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When Nicholas heard what she said, he got a little angry. "I'm here because our families have been friends for generations!"

"That's funny. So, you remember that now." Wanda put on a mocking smile. "Why haven't you thought about this when you were targeting my company heartlessly? You clearly don't care about the relationship between our families then, so why are you pretending to care about it now?"

Nicholas' eyes darkened, and he thought, It's obvious that she still hasn't realized her mistakes. She's still acting so aggressively.

"Please allow me to remind you, Miss Muller. It was you who started it by causing trouble to my wife time and time again. You brought it upon yourself. Moreover, if it weren't for our families' relationship, I would have wiped out Muller Inc. from Southend a long time ago!"

Wanda was so angry that her face reddened, and she was breathing furiously. Up until now, she still didn't think she was in the wrong.

"What have I done wrong? All I'm doing is fighting for the man I love! Why won't you ever look at me even though I come from a more powerful family and I'm much better Tessa?" Wanda looked at Nicholas, unbending and unwilling to concede defeat.

Nicholas frowned when he heard her words. I have made it clear from the beginning. However, she refuses to accept the facts and keeps overstepping my boundaries!

"I've said it before, and I will say it again. Stop scheming. I never had feelings for you. Moreover, I'm married. Even if I'm not, there will never be anything between us!"

When Wanda heard Nicholas' cruel rejection once again, she was humiliated. She was so emotional that her chest rose up and down heavily.

Nicholas ignored her. His patience for her had completely run out, and he was disgusted by how Wanda was so full of herself. "Since I'm not welcome, this will be my last time here. I won't be visiting ever again." After he was done talking, he turned around and left.

As Wanda watched him leave without hesitation, she felt empty inside and wanted to call out to him.

To be honest, those words only came out of her mouth because she was angry. She didn't mean them, but then she noticed Tessa approaching them, so she swallowed what she wanted to say.

Not far away, Tessa was wearing an oversized pink hoodie that hid her baby bump and made her look youthful. Although she was holding a bouquet, her beauty still stood out.

When Wanda saw how youthful and beautiful Tessa was, she was filled with jealousy. She gritted her teeth when she saw Nicholas walking toward Tessa quickly.

In fact, Nicholas was surprised to see Tessa. He went up to hold her and looked at her softly. "Why are you here?"

"I heard you came to visit Mr. Muller, so I came too because I wanted to see how he was doing." Tessa raised her head and smiled at him.

Looking at Tessa, Nicholas felt his frustration vanishing immediately. Then, he tucked her hair behind her ears and said lovingly, "You didn't have to come all the way here. Just leave this to me. I don't want you to get stressed over this."

"I'm not made of porcelain, Nicholas. Moreover, Mr. Muller is an elder and the two families are on good terms, so it would be better if we visit him together to show that the Sawyer Family cares about the Muller Family." She shot him a look, but the truth was that she was spying on Wanda, who looked grim, from the corner of her eye.

In fact, Tessa had said this just for Wanda to hear.

At that moment, she walked past Nicholas and stood in front of Wanda with a fierce look in her eyes. "I heard what you said earlier, Miss Muller. How could you say that? I wouldn't agree with you."

As Nicholas watched Tessa, who looked intimidating, a glint of happiness flashed in his eyes.

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Naturally, Nicholas figured out what Tessa was up to. Meanwhile, Wanda's face grew even darker as she glared at Tessa, who was rebuking her. "What do you mean by that?"

She clenched her fists as she fired back at Tessa. "You keep saying that Nicholas doesn't care about the relationship between the two families, but he wouldn't have come here today! if he didn't!" Tessa declared icily.

She paused for a moment and her tone grew sharper when she continued, "You, on the other hand, keep banking on the relationship between the two families as you carry on doing even more and more reprehensible things. Don't you feel embarrassed of yourself? What makes you think you have the right to stand here and criticize someone else?"

Wanda was livid and she trembled with rage. "As if you know anything!" She glared at Tessa as if she was a predator who was about to pounce on its prey.

Tessa wasn't afraid. She looked Wanda straight in the eye as she said, "I may not know much, but I know what it means to have a sense of

propriety. You know very well that Nicholas and I married, and yet you still keep trying to break us up. That's called being shameless. Aren't the Mullers supposed to be a prestigious family? I'm sure the children are raised with a strict upbringing. Mr. Muller seems like a sensible and reasonable elder, so I have no idea how the family produced someone like you who's immature and lacks a sense of propriety!"

