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Nicholas lectured Tessa while massaging her body. Knowing that he was worried for her, she nodded with a smile. "Don't worry. I know my limits. If I can't go on, I'll take a rest."

He cherished her more when he saw how persistent she was. Gregory also added, "Mommy, you need to take care of yourself. Or else, Daddy and I will worry."

"I understand, sweetheart. You don't have to worry about me." She playfully touched his button nose.

Every night, Nicholas routinely massaged Tessa's abdomen to help with the correction. Not only that, but he also massaged her sore legs. Ten days of hard work later, they finally received some good news.

That day, he brought her to the hospital for a checkup. During the procedure, the doctor felt uneasy by the stares from Nicholas and Gregory, but he went ahead and got his job done.

Soon, the doctor returned to his office and concluded, "The baby is healthy. There are no major issues."

"Is the baby's position corrected?" She caressed her belly and sat across from the doctor with Nicholas' help. He and Gregory shot nervous looks at the doctor upon hearing the question.

The doctor confessed, "The baby's not fully flipped, but he is getting there. If you keep working on it, the baby should be fine on the due date."

The couple let out a sigh of relief. That is good news as long as the baby's getting there! They exchanged smiles. Gregory, who was leaning against his mother, looked confused by the adults' conversation. "Doctor, is Mommy safe now?"

The child knew nothing about fetal malposition, but he was sensitive toward any discussion around the topic. When he sensed that everyone was tiptoeing around his mother, he picked up fast and realized that his mother might risk her life giving birth to his baby sister.

The doctor was amazed at the level of concern that Gregory showed for his mother. He rarely met him in person, but Gregory always behaved very well during the consultations, which was rare for a kid of his age.

Due to his behavior, the doctor took a liking to him and patiently explained, "As long as your mommy keeps working hard, she will be safe." "Yay!" The kid was overjoyed to hear that.

A while later, the family left the hospital. With a wide smile on her face, Tessa held on to Nicholas' arm when they emerged from the entrance. "Let's have lunch somewhere to celebrate the good news."

"Sure. What would you like?" He looked gently at her. She could not think of anything off the bat and gazed down at her son, who was trotting along. "Sweetheart, what do you want?"

"I want spaghetti." Gregory blinked at her adorably. She fell in love with his cuteness and beamed. "Sure, let's have spaghetti and go shopping for the baby."

Nicholas agreed to it because she was in high spirits, and the family walked out of the hospital. At the entrance, he reminded Tessa, "Wait for me here. I'll drive the car from the parking lot, and we'll go for lunch."

"Okay. Greg and I will be here." She nodded with a smile and waved at him.

He could not resist giving his demure wife a peck on the forehead. Her smile widened after his kiss. Then, he turned to Gregory and reminded the kid, 'Look after Mommy. I'll be back soon."

"Daddy, you talk too much. Get the car. Mommy will be tired from all the standing." Gregory pouted and urged his father to leave.

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Tessa chuckled. Nicholas headed to the basement parking lot with an affectionate smile. Now that his father had left, Gregory happily took Tessa's hand and fretted over her. "Are you tired, Mommy?"

"I'm not tired." Tessa shook her head with a smile. Gregory continued, "Then, are you thirsty? I'll give you some water."

He took off the little water bottle he had on him. Tessa's eyes glinted mischievously as she watched Gregory doing his best to take care of her.

"You can drink the water, sweetheart. Mommy's not thirsty," she said as she pushed the bottle. toward Gregory. Gregory lowered his head despondently.

Tessa burst out in laughter when she saw his reaction. She had figured out what he was up to earlier. He was probably jealous after seeing Nicholas kissing her.

Thus, she bent down and cupped his cheeks to kiss him. "You're such a good boy, sweetheart." Gregory was startled but he soon started grinning. "You're the best too, Mommy."

He tiptoed and kissed Tessa's cheek as well. The mother-and-son duo was full of smiles and laughter as they waited by the hospital entrance.

Just then, Tessa's phone started ringing with a call from Timothy. He knew that Tessa had a check-up at the hospital today and was worried about how it went.

"What did the doctor say? Is the baby in the right position?" "Almost. The doctor says it'll just take a little. longer, but it should be corrected when it's time to give birth."

