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“Okay, then call the police. I want to see whether the police will arrest me for sleeping with my fiancée.”

Oliver had no fear, and he looked at Wanda with a half-smile. “Besides, even though the Hadfield family agreed to cancel the engagement before, we never announced it to the public. So, as long as I don’t admit it, you will always be my fiancée. Moreover, what evidence do you have to prove that I raped you? I can also say that you seduced me.”

Hearing these extremely shameless words, Wanda almost vomited blood from anger. How could there be such a disgusting man in this world?

At the Muller Residence, when Horace found out what happened on the Internet, he was shocked and quickly called Wanda to come back. Later, Wanda came back with a sour expression. She walked into the living room and saw her grandfather sitting there. At that moment, she felt so aggrieved that she almost burst into tears. On the contrary, Horace didn’t notice her emotions because he was preoccupied with the news on the Internet.

“Wanda, you’re back. Come and sit here.” He waved to Wanda. Wanda took a deep breath, nodded, and walked over. After sitting down, Horace hurriedly began to ask about the things on the Internet.

“You and Oliver... Did you two really do it?”

“...” Wanda didn’t know how to answer, she fell silent after saying just one word. But her hands,

which were hanging by her sides, were

clenched into fists.

Horace didn’t notice her oddness. Instead, he thought she was shy and said with a smile, “If you are embarrassed to say it, just nod your head, so that I understand and can help you arrange your marriage with Oliver.”

“I don’t want to marry him!” All of a sudden, Wanda refused fervently. Horace was stunned. “Why don’t you want to marry him?”

Wanda pursed her lips tightly as her fingernails dug hard into her palms. Her eyes felt hot as tears brimmed in them. She raised her head to resist the urge to cry and hold back her tears.

“Grandpa, you misunderstood. This matter only happened because I was drunk last night.”

She didn’t tell him the truth in the end. If she said that she was raped by Oliver, he would definitely not be able to accept it, and might even end up in the hospital because of it. She couldn’t bear to do that to him.

Horace didn’t know the truth, so he looked at Wanda in surprise. After all, the friendship between the two families had soured after what happened before. It was surprising that Wanda and Oliver could still have a drink together.

“Are you two reconciled?” Facing Grandpa’s curious gaze, Wanda gritted her teeth. “No, it’s impossible for us to reconcile in this life!”

At this moment, Horace finally discovered some peculiarity with the matter. “Wanda, are you hiding something from me?”

Wanda froze. She knew that her emotions just now were too obvious, which made her grandfather suspicious. After taking a deep breath, she said calmly, “Grandpa, don’t think too much about it. As for this matter, don’t worry about it. We mustn’t make rash decisions about things like marriage.”

“How could I not make a decision? The matter between you and Oliver is raging on the Internet now. Do you want to lose your reputation? Do you want to ruin the reputation of the Muller Family?” Horace stared at Wanda while pretending to be angry.

Wanda’s mind was a mess. At this time, she wished she could tear Oliver into pieces. How could she ever marry him?

“Grandpa, you love me the most. Let me think about it, okay?” She suppressed the hatred in her heart, hugged Horace’s arm, and pleaded with him. In the end, Horace had no choice but to agree.

However, the news online was still trending. Even the business world in Southend was shocked by it. After all, the Hadfield Family and the Muller Family were not insignificant families. The marriage between the two would form a strong alliance, which would likely change the current form of the business world in Southend.

Tessa and Nicholas also saw the news on the Internet early in the morning.

“What a sudden and fast development between Miss Muller and Mr. Hadfield.” Tessa was a little surprised. She originally thought that even if Wanda came to her senses, she would lie low for a while. Tessa didn’t expect good news to come so soon.

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Nicholas glanced at the entertainment news on TV and stopped paying attention because he had no interest after all. On the contrary, when Tessa saw Nicholas being silent, she looked over curiously.

“Why didn’t you say something? Did you already know about the marriage between the Muller Family and the Hadfield Family?” “I don’t pay attention to such news. Compared with them, you and Greg deserve my attention more.” Nicholas stared at Tessa affectionately.

