

# THE DIVORCE PRESCRIPTION

## Chapter 996

A cold, mechanical voice echoed through the line. "Sorry, the number you have dialed is unavailable. Please try again later."

Joanne wasn't answering.

Justin didn't hesitate and dialed Hailey's number next, but there was no answer either.

Once again, the same robotic message filled the silence. "Sorry, the number you have dialed is unavailable. Please try again later."

Hailey's phone was off as well.

Why were both their phones unreachable at the same time?

Could something have happened to Hailey and her unborn child? What would Jonah do if the worst actually happened?

Upon recalling Jonah's earlier words, Justin suddenly broke out in a cold sweat. A wave of regret crashed over him.

With both Hailey and Joanne unreachable, panic gripped him tightly. He was at a loss.

There was only one option left-he had to come clean and tell Jonah everything.

Justin stormed into the CEO's office. "Jonah!"

Jonah looked up from his paperwork. "Justin? You look like you've seen a ghost. What's going on?"

Justin stepped forward. "Jonah, I need to tell you something."

"What is it?"

"It concerns Hailey."

Jonah immediately set down his pen and stood up. "What exactly are you getting at?"

"Earlier today, Joanne told me she wanted to speak with Hailey. She knew I had fingerprint access to the villa and asked me to let her inside."

Jonah's expression darkened. "And you agreed?"

"Yes, I did."

Jonah's eyes narrowed. "So this 'urgent file' was just a trap to get me out of the way, huh?"

"It was Joanne's idea. But don't worry. Joanne's one of us. You trust her, right? She wouldn't hurt Hailey."

"Do you really believe that? If Joanne just wanted to talk to Hailey, there were plenty of other ways. Why did she need you to bring her into the Alla? And why did she go out of her way to send you away afterward?" Jonah questioned. . to

Justin shook his head. "No, that can't be. Joanne's not like that. I trust her!"

Without another word, Jonah grabbed his phone and dialed Hailey's number, but the call failed to go through.

Jonah's face tightened with worry.

"Hailey's not picking up. She was perfectly fine when I left. There's no way she'd just ignore my calls. Something's happened to her. I'm sure of it!"

Justin still couldn't bring himself to believe it. Deep down, he didn't want to suspect Joanne. She'd always been a good friend and someone he trusted.

"Jonah, don't jump to conclusions yet. Let's just get back to the villa. Hailey might still be there."

Jonah wasted no time and snatched his car keys. "Let's move. Now!"

With Justin riding shotgun, he sped through the streets. As soon as they pulled

up, Jonah burst through the front door. "Hailey?" he called out.

But there was no answer.

The villa was eerily quiet.

For the past two days, Jonah had been home with Hailey and their unborn child. With the maid on leave, he had taken it upon himself to cook every meal.

But now, Hailey was nowhere to be found.

Chapter 997



Jonah's face was distorted with rage.

He called out, "Hailey? Hailey! Where are you?"

He strode upstairs, quickly crossing the hallway, and pushed open the door to the master bedroom.

However, there was no one in the room.

"Hailey? Hailey!" Jonah continued shouting.

Justin followed him in, a sick feeling tightening his gut. "Jonah, is Ms. Hailey not home? Where could she have gone?"

He grew nervous. "I can't reach Ms. Hailey. Her phone's off, and she's nowhere to be found. You don't think something's happened to her, right? Could it be... could everything she said was true after all?"

Jonah looked at him and asked, "What exactly did Hailey say?"

This time, Justin didn't dare hold anything back. He immediately let Jonah know the truth. "Jonah, Ms. Hailey told me that Joanne has been working with Ewan all along. They're in it together!"

What?

Jonah was shocked to hear that.

Justin continued, "At first, I didn't believe it. I mean, we've known Joanne for years. Why would she ever work with Ewan? She knows better than anyone that Ewan is our enemy. But if she really has teamed up with him... what if Ewan took Ms. Hailey just like last time?"

Jonah grabbed Justin by the collar. "Like last time? Speak clearly!"

Justin responded, "Last time, Joanne told me to invite Ms. Hailey out. Once she showed up, she drugged her drink. I was told to leave right after that. Later, Ms. Hailey told me that after I left, Joanne and Ewan showed up and forced her onto the operating table.

"They were going to make her get an abortion and get rid of the baby!"

Jonah grabbed Justin by the collar and asked, "Are you saying that Joanne and Ewan were behind that, too?"

Last time, when Hailey had almost undergone an abortion, Jonah had shown up just in time and taken her away from the hospital.

All this time, he thought she had intentionally wanted to abort the baby.

He realized that he had misunderstood her all this time.

He finally knew that Hailey had been set up.

"I'm so disappointed in you, Justin!" Jonah threw a heavy punch, landing squarely on Justin's face.

Justin staggered and fell to the floor. Blood started to trickle from the corner of his mouth.