Tessa smiled as she relayed the good news. Timothy sighed in relief. "Thank goodness the baby's position can be corrected."

While the two siblings were talking, a silver van nearby suddenly lost control and came barreling toward the hospital entrance. Tessa didn't notice anything, but Gregory realized that something was wrong.

His eyed widened with fear when he saw the van hurtling straight at them, and he shrieked at once. "Watch out, Mommy!"

Tessa looked up instinctively and saw the van that was rapidly approaching her. She was alarmed and instantly pushed Gregory away.

In a flash, Gregory fell backward onto the ground.

Before he could register what was happening. he heard a loud crash. The van rammed straight into Tessa who flew some distance away before falling to the ground.

Exclaims broke out all around them. "Oh, my goodness! Someone got hit!"

"There's been an accident and a pregnant woman got hit!" "She's bleeding! The pregnant woman's bleeding! What should we do?"

Tessa was curled up on the ground as the agonizing pain that came from her abdomen racked through her entire body. It was so painful that her mind went blank. She was as white as a sheet.

Blood kept gushing out from her, and soon, the ground was covered in red. Nicholas had just brought the car around when he witnessed this scene. His heart stopped beating for a moment.

Instantly, he slammed on the brakes, rushed out of the car, and ran toward Tessa as fast as possible. "Tessa…" he called out in shock as he ran with all his might.

However, there was no response from Tessa. She lay on the ground without moving at all..

The driver who caused the accident had been hiding in the crowd all along, and when he saw. Nicholas appearing, he quietly backed away and escaped before anyone noticed him.

By then, the crowd of onlookers was growing and their cries grew louder. "Look at all the blood! I don't think the pregnant woman or her baby will survive."

"She's so unlucky. She was just standing by the side of the road, but the van lost control and hit her." "The poor baby. From the size of her belly, the baby looked like it was coming along any time."

"Alas, yet another family in despair." "The pregnant woman could've avoided the van, but she wanted to save the other child, so that's why the van rammed into her."

Nicholas heard the ongoing discussion. His blood turned cold and his footsteps grew heavier as his hands trembled violently. Gregory was sitting on the side of the road, frozen in fear.

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The pool of blood made Nicholas' mind go blank. At last, he reached Tessa. He had an even clearer view of all the blood that pooled around her, and it distressed him. "Tessa… Tessa…"

His voice trembled as he kept repeating her name. His hands hovered in the air. He wanted to hold her, but he was too afraid. Tessa could vaguely hear someone calling out to her.

However, the excruciating pain made it impossible for her to speak. Her eyelids felt like lead and she couldn't open her eyes no matter how hard she tried.

Slowly, she began to lose consciousness. Nicholas' eyes grew red when he saw his wife lying motionless on the ground like a broken doll.

He didn't hesitate any longer. He carried Tessa and ran toward the hospital as he screamed, "Doctor! I need a doctor! Come and save her…"

The onlookers leaped into action after hearing his piercing screams and they quickly tried to flag down a doctor as well.

Blood continued flowing out of Tessa's body. It left a long trail on the ground. Inside the hospital, the nurses were shocked when they saw Tessa who was covered in blood.

They swiftly wheeled a stretcher over to Nicholas. 'Quick, put the patient down." Nicholas dared not waste even a single moment as he quickly set her down.

Once he did, the nurses immediately wheeled Tessa into the surgical theater. "Out of the way! Step out of the way, please!" Two nurses cleared the path in front.

Nicholas followed closely behind. His hands were clenching the sides of the stretcher so hard that his veins were popping. No words could describe the anxiety he felt.

"Hang in there, Tessa! Hang in there!"

He bent down and cried out to her. His voice was filled with terror. Gregory ran after the stretcher as well. He was ashen-faced and looked altogether pitiful..

Once they arrived at the surgical theater, the nurses wheeled Tessa in but stopped Nicholas from entering. "You can't proceed any further, sir."

Nicholas wanted to go in, but whatever sense he had left was enough for him to know that he couldn't make a scene right now, or he might end up delaying Tessa's treatment.

Thus, he grabbed the nurse by the collar and declared menacingly, "I'm ordering you to save her no matter what you have to do! I won't let anything happen to her!"

Out in the corridor, Nicholas stood right by the entrance to the surgical theater. He was still caked in blood and had a frantic expression that had never been seen on him before. His hands kept trembling.