In all honesty, Tessa felt bad for Horace. On the way over, she heard the news that Horace was hospitalized out of his vexation at Wanda.

"Miss Muller, I know having a prestigious family background and family elders who dote on you gives you confidence and a sense of security, but it doesn't mean you have the right to do whatever you want. Mr. Muller is protective of you because you're his granddaughter and he loves you.

He doesn't want you to suffer in any way, but what about you? Haven't you besmirched your grandfather's reputation enough and wasted his love for you?"

Tessa's unrelenting castigation made Wanda feel as if all the most shameful sides of her were on display.

Everything Tessa said was true. Wanda banked on the fact that she came from a prestigious family and had a family elder who loved her dearly to fearlessly run amok time and time again.

However, though she was willing to admit this to herself, she could not accept being told off by someone else. Especially not by Tessa "Even if what I do is wrong, what gives you the right to lecture me?"

Feeling both ashamed and angered, Wanda fired back at Tessa through gritted teeth. This woman wouldn't even have the right to stand in front of me if it wasn't because Nicholas liked her!

Tessa seemed to know what the look in Wanda's eyes meant as her gaze turned to one of pity instead. If not for anything else, then for Horace's fiercely protective love toward Wanda.

It was clear that Wanda didn't realize all of Horace's good intentions. Tessa scoffed. "I might not have the right to lecture you, but I should have the right to talk about the way you keep plotting against me over and over again, right?"

This time, Wanda could not rebuke her. After all, her past deeds had been exposed, so she couldn't deny it even if she wanted to. Wanda turned scarlet, though there was no telling whether it was due to her anger or shame.

Tessa pretended to be unaware of this as she calmly continued, "You know, if we take into account the abhorrent things you did in the past, no one would say I did the wrong thing if I slapped you right here, right now. However, I don't want to stoop to your level. It'll only dirty my hand!"

She did not hold back at all. Wanda was so infuriated that she nearly broke her jaw from clenching her teeth. The veins along her neck were bulging as well. She never thought that Tessa would have the gall to humiliate her this way.

"Don't think you can run your mouth and humiliate me just because Nicholas has your back, Tessa! At the end of the day, I'm still the Mullers' daughter, and you're just some woman who lucked out because Nicholas took a liking to you! That's the only reason why you can flaunt yourself in front of me now. You're nothing if you don't have Nicholas!"

However, Tessa wasn't angered by these words. She nodded in agreement and openly admitted it. "You're right. I wouldn't have the right to flaunt myself in front of you if I didn't have Nicholas, but there are no ifs and buts in this world. Nicholas chose me, and he never wronged you or the Mullers in any way.

All along, it was merely wishful thinking on your part, Miss Muller. You have no one but yourself to blame for everything that has happened to you!"

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Wanda was speechless. Once again, she could not think of anything to say in retort, and her breathing grew heavier. Fury would not even begin to describe what she felt. Yet, she could not take her rage out on Tessa. It festered inside of her and made her chest ache instead.

As Tessa observed Wanda, who was on the verge of fainting in anger, she abruptly changed the subject. "To be honest, I've got a question. Considering your identity and laudable qualities, I'm sure you must have a lot of admirers, right, Miss Muller?"

She stared evenly at Wanda. Wanda eyed her darkly and snorted. "What now? Have you finished criticizing me and decided to pretend to be nice and give me advice instead?"

"You could say that. I just think that with what you have to offer, I'm sure you can find someone who loves you and cares about you, so why must you keep obsessing over Nicholas? There are plenty of accomplished people in this world."

Tessa studied Wanda's expression before adding, "Furthermore, if you insist on trying to get someone you can't have, then not only do you end up with nothing but wounds to show for it, but you even become the despicable person that everyone else detests. Do you think it's worth it?"

Wanda was stunned into silence. Is it worth it? She quietly asked herself.

Tessa looked at the silent woman in front of her. She could tell that her words did not go unheard, so she continued, "Regardless of whether or not it's worth it, you're still destroying yourself and hurting the ones who love you, so you should stop when you still can!"

She sincerely meant every word. Once Tessa finished speaking, she didn't bother to see what Wanda's reaction was. She stuffed the flowers into Wanda's hands and said coolly, "Since Nicholas has already visited Mr. Muller, I won't be going in. Please pass these flowers to him."

Then, she turned to leave with Nicholas in tow. As for Wanda, she held the flowers and stared at them as they left. She ended up standing in place for a very long time...

After leaving the hospital, Tessa let out a long sigh. Nicholas stood beside his wife. When he saw her relieved expression, he asked, "Did you manage to let your anger out?"

