Pampered 181

Chapter 181

As Tina stared dumbly at the birthday cake on the serving table, her mind fizzled. She wasn't sure how to react.

'I don't think today is Samuel's birthday,' she thought to herself, puzzled. The waiter explained, "Miss Lynd, today's your birthday! Mr. Langford brought you here so he could celebrate the occasion with you!"

From the moment the Lynd family adopted Tina, she had never celebrated her birthday. She was used to singing birthday songs and giving birthday wishes to Pearl alongside her family, every year.

It was beyond Tina's expectation that Samuel would even remember her birthday, let alone celebrate it.

'Is this the surprise he's talking about?' she thought curiously. 'Oh! That's why he was so angry! I've misunderstood his intentions!' Without hesitating for a second, she lifted the hem of her skirt and rushed outside. Right at this moment, the door of the lift opened and Samuel exited. She said immediately, "Mr. Langford, I apologize. I forgot that today's my birthday! I hope you don't feel offended by what I said just now."

Samuel was unfazed as he continued to march forward.

When he walked past her, he even maintained a distance from her deliberately and avoided eye contact.

Tina stood there, motionless, as she looked at him getting into the car and leaving the place. "What..." All the waiters in the hotel were dumbfounded.

They were tasked with assisting the birthday party today. Who would've known that things would turn out so awkwardly? Once Samuel was out of sight, they erupted into heated gossip. "What happened here? I thought this was a birthday surprise?"

"I don't know. When I heard that Mr. Langford is the host, I thought we'd be in for generous tips today. How did things turn out to be like that?" "That aside, who's that woman anyway? Isn't his girlfriend Miss Young? I thought that today was Miss Young's surprise party!" "What a joke! From the way she dressed, I don't know how she managed to seduce Mr. Langford. Everything's all messed up because of her. This is just disappointing!" Tina picked up the hem of her dress and left the hotel with a depressed expression. When she arrived at the bus stop, the onlookers glared at her with ridicule.

"What does she think she is? A princess?" "A princess? Why is she taking the bus?" "You're right, but why is she dressed like that in a public place? Look, she's not even wearing shoes! Is she out of her mind?" Only then did Tina realize that she had been walking barefoot ever since she lost her shoes on the stairs.

At this moment, she could feel waves of stabbing pain on the soles of her feet.

However, it was too late to head back to the hotel now.

She checked the bus schedule and found that it was the last line for today. If she missed the bus, she would have to hail a taxi back home.

All her finances right now would only amount to around 2000 dollars. Not only were her expenses much higher than her monthly income, but she also had a baby on the way. By then, her expenses would be doubled.

As such, she had to be meticulous when it came to spending money. After waiting in the cold wind for almost half an hour, the bus finally arrived. The people jostled through one another and rushed into the bus. Tina wouldn't dare to squeeze in with the crowd. She covered her stomach and waited for everyone to enter. Her legs were numb and weak after standing in the corner for a long time After switching bus lines two times, she finally arrived at the villa. Right now, it was already late at night.

The security guard saw a ghost-like shadow and was almost scared to death.

"Who's that?"

"It's me..." Tina said weakly. The guard slid the gun back into his pocket. "Oh, it's Miss Lynd. I'm sorry, I mean Mrs. Langford. Welcome back!" There wasn't the slightest hint of respect in his tone, and his sarcasm was quite obvious.

Chapter 182

Tina returned to her room with a haggard appearance and changed her attire. There were several deep scratches on her leg. While she was cleaning her wound, it was so painful that her complexion was pale as a ghost. Due to the severity of her wounds, she would have to limp for a while.

Exhausted, all she wanted to do right now was rest. However, she still had to apologize to Samuel for ruining the birthday surprise.

She walked out of her room and asked tentatively, "Is Mr. Langford back home?"

"He came back two hours ago. Right now, he's spending time with Madam Langford in the garden."

The maid said, and sized Tina up rudely.

"Madam Langford said you were supposed to celebrate your birthday with Mr. Langford today. Where did you go? Why are you back so late at night?"

Tina didn't reply to her question. Instead, she limped towards the garden slowly. Behind her, the maids chuckled. "I think Mr. Langford stood her up!" "You're right! When she came back home just now, she didn't even have her shoes on! What does she think she is? Cinderella?"

"What a joke!"

At this point, Tina was already used to people talking behind her back. She tried her best to ignore the snide comments thrown at her.