He wiped his mouth with the back of his hand and said, "Jonah, I'm sorry. This is all my fault! I never should've trusted Joanne so easily. Looking back, there's definitely something off about her. Jonah, we need to find Ms. Hailey right away.

"I've got a really bad feeling-like something terrible's going to happen. I'm sure Joanne and Ewan took her anything happens to her or the baby, I won't be able to forgive myself!"

Justin was truly filled with regret. Only now did he realize there was something off

about Joanne. He had put his trust in the wrong person.

Jonah's hands, hanging at his sides, curled into fists.

"Someone, get in here!" he snapped.

A team of bodyguards in black rushed in.

Jeremy stepped forward and asked, "Mr. Pilsner, what are your orders?"

Jonah commanded, "Find Hailey

immediately! Search every inch of

Kingshire, and I want both her and the baby found no matter what it takes!"

"Yes, sir! Move! Find her right now!" Jeremy replied.

Jonah led his men out with long, purposeful strides.

"Jonah, wait for me!"

Justin called out and quickly followed him.

...

Meanwhile, Hailey had been taken to an abandoned warehouse.

Her hands and feet were tightly bound.

"Ewan, let me go! This is illegal and you know it! Jonah will find me in no time, and you won't get away with this!" she yelled.

Chapter 998



Ewan looked at Hailey and said, "It's too late! By the time Jonah finds you, you'll already be dead!"

He pulled out a knife and began walking toward her.

Hailey backed away in fear. "Ewan, stop this! Don't lose yourself like this. You're about to murder me! That's a serious crime!"

"Three years ago, I almost killed Jonah once. I can just as easily make you vanish without a trace!" Ewan said smugly.

Hailey blinked rapidly. "So it really was you who killed him three years ago!"

Ewan responded, "I can't believe he survived that! He was too damn lucky! Not only that, he went on to become some high-society big shot. I just can't stand seeing him alive."

"Ewan, what exactly did you do to Jonah back then?" Hailey asked.

Ewan let out a cold laugh as he said, "Three years ago, I had someone drag his badly injured body into a car.

"Then I rolled it right to the edge of a cliff. I poured sulfuric acid all over his face- burned it beyond recognition. Then, I pushed him together with the car over the edge."

Hailey had suspected as much, but hearing the full story still made her draw in a sharp breath.

"Ewan, what kind of monster are you? You actually poured acid on his face?" she asked, horrified.

Ewan laughed maniacally.

"That was all because of you! It's you who fell for him! Back then, he was just some poor nobody, but no matter where I turned, he kept stealing the spotlight. I can't believe you fell for him. Since you liked his face, I destroyed it. I made him look like a freak!"

So this was what a man's jealousy looks like. It was terrifying that Ewan actually went so far as to think about ruining Declan's face.

"Ewan, after doing all that, you deliberately pinned everything on me so Jonah would think I was the one behind it all, didn't you?" Hailey countered.

Ewan laughed. "So, you figured it out?"

"That's right. I know everything now! Jonah thought I was with you this whole time -that I was the one trying to kill him. But you were the mastermind all along! I didn't do anything, but you framed me for it!

"Ewan, how can you be this cruel? Killing wasn't enough! You had to drag me down with you too!" Hailey said angrily.

Ewan chuckled. "Yeah, I do want to kill and frame you. I do want to tear you two apart, so you can never be together again, want him to hate you, to be disgusted by you!"

Hailey trembled with rage. "Ewan, your schemes won't succeed!"

"Hailey, once I kill you, Jonah will lose you forever. If I can't have you, then he sure as hell won't either. He'll never beat me!"

"Ewan, you're insecure about yourself, right?" Hailey sneered.

Ewan froze, and his expression changed immediately. "What did you say?"

"So I wasn't wrong, was I? You're insecure, and you know that you can't compare to Jonah, so you're jealous! He might be broke, but plenty of people love him. And you? You can't beat him fair and square,

so you resort to low, dirty tricks.

"You're always skirting the law, seeing how much you can get away with. Ewan, you're honestly pathetic!"

Ewan's face distorted with rage at the sneer and contempt from the woman he claimed to love. He suddenly reached out and grabbed Hailey by the throat.

"Hailey, say you love me!"

At that moment, Hailey could barely breathe. Ewan's grip on her throat was like a noose tightening by the second. The air around her seemed to thin out, each breath harder than the last.

Her delicate face was flushed red, swelling from the pressure.

She rejected him, "No! I won't say it!"

Ewan's fingers tightened around her throat as he said, "Hailey, this is your last chance. Say you love me, or I'll kill you right away!"



Hailey replied, "Fine. I'll say it!"

Ewan perked up when he heard that. "Say it, now!"

While looking at Ewan, Hailey said slowly, "I love you, Jonah! He's the one I love!"