As their eyes met, there was romance in the air. Tessa’s heart felt warm as if she had drunk warm honey. Seeing his parents displaying such overt affection, Gregory put his hands on his chin, looked left and right, and felt very happy. Daddy and Mommy have such a good relationship with each other!

Yet, after Tessa felt happy, she hesitated in her heart. Did Wanda really give up on Nicholas? She was still eager to cling to him before, but now she has gotten together with Oliver so quickly. Maybe... she really gave up?

However, Wanda hadn’t given up at all. At this moment, she hated Oliver to death in her heart, wishing she could kill this man. Unfortunately, Horace had no idea. After breakfast, he stopped Wanda, who was leaving. “Make time tonight. I’ve invited Mr. and Mrs. Hadfield to dinner.”

“What did you ask them to dinner for?” Wanda frowned and asked. Horace didn’t hide anything from her and said truthfully, “Of course, we’re going to discuss your marriage with Oliver.”

No matter what, he couldn’t let his granddaughter’s reputation be tarnished.

Wanda didn’t expect that her grandfather hadn’t given up on this yet, and her expression was a little unsightly. “Grandpa, I said that you don’t have to worry about this matter as I will take care of it.”

"It's about your reputation! How could I stop worrying about it?"

Horace looked over in disapproval, then added earnestly, "I know you may not want to get married yet, but since things have developed to this point, you and Oliver must at least be formally together."

Wanda didn't want to have anything to do with that b*stard Oliver, let alone marry him. But she also knew that it was useless for her to say no to Horace, so she made up her mind to say no to the Hadfield couple at the dinner table tonight.

That night, in the private room of a high-end restaurant, the two families sat together at the dining table. Contrary to Horace's kindly look, Wanda kept a cold expression the whole time.

Truth was, Francis and Belinda were quite unhappy about Wanda's attitude, but they still smiled on the surface. "Have you been in good health, Horace?" Belinda took the initiative to speak first.

Horace nodded. "I'm quite fine, thank you."

The three elders began making small talk. Oliver, who was sitting on the side, looked at Wanda smugly. He knew very well that the purpose of the meal tonight was to discuss his marriage with Wanda. Wanda naturally noticed Oliver's provocation, and the anger in her heart started rising. She clenched her hands tightly into fists and resisted the urge to fling the glass in front of her at him.

After exchanging pleasantries for a while, the three elders brought up the topic of marriage. "About the marriage, do you have any requirements, Horace?" Belinda took the initiative to ask.

Horace glanced sideways at Wanda, then slowly said, "We don't have to rush the wedding. We should spend more time preparing for it. I only have one granddaughter. Hence, I want to give her the best."

"Naturally." The Hadfield couple nodded in approval, and the smiles on their faces became somewhat genuine.

It didn't matter if the marriage date was delayed, as long as Wanda married into their family, it would be of endless benefit to them. Wanda looked at their smiles and found them extremely annoying. She couldn't bear it anymore and stood up. "I won't agree to this marriage!"

As soon as these words came out, the three elders looked a little unhappy. Francis and Belinda concealed their unhappiness very well. Pretending to be kind, they asked, "Wanda, is there something you are dissatisfied with?"

Even though they said so, they were very displeased in their hearts. After all, Wanda had already slept with their son, yet she was still acting all haughty like that.

Then, Horace spoke up in a slightly irritated tone, "Wanda, don't act foolish."

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"I'm serious about this. I will not marry him!" With that being said, Wanda wheeled around and ran out. "Wanda Muller, get back here!" Horace roared at her immature behavior. The Hadfield couple's expression dimmed too.

The only person unsurprised was Oliver. He had long figured that she would not give in that easily. However, he had set his heart to marry her. "I'll check on her." He chased after her.

Belinda's flawless face darkened. "Mr. Muller, if Wanda is against this marriage, we won't force her. You can take a horse to the water, but you can't make it drink."