Finally, she arrived at the garden. Madam Langford was resting, while Samuel was peeling some fruits for her. Looking at the heartwarming scene, Tina's heart melted. Madam Langford squinted and

squawked, "Who's there? Is it Tina?" "Yes, that's me." Tina showed herself. "Why are you here? Samuel said you're resting!"

Samuel shot a penetrating glare at Tina, warning her in silence.

Tina held Madam Langford's hand and said sweetly, "Grandma, I'm here to pay you a visit. I've missed you today."

"I miss you too, darling. The only people who care about me in this entire household are you and Samuel."

Although Madam Langford's eyesight had deteriorated, she was still aware of Tina's love for her.

Tina glanced at Samuel. Noticing that Samuel wasn't even looking at her, she asked, "Mr.

Langford, I'll peel the fruits for you." "Why are you calling him Mr. Langford?" Madam Langford asked. "I mean, Samuel!" Tina hurriedly covered her mouth in shock. Samuel was unfazed, "Grandma, please have some apples." Madam Langford frowned and stared at the couple squarely. Instantly, suspicion rose inside her.

"Have you guys been fighting? What did you do, Samuel?!" "He didn't do anything wrong," Tina quickly explained. "Samuel planned a birthday surprise for me today. I was so happy!" Madam Langford could already sense what was wrong. "What happened during the birthday surprise?" Tina couldn't hide the facts any longer. She had no choice but to tell Madam Langford that she had never celebrated her birthday before, and that she almost misunderstood Samuel's intentions.

Madam Langford sighed. She held both Tina's hands.

"The fact that the two of you can be together as a couple today is truly a blessing. Setbacks like this are bound to happen. Just treat it as a stepping stone and return even stronger. Don't let a small thing affect your relationship."

"Also, Samuel! I understand what Tina said might've hurt your feelings, but you have to know that she has experienced so much in life. Despite her rough past, she still remains a kind soul. You have to cherish her, okay?" This was the first time Madam Langford spoke so much since she got out of the hospital. Madam Langford joined Samuel and Tina's hands, and went on. "Although the birthday surprise didn't go as planned, as long as we are still a family, nothing can stand in our way." "Tina, make a wish," Madam Langford said to Tina with a gentle smile.

Chapter 182

Tina returned to her room with a haggard appearance and changed her attire. There were several deep scratches on her leg. While she was cleaning her wound, it was so painful that her complexion was pale as a ghost. Due to the severity of her wounds, she would have to limp for a while.

Exhausted, all she wanted to do right now was rest. However, she still had to apologize to Samuel for ruining the birthday surprise.

She walked out of her room and asked tentatively, "Is Mr. Langford back home?"

"He came back two hours ago. Right now, he's spending time with Madam Langford in the garden."

The maid said, and sized Tina up rudely.

"Madam Langford said you were supposed to celebrate your birthday with Mr. Langford today. Where did you go? Why are you back so late at night?"

Tina didn't reply to her question. Instead, she limped towards the garden slowly. Behind her, the maids chuckled. "I think Mr. Langford stood her up!" "You're right! When she came back home just now, she didn't even have her shoes on! What does she think she is? Cinderella?"

"What a joke!"

At this point, Tina was already used to people talking behind her back. She tried her best to ignore the snide comments thrown at her.

Finally, she arrived at the garden. Madam Langford was resting, while Samuel was peeling some fruits for her. Looking at the heartwarming scene, Tina's heart melted. Madam Langford squinted and squawked, "Who's there? Is it Tina?" "Yes, that's me." Tina showed herself. "Why are you here? Samuel said you're resting!"

Samuel shot a penetrating glare at Tina, warning her in silence.

Tina held Madam Langford's hand and said sweetly, "Grandma, I'm here to pay you a visit. I've missed you today."

"I miss you too, darling. The only people who care about me in this entire household are you and Samuel."

Although Madam Langford's eyesight had deteriorated, she was still aware of Tina's love for

her

Tina glanced at Samuel. Noticing that Samuel wasn't even looking at her, she asked, "Mr.

Langford, I'll peel the fruits for you." "Why are you calling him Mr. Langford?" Madam Langford asked. "I mean, Samuel!" Tina hurriedly covered her mouth in shock. Samuel was unfazed, "Grandma, please have some apples." Madam Langford frowned and stared at the couple squarely. Instantly, suspicion rose inside her.

