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Chapter 101 Grandma Wants to See You

For two consecutive days, she didn't see him again. It was as if he knew that she was looking for him so he disappeared intentionally.

That morning, she bid Maria goodbye and was on her way to the square when she received Jasmine's call.

"Grandma is feeling a little unwell, Catherine. I'm here keeping her company. Early this morning, she told Leonardo that she wanted to see you. Since Ryan is away for business and you won't bump into him here, how about you come and keep Grandma company?"

"What's wrong with her?" Catherine asked worriedly.

Although Catherine had only met Old Mrs. Walker once, she felt like they had known each other for a long time.

Besides, she was Ryan's grandmother. Subconsciously, Catherine treated her like her family. Naturally, she would be concerned about his grandmother when she heard that the latter was feeling unwell.

"Her illness... Just come over right now. She doesn't really have much time. We'll just spend whatever days we have to keep her happy."

"Well..." Catherine was still a little worried because Ryan just came back suddenly last time. On top of that, she feared that Old Mrs. Walker would drug her again if she went to visit her.

"Come on. Didn't you promise me you would come to see me? Hurry up. Where are you right now? I'll get Leonardo to pick you up." Jasmine had always

been domineering like that. Now that she had put it that way, Catherine had no choice but to just go.

"Tell him to come to the square. I'm at the Burgundy Bookstore in the square."

"You are at Burgundy Bookstore? You..." When Jasmine heard Catherine mention Burgundy Bookstore, she seemed to be very flustered.

Just when Catherine was in a dilemma about meeting Elroy, she turned enlightened when hearing Jasmine say that.

Jasmine should know about the car accident. So, Catherine could probably get some information from her.

Thinking of that, Catherine couldn't wait to go to her right away.

"Yes, I am in front of the bookstore. Tell Leonardo

to pick me up here. We can talk more when we meet." Catherine didn't really want to talk about this through the phone. She thought that it would be better to talk to her friend face to face to see whether Jasmine was telling the truth or not.

After Catherine hung up, she took a taxi to Burgundy Bookstore. Not long after, Leonardo arrived, much sooner than she had expected.

"How did you arrive so quickly?" In the car, Catherine asked Leonardo.

"Jasmine said that you would definitely be here so I was already out when she called you. Sure enough, she guessed correctly."

Sigh. As expected. Jasmine knew her so well.

When Leonardo saw the distorted expression on Catherine's face, he already knew what she was worried about.

"Thank you for still trusting Grandma and me today. What happened last time definitely won't happen again. Don't worry. We won't eat any of the food she makes tonight!"

"It's alright. Don't worry. I will keep Grandma company in the morning, but I hope you can send me home at night." After making that mistake once, she wasn't going to stay again even if they promised her.

Besides, Ryan had been keeping tabs on her lately. If she didn't go back for the night, Maria would tell Ryan.

"Okay, I promise I will send you home!" Leonardo promised.

At Walker Manor.

When Old Mrs. Walker saw Catherine, she got more lively and numb to body pains, as if she had

been injected a shot of epinephrine.

Naturally, Jasmine was also happy to see Catherine.

After lunch, Old Mrs. Walker let Catherine stay so that she could chat with her.

Catherine chatted with her for quite some time until Rena came to help Old Mrs. Walker to sleep. That was when Catherine had the chance to finally talk with Jasmine.

At the time, Jasmine and Leonardo were sitting in the hall and chatting happily. It seemed like Leonardo told Jasmine a joke that made her burst into laughter. When Catherine saw that, she thought they looked happier and more like a couple than when Jasmine was with Ryan.

What did she have that strange thought? Secretly, she scolded herself for subconsciously wishing

that Jasmine wasn't together with Ryan.

After all, that thought was just too selfish.

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Chapter 102 Tell Me About Elroy Johnston

After Catherine criticized herself, she approached them.

"Catherine is here, Leonardo. I'll leave her to you. You have to take good care of her," Jasmine mentioned that and got up to return to her room.

"I have something to talk to you about, Jas." Quickly, Catherine walked forward and grabbed her hand.

Shrugging his shoulders, Leonardo commented, "Why don't you ladies have a chat? I'll play some games."

"Let's go to my bedroom!" Holding hands, Jasmine and Catherine entered Ryan's bedroom.

Since Walker Manor was quite a distance from the city, Ryan and Jasmine didn't usually stay here.

In Walker Manor, Ryan was the eldest grandson. So, he had a luxurious room to himself even though he didn't stay here often.

However, Catherine didn't really care much whether it was luxurious or not. It was just that Ryan and Jasmine's photos were put all over the walls of the room. Catherine didn't feel comfortable seeing it.

Catherine and Jasmine sat in the living area of the room. Smiling faintly, Jasmine asked Catherine, "What's wrong? It sounds pretty serious."

