

THE SUBSTITUTE WIFE: MY POOR HUSBAND IS A BILLIONAIRE

CHAPTER 821 SHE WANTED HER TO GO TO THE PARTY

Vera had a grave expression on her face as she stood in the doorway.

"M-m-mom," Laney stammered as she stiffened up, "why are you here?"

She was preoccupied talking on the phone with Janet that she didn't notice Vera opening the door.

Had she overheard their conversation?

Thinking of this, Laney grew anxious and didn't know what to do.

"What I just said is..."

Vera softly smiled and interrupted Laney before she

could finish her words. "I came in to ask you to turn down the music since it's a little too loud. Leo is taking a nap at the moment."

"Oh, I'm sorry," Laney said as she hurriedly took the remote control to turn off the music.

Laney then sighed with relief. Vera looked at her quizzically and asked with a smile, "What were you doing just now? You looked scared when I came in. You even dropped your phone on the floor."

"It's just... oh well, I didn't expect you to come in." Laney felt a little embarrassed. Vera actually never said anything no matter what she did in her room.

Vera respected her privacy.

Vera bent down, picked up the phone, and handed it back to Laney with a smile. "Why are you always in a

flap?"

Seeing Vera like this actually frightened Laney. She wanted to explain herself, but Vera stopped her.

Vera looked at her up and down and said, "You look better now. You should attend the charity event. But I'll need to remind you to act appropriately. This party is very important to our family."

"But the doctor said that I need extra rest," Laney said in a surprised tone.

"You've rested long enough, and the etiquette classes have been suspended. You should be fine. So that's it. You'll go to the party but remember not to embarrass the family." Vera grinned icily at Laney and then said, "Otherwise, I will have to keep you at home and you can't leave on your own."

Though Vera didn't say anything harsh and even smiled, Laney felt something was wrong with her smile and what she said.

Feeling she was left with no choice, Laney replied, "I know. I will behave properly."

When Vera left, Laney looked down at her phone, feeling low.

Janet was still on the line.

"Have you heard what she just said? I have to go to the charity party." At this point, Laney wasn't sure whether it was bad news or good news.

Janet had overheard Laney and Vera's talk. "I feel like her words have a hidden meaning, so I'm a little concerned. It won't be that simple. You'll just have to be careful then."

"Either way, I can't refuse it." Laney's bitter tone was obvious. "Garrett will be there. His mother might be upset if I refuse to go."

"Don't hesitate to tell Garrett when you feel something is wrong," Janet said thoughtfully.

"Garrett is already saddled with work. I don't want to put any more pressure on him," Laney said. "Oh, this is giving me a headache."

"Maybe we're just thinking too much. Let's not worry about this." Janet tried to comfort Laney. "Maybe Vera changed her mind about this because she thinks it's not appropriate to ask Kelly to go to the party on your behalf."

Could it be possible?

Laney heaved a long sigh. All she could do was keep her wits about it.

After they hung up the phone, Janet looked at the invitation card to the charity party she was holding. A tinge of sadness for Laney came over her.

Brandon finished his shower and came out of the bathroom.

He was drying his hair with a bath towel as he walked towards Janet.

Janet had her eyes fixed on the wall. Brandon sat beside her and said, "Tell me what happened. It is not wise to keep things locked up inside of you."