Gregory stood beside Nicholas. He was shaking too and his eyes were slightly glazed over as he was still in shock. Neither one of them spoke as they kept their eyes fixed on the surgical theater.

Meanwhile, inside the surgical theater, the doctors and nurses were fervently trying to save Tessa. "The anesthesia has taken effect. We need to stop the bleeding." "The patient's heartbeat is slowing down…"

"The blood won't stop flowing. The baby could be in danger. We need to do a C-section!" "Inform the next of kin at once and prepare for the C-section."

The attending surgeon immediately made the call. The nurse nodded and hurried out of the surgical theater with the doctor.

When Nicholas saw the doors to the surgical theater opening, he quickly went forward and asked anxiously, 'How's my wife, doctor?"

"The patient's condition is dire. We will need to perform a preterm C-section Before the doctor could finish his sentence, Nicholas cut him off. "Do it then! Make sure you save both the mother and the child!"

"You need to calm down first, sir. It's a given that we'll do the C-section, but there's a critical problem. The patient is showing signs of serious hemorrhaging and she might not be able to survive a C-section."

The doctor explained the situation inside ther surgical theater before saying with a grim expression, "This means there's a high chance that the patient might not survive. You will need to be prepared."

Nicholas stumbled when he heard the news. He felt woozy and could barely breathe. However, he soon snapped out of it as he snarled at the doctor, "Why are you still standing here then? Hurry up and save them!"

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"We want to save the patient too, sir, but you need to make a decision first," the doctor quickly explained. Nicholas had a bad feeling. His lips quivered as he asked, "What decision?"

"In the event that we can't save both, do you want to save the mother or the baby?" The doctor grimly spelled out the two options. Nicholas rocked on his heels when he heard the question. He couldn't process what the doctor just said.

Thankfully, he avoided falling by clutching the wall beside him. He never thought he would ever have to make such a painful decision.

One was the baby he couldn't wait to meet, and the other was the love of his life. Even so, he knew in his heart what his decision was.

The doctor could tell that Nicholas wasn't doing well, so he asked concernedly, "Are you alright, sir?"

"I'm fine. Hurry back in and save them! If it comes down to it, save the mother! Save my wife!" Nicholas growled, though his voice was full of agony and torment.

It had taken all the strength in him to make this decision. The doctor immediately signaled to the nurse beside him.

The nurse took out the hospital service agreement and handed it to Nicholas. "We need you to sign this agreement before we can proceed with the surgery, sir."

As soon as she finished speaking, Nicholas snatched the agreement from her and signed it with his wobbling hand. "Can you go and save her now?"

He returned the signed agreement to the nurse and bellowed, "I want you to save my wife and baby. I don't care what you need to do! Make sure you save them!"

The nurse and doctor were both alarmed by Nicholas who seemed to be on the verge of madness. The doctor nodded at once and said, "We'll do our best. We're bringing in the blood she needs as we speak."

Then, the doctor and nurse swiftly went back into the surgical theater. Nicholas looked at the tightly shut doors. He punched the wall with his fist, his eyes bloodshot.

He never felt as powerless as he did now. At that very moment, he was willing to give up his life in exchange for Tessa's. He was willing to do whatever he could to ease her suffering, regardless of the price he had to pay.

Nicholas blamed himself. Why did I ask Tessa to wait for me there? This wouldn't have happened if I brought her down to the parking lot with me. "It's my fault. It's all my fault!"

He mumbled to himself as he punched the wall over and over again. Soon, streaks of blood showed up on the white wall.

The nurse nearby couldn't bear to see him doing this any longer. She came over and tried to talk to him. "Please calm down, sir."

With the state that Nicholas was in, there was no way he would listen to her. His gaze was dark and intimidating.

The nurse jumped in fright and scampered off. Just then, Timothy ran out of the elevator with a heaving chest.

He had been on the phone with Tessa when she got into the accident and heard everything that happened. Timothy looked around frantically, and when he finally spotted Nicholas standing outside the surgical theater, he rushed over at once.

When he came nearer, he saw that Nicholas was covered in blood and his face grew even paler. "Nicholas…" he called out.

Nicholas heard his name and looked up with his bloodshot eyes. He looked as if his soul had been sucked out of him. Timothy grew even more fearful when he saw this.

