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Ellinor fell silent

She felt like she was hit by a cold blast of wind chilled to the bone and hurt

She recalled the sight of the little girl crying inconsolably by the emergency room door

Ellinor took a deep breath "Alright, I agree to your terms

Balfour was clearly satisfied. He smiled and said. "Ms Mendoza, you're just a cheerful person I trust your word, let's go "

Ellinor nodded and turned around to lead him to the elevator

Balfour followed Ellinor into the elevator, heading towards the blood collection room downstairs.

Inside the elevator, it was just the two of them

"Who got in the accident? Balfour asked nonchalantly.

"I don't know her Ellinor responded calmly, her expression cold.

Balfour was taken aback. He stared at the girl beside him incredulously "You don't know her? You're this worried for someone you don't know, even agreeing to my terms?"

Ellinor glanced at him. "The kid's only about five or six. She's pitiful. If she loses her mother at such a young age, she'll face a tough life. I just want to help in any way I can." Her words struck a chord in Balfour's cold heart

He thought about his long-lost little sister..

Was their mother still alive? Was his sister also living a tough life?

Balfour was lost in thought for a while. Before this, he never believed someone could be so concerned about a stranger's life and death.

He was often skeptical of the good deeds reported in the news, thinking most of them were fake.

"Mr. Howard, why aren't you coming out yet? Having second thoughts?"

The elevator doors were

open, but Ellinor realized Balfour hadn't followed. She turned back to look at him, furrowing her brow

Balfour snapped out of it and stepped out of the elevator. "No, I stand by my word."

"Good"

Blood collection room.

The nurse didn't expect Ellinor to find a donor so quickly, and a handsome one at that.

The nurse was stunned for a few seconds before regaining her composure, feeling a bit embarrassed.

She quickly adjusted her expression and professionally drew some blood from Balfour to test his blood type.

The results came back quickly.

“This gentleman’s blood type is a match, he can donate.”

Balfour elegantly rolled up his shirt sleeve, extending his arm to the nurse.

This was the first time the nurse had been so close to such a handsome man; she struggled to suppress her excitement.

After drawing the blood, she turned her head away, no longer looking at the breathtakingly handsome face.

“Thank you, Ms Mendoza. It’s not easy to find RH negative blood so quickly, without your help, we might not have found any. Now, the patient can be saved.”

Ellinor shook her head nothing, it’s good to save people.”

The little girl wiped her tears when she heard her mom was saved, she took Ellinor’s hand and said gratefully. “Thank you for finding blood for my mom!”

Ellinor looked down at the little girl “You don’t need to thank me, go thank the donor”

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The little girl nodded, turned to the man who was giving blood and said, “Sir, thank you for donating blood for my mom! I will pay you back when I grow up!”

Balfour just nodded, saying coldly. “You don’t need to pay me back, just repay the lady beside you.”

A while later, the blood collection was completed.

The nurse hurriedly took the bag of blood and rushed to the emergency room....

After donating blood, Balfour threw the cotton ball on his arm into the trash can, slowly adjusting his shirt sleeve as he stood up.

He felt a wave of dizziness he’d never experienced before, his brow furrowed.

He thought if he, a man, felt like this after donating blood, it must be even worse for Ellinor.

Then Balfour looked at Ellinor, asking her in a somewhat puzzled tone, “You’re pregnant and still donating blood, aren’t you worried about your health?”

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*Ellinor leaned casually against the wall of the blood draw room, I’ve always been in good health and I know my physical condition. I won’t have a big problem donating some blood fill just for it later, thanks for the concern, Mr. Howard**

Her face, however, was a tad pale

Balfour frowned a hint of sarcasm tugged at the corner of his mouth, "Ms Mendoza, you really don't care much about your health"

There was an irony in the words not caring much about your health coming out of his mouth

Ellinor didn't care about

Balfour's sarcasm, she said earnestly, "Mr. Howard, about the surgery, can I do it some other time while I'm no weakling? I just had blood drawn, probably not the best time for a surgery"

Balfour looked at her, puzzled.

"Ms Mendoza, You're not gonna get what you want and then you're gonna go back?"

Ellinor shrugged, flashed a smile, "If you insist on the surgery now, I can try to roll with it, let's go."