At that moment, Horace's rage went through the roof, not only because of Wanda but because of the Hadfields' attitude. Although Belinda said that, they intended to wrap Wanda around their fingers.

At the same time, Oliver sprinted to the gates to catch up with Wanda and grabbed her hand. Noticing that it was him, she struggled to free herself from him. "Let me go!"

He paid no heed to her words as he pulled her to a side and sneered. "Think about your reputation, Wanda. You failed to win Nicholas' heart, so who's gonna marry you other than me?"

"Even if no one wants me, I will never marry a b*stard like you!" She slapped him in the face. One could see how livid she was from her quivering hands.

Oliver's head turned sideways. When he finally came to his senses, he stared at Wanda with grim eyes and a creepy smile. "Why? Do you hate me? You're the one who came to me first. You tricked me and used my name to set Nicholas' wife up! How did you not

see this coming, huh? You took advantage of others, and now's the time for you to pay the price."

Wanda could not retort to his statements as anger rushed in her blood. At that very second, she rued her past decision for getting involved with this madman.

He took pleasure in her nuance, but it hurt nevertheless because he genuinely liked her.

"Now, I am the only person willing to marry you. If you take my hand, I will let bygones be bygones and treat you well after marriage. Of course, it's under the condition that you truly wish to spend the rest of your life with me." He tried to soften up to persuade her, but it was like water off a duck's back.

"In your dreams! I will never marry you even if it means death, Oliver Hadfield!" She broke free from his grasp and turned around to see Nicholas standing nearby.

In his usual black suit, the man stood by the street as the inherently sophisticated aura made him stand out. He was about to go home after sending his client off. Seeing the duo disputing by the door was out of his expectation.

They met each other's eyes, and Wanda felt completely embarrassed to meet the handsome man. She parted her lips to say something, but nothing escaped them.

Instead, Nicholas' gaze swept across them before getting into his car as if nothing happened. Watching the disappearing car, her complexion grew pale.

Oliver's chuckle rang into her ears. "See? That is the man you love to death. You're nothing to him.

That remark hit home. Although Wanda had made up her mind to suppress her feelings for Nicholas, it was not as easy as said because she had kept the feelings for a very long time. It hurt to see him leave so nonchalantly.

"Shut up!" She barked before making herself scarce in rage, and Oliver did not chase after her this time.

That night, both families did not reach an agreement regarding the marriage due to Wanda's departure. The angry Horace gave her the cold shoulder because of that, but she vowed to never marry someone who had hurt her.

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To prevent Horace from pressuring her into marriage, Wanda worked around the clock in hopes of fleeing the country as soon as possible.

In the following month, she settled most of the work, and the collaboration with the Sawyer Group was the only remaining.

Today, she specially visited the Sawyer Group to terminate the collaboration between the two companies. Due to the smidgen of anticipation, she dolled herself up on that very day.

Edward knocked on the door before entering the presidential room at Sawyer Group. "President Sawyer, Wanda is here."

"See her out." Nicholas gave a downright answer. Edward hesitated. "But she said she's here to terminate the collaboration with us."

Slightly surprised, Nicholas finally agreed to meet her. Soon, Edward led her into the office.

Today, she appeared professional and charming in formal office wear, which outlined her voluptuous body curve.

However, it did not catch on Nicholas' eyes as he immediately got down to business. "Edward

said you're here to end the collaboration between us."

"Yes, we've benefitted tons from you and Master Kieran's care, but I've been causing trouble this whole time. I don't deserve your help and wish to put my past to an end."

Despite her composed announcement, Wanda was still secretly holding onto hope. Her eyes fixed on his in an attempt to discern some other emotions in that indifferent gaze.

Yet, his expression remained rigid. "Fine by me."

Next, he requested Edward to print out the termination agreement. It did not take Edward long to bring it over to them. As such, Nicholas signed it immediately before handing it to Wanda.

The signed contract added weight to her, but she finally accepted reality-this man did not bear any feelings for her from the start until the end; it was all her one-sided crush

Now that the agreement was signed by both parties, the collaboration had officially come to an end.