“Tell me about Elroy Johnston. You have to know him, Jas.” With the relationship they had, she didn’t want to beat around the bush, so she went straight to the point.

“Well... Do you want some tea? I’ll get Rena to make some for us.” After hearing that, Jasmine hesitated for a moment and stood up.

“Don’t go! Tell me!” After Jasmine got up to take a step, Catherine caught her and pulled her back down.

“I don’t know what you are talking about! I can’t tell you.”

“I’m begging you, Jas. If you don’t tell me, are you okay with me not remembering something from my life?” Actually, Catherine found things a little weird even before she asked Jasmine. If Jasmine knew all about her past, why didn’t she know the story going on between Ryan and her?

Also, Jasmine couldn’t possibly not know him because Jasmine and Catherine’s parents colluded to hide the truth from her. They told Catherine that she had been in a coma for two

years.

“Who told you that there was someone called Elroy?”

“Stop asking me that. It doesn’t matter who told me about it, Okay? I just want to know what happened between Elroy and me. Also, what happened in that car accident? Please... I’m begging you...”

Feeling awkward, Jasmine sighed in the end, “Fine. If you have to know, I will tell you!”

Finally, Jasmine was willing to say something, and Catherine was going to find out the truth.

So, Catherine grabbed Jasmine’s hand and leaned closer to her because she didn’t want to miss anything.

Patting on Catherine’s hands, Jasmine slowly

began her story.

“When you were sixteen, you almost got into a car accident at the square. Elroy Johnston was the one who saved you. In order to thank him, your father treated his whole family to dinner. That was when they found out that your family and his family were long-lost family friends. At the time, you practically idolized Elroy, but he was pursuing another woman.”

“I’m not too sure about the details of the car accident, but I heard that Elroy finally won that woman’s heart that night and brought her home, and you were at

his place. Later on, you had that car accident, and when you woke up, you forgot the two years you had spent obsessing with Elroy. Meanwhile, your parents negotiated with Elroy's families to send Elroy overseas for his studies. At the same time, they also convinced me to lie about their lying. Actually, I only found out about your accident half a month after it happened. I thought

that maybe you were considering suicide at the time. Whatever it was, I had the same idea they did. We all thought that hiding your relationship with Elroy from you was the right choice. After all, it was a painful memory for you."

So, this was the truth Jasmine gave her.

For a moment, Catherine was in a daze. It seemed like this wasn't the truth she had imagined at all.

Why did it not seem to involve Ryan from beginning to end?

That was what she wanted to know the most. She wanted to know what had happened to her virginity and why Ryan hated her so much

All those things were mysteries to her.

Yet, Jasmine couldn't solve those mysteries for her.

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Chapter 103 What Did Elroy and I Do at That Time?

"And then, at the time... at the time... Elroy..." Relentless, she still wanted to ask Jasmine if they had progressed into the next level of their relationship, but she didn't know how to talk about

"What are you trying to say?" Jasmine was confused.

"I wanted to ask... Since I was so obsessed with him, did I... give myself to him?"

"Huh?" When Catherine asked this question, Jasmine cried out in surprise.

"What are you thinking about? You were a sixteen-year-old girl at that time. You were so

naive. How could that even be possible? Why did you ask that question? Who told you all this nonsense?"

"Nothing. No one." Quickly, Catherine shook her head.

"I was just guessing. It's because all of you wouldn't tell me that I thought there was something more serious going on here."

For a moment, Jasmine fell into silence. Frowning, she was trying to recall the details of what she knew after the accident.

"Actually, I can't really say for sure, but I keep thinking that your parents were evasive at that time. Perhaps there is really something they didn't want you know."

"By the way, I heard that the driver that caused the accident didn't escape. I even wanted to ask him

what had happened, but your parents wouldn't let me meet him. Perhaps they."

"Oh. I'll find a chance to ask my parents then. Thank you, Jas." With no other choice, she could only end the discussion there.

Naturally, Catherine wouldn't dare to let Jasmine meet with Kevin and talk since Kevin knew about

Catherine and Ryan.

When Jasmine realized that Catherine didn't want to dwell more about it, she stopped harping on this topic.

So, both of them began reminiscing about some interesting things that had happened in their past, and the mood eventually began to relax, or at least it seemed that way.

When Old Mrs. Walker woke up, Leonardo came by

Jasmine's room to let them know so the three of

them could go to see Old Mrs. Walker and talk to her.

Soon, it was time for dinner. Since Old Mrs. Walker was feeling happy today, she ordered the servants to cook more for dinner so that everyone could stay and eat together.

The Walker family's dining room was pretty spacious, and they set up three tables today. There was the main dining table for the family members and two more tables for the rest of the servants, excluding the servants that were required to serve them.