Seeing her pale face, Balfour felt a strange mix of emotions, pity, reluctance, and a bit of heartache...

Why was he getting these feelings for a girl he didn't even like?

Balfour felt a little irked, he was silent for a moment, then waved it off, "Alright, let's do it another day! You've got a point, Ms. Mendoza, you're not feeling well today I'd bear some responsibility if anything goes wrong during the surgery! Let's reschedule so I don't end up in trouble"

Ellinor forced a smile, "Thanks for understanding. Mr. Howard!"

"I'll take off now" Balfour straightened his clothes, and then added, "Return to Greenhaven in three days, I'll have someone contact you, find the best hospital, the best gynecologist to perform your surgery, to minimize the impact on your body and future fertility

I hope, Ms Mendoza, you'll cooperate with the operation and do not find any excuses."

Ellinor looked at him coldly. "You can count on it, Mr. Howard"

Balfour turned around and left, his steps graceful, but his expression stone cold

He didn't give a damn about the life or death of the person he donated blood to, all he wanted was for the child in Ellinor's belly to disappear forever, to fix a marriage problem for his sister Patricia

Ellinor stood there in thought her hand subconsciously resting on her belly...

"Miss, are you alright?"

Her hand was grabbed by the little girl named Lea Reynolds.

Ellinor snapped back to reality, looked down at the little girl, "Um, I'm fine

"That's good' Miss, now that we have enough blood, is my mom safe?"

"Yes, your mother is safe now! Let's go to the door of the emergency room and wait for your mother"

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"Alrighty!"

Ellinor left the blood collection room with the little girl, Lea Reynolds, heading towards the trauma room to wait for her mom to finish donating blood

However, after they left, the two nursing interns on duty in the blood collection room got into a discussion.

“Hey! Did you hear that? The handsome guy who came to donate blood, it seemed like he was asking Ms. Mendoza to have an abortion!”

“I did I heard it too! Ah! He’s so good-looking. I thought he was a good guy! Who would’ve thought a guy that handsome would turn out to be so irresponsible”

The intern on the left snorted, shaking her head in disagreement. ‘Hmm.. I don’t think they’re in a romantic relationship. They’re probably relatives, like siblings or something Don’t you think they kind of look alike?’

The intern on the right tried to recall, “Now that you mention it, they do look somewhat alike! But how could they be siblings? If they are, why would a brother ask his sister to have an abortion? That doesn’t make sense!”

The intern on the left stood her ground, “Why not? If he’s the older brother and he doesn’t like the guy who got his sister pregnant, of course he might pressure her into having an abortion to avoid trouble!”

The intern on the right pondered. “Hmm... There are examples of that possibility! But, the way they were talking just now didn’t seem like siblings at all! That guy kept calling her Ms. Mendoza, so formal, so distant. Would siblings call each other like that? I still think they’re more likely not siblings!”

The intern on the left was adamant about her instincts, she was persistent and wanted to convince the other, otherwise she wouldn’t feel comfortable!

But she couldn’t find any convincing evidence...

At this moment, she looked at the blood collection records she’d just entered, and an idea popped into her mind....

“Since you insist on your point of view, and I insist on mine, let’s make a bet!”

The intern on the right raised an eyebrow, “A bet? On what?”

“We’ll bet on what the relationship actually is between that handsome guy who donated blood and Ms. Mendoza! Whoever loses has to withdraw from the intern competition, letting the winner become a full-time staff member!”

“How are we supposed to bet on that? Even if we did, who could know their actual relationship? Are you planning to hire a detective to investigate them? I think that gentleman is very elegant, not like ordinary people. If he found out we were investigating him, we could be in trouble!”

The intern on the left was full of confidence, “Hire a private detective? What are you thinking? Don’t we have their blood samples right here? We could sneak off and do a blood test! If the result shows they are related, it means I’m right, if not, it means you’re right!”

The intern on the right widened her eyes in surprise, 'Are you out of your mind? Using patients' blood samples without permission is illegal!'

"Oh come on! We're not using their blood for anything bad, it's no big deal if no one knows! Besides, it's only us two who know about this, and whoever wins will become a full-time staff member! Weren't you just so sure they had a special relationship? Why are you afraid to gamble now?"