“Edward, please send Miss Wanda off.” Nicholas had no intention to waste any more time with her. “This way, Miss Wanda.” Edward carried out his task dutifully.

A crestfallen Wanda glanced at the cold man and left Sawyer Group with the agreement contract. She cooped herself in her room upon returning home and tried to drink herself silly to smother misery. However, before she became tipsy after having a few glasses of alcohol, nausea surged in her throat.

“Blargh- In the end, she covered her mouth and made a dash for the toilet, throwing up everything she had.

The next day, she woke up feeling sick. The weight on her chest and nausea made her uncomfortable. She struggled to get up from bed and headed downstairs to have breakfast.

Horace, who was in the dining room, coldly snorted and continued his meal. They had been giving each other the cold treatment recently.

Feeling helpless, Wanda greeted him in an airy voice, “Morning, Grandpa.”

Her feathery voice made him look at her pale complexion with a frown. “What’s wrong? You look awful. Are you sick?” He put matters aside as he grew concerned.

She nodded without hiding. “I don’t feel well. I’m going to the hospital later.”

“I’ll come along. Then, he asked the butler to get the car ready. However, she thwarted him. “No. I’m fine going alone. You should get some rest at home.”

In the end, he agreed to that despite his worries. He knew he could not talk her out of it.

Later on, she visited the gastroenterology unit at the hospital. While waiting for her turn, she unexpectedly bumped into Nicholas and Tessa.

Tessa’s labor was approaching, so he accompanied her for the final check-up.

Wanda watched them coming in her direction with smiling faces. His gentle expression and actions when looking after Tessa evoked a pang of pain in Wanda.

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I wonder how great it feels to be her.... Amidst her jumbled thoughts, Wanda walked up to the couple. "Nicholas, Miss Reinhart. What brings you here?"

Tessa smiled faintly. "I haven't been eating well for the past two days, so Nicholas is accompanying me for a check-up."

Wanda nodded and was envious at the same time. She desired to have a company like this too. The clueless Tessa asked out of courtesy, "You don't look well, Miss Muller. Are you feeling sick?"

"Kinda." Wanda did not say much. At that moment, the doctor called for her. She nodded at the couple before entering the room. "Since when have you started vomiting?"

inquired the doctor. "Last night, after having a few glasses." She gave a succinct answer.

The doctor nodded and began to feel her pulse. A couple of moments later, his brows furrowed as he hesitated. "Miss Muller, I think you should visit the gynecology unit."

"The gynecology unit? Why? She looked at him because she could not follow.

"I suspect it's a sign of pregnancy. You should go to the gynecology unit to make sure of it," he explained. "No, no! That's impossible!" She could not accept it. How can I be pregnant?

At the same time, Tessa and Nicholas heard the doctor's words from the outside. She was surprised. "That guy from the Hadfield Family

must be the baby's father."

"Judging from the timing, it should be him." He nodded. She blinked her eyes. "I guess the marriage between the Mullers and Hadfields is set."

"That's hard to say." He glanced at the woman in the office, knowing that she would not give in that easily. He held Tessa's hand gently. "Let's not be bothered by them. It's none of our business."

In the meantime, Wanda did not overhear their conversation as she felt her world crumbling. Sitting on the chair, she recalled the night she spent with Oliver. She could not believe that she was pregnant.

With Oliver's baby, at that! However, the doctor's words reminded her that it was her reality.

"Oliver Hadfield!" She gritted her teeth in resentment. Furthermore, she blamed herself for forgetting such an outcome, which could hinder her plans.

"I don't want this baby! Plan an operation for me right away!" She gazed at the doctor with fierce eyes. I will not keep this baby. I will never give birth to that b*stard's baby!

Her vehement reaction caught the doctor off guard because he did not foresee her to be this decisive with her abortion. Nonetheless, he did not question further.

"Sure, but would you like to discuss it with your family first?" He looked at her hesitantly.

"No. I want the date at this instant." Wanda refused without a second thought. If Horace caught the wind of it, she would lose the chance to abort the baby. He might even force her to get married!