He had never seen Nicholas in this state before, and his already unsettled heart started pounding even more wildly. "How's my sister doing, Nicholas?" he asked with a trembling voice. Nicholas didn't respond.

This only made Timothy even more anxious. "Talk to me, Nicholas! How's Tessa doing? Is she still alive?" he urged frantically. Nicholas clenched his fists and gritted his teeth. He didn't know how to answer Timothy. In the end, Timothy had no choice but to turn

his attention to his nephew, who was still in a daze. "Gregory, tell me how your mother's doing. What's her condition?"

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Timothy crouched down. He forced himself to rein in his distraught as he held Gregory by the shoulder and asked. The clouded look in Gregory's eyes finally started to disappear.

"Uncle Tim…" he called out weakly. His voice was laced with fear and uncertainty. It escaped Timothy's notice as Tessa was all he could think of at the moment.

He tightened his grip on Gregory's shoulder as he pressed, "Gregory, quick. Tell me what happened to your mother and the baby!"

Timothy's words seemed to snap Gregory out of his daze as the latter started wailing. He flung himself into Timothy's arms and cried his heart out.

"Mommy was bleeding so much, Uncle Tim. I kept calling her. She didn't respond to me. So much blood." Gregory was so terrified, his voice trembled with each word. He could barely speak coherently.

Timothy was beside himself with worry, but he told himself to stay strong as he comforted Gregory. 'It's okay, Gregory. Don't cry. Your Mommy will be fine."

"But the doctor said Mommy might die." Gregory repeated what the doctor said earlier. Color drained from Timothy's face when he heard this. "How could this happen?" he gasped in shock.

Sabrina arrived just in time to hear what Gregory said. Her heart ached for Timothy who crumbled upon hearing the news.

"You need to stay calm, Mr. Reinhart. Tess is a blessed person. I'm sure she'll be fine."
"That's my sister in there! How am I supposed to stay calm?"

Timothy vented at Sabrina with reddened eyes. Sabrina didn't take offense as she knew how distressed Timothy was right now.

She knew he was only reacting this way because he was concerned about his sister.

Furthermore, she knew there was probably no way of calming him down now, no matter what she said. In the end, she chose to take the crying Gregory aside and console him instead.

All the adults were in a mess and none of them were able to care for the little boy, so she had to help out with that. The situation would only worsen if Gregory cried himself sick.

Sabrina gently comforted the boy in her arms. "It's okay, Gregory. Your Mommy will be alright."

"You need to trust the doctors. They will make sure your Mommy gets better."

"Don't cry anymore, Gregory. Your Mommy will be very sad when she wakes up and finds out that you've cried until your eyes are all swollen."

Eventually, after all of Sabrina's consoling, some of her words managed to stop Gregory's tears. He rubbed his eyes and sniffled as he looked up at Sabrina and asked hoarsely, "Will my Mommy really be okay, Miss Sabrina?"

"She will. Your Mommy wouldn't dream of leaving an adorable boy like you."

Sabrina nodded confidently, but deep down inside, she fervently hoped that Tessa would bet alright. As Sabrina was busy comforting Gregory, Stefania and Tobias appeared at the end of the corridor.

They rushed over as soon as they heard that Tessa got into an accident. Both their expressions were grim. Stefania hurried over to Nicholas with her anxiety fully displayed on her face..

"How's Tessa? How's the baby?" "The doctors are performing a C-section. Tessa has signs of serious hemorrhaging. She might not survive the procedure."

Nicholas could barely get the last few words out. Stefania was shocked. "How could this be?"

Tobias' expression was somber. He turned to his assistant and instructed, "Get the hospital director here, along with all the other specialists. Tell them the Sawyers are asking them to come."

"Yes, Mr. Sawyer." The assistant did as told without delay. Soon, the hospital director and all the various specialists gathered in the corridor..

They were quietly discussing among themselves. Nicholas ignored them. His mind and soul were with his wife, who was still in the surgical theater.

Thus, Tobias had to take the lead. He addressed the crowd and instructed, "I'm sure you've gotten the gist of the situation. I want you to save the mother and the baby who're in there right now, no matter what it takes. The Sawyers will reward you handsomely for your efforts."