"Fine! Let's bet! But we both have to promise, only we two can know about this, no matter who wins or loses, we can't tell a third person!"

"Don't worry! Deal!"

After reaching an agreement, the two nursing interns sneakily took the blood samples of Ellinor and Balfour.

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Outside the emergency room.

After more than an hour, the door of the emergency room was finally pushed open, and the medical staff pushed the woman who was in a coma out. The head doctor said, "Mi Mendoza, we can't thank you enough. The patient is out of danger now."

Ellinor nodded. 'As long as she's okay'

The little girl, teary-eyed, looked at her mother, "Mommy..."

The nurse bent over to comfort her, "Sweetie, don't cry! Your mom needs to rest. Once she's rested, she'll wake up and talk to you. So, be a good girl and don't disturb her, okay?"

The little girl nodded vigorously. "Okay! I'll be good!"

Ellinor stayed with the little girl, ensuring her mother was safely sent to the ward

The medical staff informed her that they had contacted the little girl's family. They were on their way and would be there by afternoon.

Knowing that the mother and daughter would have someone to look after them, Ellinor felt relieved. She left the hospital

Once outside. Ellinor pulled out her phone and dialed Ida "Ida, book me a flight back."

Ida sounded surprised, "Ellinor, you're leaving today? You're not waiting for me?"

"I can't wait! I can't stay at the hotel anymore, it would blow my cover. Make sure our records are wiped clean!"

"Ellinor, I just talked to the hotel. The masked man in our room has left. All our information was handled virtually. The hotel can't leak anything even if they wanted to."

“Good, book the flight”

“Roger that”

AAares had sobered up and left. As long as he was okay.

When would they meet again? Who knew?

Inside the hospital ward

The woman slowly woke up, still weak.

The little girl who had been by her side was overjoyed, “Mommy, you’re finally awake!”

The woman smiled weakly at her daughter, “Lea Reynolds, I’m fine now. Did I scare you?”

Lea shook her head. “I’m not scared as long as you’re okay! And Mom, you were saved because a lady donated a lot of blood to you!”

The woman nodded, “I see. We were lucky to meet such a kind person.”

Just then, a nurse came in for a routine checkup.

While taking her temperature, the woman asked, “Nurse, my daughter mentioned a girl who donated blood for me. Where is she? I would like to thank her”

The nurse replied, “Indeed, Ms. Mendoza did donate blood for you. But she has already left the hospital. It was truly touching. Despite being pregnant, she insisted on donating. It’s rare to see such kindness.”

The woman was shocked, “She’s pregnant and still donated blood to me? How can I ever repay her kindness?”

After the nurse left, the door to the room opened again. A man in his forties rushed in.

‘Daddy!’

Lea ran towards him, “Daddy, Mommy’s hurt!”

The man picked up his daughter and sighed in relief seeing his wife awake. He said, “Thank God you’re okay. I don’t know what we would’ve done without you”

The woman on the bed snorted, “Without me, you could go find a young and pretty one.”

He looked helpless, “You’re still talking like that even now!”

The accident happened because they had a huge fight over a misunderstanding. In her anger, the woman left with their daughter, leading to the accident

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Now that his wife was injured, the man didn’t dare to argue with her anymore.

He sat by the bed, holding their daughter, apologizing and comforting his wife

When the hospital director heard about it, he came personally to express his condolences, "Mr. Reynolds, is this your wife?" Malloy Reynolds stood up and shook hands with the director, "Thanks to your hospital for going all out to save my wife"

"That's what we're here for!"

"By the way, my wife told me that a kind hearted lady donated blood to her even though she was pregnant. Where is this good Samaritan?"

The director answered, "I wasn't there at the time, but I heard about Ms. Mendoza's brave act. We're not sure who she is, we only know her name is Ellinor"

"Ellinor. okay, knowing her full name is enough! I'll find her to thank her properly"

The director nodded, silently praising the kind lady, believing that good deeds will be rewarded'

The man in his forties in front of him is Malloy Reynolds Although he seemed polite, he was indeed a man of influence!

Ms Mendoza has now become their family's benefactor, her future must be blessed'

A few days later.