I will never marry Oliver Hadfield! Not even in hell!

The doctor did not dissuade the perturbed woman anymore. "The schedule is full today. If you've made up your mind, there is a slot tomorrow. Besides, you must undergo several check-ups before we are certain there's no problem with an operation."

"Why so troublesome?" Her brows knitted together because she wished to save herself trouble by having it today. He did not answer that, but she did not mind it. "Can't you make an exception?"

"I'm afraid no." He shook his head, and she was downcast upon the disappointment. "I'll have it tomorrow, then. You may proceed with the procedures. She raised the white flag at long last.

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"Sure. If you need everything done fast, I can slot you in for a few tests today. You can bring the results to me tomorrow," the doctor suggested, to which Wanda agreed. That would save her some time tomorrow.

Not long after, she exited the doctor's office with the receipts but was taken aback to find Tessa and Nicholas out there. Overcome with embarrassment, she asked, "Did you overhear everything?"

Tessa looked at Wanda's pale face and nodded. Out of courtesy, she asked, "Are you okay?"

"Do I look okay?" Wanda's tone was a little hostile. She soon regretted her outburst when Nicholas frowned at her. Noticing that, she gritted her teeth and apologized, "Sorry. I was in a bad mood."

Indeed, she was in a foul mood as she felt like she had lost to Tessa. She cast a glance at the man indignantly. Had it not been for Tessa, the gentle Nicholas would have been hers, but it was too late.

Although he could not read Wanda's mind, he felt her gaze on him and kept a frosty expression. To him, she was a woman of no importance.

Her face paled even further when she noticed his indifference. She decided to leave before her emotions got to her. "I have something to attend to. Goodbye."

Tessa and Nicholas exchanged glances when Wanda left. Truthfully, Tessa was in disbelief when she found out that Wanda did not want the child. However, they were not in a position to judge her as an outsider.

"Forget about it. It's not our business. Let her worry about it," he comforted Tessa while wrapping her in a hug, after which she nodded gently.

Suddenly, a nurse called them into the doctor's office for a checkup. When it was done, the doctor frowned and touched her abdomen hesitantly.

His actions did not escape her notice and worried her. "Doctor, is there something wrong with my baby?"

"The baby's fine, but you have a fetal malposition here," the doctor announced the bad news with a somber expression. Tessa's face instantly paled as she questioned nervously, "Will this affect the baby?"

“No, it won’t, but if you opt for natural childbirth, you might experience obstructed labor.” The doctor had wanted to ease her worries, but his explanation frightened her even more.

She gasped. “Obstructed labor?” She instantly.

recalled the scenes of difficult labor from TV shows and shot a panicked look at Nicholas. He felt fear, so he went up to hold her hands and comfort her. “Don’t worry. I’ll be by your side.

The doctor noticed their anxious looks and realized that he had scared the couple. He advised them, “Miss Reinhart and President Sawyer, don’t you worry. There is a chance of obstructed labor, but with the advanced technology in medicine, you can opt for a C-section. Plus, the baby’s still far from due. There’s a chance at correcting the position.”

“How do I do that?” she quickly asked for some tips. A C-section would be easier, but she heard that kids from natural childbirth grew up healthier. Of course, she wanted the best for her child.

Nicholas stared at the doctor and asked sternly, “Any methods?”

“Miss Reinhart, you should move around more if you have the time. Some pregnant mothers corrected the malposition through exercises.”

She heaved a sigh of relief after learning that the malposition could be corrected, yet Nicholas remained a little worried and bombarded the doctor with a lot of questions.

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“Is there any other way to correct the baby’s position aside from exercising?” “Yes, you can try massaging.” The doctor revealed. When Nicholas learned about that, he immediately requested that the doctor teach him some massage techniques. The doctor asked for Tessa’s approval, after which he demonstrated the massage to Nicholas.

He was serious about learning, and even Tessa followed along. Two rounds of demonstration later, the doctor let Nicholas try it out.