Old Mr. Walker went out again today so Old Mrs. Walker was the only elder people in the house. Hence, she sat in the host's seat. Meanwhile, the rest of them sat together with Leonardo sitting in the middle, and Catherine and Jasmine sitting on either side of him.

Since the servants were families of their own with the young and the old, the entire dinner was pretty lively.

While they were eating, a new dish was served. It was an authentic Lonik beef stew, whose aroma was rather noticeable.

As soon as Catherine smelled the thick aroma, she couldn't help feeling nauseated. At the same time, Jasmine also frowned subconsciously from the smell.

Meanwhile, Leonardo was very courteous and

served Catherine a little of every dish. As soon as the beef stew was served, he took a piece with his fork and placed it on her plate. Immediately after a new dish served on the table, he picked up some for Jasmine.

"Try this. Our chef cooks a pretty authentic beef stew." With Old Mrs. Walker looking at them so

enthusiastically, Catherine had no choice but to try

it.

Before the beef even reached her mouth, she could already feel her stomach churning so much that she couldn't control her gag reflex anymore.

Instantly, Jasmine and Catherine both gagged at the same time.

Because of that, both of them turned to look at each other and instinctively asked each other, "Are you..."

While both of them were stunned, Catherine recalled that Jasmine had mentioned being infertile before.

On the other hand, Jasmine was even more shocked than Catherine. Staring at Catherine, Jasmine and Catherine both took quite some time before they thought about themselves. At the

same time, they both wondered in a panic if they were pregnant.

As soon as this thought occurred to them, both of them pretended not to understand each other and averted their gaze in a panic. As though they were both trying to prove that they weren't pregnant, they both picked up a piece of beef from their plates.

'It's impossible! I've been taking oral contraceptives every time I have sex with him.' Catherine thought. However, she recalled that she had been feeling rather tired recently, and this wasn't the first time she felt sick...

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Chapter 104 She couldn't Be Pregnant, Could She?

Could it be?

That's impossible. Even if Catherine was really pregnant, she couldn't be found out here. Otherwise, what would Leonardo think? What would Jasmine think? Most importantly, what would Old Mrs. Walker think?

When Catherine thought about this, she began to panic. Her hands were trembling at the time, and her lips were even turning pale.

For a moment, everyone's attention was on the two young women. The entire dining hall was quiet, and everyone was staring at Catherine and Jasmine.

With a strange and sad gaze, Leonardo stared straight at Catherine. When he opened his mouth to ask Catherine how she was feeling, he realized that something seemed to be stuck in his throat, and it was so uncomfortable for him to speak.

Although the silence only lasted for a moment, it felt that it has lasted for a lifetime. As a matter of fact, Catherine could clearly hear her own thumping heartbeat.

While her hands kept fidgeting under the tablecloth, they were sweating.

“Oh my. Could it be that both of you are pregnant?” Suddenly, Old Mrs. Walker’s surprised voice rang out in the dining room.

“N... no!” Catherine and Jasmine responded in unison. Both of their faces were completely red, and their voices were trembling when they said that.

“Hurry up and take their pulses, Dr. Burns. What’s there to be shy about? That’s good news!”

As soon as Old Mrs. Walker said that, they all heard a deep and magnetic male voice coming from the entrance of the dining room.

“What good news?”

The next second, Ryan entered the room elegantly.

When Catherine heard that Old Mrs. Walker asked that, she was so nervous that she couldn’t control herself. When she then saw Ryan appear so suddenly, she was so nervous that she forgot to breathe.

Trembling violently, she couldn’t even hold her fork and knife. As her cutlery fell to the ground, it caused some loud and crisp clinking sound resonating throughout the room.

When Old Mr. Walker was the patriarch of the family, everyone feared him. Afterward, it was Jacob’s turn to be in charge of the whole family, and everyone feared him as well.

Now that Ryan had taken over the position, he naturally had authority over his families. Although he asked that question with a smile, everyone was still holding their breath when they saw him arrive.

At that moment when a pin drop could even be heard, the falling of Catherine’s fork on the floor seemed to be intensely magnified.

Right now, she wanted to find a place to disappear spontaneously. It was already too late for her to regret coming here.

Just then, Ryan's gaze had already sifted through the crowd and landed right on Catherine's bright red face. For a moment, he was in a daze because he didn't realize what was going on.

No one could imagine how much he missed this person sitting before him right now. In fact, he dreamed about her every night they were apart. Since he left her reluctantly last time, he thought of coming back to Walker Manor to convince his grandmother to go to Arinth. Then, he would rush back to see Catherine. However, his first reaction when he saw her here was that she must have missed him too much, and that was why she came all the way to his house on her own.

As he overthought the situation, he immediately realized that she wasn't the kind of person. How could she possibly take such a great risk to come here and see him when she was so afraid that

Jasmine would find out about their furtive relationship?