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The group of medical specialists exchanged. glances before promising solemnly, "You can be assured that we'll do our best, Chairman Sawyer."

They began entering the surgical theater one after the other. Soon, the corridor was silent once more. Just then, Edward walked out of the elevator.

He had rushed over from the office as soon as he heard the news, but he was delayed by traffic. "President Sawyer…"

Edward walked over to Nicholas to say a few words of comfort. However, Nicholas didn't even bother to look at Edward. Edward had no choice but to turn to Tobias.

Tobias was sympathetic with Nicholas, so he helped with the arrangements by telling Edward, "Block all news and mentions of this incident and don't let the media report it. Then, get in touch with the traffic police and check the footage of the surveillance cameras by the road. Make sure the culprit is caught!" Im on it."

Edward sped off to get things done. Meanwhile, at Muller Residence..

Wanda received a call from the perpetrator. "I've done what you asked me to, Miss Muller. When are you going to transfer the rest of the money to me?"

"Don't worry. I'll get someone to make the transfer in a short while."

Wanda ended the call. Moments later, laughter could be heard from the room, and it grew louder and louder. "Hahaha… You're the unlucky one now, Tessa!"

"I can only be happy if you're dead!" "You deserve to die! Your death is the best thing ever-"

She laughed with maniacal glee. Back at the hospital, the doctors were still in the process of saving Tessa and her baby.

Stefania paced up and down the corridor anxiously. "The doctors and specialists have been in there for a long time now. Why haven't we heard anything yet?"

"No news is good news. Stop pacing back and forth like that. You're making me feel even more on edge."

Tobias was standing by the wall with a frown. on his face.

Stefania stopped, but she mumbled, "You're on edge and I'm uneasy too. Do you think Tessa and the little baby will make it?"

Before Tobias could answer, Nicholas' hoarse but firm voice rang out.

"They will. Nothing bad will happen to them."

Gregory nodded in agreement. "Mommy and. my little sister will be fine."

Timothy remained silent, but the look in his eyes made it clear that he agreed with Nicholas and Gregory. He believed that Tessa and her baby would be alright.

At last, the doors to the surgical theater opened half an hour later. Nicholas and the others quickly crowded around the doctor. "How's my wife and baby, doctor?"

Nicholas was the quickest. He grabbed the doctor by the shoulder and asked frantically. Timothy and the others were staring anxiously at the doctor too.

The doctor was in pain from Nicholas' tight grip, but he understood the state a patient's next of kin would be in, so he swiftly reported, "The C-section was a success. It's a baby boy."

Stefania and Tobias were relieved to hear that the baby had been delivered safely. Everyone else exhaled as well. However, Stefania noticed that the nurses weren't bringing the baby out, so she became nervous again.

"Why aren't they bringing my grandson out, doctor? Did something happen to him?"

After hearing what she said, Nicholas, Timothy, and the others realized that as well. "Where's my child?"

"How's my nephew doing?"

The two men fired questions at the doctor. "The baby was born prematurely so he's a little weak. He has been brought to the NICU where he will need to be kept in an incubator for now."

"What's going to happen? Will it affect hist health? What about my daughter-in-law?" Stefania exclaimed. Nicholas and Timothy grew even more anxious too.

The doctor began explaining once more, "The mother shielded her abdomen during the accident, so the baby didn't suffer any severe injuries. He will be fine. We just need to keep him in the incubator until he reaches full term. As for the mother…"

He paused. Nicholas' expression faltered. "How is she…"

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Stefania and Timothy were also staring at the doctor in trepidation. Timothy felt a strange sense of uneasiness. "How's my sister, doctor?" he urged as well.

The doctor looked at them. He was feeling grim as well, but he didn't clarify Tessa's condition. He simply said, "We will definitely do our best to save the patient."

Then, he went back into the surgical theater. The others carried out waiting apprehensively outside. Nicholas leaned against the wall. If he didn't, he probably would've collapsed onto the floor.

Even though the doctor didn't say anything explicitly, Nicholas knew that Tessa's condition had to be extremely critical.

He closed his eyes to resist the turmoil he felt. He kept trying to convince himself. "Tessa will be fine. She promised me that we'll grow old together. We'll watch the children grow up together."

Everyone else was overwrought with emotions as they witnessed the despairing state Nicholas was in Kieran was the most affected by it.