He stood beside her with a serious look and a tense body, more nervous than when he signed contracts worth hundreds of millions.

"Am I doing it correctly?" He looked to the doctor, who nodded. "You're still new to it, but your technique is correct. You need to keep practicing until you're familiar with it."

He nodded and asked Tessa, "How do you feel? Any discomfort?"

"Not too bad. It's bearable." She shared her thoughts candidly. He heaved a relieved sigh and continued massaging her abdomen with a serious expression.

The doctor noticed their nervousness and advised, "There's no need to panic. If we can't rectify this issue, you can always opt for a C-section. We have advanced technology to ensure the mother's safety. Just keep your mood relaxed during the pregnancy."

When the couple went home, they found Stefania, Tobias, and Kieran there. The three were aware that Tessa was due for her final pregnancy checkup, so they rushed over early to get the latest updates on the baby. Going up to the couple, they started asking for details with much concern. "How's the checkup?"

"Is everything okay with the baby?" Nicholas was truthful about the doctor's checkup and consultation. "The baby's in malposition. The doctor said there's a possibility of an obstructed childbirth."

His parents gasped. "An obstructed childbirth?" Stefania added, "How could that happen? I never heard about this from the doctor in the previous checkups!"

"What did the doctor say? Does she need to be warded for that?" Tobias was concerned and gave Nicholas an anxious look.

Kieran had zero knowledge about fetal malposition, but he was aware of the gravity of difficult childbirth, which could lead to the death of the mother and the child. At the thought of it, he started lecturing his brother, "Why did you bring her home even after the doctor's words? She should stay in the hospital for treatment!"

Tessa felt warm when she saw how worried they were for her. "Dad, Mom, Kieran, don't worry about me. The doctor said there is still time to correct the baby's position. Everything will be fine if we get this done before the birth," she assured them while looking at Nicholas and hinting at him to say something.

By then, he had regained his composure. He took her hint and comforted his family. "Don't worry. I asked the doctor and did some research on my way back. There are some risks, but we have the chance to turn it around."

Hearing that, the trio finally felt more relieved. They asked at once, "What did the doctor suggest? Do we need to help with anything?"

"We need Kieran's help." Nicholas looked at his younger brother and announced the plan he came up with in the car. "I learned some massage techniques from the doctor to correct the malposition. Before the baby's arrival, I need to reduce my work hours and stay at home to help Tessa out."

"Yes. Nothing's more important than the baby now. Stefania agreed and nodded. Then, she turned to Kieran and reminded him, "You should focus more on the company in the future so that Nicholas doesn't have to worry."

Tobias chimed in. "I will hang around the company during this time. If you run into any problems, come to me instead of troubling Nicholas." Stefania wholeheartedly agreed with the suggestion.

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"Sounds good. You don't have much to do at home anyway. You should help with Nicholas' work at the company so he will have time for Tessa

Still, she gave Kieran a worried look and reminded him, "You hear that? Don't bother him with work stuff. If you have anything you don't know or can't solve, just go to your dad. Tessa's baby is the focus of our family now."

"I know. Leave the company to me and Dad. Nicholas can stay at home with Tessa." Kieran nodded obediently.

Tessa was extremely touched by their conversations, especially when Tobias volunteered to come out of retirement to manage the company just so that Nicholas could take care of her. That was probably how a family looked like-caring for each other.

As a result, Nicholas worked from home in the following days. When he had time, he would go out for a stroll with her, holding her hands.

One morning, they heard a knock on the door after Nicholas woke up and found Andrew standing out there. He announced with much respect, "Master Nicholas and Young Madam, the medical team has arrived and is waiting downstairs for you."

"Got it. Tell them to wait for us, Nicholas replied and went back to helping Tessa with her clothes. She looked at the thoughtful man with her soft and smiling eyes. "Isn't hiring a medical team a little too much?" She knew he had hired the medical team just for her.

He looked into her eyes tenderly. "It's never too much. I want you and our baby to be safe." While saying that, he led her to the first floor.