But then, what was she doing here? Why did she seem so shocked when she saw him?

Subconsciously, his brows furrowed. Just like that,

he kept staring at her as if he was waiting for her to explain everything to him.

"This is Leo's girlfriend, Ry. Her name is Camilla Stockton," Old Mrs. Walker introduced enthusiastically. At the same time, she felt puzzled because she hadn't seen Ryan lose his composure like that before.

Why would an older brother look at his younger brother's girlfriend that way?

'Camilla? Girlfriend? Damn it! What the hell is she doing here?' furious, Ryan thought inwardly.

Upon hearing that, Ryan was extremely shocked because he didn't expect his suspicions to be confirmed. All this time, he thought that she was just timid and afraid of him, and she wouldn't do anything overboard. It turned out, he had seriously underestimated her.

At that moment, he could feel the blow Catherine dealt to him, and it was incredibly uncomfortable.

For the past two years, he had never cared about her as much as he did right now, but she was doing the one thing that would infuriate him. Uncontrollably, he clenched his fists, and the expression on his face became horrible.

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Chapter 105 I Share A Woman With My Brother?

"This is Leo's brother, Cammy. He's Ryan," Old Mrs. Walker introduced Ryan to Catherine when she realized that Catherine had turned pale, and her hands were shaking.

Just then, everyone seemed to be focused on the two of them. Eventually, Catherine seemed to have recovered from her fear, awkwardness, and complicated emotions in the beginning.

Staring in Ryan's direction, Catherine called out with a trembling voice, "Ryan..."

Wow! She was now his younger brother's

girlfriend?! Upon hearing that, Ryan could feel his blood boiling inside him.

At that moment, he wanted to stomp his feet over and pinch her jaw to ask her what the damn woman was thinking about right now.

However, he knew he couldn't succumb to his impulses. The angrier he was, the calmer he had to be.

After calming down, he still wore a poker face, but at least he didn't seem furious anymore.

"Hello!" Ryan greeted her. He didn't want to fly into a rage because he didn't want to depress his grandma Old Mrs. Walker.

Obviously, Old Mrs. Walker was kept in the dark. After all, how was she going to accept that her younger grandson's girlfriend was actually his eldest grandson's mistress?

After greeting Catherine, Ryan glanced indifferently at both Leonardo and Jasmine.

Despite Ryan's warning, Leonardo disobeyed him and got mixed up with Catherine. Also, there was Jasmine. She definitely had something to do with this too. From the looks of it, she was getting more and more disobedient as well.

However, Leonardo was not in the mood to pay attention to Ryan at all. All this time, he couldn't take his eyes off Catherine.

She gave him such a good and perfect impression all this time. Who would have thought that she...

Walking over to them, Rena pulled out the chair beside Jasmine and invited respectfully, "Please take a seat, Mr. Walker."

Ryan walked over to the table and sat down.

"Let's eat, everyone!" Now that Ryan was back, the atmosphere changed. It was only when he asked everyone to eat that they resumed their dinner.

"What good news were you talking about earlier, Grandma?" Ryan forced a smile and asked.

"It's the greatest news! But it's not confirmed yet. Doc, hurry up and take the pulses of my two granddaughters-in-law."

"Yes!" Homer replied. Standing up, he walked over to the main dining table.

Once again, Ryan had the opportunity to peek at Catherine. Glancing immediately at her, he wished that he could just kill her with his sharp gaze at that moment. Meeting his gaze, Catherine felt a chill down her spine.

"I don't need it. Why don't you just take Jasmine's pulse? I don't need..."
Panicking, Catherine tried to stop the doctor.

"No, I don't need it. Just feel Camilla's pulse instead." After calming down from the shock and

fear, Jasmine gave it some thought and decided that it was impossible for Catherine to be pregnant.

If that was the case, feeling her pulse wouldn't cause any problem at all.

As for herself, it was difficult to say, and she couldn't be confirmed as pregnant in public.

It was only then that Ryan understood what was going on.

Just like Jasmine, he thought that Catherine couldn't be pregnant. After all, her contraceptives were prepared by Victoria, and her pills had always worked in the past two years.

Besides, he even warned Victoria that Catherine couldn't get pregnant.

Catherine wasn't allowed to get pregnant, Jasmine,

on the other hand... Ryan turned his gaze back to his lawfully-wedded wife instead.

Since quite a while ago, Jasmine's face was already a bright red, but he didn't know whether it was because of her embarrassment or guilt.

"Dr. Burns has to check on both of you. No matter whether you are pregnant or not, you two feel unwell, so you need to let the doctor exam you," Old Mrs. Walker insisted.

"But I-" Catherine and Jasmine refused in unison again.

"Listen to Grandma!" Ryan uttered sternly with an authoritative voice that stopped both women from refusing further.

