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Claudia was clearly not scared of Ace at all. In response to his threat, she just rolled her eyes at him. I wondered if she was this way when she was working as his secretary as well. I highly doubted it.

"Fine..." Claudia said with clear annoyance before she turned to face me.

Her eyes narrowed at me while she seemed to think about what to say. I had no idea why Ace brought her here to see me and why she had agreed to it. I also didn't understand the deal he seemed to have with her. What was it that Claudia so desperately wanted?

I stared back at her as my heart raced wildly in my chest while I waited for her to tell me the truth about the conversation that she had with Ace yesterday. What she says will most likely determine whether or not I have a future with Ace.

"The truth is...Ace is not my baby's father..." Claudia stated loud and clear.

My mouth dropped opened at her words.

Really?!

"...What?" I whispered in pure disbelief.

"This child in my belly isn't his," Claudia repeated with another choice of words.

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Her hand went to her large belly before she started stroking it softly and lovingly. My eyes dropped to her large and round belly as I struggled to process the meaning behind her words.

Ace isn't the father of her child. Then...

"But you were yelling at Ace for him to take responsibility when you were in his office..." I mumbled cluelessly.

"Oh, that. That's right. He has to take responsibility for this. It's all his fault that I got pregnant!" Claudia exclaimed so loud that we started drawing the attention of the other customers in the café along with the staffs.

"We're sorry..." Ace apologized in her place.

We waited for a moment for everyone's attention to leave us before continuing on with our conversation. Maybe it was a bad idea to do something like this in public. Claudia didn't seem like she wanted to enter our apartment, though.

None of the things that Claudia just said made any sense. If Ace wasn't her baby's father, then how is it his fault that she got pregnant?

"I'm sorry but I don't understand what you mean..." I confessed softly.

"My baby's father is one of Ace's best friends. He was the one who introduced me to him..." Claudia replied.

"Oh..." I mumbled.

So that was the truth that my mother wanted me to hear. Did Ace tell her this beforehand as well?

Is this even true?

I had no idea if I could trust him anymore, but I didn't see Claudia as someone who would lie to protect Ace. After all, she probably had nothing to gain if she lied. Why would she push her baby's father away to some other woman?

Before my mind could decide what I should believe, my heart seemed to have made its decision already as relief flooded my body. I wanted to sigh so loudly now that I found out that Ace didn't impregnate his ex-secretary.

"That's how it is..." Ace said before he heaved a sigh.

"But I still don't quite understand..." I said while still feeling confused.

Why is Claudia so mad at Ace for introducing her to his friend?

"Let me explain so that you'll finally get it. Ace you better keep your end of the deal. The thing is, while I was working as Ace's secretary, he introduced me to this friend of his and told me that he was a great guy and all that. I ended up dating that guy and soon after, I got pregnant with his child. Then, that 'great guy' refuses to marry me. Just like that!" Claudia explained before her anger started to boil over again.

Oh...

"It's not exactly like that. He's a great guy and he's very in love with you. Things are just complicated with his family and that's why he's asking you to wait. Also, he thinks it's completely fine to have the wedding after you've given birth," Ace jumped in quickly to explain.

Was this what they were arguing about in his office?

"You're a coward just like that friend of yours. I told him that we should get married when I first found out that I was pregnant. Then what? He refused. Now look at how big my belly is! If he had married me back then, this big belly wouldn't be an issue..." Claudia snapped at Ace.

It was clear that this conversation was turning into another argument between her and Ace.

"Anyways, I've told your dear girlfriend the truth and cleared up all misunderstandings for you. Now it's your turn to keep your part of the bargain. You're going to make sure that that friend of yours marries me and no one else!" Claudia said as her voice started to get louder and louder.

"I promise that I'll do my best to convince him. Regardless, you're very far along in your pregnancy now. You should wait till you safely give birth first before worrying about any kind of wedding ceremony or party," Ace advised calmly.

“What about the marriage registry? I can still sign the papers even when I’m this far along, right? You can get him to agree to that for me, right?” Claudia asked without willing to back down.

“I’ll try. I’ll talk to him, and I’ll talk to his father for you if needed,” Ace promised.

“You better do that. If you don’t, I’m going to tell on you to your father. Then your father can talk to his father about it for all I care...” Claudia said through gritted teeth.

This woman is so scary. I have never met anyone like her before in my life. She’s even using the Chairman to threaten Ace.

“Are we done here? I don’t have more time to waste here dealing with your lover’s quarrel,” Claudia said as she made a move to stand up from her seat.

“Yes. Thank you very much for helping me out, Claudia,” Ace thanked her with a smile.