"I wouldn't say I was angry. I was just really tired of her." Tessa shook her head.

She recalled the dark expression on Wanda's face just before she left the hospital and asked hesitantly, "Did I go too far with what I said just now?"

Nicholas was amused to see his wife softening up so quickly. He gazed at her with gentle, adoring eyes. "Not at all. You spoke very well and said all the right things!"

"Are you sure?"

Tessa eyed Nicholas doubtfully. Nicholas nodded. "Of course. Didn't you see? Wanda couldn't think of anything to say in response. She couldn't refute you in any way."

Tessa's worries dissipated at once. "I'm glad I didn't go too far." She patted her chest and smiled.

Nicholas' gaze grew even warmer as he teased, "I've never seen you that way before. You do have a fierce, intimidating side to you after all." "I was never weak in the first place."

Tessa raised her eyebrows and shook her fists as she jokingly threatened, "I can be vicious in a fight, especially when I'm up against someone who's trying to bully me!"

Nicholas grabbed the hand of his adorable wife and nodded solemnly. "You're right. You're the most fiercely protective person I know. You rolled up your sleeves and jumped right in when your stepmother and the others tried to bully your brother. You weren't even afraid of the group of burly men."

Tessa knew that Nicholas was referring to the time when Silas kidnapped her younger brother. She felt embarrassed by the memory.

She never thought that Nicholas would still be holding onto the memory of her aggressive side. It made her squirm in awkwardness.

"Well... I'm usually quite gentle, really, unless someone pushes the wrong button." She looked up at him with affectionate eyes. "You're the button no one's allowed to push."

Nicholas' gaze softened as he chuckled with delight. "Mm-hmm. That's what I like to hear."

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Always Been Yours Chapter 1229—By now, Tessa could tell that the man in front of her was teasing her. "You're laughing at me!" She glared at him coquettishly. Nicholas held her in his arms and chuckled. "I'm not laughing at you. This is me being happy." "You're happy?"

Tessa eyed him curiously. Nicholas smiled. "You said I'm yours just now, and it's the first time you declared that in front of someone else. You're also the first person who ever came forward and protected me like that."

His heart melted into a puddle of goo at the memory of the way Tessa admonished Wanda without hesitation when Wanda was screaming at him and mocking him earlier.

All along, he was the one who protected others. It was his first time experiencing what it was like to be protected by someone else, and it was by the person he loved with all his heart no less.

It was an amazing feeling. He felt as if he was on cloud nine. Tessa could hear the joy in Nicholas' voice and her heart ached for him.

Everyone else thought that Nicholas was the epitome of someone strong and powerful, so much so that they overlooked the fact that he needed someone to protect him too.

With this thought in mind, she raised her bright eyes and looked at the handsome man in front of her as she declared mischievously, "Since you're mine now, from now on, I'll protect you."

"I'll be in your care then."

Nicholas went along with her joke as his love for her blossomed.

His heart stirred at the sight of her breathtaking smile and he couldn't resist lowering his head to kiss her.

Tessa was startled by the soft feeling against her lips.

By the time she came out of her daze, she looked at him and blushed. She then said with a smile, "Why did you kiss me so suddenly? We're out in public right now. There could be paparazzi around."

We're on the street, and yet Nicholas kissed me without caring whether someone sees us or not! She looked around furtively. Thankfully, she didn't spot anything suspicious, so she sighed in relief.

After all, she didn't want anyone to post a photo of her and Nicholas being physically intimate online for all the netizens to see.

That being said, she was still overwhelmed by a warm sensation in her heart. She felt as if she swallowed a jar of honey. She had no idea how adorable she looked in Nicholas' eyes.

Nicholas tightened his grip around her hand as he bent down and said, "Don't worry. No one would dare take any photos of us without my consent. So what if we're out in public right now? I have every right to kiss my wife."

Tessa gazed into his soulful eyes and her smile grew even sweeter. Up in the hospital room, Wanda saw this very scene.



She saw the woman who had a glowing smile as she leaned into the man's arms, and the sight of this felt too painful to behold. At the same time, she realized just how pitiful she was. Oliver and Tessa's words kept replaying in Wanda's mind.

"It's no surprise that Nicholas doesn't like a woman as fake and loathsome as you, Wanda."

"You have much to offer yourself, Miss Muller, so why must you keep obsessing over Nicholas? There are plenty of accomplished people in this world. You can easily find someone who loves you and cares about you."