"It's not too convenient to take their pulses here, Old Mrs. Walker. How about..." Dr. Burns bent over and advised after approaching the two women.

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Chapter 106 Congratulations, She's Pregnant

"Let's go to the living room. Once the doctor has felt your pulse, we can come back to dinner," Old Mrs. Walker suggested and stood up with Rena's help.

Catherine was still thinking of a way to refuse Old Mrs. Walker when she heard Ryan order her to follow Old Mrs. Walker's suggestion so adamantly. Did that mean he also thought she wouldn't be pregnant?

After they had sex a few times before, he would bring out the pills for her to eat. So, he probably wouldn't want her to get pregnant, either.

Thinking of this, Catherine felt that she was perhaps overthinking things. Perhaps she got

nauseated because she had eaten something wrong.

Since she would not be pregnant, it would be better to have her pulse felt so that they could clarify things. That way, Old Mrs. Walker wouldn't get her hopes too high and feel anxious all the time.

As for Ryan, she would find a solution to dealing with him later. After all, he cared so much about Old Mrs. Walker. No matter how angry he was, he would vent his anger when he and Catherine were alone.

When Old Mrs. Walker got up, Ryan and Leonardo followed too. Then, both women followed along while Dr. Burns followed them.

At the main hall, Old Mrs. Walker instructed Dr. Burns, "take Cammy's pulse first."

Because Camilla wasn't officially her granddaughter-in-law yet, they should begin with her, based on proper etiquette.

Sitting down, Catherine extended her slender arms before Dr. Burns.

At that moment, everyone held their breath and looked at the doctor's hand on Catherine's.

On the other hand, Ryan's heart seemed to be on tenterhooks as well. Before, he had considered having Catherine bear his child, but he changed his mind because he thought she was a scheming woman.

Just then, his hand involuntarily reached into his pocket.

In it, there was a red box containing a diamond ring. During this trip, he specially picked a diamond ring for Catherine.

He thought that he needed to show more concern towards her if he wanted to keep her by his side since all women craved care and love from their men. He wanted to propose to her. Although she couldn't be his only wife, he wanted her to be his concubine.

In the past, she did not agree probably because she felt he had no feelings for her. If he told her that he actually liked her, perhaps she would change her mind.

Today, her unexpected appearance here made him reconsider all the doubts he had of her again.

Catherine was quite opaque for him. She definitely had her ulterior motives for coming over to Walker Manor, despite her furtive relationship with him.

Therefore, a woman like this should not bear the heir of the Walker family. Fortunately, it was impossible.

While he was thinking to himself, he saw Dr. Burns frown and feel Catherine's pulse again. Naturally, this subtle movement tugged at the hearts of several people watching.

All this time, Leonardo had been pretty nervous because he was hoping it was all just a misunderstanding. After all, the woman he had fallen for was a pure and innocent woman.

"How is it?" Old Mrs. Walker asked nervously.

After his confirmation, Dr. Burns withdrew his hand, stood up, and congratulated them, "Congratulations, Old Mrs. Walker. She's pregnant!"

"Pregnant?" Four people asked that question at the same time in different tones.

While Jasmine was simply surprised, Leonardo's question hid an immense disappointment in it.

Finally, Ryan's question was in a tone that sounded extremely dissatisfied with her. If she was pregnant, that meant that she did something to the contraceptives.

But, why would she do that? Was it for fame or wealth? Or was it just to keep him by her side?

When he thought about the fact that she had his child, he felt incredibly dissatisfied and some other strange emotions.

It was as if he began to care for her and be more understanding of her. Whatever it was, she probably resorted to this last solution she had. As long as she loved him, he was okay with forgiving whatever mistakes she made.

On the other hand, Catherine was extremely surprised. Subconsciously, she caressed her belly in a daze. In her tone, she sounded like she was in complete disbelief.

Then, her eyes furiously swept towards Ryan. It had to be him!

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Chapter 107 Despicable

Before this, Ryan had mentioned twice that he wanted Catherine to have his child. Yet, he was despicable enough to pretend to watch her take the contraceptives every time after they had sex. It turned out, everything was a ruse!

What a devilish plot to let her lower her guard and end up accomplishing his goals of her bearing the Walker family's heir!

While everyone was immersed in their own

thoughts, no one noticed that Catherine was staring straight at her 'brother'.

"Hurry up and take a look at Jas now. If she is also pregnant, we will have two babies," Old Mrs. Walker urged. Before Jasmine could even refuse, Old Mrs. Walker had already pressed down on

Jasmine's shoulders to sit her down.

"But I don't..." When Jasmine said that, she caught Ryan's warning gaze. Keeping her head down, she helplessly extended her hand.

Sitting down once more, Dr. Burns took Jasmine's pulse.

