

## **THE SUBSTITUTE WIFE: MY POOR HUSBAND IS A BILLIONAIRE**

### **CHAPTER 818 KISSING IN THE KITCHEN**

Squatting down in front of Laney, Garrett held out his hands to her so she could get out from under the table.

Red in the face with embarrassment, Laney explained herself, "I haven't had dinner tonight. I was very hungry, so I came here to grab a bite. Your mother wouldn't allow me to eat fast food. I had to hide it from her."

Garrett bit into her pizza. "This tastes good." He then gently touched his wife's face and said, "You don't have to hide any more, just let me know when you want to eat something. I'll come here and take you to it."

Garrett also didn't think that pizza was healthy food

for Laney, especially now that she was pregnant. Yet, he thought that eating it occasionally wouldn't do her and the baby any harm.

They then heard people talking. Although they were speaking softly, their voices could be heard through the night's silence.

"Why is the light in the kitchen on?" said one of the maids.

"And do I smell pizza?" asked another voice.

Garrett and Laney looked at each other. They must have awakened the maids.

"Mrs. Harding apparently woke up in the middle of the night and decided to grab a bite again. Gee, she really has a knack for making her mother-in-law upset."

"For sure, she'll get another lecture. She just won't listen to us."

"She isn't a lady at all. How could someone like her be good enough for Mr. Harding?"

Hearing the maids talked about her had upset Laney. They were aware of how Vera treated her. Even though she was now a part of the family, the staff frequently spoke ill of her.

Incensed by what they had heard, Garrett wanted to walk outside and stand up for his wife.

When Laney noticed the icy expression in her husband's eyes, she grabbed his hand and made a gesture to keep him quiet.

Annoyed, Garrett struggled to get up.

So, Laney grabbed him by his tie and kissed him.

Caught by surprise, Garrett didn't know how to react.

He didn't object to the kiss though. He held Laney into his arms and kissed her back passionately.

The maids exchanged a few more words with one another. They switched out the light and decided to go back to bed when they realized no one was moving in the kitchen.

"I suppose she has finished her meal and gone back to her room."

"Let's go. I want to go to sleep now."

Garrett and Laney stopped kissing when the maids left. But before letting go of his wife, he licked her lips

with the tip of his tongue. He pecked her again and asked, "Why did you stop me? How dare they talked about you like that! I intended to discipline them."

"If I didn't stop you, they would have found us," Laney answered, her face still flushed from their kissing. They'll tell your mother, and she'll be upset with me for sneaking into the kitchen."

Garrett was aware of Laney's difficulties in sharing a home with Vera. "Give me some more time," he whispered as he hugged her tightly.

For a while, Laney was dumbfounded and unsure of what he meant. "This is not a big deal," she reassured him, "so don't fight your family, or do anything stupid."

It was true that it had been difficult for her to live in the Harding home with her in-laws, but Garrett had also been under a lot of pressure. Laney believed it was

just fair for her to give up some freedom for them to be together.

She felt a lump in her throat, but she held back her tears.

Laney knew that if she broke down in tears in front of him, Garrett's conflict with his mother would only get worse.

Garrett said, "Don't worry, I can handle it well. Just act as if you don't know anything in front of my mother."

Laney felt better with Garrett's reassurance. She buried her face in his arms.

Then Garrett got up. He placed an arm on Laney's shoulders as they headed upstairs. He had made up his mind. They would move out to their own place once everything was settled.