Ellinor chose a nice day to visit the Bagley family, to see old Mr. Bagley and old Mrs. Bagley.

She had promised old Mr. Bagley before to visit old Mrs. Bagley more often when she had time.

She learned some things about her mother from the Bagley family's servants.

The servants told her that her mother had a few happy years after marrying into the Howard family,

But a few years later, she began to argue with her husband constantly, often returning to her parents' home with her child and staying for a long time.

Their arguments were over a woman. This woman was her mother's good friend, named Xenia, who is Patricia and Byron's biological mother.

Shortly after her mother disappeared, Xenia married into the Howard family.

Knowing these details, Ellinor could probably guess how her mother had been tricked by her so-called good friend Xenia....

Xenia's daughter was Patricia, you could imagine what kind of person Xenia was.

She refused the car arranged by old Mr. Bagley and old Mrs. Bagley to send her home, and walked out of the Bagley family on her own.

A black car was parked at the entrance of the Bagley family, Ellinor hadn't had time to think whose car it was when Quinton got out of the car.

He said seriously. "Ms Mendoza, Mr. Howard asked me to take you to the hospital for the surgery we talked about."

Ellinor raised an eyebrow at him, saying nothing.

Quinton continued, "Don't worry, Ms. Mendoza, everything at the hospital is ready, all the best conditions, including all the supplements you need after surgery"

Ellinor replied sarcastically, "Mr. Howard is really thoughtful! Let's go then."

She got in Quinton's car without hesitation.

Blanchet Corporation, President's office.

Collin was reporting, "Mr. Blanchet, we still haven't found any information about Snow Bunny in the hotels in K city, her check-ins in records are all fake, and the footage of her captured by the hotel surveillance has also been altered:

"Hmm" The man held a cup of coffee and took a sip.

If she couldn't be found, so be it. They were all insiders, he believed that even if she saw his true face, she wouldn't reveal it casually.

If she dared to disclose it, then her own identity would be exposed, and he wouldn't have to be soft on her then.

Collin continued, "But that day in a hospital in K city, we found traces of Ellinor's activity"

Hearing Ellinor's name, the man's face darkened, his eyes narrowed slightly, and after a few seconds of silence, he asked, "What was she doing in the hospital?"

"Ms. Mendoza donated some blood at the hospital"

"Donated blood" Theo's eyebrows furrowed. Wasn't that woman pregnant? why would she donate blood?

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"Right, Ms. Mendoza donated some blood to a woman who urgently needed a blood transfusion due to a car accident."

"Why was she in K city that day?"

Collin shook his head, "We can't find out where Ms. Mendoza was going that day, but Balfour also donated blood at the K city hospital to the car accident victim. Also, Balfour made an appointment for an abortion for Ms Mendoza at Central Maternity Hospital in Greenhaven, scheduled for today"

Theo asked, "Why would Balfour schedule an abortion for her?"

Collin said seriously,

"Mr. Blanchet, Balfour really cares for his sister. He may think that the baby in Ms. Mendoza's belly is related to you, so..."

Theo was taken aback, his eyes narrowed as he realized something important, "Check immediately if the pregnancy test results from the hospital where I took Ellinor for a check-up have been tampered with by the Howard family!"

Collin also realized, "Okay, I'll check right away!"

With that Collin hurriedly left.

Recalling Ellinor's shocked and bewildered expression when she saw the pregnancy test results, Theo set down his coffee, got up, grabbed his coat and quickly walked out of the CEO's office.

The secretary at the door stood up respectfully and asked, "Mr. Blanchet, where are you going? The meeting later..."

"Cancel it!"

Theo said coldly, as he quickly stepped into the elevator, looking tense.

Central Maternity Hospital.

Ellinor followed Quinton to the door of the operating room that Mr. Howard had specially arranged for her.

Balfour did not show up, but Patricia was sitting on a waiting chair by the door.

In front of Quinton, Patricia made a reluctant face, "Quinton, isn't Balfour being too cruel? The baby in Ellinor's belly is a life too!"

Quinton comforted her, "Ms. Howard, this is something Mr. Howard has already discussed with Ms. Mendoza. It has nothing to do with you, so don't feel guilty."

Patricia sighed helplessly. "Then let me talk to Ellinor alone!"