After feeling her pulse, Dr. Burns put on a smile again and congratulated Old Mrs. Walker once more.

At that point, Old Mrs. Walker was so excited that she didn't know what to do. Even her voice trembled a lot.

"... I can finally die in peace. That's good. It's good that both of you are pregnant. Fortunately, I've prepared some tonic for you. Otherwise, I can't imagine when I would finally get to hear this news."

While Old Mrs. Walker was saying that, she wiped the tears of joy that kept falling down her cheeks.

Supplements... Upon hearing that, Ryan felt like his head was about to explode.

When he heard that Catherine was pregnant, his first thought was that the child was his. He had never thought of the possibility that it could be someone else's.

However, one sentence from Old Mrs. Walker seemed to remind him what had happened when he came back suddenly the other day.

With his own eyes, he saw the woman called

Camilla hiding in the bed naked. It was no wonder she was so afraid when she saw him.

Damn it! Could her child be... That night, she kept saying that she missed him. Obviously, she was under the influence of the so-called tonic.

Since Leonardo had also consumed it before, it was impossible that nothing had happened between Catherine and Leonardo.

Clenching his fists tightly, Ryan punched down hard on the coffee table beside him and glared at Catherine.

While Old Mrs. Walker was immersed in joy, she jumped in fright when she heard the loud bang caused by Ryan.

"What's wrong with you, Ry?"

"Oh, it's nothing, Grandma. I just feel too happy." After that brief moment of anger, Ryan quickly snapped out of it.

No matter how much Catherine deserved to die, he could not affect Old Mrs. Walker's good mood right now.

Even if it wasn't real, he had to let Old Mrs. Walker think it was real in the meantime.

"Yes. You are already thirty years old. Now, you can finally be a father. From today onward, Jas, you will live in Walker Manor so that I can take care of you."

Staring at Jasmine, Catherine recalled that Jasmine had told her that she was infertile. How did she get pregnant so quickly? Did Jasmine lie to her, or did she not know herself?

Since Jasmine claimed herself to be infertile, she should be overjoyed that she managed to get pregnant. But why did it seem like she wasn't pleasantly surprised at all?

Did she not love Ryan and not want his child too, like Catherine?

“Ryan!” Old Mrs. Walker shouted. If she called him

by his name, that meant that she had something important to announce.

“Yes, Grandma.” Ryan stood respectfully and awaited her instructions.

“Now that your Grandpa is not in charge, and your parents aren’t at home. You will prepare the engagement and proposal gifts for the Stockton family on behalf of the Walker family. After all, the child of the Walker family should be raised in the Walker family.”

“Yes, Grandma!” Regardless of what would happen next, Ryan could only accede to Old Mrs. Walker’s requests.

“Take good care of Jas, Ry. You should also take

good care of Cammy, Leo,” Old Mrs. Walker ordered.

Just like Ryan, Leonardo snapped out of his

confusion and realized that their first priority was to please their grandmother.

“Okay, Grandma. We will.” Ryan and Leonardo both smiled and promised.

When Old Mrs. Walker saw how obedient they were, she grew even happier.

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Chapter 108 Talk Alone

At that point, Catherine no longer focused on herself. For some reason, she felt that Jasmine seemed a little bit sad, which gnawed at the former’s heart.

Was Jasmine feeling sad because she didn’t love Ryan or because she couldn’t tell if Ryan loved her?

Also, Ryan had been staring at Catherine when he heard that she was pregnant. On the other hand, he only frowned a little when he heard that Jasmine was pregnant.

If Jasmine wanted to maintain her position in the Walker family, she had to have this child. Anyway, Catherine couldn't do anything to displease her best friend.

Catherine thought if Ryan believed that the child in Catherine's belly was his, he would definitely want her to have it after planning for so long for her to get pregnant. If that were to happen, Jasmine would end up being neglected. So, it was probably best for her to keep lying to Grandma and to pretend that she had Leonardo's child.

However, Leonardo could possibly refuse to cooperate with her. So, she had to have a talk with him before he told everyone that the child wasn't his.

"I have to talk to Leonardo alone, Grandma. Is that okay?" Catherine asked with a reddened face.

"Sure! Since the food has already gotten cold, why don't all of you go back to your rooms? Later, I will have someone send the food to your rooms."

Just then, Old Mrs. Walker was thinking that they would need some time alone to whisper sweet

nothings now that both couples knew that they had their babies.

Ryan's room was in the same direction as Leonardo's so Jasmine held onto Ryan while Catherine naturally held onto Leonardo. After bidding their goodbyes, all four of them headed for their rooms.

"Let's have a talk first, Camilla!" Ryan ordered Catherine with a serious expression when they arrived at Leonardo's room.

Upon hearing that, Catherine turned to Leonardo for help. Since Leonardo had a lot of questions to ask her, he naturally wasn't going to let his brother talk to her first.