It was his first time seeing his brother in this state. In the past, Nicholas was always firm and cool- headed regardless of how dire the situation seemed.

His heart ached for Nicholas as he went forward and said, "Take a seat and get some rest first, Nicholas." "No. I'm going to wait until Tessa comes out."

Nicholas limply pushed away Kieran's hand as he mumbled, "I have to wait until she comes out."

"Tessa will be alright. You're too wound up, Nicholas. Listen to me and get some rest first. I'm sure Tessa wouldn't want to see you like this when she comes out."

Kieran kept trying to convince Nicholas, but Nicholas ignored him and kept standing wordlessly by the wall. Timothy's eyes reddened.

He knew that Tessa was most likely in a critical condition, and he was filled with worry. Tessa was the closest person to him in the whole world.

He always considered it his responsibility to protect his sister, but disaster struck before he could do anything! "You have to be okay, Tess. You said you'll be there at my wedding. You said you want to see your nieces and nephews…"

He choked up. Sabrina sensed the deep sorrow that was emanating from Timothy, so she stood beside him and gently patted his back. "Tess will be fine, Timothy. You must have faith in her."

"You're right. I need to have faith in her. She couldn't bear to leave us." Timothy nodded heavily, but his tears kept falling.

Sabrina had never seen Timothy in such a state before. Her heart ached at the sight. Stefania and Tobias had grim expressions as well. Stefania was especially anxious. "Dear, do you think Tessa will make it?"

"She has always been a strong one. I'm sure she will make it for the children's sake, and for Nicholas' sake too," Tobias replied gravely.

Gregory continued silently shedding tears as he listened to what the adults were saying. "Don't leave me, Mommy. I'll be a good boy." The atmosphere in the corridor was somber.

Everyone hoped that Tessa would be alright. Inside the surgical theater, things were getting a lot more desperate. Tessa had lost too much blood and the hospital's blood bank didn't have enough supplies for her blood type.

The doctor had no choice but to come out and explain the situation. "We've already arranged for blood to be brought over from a different hospital, but it will take some time."

"How can you not have enough supplies in your blood bank? Doesn't your hospital check these things? Nicholas fumed at the doctor with a stormy expression.

Timothy was shaking and he fixed his eyes on the doctor as he asked, "What will happen to my sister if there's not enough blood for her?"

"The patient… might die from losing too much blood." The doctor hesitated before giving an honest answer. This was the last straw. Nicholas, who had been silent all this while, finally started lashing. out.

"What kind of doctors are you? You're supposed to save her, but you keep saying you can't do this, or you don't have that! I'm telling you right now. If you don't save my wife, I'll make all of you pay!"

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Nicholas grabbed the doctor by the collar and glared balefully at him as he roared. He was so agitated that even the veins on his forehead were throbbing.

The others were alarmed by Nicholas' sudden outburst. Even the doctor turned pale in fright and his mind went blank. He didn't even think to struggle.

Thankfully, Kieran quickly snapped into action and hurried forward to talk some sense into his brother. "Nicholas, there's no use threatening the doctor now. You still need them to save Tessa."

However, his words went unheeded. Nicholas kept glaring at the doctor with a murderous look in his eyes and refused to let go of the doctor's coat.

At last, the doctor regained his senses too, though he still felt a little breathless. "There's just not enough blood in the hospital, President Sawyer. Even if you threaten me, it doesn't change anything."

The doctor tried to defend himself. Unfortunately, this only made Nicholas even more furious. "What's the point of keeping you around if you can't even save her?"

It was as if Nicholas' anger had taken a physical form. Kieran could tell that the doctor and the other medical staff nearby, including the nurses and specialists, were terrified.

To prevent Nicholas from scaring them silly, Kieran knocked him out with a heavy blow. "Kieran! Why did you do that?" Stefania exclaimed when Nicholas fell unconscious.

Kieran hauled Nicholas up as he explained, "Nicholas would've lost control of himself if we let him carry on like that."

Then, he turned to the petrified medical staff and yelled, "Why are you still standing around? Hurry and save my sister-in-law! If anything happens to her, I can guarantee that you won't be able to survive my brother's wrath."

The doctors and nurses immediately hurried back into the surgical theater. The doors closed once more, and Kieran exhaled before moving Nicholas to a ward.