Quinton nodded and stepped back.

Patricia turned her back to Quinton and, from an angle only Ellinor could see, gave a victorious smile.

"Ellinor, look! I didn't even have to lift a finger, and the baby in your belly won't be born!"

Ellinor showed no expression, and slightly raised the corners of her lips, "So what?"

Patricia's arrogance was clear on her face, "That means I've won, I've beaten you!"

Ellinor raised her eyebrows. "Oh? Do you really think you've won?"

Patricia laughed, "Of course I've won! Once you've completely lost the baby in your belly, you won't have any value for Theo to cling onto!"

The pregnancy test results from the day Theo took her to the hospital for a check-up must have been tampered with by Patricia.

To win Theo's heart, Patricia had done such a thing!

Patricia was Xenia's daughter!

Xenia was the one who left her mother nowhere to go, forced to leave the Howard family, and then replaced her mother as her 'good friend'!

One could imagine the amount of scheming her mother must have endured from Xenia.

Her mother was the apple of her biological parents' eye. She was naive and kind-hearted, never experiencing the wickedness of human nature. She must have fallen into Xenia's trap...

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After a deep thought, a slight hint of resentment surfaced in Ellinor's eyes as she looked at Patricia "You're right, you won! But you didn't really beat me, you just won because you have a brother who's willing to stand up for you!"

Brother...

Ellinor had never felt such irony in this word'

Balfour, her brother born of the same mother and father, had taken the side of the villain who had driven their mother to despair, and he even cherished and protected the daughter of that villain?

All of Balfour's intelligence was focused on his work! He's a real turncoat!

Patricia said smugly, "Are you jealous that I have such a good brother? You can't have him no matter how much you envy me! You can't get fate by being envious! Now, just accept the operation obediently. I might be merciful and keep my brother from bothering you in the future!"

Ellinor chuckled. "Is there such a thing as mercy, Ms. Howard?"

Patricia's face froze, she glared at Ellinor, then turned to the people behind her and yelled, "Quinton, Ellinor says she's ready for the operation!"

Quinton came up to arrange it, and Ellinor was taken into the operating room by the medical staff...

Patricia sat outside the operating room waiting for good news, her eyes and heart filled with triumph.

As long as Ellinor's child no longer existed, she could no longer pose a threat to her!

She didn't want her happy marriage life with Theo to be disrupted by Ellinor coming back with an illegitimate child, trying to win Theo's heart and the Blanchet family's

fortune!

She absolutely couldn't let that happen!

But just as she was feeling self-satisfied, a tall figure suddenly appeared in the hospital corridor.

Patricia was surprised. "Theo, why are you here?"

Theo didn't even look at her, he walked straight past her, ignoring the medical staff's attempts to stop him, and kicked open the door of the operating room!

Ellinor was lying on the bed in the operating room, the anesthesiologist had prepared the dose of the drug, ready to inject...

Suddenly someone barged in, startling all the medical staff!

"Who are you? How can you break into the operating room!"

“Please leave immediately, don’t interfere with our operation!”

Several medical staff came forward to drive the intruder away, but the man coldly pushed them away.

He walked up to the operating table and looked at the girl ready for surgery.

Ellinor, lying on the operating table, was first surprised to see Theo, then she frowned, “Mr. Blanchet? Barging into a gynecological operating room like this, isn’t it inappropriate?”

Theo looked at her darkly. “The child is ours, the decision to keep or got is not yours alone! Get up, come with me!”

Ellinor blinked in surprise, what was he talking about?

Seeing that she didn’t move, Theo simply picked her up from the bed and turned to leave.

Ellinor was stunned, she didn’t resist much, letting the man take her away

She didn’t really want to have an abortion, the medical staff in the operating room had been arranged properly, all of today’s events were just a show for Balfour and Patricia, the purpose was to let them mistakenly think that she had an abortion.

This way, she could avoid the Howard family always paying too much attention to her pregnancy, and making a fuss!

However, Theo’s sudden appearance was indeed beyond her expectations, she really didn’t expect this man to show up here...

Outside the operating room, Quinton and the Howard family’s bodyguards blocked their way.

Quinton said, “Mr. Blanchet, the operation hasn’t started yet, you can’t take Ms. Mendoza away from here!”