"Have you guys been fighting? What did you do, Samuel?!" "He didn't do anything wrong," Tina quickly explained. "Samuel planned a birthday surprise for me today. I was so happy!" Madam Langford could already sense what was wrong. "What happened during the birthday surprise?" Tina couldn't hide the facts any longer. She had no choice but to tell Madam Langford that she had never celebrated her birthday before, and that she almost misunderstood Samuel's intentions.

Madam Langford sighed. She held both Tina's hands.

"The fact that the two of you can be together as a couple today is truly a blessing. Setbacks like this are bound to happen. Just treat it as a stepping stone and return even stronger. Don't let a small thing affect your relationship."

"Also, Samuel! I understand what Tina said might've hurt your feelings, but you have to know that she has experienced so much in life. Despite her rough past, she still remains a kind soul. You have to cherish her, okay?" This was the first time Madam Langford spoke so much since she got out of the hospital. Madam Langford joined Samuel and Tina's hands, and went on. "Although the birthday surprise didn't go as planned, as long as we are still a family, nothing can stand in our way." "Tina, make a wish," Madam Langford said to Tina with a gentle smile.

Chapter 184

Cindy spat sarcastically, "Your family? An orphan like you needs to stop fantasizing about having a family! You should know your place! Right now, you're only a tool!" Cindy's words were like a bucket of cold water splashed at Tina, pulling Tina back to reality

Then, Cindy tore the picture into pieces and threw them on the floor. "Come to a nightclub called The Jewel tonight. That's where a shameless sl*t like you belongs!" A nightclub?

Tina frowned and asked cautiously, "Why?" "I've also planned a surprise for you!" A crooked smile appeared on Cindy's face as she continued, "You'd better be punctual, or else."

Cindy's threatening gaze fell on Tina's stomach.

Tina's face went as pale as paper. Only after seeing Tina's reaction did Cindy leave with triumph. Tina was akin to a deflated balloon, all hope and strength in her disappearing as she stared at the torn pieces on the ground in dismay

The only thing she could hold on to right now was her baby. The baby was her only family, and she would do everything to protect it by keeping its existence a secret

Ever since Cindy knew about her secret, the former had been taking advantage of this weakness of hers. No matter how cruel Cindy treated her, Tina had no choice but to endure it.

Later, at The Jewel.

It was around seven at night, and there weren't a lot of people around

The moment Tina turned up, the staff recognized her immediately. "Are you Tina Lynd?"

"Yes, I am."

"Come with me," the staff said with an eerie smile. He brought her to a private lounge and said, "Everyone's waiting for you inside."

Tina was hesitant at first, but the staff pushed her inside.

Shockingly, she didn't smell smoke and alcohol, but the scent of makeup and perfume wafted in the air

Inside was a group of women, all dolled up to the nines. They looked upon Tina contemptuously and spoke to her in a high and mighty tone. "You're Tina, right?"

"I thought you'd look like an angel, but I guess I was wrong."

"How disappointing!"

"It doesn't matter. We're going to have fun today!"

When Tina saw Fiona amongst the socialites, she instantly knew that they were plotting revenge against her.

"What do you want?" Tina stood straight despite the fact she was in a den of scheming vipers. Suddenly, someone threw a piece of cloth at her.

It was a ragged shirt with many visible holes. "Since you're a jobless whore who likes seducing men, we thought about a way to help you!" Fiona exclaimed proudly, "After a long discussion, we thought you'd do well working as a hostess in this night club." "Every single socialite in Freesia is aware of your long history of seducing men! While two timing John Carter and Samuel Langford, you even managed to get Frederick Jackson to fall head over heels over you! We're not the only ones excited to meet you. Even the men are all waiting to see you!" "If you work here, I'm sure you'll have a lot of men asking for your service. Who knows? If you work hard enough, you might earn a years' worth of salary just by working for a few nights only." "What do you think? It's not a bad deal, right?".

Tina finally understood what Cindy meant by her surprise.

"What if I disagree?" Tina gritted her teeth.

Fiona scoffed. "Then your secret will be exposed to the public!" "I'm curious. What's your secret? Do you have STDs?"

The moment someone asked that, all of the women pulled themselves away from Tina. It was as if they would get infected from being in the same room as Tina.