The medical team stood up to greet them. "Hello, President Sawyer and Young Madam."

Nicholas nodded and addressed them with a somber tone, "I believe Doctor Sloan has told you about it. Your only priority here is to take care of Young Madam. I do not want any accidents before and during childbirth."

"Don't worry. Professor Sloan has briefed us about it. We are always on call and will give our best for the safety of Young Madam and her baby." The leader walked up and affirmed.

Satisfied, Nicholas requested that Andrew make the arrangements to accommodate the team.

In the following days, Tessa had to go through an extra checkup daily for the medical team, where she would be accompanied by Nicholas and Gregory. The focus was still on fetal malposition.

One day after the checkup, Nicholas asked with concern, "Is the baby's position corrected?"

"We see some minor adjustments, but we still need to work on it," the medical team concluded, much to the couple's disappointment, but they understood that the issue of correction could not be rushed.

The medical team left the room afterward. Nicholas noticed the worried look on Tessa's face, so he held her hand and comforted her. "Don't worry. We still have time to work on this problem. I'm sure this can be corrected before the baby's due."

She nodded gently. At that moment, Greg went up to them and said, "Baby sister, you need to listen to Mommy, Daddy, and the doctor. Make it easier for Mommy, okay?"

He touched her bulging abdomen through the fabric. Perhaps there was a connection between the siblings, for the baby suddenly started moving as though she was responding to Gregory's words. He was overjoyed to see that. "Baby sister, did you understand me?"

Within seconds, Tessa felt the baby kicking harder than the last time. He, too, felt the movements through his touch as well, and his grin widened. Subsequently, he showed off to Nicholas. "Daddy, baby sister knows my voice! She responded to me when I talked to her."

At that, Nicholas felt upset and even a little envious of his son.

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Nicholas immediately nudged Greg aside and took a seat beside his wife. He gently caressed her belly and called out with tenderness, "Be good. Don't give Mommy trouble."

The baby ignored him and kicked even harder. Tessa watched on with much love, feeling as if she could explode with happiness. On the other hand, Wanda was in bad luck over the last few days. She had decided to get rid of her baby.

To her dismay, she ran into Regina Hadfield, Oliver's older sister, at the hospital. She was surprised to see Wanda and inquired, "Why are you here?"

Wanda's heart sank as she looked at the impeccably dressed woman in front of her. She soon calmed herself down and replied coldly, "I'm little sick. I'm here to see a doctor."

At that moment, a nurse called her name. She responded to the nurse and nodded at Regina. "The doctor's calling for me. Miss Hadfield, have a nice day."

Then, she slid into the doctor's office. Regina sensed that something was wrong with Wanda's behavior. She was confident in her sixth sense and took a seat nearby to wait.

Unaware of Regina's plan, Wanda received the test results from the doctor and sighed in relief when she learned that her surgery was approved. Not long after, she left the doctor's office.

Little did she know that Regina marched into the doctor's office right after her departure. Soon, Regina came out with a grave expression and made a call.

At the same time, Wanda sat outside the operating room with a cold face. For some reason, her heart was racing anxiously. Her uneasiness increased when she recalled bumping into Regina in the corridor earlier as if her presence was a bad omen. She thought about it and went to the nurse. "When is my turn?"

The nurse checked the registration list and answered, "There are two more patients before you." She frowned at the answer, for the wait was longer than she had anticipated.

Suddenly, a person grabbed her by the wrist and spun her around. "Wanda Muller! Who permitted you to abort my kid?" Oliver shot a death glare at her.

It turned out that Regina had made a call to inform him about Wanda's pregnancy and decision to abort. He was jumping in anger as he dragged her out of the hospital. "You will come home with me!"

"I won't! Let go of me!" Wanda struggled in fear. However, the people around them looked on curiously without stepping in to help her. They thought it was a minor argument between a married couple, which was a regular occurrence in the hospital.

When she realized that he was not letting her go, she started punching and kicking him out of desperation. "Oliver Hadfield, you're a jerk! Let go of me now!"