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Theo coolly stared down Quinton, “If you’ve got any issues, you can send Balfour to find me at the Blanchet’s place. Now, clear the way!”

Quinton hesitated a moment, not wanting to make things worse between the two families by clashing with the Blanchets, especially considering Mr. Howard’s feelings for

Patricia...

After weighing the situation, Quinton lifted his hand, signaling his men to back off.

Without showing any emotions, Theo carried Ellinor through the crowd,

Patricia walking up to them, with a worried look over her face. “Theo, is Ellinor okay?”

Ellinor glanced at Patricia, genuinely impressed by her acting skills and quick thinking Just a moment ago, she was forcing her into surgery, and now she was pretending to

care?

Did men fall for such women who pretended to be pitiful, thinking they were the ones most in need of sympathy?

Ellinor was ready to jump down from Theo's arms, not wanting to interrupt the conversation between the two.

But Theo held her tightly, not letting her go.

He stared coldly at Patricia and said calmly, "Ms. Howard, you once saved my life, and I'm grateful for that. But I hope you understand that doesn't mean you can meddle in my personal affairs! Don't mistake my respect for you as a ticket to interfere with my marriage!"

Ellinor was surprised that Theo spoke to Patricia like that.

Patricia panicked, her eyes turned red, "Theo, you've misunderstood me! It's not what you think... My brother forced Ellinor to come here, I was trying to stop him. If you don't believe me, ask Quinton..."

Theo ignored her, carrying Ellinor past her and leaving.

Ellinor turned to look at Patricia crying behind her with a hint of disdain in her eyes.

Patricia was even more despicable than she thought, pushing the blame onto her loving brother when things went wrong, making herself out to be the innocent one. Her selfishness was astounding!

Sadly, most people couldn't see through her deceit, fooled by her act of innocence and kindness. Like Quinton, who was now comforting her...

Outside the hospital, Ellinor began to struggle, wanting to get down from Theo's arms.

"Mr. Blanchet, you can put me down now! I didn't have the surgery, I can walk by myself."

Theo ignored her and continued to hold her tightly as he walked...

Collin drove the car up to them, quickly got out to open the door, and Theo carried Ellinor straight into the car.

The black car slowly left the hospital, Collin wisely raised the window partition, giving them some private space to talk.

In the car, Ellinor finally managed to pull away from Theo's embrace, and she moved to one side to straighten out her wrinkled clothes, "Mr. Blanchet, where are you planning to take me?"

Theo sat next to her, with elbow resting on the window edge, one hand on his forehead...

"We're not going anywhere, we're just going to have a good talk in the car"

His tone was cold, making it hard to guess his mood.

Ellinor didn't look at him, she just hugged her arms and watched the passing street scenes, "Mr. Blanchet, whatever you want to talk about, we can start now."

"Why did you agree to Balfour's suggestion to have the surgery and abort the baby?" he asked her.

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.He asked that, clearly having done his homework on the matter.

Ellinor pursed her lips, answering truthfully. "That day at the hospital, Balfour's blood type just happened to match that of a car accident victim. Seeing the poor little girl of the victim, I wanted Balfour to donate some blood, but he insisted I get an abortion in return. In desperation, I agreed:

Theo snorted, "Tell me, kind-hearted Ms. Mendoza, did you think to ask me before deciding to abort my kid?"

Ellinor furrowed her brows, ... What are you talking about? Your kid! Mr. Blanchet, you are mistaken, my baby has nothing to do with you!"

"Turn around and look me in the eye when you say that!" His tone hardened.

Taking a deep breath, Ellinor adjusted her emotions, turned her face, widened her eyes at him, and reiterated," she said again, my child has nothing to do with you!"

Seeing her like this, Theo's frown deepened, he glared coldly at her, "Alright, let's say it's not mine! Ms. Mendoza, you and your husband are so in love, how could you bear to have an abortion?"

Ellinor looked a bit lost, she stuttered, "Because we decided not to have a kid, and planned for the abortion.

Before she could finish, she was suddenly pinched by the man's fingers on her chin, "You continue to tell lies!"

Ellinor blinked, looking out the window, "I'm not lying..."

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She had to keep it up, but she felt so childish, so foolish!

