

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

### **CHAPTER 820 CAUGHT LANEY FEIGNING ILLNESS**

Vera then thought it over and managed to suppress her anger.

She knew her son well. Although Garrett had always had a rebellious streak, once he made up his mind about something, nothing could put him off.

Her son had promised that he would come back to take over the family business, and Vera believed him.

Vera hadn't forgotten about Kelly deliberately starving Laney. It was possible that Kelly was once again exaggerating things now.

This girl was probably up to no good, telling tales all the time.

"Kelly, is this what you're doing all day at the office: gossip?" she asked calmly. "How am I supposed to trust you?" Vera kept her tone conversational.

Kelly sensed Vera's suspicion. "I know you won't believe it without proof, so I've sent a photo to your phone," she said. "Please look at it first, before questioning me." She sounded confident.

It was not until Vera saw the photo that she realized Kelly wasn't lying this time.

The photo was of a villa Garrett had bought himself. He really did want to move out for Laney's sake!

Vera closed her eyes. She was so angry that it made her head swim, and she almost lost her balance. She caught the chair beside her to steady herself.

Disappointed and angry, she said, "I will call Garrett right now."

"Please, ma'am, calm down," Kelly said. "I found something else, too." Kelly paused before adding, "I learned that Mr. Harding had recently been in touch with the family doctor a lot. I found this confusing, since Mrs. Harding has always been in good health. Now I understand; I guess Mr. Harding is asking her to pretend to be sick."

Kelly's words struck Vera like a cracking whip.

Suddenly, she felt as though everything she'd done so far had become a joke. She had accepted Laney, an unqualified daughter-in-law, for Garrett's sake. And what did she get in return? Why did they choose to lie to her?

"Garrett has never lied to me like that before," she said. "Usually he would just tell me directly what he wants." Vera felt depressed and even a little

aggrieved. After all that she had done for him over the years, now all her son and daughter-in-law wanted was to avoid her.

Laney was clearly the reason she and Garrett had grown apart, that she believed.

"Well, you should go back to work now, Kelly," Vera said glumly. Vera calmed herself down. She couldn't afford to lose her temper.

Kelly had achieved her goal. Vera was furious, which meant that she would now find a way to deal with Laney and stop Garrett from moving out.

After hanging up the phone, Vera was still too angry to even enjoy her tea.

She decided to speak with Laney first.

If Laney didn't listen to her, she would try to make Laney leave Garrett after having the baby

Meanwhile, Laney had no idea about the trouble that was heading her way.

Gentle music filled the bedroom and she lay on the bed leisurely, chatting happily with Janet over the phone.

"Be honest," she said. "Are you really not upset about the dress?"

Janet sighed. "Well, I was a little upset at the time," she confessed, "but that's all. I'm fine now. Even if you can't wear it to a party soon, the order was still highly profitable."

"Brandon and your parents are all wealthy," Laney teased. "You don't lack money." Janet could hear her

smiling over the phone.

"That's their money," Janet replied, sighing. "What I'm worried about most right now is your health condition. Nothing else matters. Your mother-in-law said you couldn't attend the activity because of poor health. I'm really worried about you. If you need a doctor, I'll get Brandon to find you the best one in the country."

Afraid that Janet would worry too much, Laney had to tell her the truth. "Don't," she said. "The truth is, it's not serious. It was just an act but I might have taken it a little too far, and now I can't attend the charity party."

Janet understood and smiled.

"Make sure you don't get discovered," she reminded Laney. "If Vera finds out, she'll be furious."

Suddenly, someone coughed heavily from near the door.

Laney looked up and saw Vera standing in the doorway.

The color drained from Laney's face, and her phone fell on the floor. She quickly got up from the bed and greeted Vera. "Mom..."