Wanda's eyes glistened at the thought of these words. Horace noticed that something was wrong and came over out of concern. He spotted the lovey-dovey couple downstairs.

"Stop looking at them." He tried to pull Wanda away, but she didn't move.

Wanda was rooted to the spot as she stared unblinkingly at Tessa and Nicholas, who were still in an embrace. "Grandpa, do you think I didn't get the love I desired because my mind is filled with nothing but schemes and plots?" she asked quietly.

Horace didn't know what to say to his granddaughter. However, before he could say anything, Wanda started speaking again.

"If I'm sincere toward others in the future, do you think someone will love me and adore me like how Nicholas loves and adores Tessa?"

Wanda turned to look at Horace. Their gazes met. All of a sudden, Horace laughed. He could tell that Wanda's attitude was finally changing, and he was glad.

"Of course. If you're genuine and sincere, someone will love you the same way too."

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Always Been Yours Chapter 1230—Horace nodded with confidence in response to Wanda's question, and at the same time, he felt grateful toward Tessa. Earlier on, when he saw Wanda running into Nicholas downstairs, he came down as well out of concern, but he ended up overhearing what Tessa said.

Tessa's words were a little harsh, but Horace felt that she was pretty remarkable. She was able to knock sense into his stubborn granddaughter. It's no wonder Nicholas likes her so much.

Why would Nicholas take a liking to his granddaughter when he had such a bright and positive young woman by his side?



However, Horace believed that Wanda would change for the better too after everything that happened. He glanced down at the couple who were leaving hand-in-hand before gently patting Wanda's shoulder.

"Stop looking at them. Come. Let's talk."

Wanda nodded. She glanced at the couple one last time before sitting down beside Horace. Tessa didn't know that Wanda had been enlightened by her words.

She happily followed Nicholas back to the car and left. Meanwhile, at the police station. Oliver was released after being detained for a day.

When he got home, he saw his parents sitting in the living room with grim expressions. "Mom, Dad," he greeted. What he received in return was not his parents' concern but his father's slap.

Oliver had not seen it coming. He ended up stumbling to the floor. Even so, Francis was still furious as he roared, "Don't call me Dad. I don't have a son as reckless and impetuous as you!"

On the other hand, Belinda was distressed.

"He's not a child anymore. You shouldn't hit him. Can't you just use your words instead?" Belinda chided as she came forward to help Oliver up.

That only made the flames of Francis' fury spread to her. "It's your fault for being so benevolent and soft-hearted that this rebellious boy behaves as if he's above the law. Look at what he's done!"

Francis glared at Oliver. He was heaving with rage.

Oliver had never seen his father this furious before. He was somewhat terrified.

Initially, he thought his father was mad because he had caused a scene in front of the Mullers. He was about to admit his wrongdoing, but his father lashed out again before he could.

"Why did you offend Sawyer Group time and time again for no good reason?"

Oliver was stumped when he heard this. How did I offend Sawyer Group time and time again?

"What are you talking about, Dad? At most, I only offended them twice, and the last time was during the gala. I didn't do anything else after that."

Oliver tried to defend himself. However, Francis didn't buy it as he fumed, "Are you still trying to lie to me, you incorrigible boy? The company has already looked into everything. Sawyer Group is the reason behind our series of unfortunate events!"

Oliver's heart skipped a beat. He didn't expect the company to investigate what happened in the past.

His conscience got the better of him. He

wanted to explain that it was Wanda who talked

him into doing those things.

However, before he could say anything, Francis' voice rang out again.

"The company's board of directors is doubting the Hadfields' ability to lead the company because you gathered a bunch of reporters to defame the young Mrs. Sawyer, which led to the Sawyer Group targeting the company!"

"When did I ask any reporter to defame the young Mrs. Sawyer?" Oliver was dumbfounded. He had no clue what Francis was talking about.

However, Francis was infuriated by what he thought was Oliver's refusal to admit his wrongdoing. "Are you still trying to act naive and innocent in front of me? I'm going to teach you a lesson right now!"

He raised his hand once more. Oliver hid behind Belinda in fright as he defended himself. "I'm not trying to act innocent. I don't even know the young Mrs. Sawyer, so why would I defame her?"

Furthermore, so many things were happening with the company at the time and I was up to my ears with work! Where would I find the time to do anything to offend Sawyer Group?"

Belinda shielded Oliver from Francis as she said, "I think Oliver's telling the truth. He doesn't know the young Mrs. Sawyer, so why would he offend her? I'm sure there must be a misunderstanding."