In front of Theo, why couldn't she always keep calm, acting like a passive fool every time! She's so angry!

Theo stared at her for a while, then he released her chin, and coldly tossed an envelope at her, "Take a look?*"

Ellinor was confused. What's this?

She picked up the envelope, pulling out a stack of photos...

All of them were of Chase Larios, her husband, and his recent dalliances, seen entering and exiting hotels, being affectionate...

A pounding started in Ellinor's temples, that guy, Chase. She told him to tone it down, but he's still running wild!

Stuffing the photos

back into the envelope, Ellinor awkwardly laughed, "Mr. Blanchet, sorry you had to see that. I'll give him a talking to, make sure he's more discreet in the future."

The man narrowed his eyes at her, scoffing.

"I didn't think you were so forgiving! Your husband's out there having a good time, and you, the newlywed wife, aren't mad?"

Ellinor laughed awkwardly. "You gotta let these things slide, all men fool around. As long as he comes home, it's fine."

It was just a ruse to fool Theo!

She didn't really think that way!

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Unmarried men and women can do as they please, but once you tie the knot, there are responsibilities. They have to answer for their actions, and infidelity is absolutely not

tolerated'

Clap!

Clap!

Two crisp claps sounded in the enclosed car. Theo was actually applauding her,

"Ms. Mendoza, you're so great! But why didn't I get this kind of magnanimity from you? Because of a little misunderstanding, you just ditched me, without a word!"

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Ellinor looked puzzled, and Theo squinted at her with a sarcastic grin, "Still don't get what you misunderstood about me?"

Ellinor snapped out of it and stared at him, "Tell me, what did I misunderstand about you?"

Instead of answering the man pulled a folder out of the pocket on the back of the front seat and handed it to her

What's this?"

Ellinor raised an eyebrow and took the folder with confusion. Inside was a document all in foreign language.

Luckily, Ellinor could understand the language on the document. The title was an adoption agreement, and the rest was all about adoption.

In the top left corner of the document was a 2-

inch photo, the boy in the photo was the same kid that had been with Patricia before

The kid was adopted?

Ellinor furrowed her brows, looking confusedly at Theo, "If he's just an adopted child, why did I hear him call you "Daddy" so naturally?"

The man rubbed his forehead with one hand, "I adopted him from abroad. He's still young and can't speak well, so he only knew how to say 'Daddy and Mommy when he first came"

So Theo and Patricia didn't have a child together.

The man gave her a sidelong glance, "You saw me interacting with the child and jumped to conclusions. Shouldn't you have asked me for clarification before making a decision? You just left without giving me a chance to explain."

Ellinor glared at him, slightly annoyed, "Didn't I ask? I wanted to ask you then! I even called you, but you lied to me saying you were still abroad! If you didn't do anything wrong, why did you lie?"

Theo was taken aback.

Knowing he was in the wrong, he sat up straight and cleared his throat, "I'm sorry, that was my mistake. I had planned to tell you the truth in person, I was afraid I couldn't explain it well over the phone and you would get angry."

Ellinor scoffed, "A lie is a lie, and you're making excuses that you didn't want to make me angry? The way you talk, it sounds like I'm the one in the wrong and you're the victim!"

Even though Theo appeared dominant, he always ended up losing when arguing with her.

"You're not wrong. I am!"

The man reached out and gently picked her up and sat her on his lap. Ellinor furrowed her brow, "What are you doing? I'm warning you! We're not in a relationship now, you better respect me!"

Instead, the man held her tighter, "Ellinor, can't I feel a bit wronged? You heartless woman, you left me without a word, not wanting me anymore!"

I just left reasonably after our collaboration ended!"

Ellinor was like an uncooperative child, trying her best to escape from the man...

However, her feeble strength was no match for this strong man.

The man's large hand pressed against the back of her head, gently yet firmly holding her head against his shoulder, calming her down.

At the same time, his deep, magnetic voice coaxed her, "Easy, just listen to me. I know I was wrong, it's all my fault.

I didn't tell you beforehand and decided on my own to accompany Patricia to adopt a child, causing you to misunderstand. I was in the wrong."

Hearing his sincere apology and explanation, Ellinor was stunned. She stopped struggling.