"I will bring her to you later, Ryan," Leonardo mentioned with a humble yet determined tone.

After saying that, he opened the door to his room

and entered with Catherine.

Watching their backs, Ryan felt incredibly hurt. It was as if Catherine was leaving him and running into his brother's arms.

If the child really was Leonardo's, wouldn't that mean she would no longer have anything to do with him?

No! He would absolutely not allow such a thing to happen!

But what could he do? Was he going to take her from his brother by force?

Was she worthy of him falling out with his brother? Of course not! However, he wasn't going to let someone as despicable as her be together with him or Leonardo.

There was no way he would let her marry into the

Walker family at all!

"Hubby, why,"

"Shut up! There's no need to keep pretending! No one's watching!" Ryan interrupted Jasmine irritably.

As soon as he arrived home today, who would have thought such a big surprise would welcome him? For some reason, Catherine and Jasmine both got pregnant. It was ridiculous.

Ever since they got married, Ryan had never talked to Jasmine like that before. They promised to always play the role of a loving husband and wife in front of others.

However, Jasmine knew that she didn't do it well

enough.

This pregnancy wasn't in their expectation at all. It

was supposed to be a safe period...

"I'm sorry. Let's talk about it in our room." Jasmine dragged Ryan back into their restroom.

In his room, Leonardo was also annoyed.

How could Catherine, the woman who was the purest goddess in the world in his eyes, be hiding the fact that she was pregnant from him?

“Do you want to tell me what’s going on?” Leonardo asked Catherine while trying his best to hold in his anger.

At that moment, his sincere love for her was hurt by her calmness.

Although Catherine was no one to him and didn’t have any reason to apologize to him, she couldn’t help it when she saw that depressed expression on his face.

“I’m sorry. Perhaps I have let you down,” she apologized while smiling self-deprecatingly.

In fact, she was disappointed at herself and Ryan as well.

“I’ve told you before, I have a boyfriend.”

“The child is his?” Leonardo asked with a frown.

Right. He couldn’t blame her since she did mention that she had a boyfriend. It was just that he had refused to believe it before.

Thinking back, if she didn’t have a boyfriend, why did she look so sad like she was hurt by someone?

It was probably because she was hurt by her boyfriend that she couldn’t bring herself to be happy.

Nodding to Leonardo, Catherine continued to explain, “The child is his. I myself didn’t expect that I would be pregnant.” When she said this, she felt a little uneasy.

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Catherine believed that Leonardo could understand what she meant.

Of course, he believed her because he saw her shocked look when she heard the news earlier.

“So, what do you plan to do now?” Leonardo asked. From his anger and disappointment toward her in the beginning, Leonardo began to sympathize and feel sorry for her.

“He doesn’t love me. I still don’t know what I should do about this child...” To be honest, he had her stumped. What should she do next?

If she kept the child, she would definitely not be able to give the child a normal family.

On the other hand, she couldn’t bear to abort the child.

“Well, are you still planning on staying by his side? Do you still love him?” Leonardo asked. He seemed to realize that he actually cared a lot about her following answer.

Shaking her head, Catherine supposed that she didn’t love him. Even if she did, she would tell herself not to.

“The reason I want to talk to you alone is that I need to ask you to do something for me, Leonardo. Please don’t tell anyone that the child isn’t yours. I don’t want Grandma to be disappointed or sad. Since we already had dinner, I will go home right away and never come back here again. I hope you can help me leave a good impression on your families. For my reputation, please help me.”

She was going to leave! If she really left, he would

have no chance to see her in the future.

Just then, a sense of panic and reluctance welled up from the bottom of his heart. Because of that, it took a split second for him to decide on something that might even shock himself.

“Be with me, Camilla!” Suddenly, he grabbed her hand and stared at her with determination.

From the first time he laid eyes on this woman, he no longer had eyes for anyone else.

“Since everyone thinks that the child is mine, let’s just let it truly be mine. That man must have hurt you so much before so you shouldn’t go back to him or you will be hurt even worse. I’m willing to protect you and help you forget all the unhappy things so that you can start over again. Is that okay?”

His sudden suggestions stunned Catherine for a

moment, and she even forgot to shake free of his hands which tightly grabbed hers.

That was because she was too surprised. She never imagined that Leonardo would make such a selfless decision for her despite the fact that they had barely met a few times.

He was a really kind man. How could a man be willing to raise someone else's child?

When she heard his words, she felt a sense of warmth well up in her heart because she was really touched by his words. At the time, she wanted to smile but also cry. Finally, she put on a smile and moved his hands away.

"No! You are still young. I cannot do this to you. It's unfair."

"I don't care. I like you!" Leonardo sounded very agitated. He tried to hug her, but she dodged him.