Nevertheless, Nicholas wasn't out for very long. He woke up again in just two hours. The first thing he did was did a kip-up off the bed.

Kieran was startled. He swiftly backed away as he hurriedly exclaimed, "Don't take it out on me, Nicholas. I only knocked you out for your own good. If you flew off the handle and scared all the doctors and nurses silly, then no one would be available to save Tessa."

He eyed Nicholas furtively. Nicholas didn't bother with Kieran at all. He strode out of the ward at once and rushed back to the surgical theater.

Once he got there, he quickly asked, "How's Tessa? Did the doctors say anything when I was gone?" "Tessa's still inside. No one came out yet." Stefania answered truthfully as she knew her son was deeply worried.

Still, she couldn't help adding, "You need to stay calm. Don't let your nerves get to you. All we can do now is wait until Tessa comes out." Nicholas clenched his fists.

He knew his mother was right, but he couldn't calm himself down when Tessa was still fighting for her life. Stefania noticed this as well, so she said, "Why don't you go and take a look at the newborn baby? None of us have seen him yet. We don't know what he looks like!"

"I'm not leaving. I'm going to stay here until Tessa comes out." Nicholas shook his head to reject Stefania's suggestion. He kept his gaze trained on the surgical theater.

Stefania wanted to try and advise him otherwise, but her husband stopped her "Just let him stay here," Tobias said quietly. "He'll feel better if he's here."

Stefania seemed to have thought of something as she nodded and didn't say anything else, but she was shaken. It was her first time seeing just how deeply in love her son was. The surgery went on. It was already dark outside.

At last, after five or six hours, the surgery was finally over The medical team came out of the surgical theater looking exhausted. Everyone got to their feet and rushed over when they heard the commotion.

"How's my wife, doctor?" Nicholas was the first to ask anxiously.

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"Is my sister out of danger now?" Timothy asked The doctor was visibly relieved as he announced, "The patient's condition is stable now, but she is still weak and will need to be kept in the ICU for observation."

"Thank goodness! She's alright," Stefania exclaimed in relief. Her heart finally settled back in place. "However, even though her condition is stable, she was injured in the crash and her fibula was broken. It will take at least six months before she fully recovers," the doctor continued reporting.

"That's not a problem. As long as she's still alive, then everything will be fine," Nicholas declared hoarsely as his emotions poured out of him.

Tears streamed down his face. Everyone was stunned to see this. Stefania, Tobias, and Kieran were the most shocked. It was their first time seeing him cry.

Stefania and Tobias exchanged looks. They had a newfound understanding as to how deeply Nicholas loved Tessa. Now that everyone knew Tessa was safe, they all started shedding tears of joy. Timothy was the most emotional.

He wanted to share the joy he felt with someone else, so he grabbed the person who was beside him without even checking to see who it was. "Tessa's going to be alright!" he exclaimed happily. "She's going to be fine…"

Sabrina was dumbstruck when she was pulled into an embrace that she had yearned for all this while. She looked up at Timothy who had a silly grin on his face and smiled.

"I told you, didn't I? Tess is a blessed person. She'll definitely be fine." She hugged Timothy and smiled as she was truly glad that Tessa's life was no longer in danger. Timothy nodded fervently.

Gregory saw that everyone else was celebrating the good news, but he was a little lost himself, so he tugged on Kieran's arm and asked, "Uncle Kieran, is my Mommy okay now?"

"That's right. Your Mommy's okay for now. Do you feel better now, Gregory?"

Kieran crouched down and asked gently

Gregory was still a little pale from the shocking

experience.

However, he was nodding excitedly as he said,

"I am! I hope Mommy will be fine."

"She will. Your Mommy will be alright."

Kieran's heart ached as he hugged the little boy.

He knew that Gregory must have been terrified

by everything that happened in the day.

After celebrating the happy news, everyone gradually calmed down again.

Tobias was solemn and authoritative as he commanded the medical staff, "Since her condition is stable now, I hope nothing unexpected happens again. You must ensure that my daughter-in-law fully recovers from this."

"We will give the patient the best care possible, Chairman Sawyer."

The doctors and specialists didn't dare to make any promises, so they simply promised to do their best.

Naturally, this did not escape Tobias' notice. His expression turned grim as he sternly declared, "I don't want you to do your best.