"The night club's about to open. Get dressed and earn that bread!" "We'll be here, watching your performance. Let's see if you can seduce all the men there!" The women couldn't wait to see Tina make a fool of herself.

Chapter 185

Tina clenched her fists in anger.

She knew she had gotten on the bad side of the rich people of high society in Freesia.

If she refused them today, she knew they would still come up with another way to torture her.

What was more, it was true she was broke. Her reputation was in ruins to begin with. It didn't matter if it got even worse now. She had nothing to lose, anyway. Tina didn't show them the slightest of emotion as she picked up the ragged shirt.

She looked into the women's eyes, which were filled with excitement, and said, "Are you sure I can earn money like this? You're not lying to me, right?"

"Of course, we're not. Everyone who frequents this nightclub is all rich. They won't leave without tipping generously."

"That's good," Tina hugged the clothes and turned to leave.

When she showed herself in the crowd, everyone shot her a condescending look. They sized her up and commented rudely among themselves.

"Is she the one? She looks so plain! I don't think she's any different from prostitutes!"

"You're right! Did Frederick get into trouble because of this chick?"

"Are the rumors even true? Did she really make all the men fall head over heels over her?"

"Haha! Young lady, why don't you perform for us? Let's see just how you managed to seduce all the reputable men in Freesia! If we're satisfied with your performance, we'll tip you a few thousand. What do you say?"

The men were blatant with their speech, and some of them even tried to molest her.

Tina avoided their touch, which incurred their wrath. "You sI*t, why are you pretending to be innocent? You've agreed to this!" "Stop her from leaving!"

"Kneel and apologize to us right now, or we won't let you off that easily today!" "You hear that? Nobody's here to save you!" Tina wanted to fight back, but someone forced her to kneel on the ground. The crowd closed in to see what was happening. They were all humiliating Tina, treating her like a complete joke. A man then placed a pile of money on the ground and stepped on it with his expensive shoes. "This money is all yours if you lick my shoe until it's clean!" All the women were laughing at Tina as well, amused. "Let's see if she still has the guts to seduce rich men in the future!"

"Quick, take a video and send it to Frederick right now! Let him see just how despicable this woman is!"

While they were about to record the video, a commotion echoed from outside.

"Frederick's here!" "Wasn't he grounded by his father? Why is he here?!"

Frederick showed up, bursting into the crowd. Without hesitation, he balled his hand into a fist and punched the man who had forced Tina to kneel on the ground.

"How dare you treat her like this! Do it again, and I'll kill you!" he threatened, baring his teeth. Then, he pulled Tina's hand and said, "Let's go, right now!"

"Stand right there! You're not allowed to leave!" Fiona was exasperated. She rushed towards them to block their way, panicky. "Frederick, you're my fiance now! I forbid you to associate yourself with this woman in any way!"

"And as for you! You sI*t, aren't you worried that your secret might be exposed to the public? If you leave now, I'll make sure the whole world knows about it!"

Tina shoved Frederick's hand away.

"Frederick, I won't leave with you. I am not held here against my will. I'm just here to accompany them while they drink. Nothing bad will happen to me!" She had owed too much to Frederick, and she didn't want his father to punish him because of her anymore.

Frederick was worried and anxious. Tina was too innocent. Did she really think that they would let her off that easily just because she complied? "What's your secret? Tell me! I can help you!" "You can't! Just

go! I don't want your father to find fault with me, either. If that happens, I'll be in big trouble. Who will save me? I'm just a normal person with no power and connections whatsoever!" Tina blurted, exasperated. She was so, so tired of everything.

Frederick gritted his teeth. Finally, he said, "Fine, I'll leave. But let me make this clear to everyone. Anyone here who dares to harm Tina in any way won't have a good ending! I'll make sure to tear you limb by limb and make your life a living hell!"

The moment he said that, everyone was stunned.

Chapter 186

Fiona was furious. Her goal was to torture Tina and ensure Tina made a fool of herself.

However, the tides had turned drastically! Her own fiance turned against her and protected that sl*t instead! Now, she had humiliated herself in front of everyone.

"Frederick, you b*stard! How dare you protect her instead of me! At first, I didn't want to make things too difficult for her, but now, I'll kill her right here!"

Having said that, Fiona rushed toward Tina like a maniac. She couldn't wait to tear Tina's pretty face into pieces.

Only when Frederick dragged Fiona out of the lounge did the situation finally die down.

