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Ruby burst out of the house. Her actions and intensity starkly contrasted with her complaints of illness. $www.@ov(e)l(w)(o)\mathbb{R}\mathbf{M}.c@@$

Clara thought Ruby's fervor during this outburst far surpassed her

own.

Katrina whispered, "See? I told you she'd sit on the ground."

In the blink of an eye, Ruby sat down and pounded her thighs while crying. She accused Allen of being useless and ungrateful and blamed him for being afraid of his wife.

She lamented about how hard she had raised him, only to end up with an ungrateful son.

Ruby didn't hold back in cursing Bailey either. She hurled every vile insult she could think of.

Clara remained composed.

After all, she had seen this kind of drama many times before. Similar scenes were common in Casville.

When villagers had disputes, they would occasionally ask Mark to mediate, and Clara would witness these conflicts firsthand.

Mark was considered a near-mythical figure in Casville. He was capable of anything.

When villagers had minor ailments, instead of going to the hospital, they went up the mountain to consult him. Mark tirelessly studied medical books and consulted with doctor friends to avoid misdiagnosing. He became almost as skilled as a doctor himself.

His use of herbs to cure their ailments had only increased their respect for him. $w\hat{W}W.N(o)v_e \mathbf{I}worM.com$

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Since everyone in Casville held Mark in such high regard, he often had to step in as a mediator to resolve village disputes, just as he was doing now.

Liam found Ruby's behavior embarrassing. **w**Ww.n**O**véIŴ**0R**m.c**O**@

He stepped in and pulled her up from the ground with a stern expression. "Ruby, stop throwing tantrums like a child. If Bailey doesn't want to come, so be it. We can go to her.

"Crying and rolling on the ground won't change anything. You know that she's stubborn. She said that she'll never step into your house while you're alive, and she means it." $\mathcal{W} \otimes w.\tilde{n} \otimes v\acute{e} \mathbf{L} wor \mathcal{M}.com$

The tearful Ruby retorted, "She has a son too, and she'll grow old and become a mother—in—law herself. By then, her daughter—in—law will treat her the same way! What goes around comes around!

"I'm going to live well and outlive her so I can see her suffer at the hands of her own daughter–in–law. She's in for a terrible end!"

"You really need to live well and see if that will happen. I have a feeling you'll be the one to meet a terrible end."

Suddenly, a shrill voice cut through Ruby's tirade. It was Bailey, Allen's wife, arriving on the scene.

Ruby's daughter-in-law, whom she claimed to be ungrateful and vicious, had arrived.

She was dressed much better than Allen, in a dress with a pearl necklace, an emerald bangle, and a gold ring. Her shoulder–length hair was clearly straightened.

As soon as Bailey arrived, she started arguing with Ruby. She didn't enter the house, but that didn't stop her from having an argument at Ruby's door.

She knew that Allen would be verbally abused by Ruby on bi

Since Liam had invited Mark, she came out of respect for both of them.

Allen and Bailey lived in the same town and ran a successful supermarket. They owned the three-story building where the

supermarket occupied the ground floor while they resided on the upper floors.

They were considered to be among the well-off residents in this small town.

Despite living close by and having financial means, their refusal to care for Ruby revealed the depth of their conflict.

Bailey's voice was piercing as she confronted Ruby, "Gambling addict! You just can't stop gambling, and you're so freaking lazy! You're getting what you deserve!

"If it weren't for your gambling, my son wouldn't have died. You couldn't even care for him properly, so why did you take him out? You failed to watch over him, and now he's gone because of you! I'll never forgive you. Mark my words. I won't care for you in life or death!"