"I know you don't like me, but please give me a chance. I believe you will eventually begin to like

me."

Since he had already made such a bold suggestion, he had to stubbornly fight for what he wanted so that he wouldn't have any regrets.

"I'm really not in the mood for that. Besides, it's impossible for us to be together no matter how long it takes." Although she knew her rejection would hurt him, she had no choice.

"Why? Is there something wrong with me? Is it because I'm not as good-looking as him or because my family background isn't as good as his? Is it because I'm not as gentle as him? Please believe in my sincerity toward you, Camilla. As long as you tell me what's bad about me. I'm willing to change it for you."

How was she going to explain to this foolish man?

At that moment, she had the urge to tell him that the man he was talking about was his brother, Ryan. Because she was a mistress of his elder brother, it was impossible for them to be together.

"It's just a feeling! Sometime, you just can't explain why you fall for someone, Leonardo. I just... I just feel right when I'm by his side. I'm so sorry... I'm seriously thankful for your kindness for me, but it's impossible between us.

Upon hearing that, Leonardo put down his hand dejectedly. Not only was there a disappointed look on his face, but there was unwillingness too.

"But if you want me to lie and say the child is mine, my family will insist and urge for both of us to get married as soon as possible. How should we deal with that?"

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When Leonardo mentioned this, a spark of hope rekindled in his heart.

However, Catherine smiled. Although she didn't know how they were going to deal with it, she had already calmed down.

"Don't worry, I will think of a reason not to come here again. Just help me this time despite how unreasonable my request is."

"Fine! I promise you. But please remember that I will be waiting for you, and it doesn't matter how long it takes. I will always be willing to be together with you."

At that moment, his promise sounded so solemn and sincere that Catherine felt touched and sorry.

Despite the fact that he was treating her this way, there was nothing she could do to repay his kindness.

After all, he wasn't mature enough, and it was probably because he had his brother to shield him from the cruel world.

If he was more mature, she thought that he could probably forget his childish unrequited love for her then.

"Actually, a mature and responsible man will be more charming, Leonardo. I hope I will see you be

like your elder brother one day."

Why did she say that? Did she subconsciously realize that Ryan was Leonardo's role model as well?

When Catherine realized that she had mentioned that despicable man, she stopped talking.

"I understand. I won't let you down." As if he finally found a way to gain her trust, Leonardo felt pretty grateful.

Perhaps a man just needed a chance to become mature. Catherine would be exactly the woman that would have undeniable contributions to Leonardo's growth.

Just when both of them reached a consensus, they heard someone knocking at the door.

"Please come in!" Leonardo mentioned. As soon as the door opened, Ryan walked in with steady steps.

Right now, he had to talk to Catherine, and he didn't want to wait another minute longer.

"Why don't you head out for a while. I need to talk to Camilla alone," Ryan instructed Leonardo when he approached both of them.

Although Ryan looked calm, Leonardo could tell that he was suppressing his anger at the time.

Perhaps it was because Ryan thought that Catherine was intentionally seducing Leonardo. However, Leonardo was always puzzled as to why Ryan always seemed to be strangely biased against Catherine.

Instinctively, he wrapped his arms around Catherine's shoulder and retorted, "She's my girlfriend, Ryan. If you have anything to say to her, you can say it in front of me."

Would this make Catherine think that he was mature? While Leonardo thought that to himself, he was pretty satisfied with his growth.

"Get out!" Ryan frowned and reinforced his tone. At the same time, he shot Catherine a warning gaze.

If she wasn't going to do something about it, he

would expose their relationship right away.

“Since Ryan wants to talk to me alone, I think it would be better if you go out. Don’t worry about me. I will be fine.” Catherine smiled at Leonardo just to make him feel at ease.

Her smile was so fucking charming. When Ryan saw it, he couldn’t help clenching his fists, consumed with petty jealousy.

As soon as Leonardo left the room and closed the door, Ryan reached out and pinched Catherine’s jaw.

If she wasn’t pregnant right now, he would probably have slapped her.

“Tell me, what are you trying to do? Why would you shamelessly sleep with my brother? Don’t you feel disgusted sleeping with him after sleeping with me?”

Just like that, these series of questions allowed him to vent all the frustrations he had been holding back so far.

He hated her. He resented her so much. He wanted to crush her jaw so badly and strangle this shameless woman.

Feeling the pain from her jaw, Catherine frowned tightly and shook her head with all her might. She wanted to break free from his grip.

“Let go. You have no right to do this to me!” How could he look so hateful toward her? She was the one who should hate him! After all, the person who despicably got her pregnant and made her so miserable was him!

“Answer me! How are you still pregnant after taking contraceptives? Is the child his or mine?”

As expected, he didn’t trust her and thought that

she was just a cheap woman who would easily get in bed with his brother. He was just so pathetic.