The crowd lost their interest after the ensuing drama.

"How did things turn out like this? How disappointing!" "I know, right? This is just disappointing." The nightclub, which was booming with business at the beginning, lost its customers one by one, leaving nothing but a mess in the lounge. Tina closed her eyes. She prayed they would stop finding faults with her after this incident. Although Tina was exhausted, she still bent down and picked up the cash notes one by one from the ground. It was just like Fiona said. She did earn a lot tonight, and that was around 300 dollars per night. She kept the notes in her pocket. Tomorrow, she would go to the bank and keep the money for future use. Just as she was about to change and return home, she realized she had a few missed calls. Upon closer inspection, she was shocked to discover that all of them were from Samuel. Before she left the house, she remembered the butler had informed her that Samuel had gone on a business trip.

It was why Cindy was bold enough to show up at the manor this morning.

Why would Samuel call her this late at night?

Tina was curious, but when she called him back, he didn't pick up the phone for some reason.

So, she called the butler to ask if Samuel had returned to the manor. However, the butler's anxious tone echoed through the receiver the moment he picked it up. "Miss Lynd, where have you gone the entire night? I searched the entire manor, but I still couldn't find you anywhere!" "Madam Langford's illness got worse and she's already been sent to the hospital. You should head to the hospital now!" The butler's words were like a bomb exploding into Tina's ears.

With her head buzzing in shock, Tina asked, "Grandma's in the hospital now? How can this be?! She seemed fine yesterday!"

"I still need to go and pick up Mr. Langford. You should head to the hospital right now, Miss Lynd."

After he told her the hospital's address, he hung up immediately. Tina's legs went weak as she wobbled unsteadily.

She had to go to the hospital this instant!

Without a second of delay, she stormed outside and tried to hail for a taxi.

However, none of the taxis were willing to take her in as a customer. They all acted like they didn't see her at all.

Anxious, she stood in the middle of the road and waved her arms frantically. Finally, she managed to get a taxi to stop by the road.

Before the taxi driver could yell at her, she took out a few big notes and interrupted him.

"I need to go to the hospital now! Whatever the fee is, I'll pay you!"

Finally, she arrived at the hospital. As she rushed toward the entrance, the security guard immediately barred her from entry.

"You can't go in!" "Why can't I?" Tina sounded frantic.

Right at this moment, an exorbitant car stopped at the entrance and a man stepped out.

When he saw Tina, he spoke to her in a cold and degrading tone. "Tina! Why are you dressed like a whore at a hospital? What exactly are you playing at?"

Chapter 187

Samuel shot her a penetrating glare, the hatred in his eyes evident.

Only then did Tina realize she was still wearing the outfit from the nightclub.

No wonder none of the taxis were willing to stop for her! Even the security guard wouldn't let her inside the hospital.

Her attire suggested that she was a prostitute trying to get customers!

Tina didn't know how to explain herself.

The security guard was dumbfounded as well. Little did he know, the frivolous-looking woman was acquainted with Samuel!

"Mr. Langford, can I know if...?" the guard stuttered.

Samuel strode forward and ordered, "Make sure she changes into decent clothing before she's allowed to enter the hospital!"

Tina gritted her teeth. He was right. She shouldn't visit Madam Langford in that attire.

She ran to the shops nearby and bought some decent clothes. Finally, she was allowed inside the hospital ward

In the ward, the doctor was having a serious discussion with Samuel.

"Madam Langford's illness has a very high chance of relapsing. If you sent her to the hospital even a little bit later, her condition would've worsened."

"Although we have resuscitated her successfully, she'll have to stay here for further observation I'm not sure when she'll wake up. Even if she did, she's also at risk of partial paralysis of the body...".

With his face contorted with fury, Samuel directed his anger at the maids standing from afar

Sandy, who was standing beside him, interrogated them, "You have one job! That is to check up on Madam Langford constantly. How did Madam Langford turn out like this if you did your job?! Explain yourselves!"

The maids were so scared that they knelt on the ground,

They knew Madam Langford didn't have long to live anyway, so they didn't pay much attention to her. After they put her to bed, the maids gathered and played cards together. That was why they didn't realize Madam Langford's relapse.

11 their behavior were to come to light, the consequences would be grave. Not only would they be fired, but their lives would also be in danger!

