? Since don't appreciate my kindness, I won't say more.

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"Do as you wish. I'm wholly devoted to Barrett. There's nothing to hide. Whether praised or criticized, I'll accept it all."

Carissa replied, "If you're not afraid of others' criticisms, there's no need to come here."

Aurora stepped forward, facing her squarely. "I'm only afraid that someone might use the divorce to gain sympathy and obstruct my marriage to Barrett. We obtained this marriage edict through our military achievements. We won't tolerate your interference."

Carissa shook her head, finding it all rather absurd. "Leave. This conversation is pointless. You are generals who have served the country; I have no wish to speak ill of you."

Her father and brothers were all military men who had sacrificed themselves on the battlefield. In her heart, military officials who defended the homeland held the highest honor. She didn't want any further entanglement with them or to say anything disrespectful.

"Lulu, show them out!" Carissa called out, lowering her gaze to hide the icy coldness in her eyes.

Lulu, who had been listening outside, immediately entered.

Her voice was cold as she said, "Generals, your mutual affection is your business. Please don't mistreat my lady, nor use military achievements to pressure her."

"How dare you?!" Aurora shouted angrily. "You're just a lowly servant girl! How dare you speak so boldly to me?"