"You want to kill my child? Dream on!" While speaking, he lifted her over his shoulder and stomped out of the hospital.

Naturally, the two families got the news of Wanda's pregnancy after Oliver brought her back from the hospital. As such, they had no choice but to bring forth their wedding date.

In a few days, the news of the arranged marriage between the Hadfields and Mullers spread like wildfire. When Wanda found out about it, she fell into despair. The arrival of the baby brought no joy to her at all.

"Why do you have to show up now? My life would've been better without you." She punched her stomach with resentment and vain hope that she could miscarry. Despite her attempts, the baby stubbornly grew in her belly.

Another wave of depression drowned her when she heard the news that Nicholas stayed home to take care of a pregnant Tessa. She was reminded of the day when she met them in the hospital, where he took great care of Tessa.

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"Why do I have to marry a jerk like Oliver while Tessa is living in happiness?" Wanda's eyes were clouded with gloom, and she gritted her teeth with resentment. She refused to believe that her fate was worse than Tessa's.

On that night, she casually brought up an idea over dinner at home. "Grandpa, why don't I deliver the wedding invitation and favors to the Sawyers since I'm getting married? I know there's a grudge between our families, but we are still friends. It's not nice to leave them out when I have sent all the invitations and goody bags to everyone else. People might gossip."

"You're right." Horace nodded in agreement. He could not give up his longtime friendship with Remus because of some fight between their grandchildren. He mulled over it and informed her, "I will have the housekeeper prepare some good tea. Please send them to Remus for me." "Sure." She nodded demurely.

The next morning, Wanda departed for the Sawyer Residence with the wedding invitation, goody bags, and her grandpa's gift for Remus. To her disappointment, it was Stefania who greeted her, while Nicolas and Tessa were nowhere to be seen.

After Stefania learned about the purpose of her visit, she accepted the invitation cards and gifts with a wide smile and congratulated her. "Congratulations! We will attend your wedding if time allows."

Wanda nodded softly. The two chit-chatted for a bit before Stefania's phone buzzed. Wanda was sensible enough to leave, so Stefania asked a maid to see her out.

On her way out, she dropped some questions casually. "I heard that Nicholas is at home taking care of Tessa. Did something happen to her?"

"Young Madam's baby is not flipping into the correct position. That's why Master Nicholas has to stay at home to take care of her," the maid told Wanda everything because she did not see this as a secret. Therefore, Wanda was surprised to learn that Tessa had fetal malposition.

The maid went on to gush. "I never thought that Master Nicholas would turn from a cold guy into a loyal and lovesick man. Young Madam is a lucky woman."

"Yeah, Nicholas is a pretty loyal man," Wanda replied carelessly, but she was burning with envy and regret. Would things be different if she had confessed to him earlier?

The maid told her more about what Nicholas did for Tessa in private and concluded with a sigh. "You can tell he is dotting excessively on her," Wanda's mood tanked when she

looked at the maid, who was busy admiring Nicholas and Tessa's relationship. She said, "You don't have to see me off till the end. I'll leave on my own."

After that, she left the maid and marched toward the main entrance. She refused to listen to details about how great Nicholas was treating Tessa. Even so, she was filled with resentment and hatred on her way home.

"Why is she living a happier life than me?" she mumbled softly as she racked her brain. She had an advantage over Tessa in terms of her family background and abilities, but she wondered why her fate was worse than hers. She could not get over the fact that Tessa married for love while she had to marry a jerk who had ruined her life.

The more she thought about it, the more indignant she felt. An idea popped up in her mind, and she started entertaining some evil thoughts. It'd be great if Tessa's baby died. Would the Sawyers and Nicholas still dote on her if she loses the baby?

Her eyes turned red and glowed with a devilish look.

Meanwhile, Tessa had no idea about Wanda's wicked thoughts. Every day, she followed the exercise plan at home to correct the baby's position. Since she went on walks during the day, she always felt sore at night.

Nicholas felt sorry for her. "I know the doctor wants you to exercise, but you should know your limits. You shouldn't overdo it every day."