Right at this moment, a maid saw Tina outside the ward entrance. She was quick to shout and blame Tina

"Mt Langford, please forgive us. We actually spent the entire night looking for Miss Lynd!" Several maids added to her story, wanting to save themselves. "Madarn Langford was worded about Miss Lynd's sudden disappearance at night. She wanted

us to find her, but we didn't know things would turn out like this!"

"It's highly possible that her condition got worse because she was very worried about Miss Lynd!"

"She's right! We are all just doing what Madam Langford wanted us to do. Please, you have to forgive us!" Not only did they rid themselves of any accountability, but they even blamed everything on Tina.

Right at this moment, Mrs. Langford and Cindy had also arrived.

When they heard that, Mrs. Langford slapped Tina forcefully on the face. "You sl*t! How dare you make all of this happen!" "Are you happy now? Madam Langford's condition got worse because of you!" Tina knelt on the ground. In a daze, she couldn't even feel the pain on her cheeks as her mind fell into a complete mess.

Tina didn't know that her disappearance would cause Madam Langford so much distress, to the extent the old lady had to be sent to the hospital. "Take her away and lock her up! Don't ever think of letting her go!"

Mrs. Langford took the opportunity to get rid of Tina once and for all.

A group of guards dragged Tina out of the hospital immediately. Samuel, who was aware of everything that happened, didn't even think about saving her. It was obvious he believed everyone's false accusations,

Cindy, on the other hand, was elated. Her plan was a success! She had successfully killed two birds with one stone!

Chapter 188

After Cindy threatened Tina out of the manor that very same night, she bribed one of the maids to change Madam Langford's prescription to induce a sudden relapse. That way, she could blame everything that happened to Tina.

Now, it was evident that her goals had been met.

Cindy tried to add fuel to fire and pretended to ask worriedly, "Samuel... Normally, Miss Lynd won't leave the manor late at night. Why did Grandma's condition get worse the moment she left? Something must've happened today. Sandy, run an investigation and figure out what Miss Lynd was up to just now." Sandy looked at Samuel. Since Samuel didn't voice anything, his silence meant consent. After a few minutes, Sandy, who looked shocked, presented his findings to Samuel.

It was a video.

Tina was at a nightclub, barely wearing anything. Around her was a group of men glowering at her with lustful eyes. What happened next was Frederick dragging her to leave, followed by Fiona's appearance and her fight with Tina.

Cindy had gone through heavy edits to the video. She wanted Samuel to see for himself just how inappropriate Tina's behavior was.

In Samuel's eyes, Tina had taken advantage of his business trip to seduce men in the nightclub and meet up with Frederick. Somehow, the news got into Madam Langford's ears, which triggered a relapse. With his eyes reflecting coldness, he grew so furious that he laughed out loud. "I see now!

Tina's shown her true colors. She just never learns, does she?"

"If anything happens to Grandma, I'll make sure she suffers a painful death!"

"I knew something was very wrong with that woman! She deserves to die!" Mrs. Langford scoffed. Then, she added, "Samuel, we're all aware of your grandmother's condition. The doctors aren't even sure when she'll wake up. Why don't you give her a surprise when she wakes up?"

"A surprise?" Cindy asked. Mrs. Langford continued, "You should get pregnant with Samuel's child as soon as possible! That way, I'm sure Madam Langford will get better! Samuel, your grandma has always yearned for a great-grandchild. Why don't you fulfill her wish now?" With a flushed complexion, Cindy looked shyly at Samuel. "Samuel, should we..."

"We'll discuss this matter later, Samuel replied with a cold tone. Then, he turned to the ward without another word. Samuel's mother was anxious.

"Why is he giving you that attitude? Didn't you tell me both of you have slept together? If he has agreed to marry you, why is he behaving like that?" Cindy was flustered as well,

To Samuel, that night was nothing but a mistake, To compensate for her losses, he had agreed to crown her as his official wife. However, he made a point to never sleep with her again,

However, Cindy couldn't tell Mrs. Langford the truth. Instead, she tried her best to explain, "I think Samuel's not in the mood to do that right now. After all, he's very worried about his grandmother."

Mrs. Langford pressed on further, "No matter what, you should get pregnant as soon as possible. Only then will your position in this household be secured! How can you compete against that sl*t otherwise?"

"I can help you now, since Tina's the only one in the way. But what if other women showed up to seduce Samuel in the future? I'll be honest with you. There's only so much I can do if that happens. You need to have a child to bind your relationship with Samuel!"

