

## Chapter 40 Harold, You Don't Need To Do This

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Rena remained silent as Harold stared at her quietly.

He then set down his glass and stood up. "Let's eat," he said

"Harold, you don't have to do this," Rena coldly remarked.

Hearing her words, Harold chuckled.

He approached her, gently pinching her chin and whispering, "You're right. After all, you hate me now, don't you?"

Rena stood tall, refusing to show any vulnerability.

Tears welled up in her eyes, but she held them back.

She met his gaze firmly and replied in a soft but determined voice, "Whether I love or hate you, it won't change the outcome."

"Then why not choose to love me? It would at least make things easier for you." Harold's touch

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traced her face softly.

He had his share of other women and even a glamorous fiancée.

But Rena was different. They had never been intimate during their four years together, yet now he yearned for her desperately. 4

His seductive voice tickled her ear as he proposed, "How about we strike a deal? And then you with me tonight."


Tears threatened to spill from Rena's eyes, but she held herself together.

With a calm demeanor, she responded, "I have to go home tonight. And if you want me to be with you, you have to wait until my father and Eloise safely leave Duefron."

Stepping back, Harold assessed her from head to toe, a wry smile forming on his face.

"When did you become so sharp-tongued?" he remarked, surprised.

Unexpectedly, he found himself in a good mood and agreed, "Alright, t's your call. Promise to be with me, and I will ensure Darren and Eloise's safe departure. I will also return all the Gordon family

Chapter 40 Harold, You Don't Need To  +90 Points at most possessions to you."

A hidden sigh of relief escaped Rena's lips.

Harold's sudden embrace encircled her slender waist as he rested his chin on her delicate shoulder, pleading, "I'll buy you a beautiful villa in the suburbs. I'll make time to be with you whenever I can, okay?"

Though Rena's exterior seemed indifferent, her hostility had diminished.

He tried to win her over, whispering into her ear, "I want us to have a child, Rena. I want a daughter who is as sweet as you."

Her disgust was evident, and she recoiled.

Vera's words echoed in her mind: Harold was insane. How could he commit so many terrible deeds and still pretend to be affectionate?

She despised him, and her body stiffened with resistance.

But Harold, blinded by his desires, paid little attention.

He sneered, confident that she would eventually yield to him.

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No matter what, she had to listen to him. And he would definitely make her an obedient little puppy eventually.

Realizing it was time to part ways, Rena made her exit.

Harold accompanied her to the villa gate before she left.

Then, he placed a set of keys in her trembling hand.

"I'll drop the case tomorrow. Your father and stepmother will be safe," He murmured, a faint smile playing on his lips. "Rena, I don't want to wait too long. Please don't disappoint me, alright?"

Beneath the porch's soft glow, Rena spoke up casually, hiding her inner turmoil.

"Harold, when have I ever let you down?"

Her gaze met his, her eyes filled with no emotion.

They were devoid of the love and tenderness that once resided there, replaced only by resentment.

Unwilling to confront her eyes, Harold looked away and offered her a ride.

However, Rena refused.

"It's raining. Don't you want to give me a chance to

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be a proper gentleman for you?" he teased, hoping  
to salvage something. 1

With a small smile, Rena lowered her head and  
replied, "Harold, I've told you that you don't have to  
do all this." And with that, she gently pushed him  
away and departed.

As Harold watched her fading figure, a nagging  
feeling gnawed at him.

No matter what he did to keep Rena by his side, he  
sensed that she would never love him again.

But he refused to dwell on disappointment for long.

He convinced himself that he merely craved  
conquering her, never truly loving her. 10



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