I want you to make sure it happens. You must remain in the ICU until my daughter-in-law is fully recovered." His imposing aura seemed to have struck fear into the medical staff as they quickly nodded and replied in the affirmative.

Just then, Nicholas said in a hoarse voice, "Can I go in and see my wife?" The doctor nodded. "You can, but only one person is allowed to go in, and you can only see her for five minutes."

"Only one person? And only for five minutes? That's not enough," Kieran said discontentedly. Timothy hadn't said anything, but Kieran knew that Timothy would want to see Tessa too.

Nicholas thought of this as well and frowned. "Can two people go in instead, and can we have a little more time?" "I'm afraid not. Every additional visitor increases the risks to the patient."

The doctor shook his head and explained, "Although you will put on a surgical gown before going in, there are openings in the ventilator and other medical equipment in there.

Right now, the patient's immune system is at its weakest, so it's easy for her to get an infection. Even the doctors and nurses have to go through a decontamination process before we can make contact with the patient."

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After hearing what the doctor said, Kieran gave up on using the family's status to ask for special treatment. He glanced at Nicholas and Timothy before advising, "For the sake of Tessa's safety, why don't you two discuss and see who'll go in to see her?"

Nicholas and Timothy looked at each other. In the end, it was Timothy who compromised and gave the spot to Nicholas, who put on a surgical gown before entering Tessa's room in the ICU.

Tessa looked frail as she lay on the hospital bed. There were several tubes stuck to her and her face was ghostly pale. She looked like a fragile doll.

Nicholas felt as if someone had stabbed him with a knife. His mind was filled with self-blame and regret.

"I'm sorry. I failed to protect you." He kneeled beside the bed and gently brought Tessa's hand to his face. "Get better soon, okay? The baby and I are waiting for you."

"You've been so curious to know whom the baby takes after, right? You can find out just as soon as you wake up." "I'll keep waiting for you, no matter how long it takes.

There was so much Nicholas wanted to say, but he only had five minutes which was soon over. His eyes were red as he walked back out. Timothy quickly asked, "How's my sister, Nicholas?"

"She's still unconscious, but based on the readings on the machines, her condition is stable," Nicholas replied. Timothy exhaled in relief. "Everything will be fine since her condition's stable. Now, we just need to wait for her to wake up."

Nicholas nodded lightly. He had finally regained his cool, and before anyone else could react, he started giving off an almost bloodthirsty air. He looked at his parents and said grimly, "I'll leave you in charge of the children."

Then, he turned to Timothy and said solemnly, "When I'm not around, help me take good care of your sister. Call me at once if anything happens to her."

"What are you going to do?"

Timothy frowned as he stared at Nicholas in puzzlement.

He had no idea what could be more important than Tessa now.

Stefania was also confused. "Where are you going, Nicholas? Aren't you staying here to look after Tessa and the baby?" Nicholas walked off without responding to either one of them.

"What's up with him?" Stefania grumbled. "He nearly went mad when the doctors were still trying to save her, and now that she's alright, he's not even sticking around to look after her."

"I think he went to look for Edward." Tobias looked on as Nicholas left. He had a perceptive look in his eyes. Stefania was startled. She didn't pick up on what was happening yet. 'Did something happen at the company?"

However, she refuted herself immediately after asking that question. Knowing what Nicholas was like, he wouldn't leave Tessa's side even if the company was on the verge of bankruptcy.

Timothy had a vague idea as to what Nicholas was up to, but he wasn't sure, so he looked at Tobias for confirmation.

Fortunately, Tobias didn't keep them waiting as he filled them in. "Edward called me just now and said they've located the driver who caused the crash. They're at an empty

warehouse just outside the city now. I think Nicholas left because he heard the news too."

Stefania instantly began worrying again. Her worries doubled when she recalled Nicholas' bloodthirsty air earlier. "Go after your brother at once, Kieran! Don't let him do anything rash!"

She quickly urged Kieran to chase Nicholas down as she was afraid Nicholas might do something extreme. True enough, Nicholas left because Edward had informed him that they found the perpetrator.

The text was the spark that set Nicholas' fury alight. As he made his way over, his expression was grim and icy the whole time, but his eyes were aflame with rage. Half an hour later, he arrived at the warehouse.