Cindy was worried as well. Of course she knew that! Samuel, being a man who valued blood relations, wouldn't abandon her if they had children together. But she couldn't just conjure out a child out of nowhere, right? Right at this moment, a sinister thought flashed across her mind. She stopped panicking. A wicked smile graced her lips.

"Don't worry, Mom. I'll get pregnant in no time, "Cindy exclaimed determinedly. Satisfied with her reply, Mrs. Langford said, "That's more like it!" In the hospital, everyone surrounded Madam Langford's ward. When it was finally daybreak, Madam Langford's condition turned for the better. Only then did everyone go back home. Even Samuel went to the resting lounge to catch up on some sleep. Right at this moment, Cindy snuck up to the guard and asked, "May I know where Tina is currently being held?"

Chapter 189

Tina, meanwhile, had been dragged to the underground cell.

The cell was cold and damp. After struggling to sleep for the entire night, her legs were constantly cramping. What was more alarming was that she felt pain in her stomach as well. As of now, she didn't know if she was suffering from gastric issues, or her baby's life was in jeopardy.

Thinking about her baby's safety, Tina was terrified.

Last time, she almost lost her baby. Would she be going through the pain of almost losing her baby again?

No! She wouldn't let that happen!

Right at this moment, Tina heard footsteps from afar. Soon after, the sound of the lock being opened sounded from just outside

"Miss Young, you're here!" When Tina heard the people outside chattering, her face turned inexplicably pale. As expected, Cindy appeared just outside her cell. She covered her nose and said with disgust," Ugh! Every time I meet you, Tina, your situation is worse than the last!"

"What are you here for?" Tina covered her stomach, eyes filled with hopelessness. "Miss Young, are you going against your word now? I've already done everything you told me to do What more do you want?".

Cindy's eyes were filled with menace as she looked at her own flat stomach.

Jealousy rose inside her. 'Ugh, I hate her so much! Why is she the one who got pregnant instead of me?!

Soon, the fetus would pose a threat for Cindy's relationship with Samuel! Thinking about this, she smiled and said, "Don't worry, I won't go back against my word."

Tina gritted her teeth. She doubted Cindy was speaking the truth.

However, she was left with no choice.

"Miss Young, I beg of you. Please get me a doctor! My stomach hurts!"

"Seriously?" Cindy then looked at Tina's excruciating expression. 'She's not faking it!' Cindy thought, panicky. 'Don't tell me she's losing the baby! Why's she doing this to me now?!' Cindy walked out of the underground cell and ordered the guards, "Take her to the hospital

Tlow!"

"But Miss Young, Mr. Langford said that..." "I'll explain it to Samuel myself" Cindy snapped, sounding really arrogant, The guards knew who Cindy was to Samuel. So, they took Tina to the hospital immediately.

Tina was unconscious for a while before she heard someone yelling beside her ear and startling her awake. "Get up, now! Just how long are you planning to sleep?" "Seriously, do you really think you're Mr. Langford's wife?"

Tina forced her eyes open, only to realize she had left the underground cell and had arrived at the maids' living quarters. Noticing that Tina had woken up, they threw a set of clothes onto her. "Tina, this is your working outfit." "My working outfit?" Tina repeated, confused. "If it wasn't for Cindy, you wouldn't be released so soon! You should be thankful that she's pregnant!" The maid continued with a condescending tone. "However, Mr. Langford made it a point that he won't let you off the hook that easily. To pay for your crimes, you are to serve the Langford family until you die!" When Tina heard that, she fell into a daze.

"Miss Young is pregnant?"

"Miss Young has been pregnant for two months, and Mr. Langford has allowed her to stay at his home now. She is to be Mr. Langford's official wife. You have no use for him anymore!"

"What are you waiting for? Get dressed and start cleaning the house!" Tina's head was buzzing in terror. The moment she woke up, she felt as if the sky was falling down.

Chapter 190

Tina changed into a maid's uniform, and was promptly forced to sweep the backyard.

The backyard was a beautiful place, with flower petals scattered everywhere. However, the maids dreaded cleaning that area because there was just no ending to the falling petals.

Now, the maids had assigned Tina the hardest job. Tina asked around for Madam Langford's condition. When she heard that her condition had stabilized, she heaved a sigh of relief.

While she was sweeping the ground, the maids' voice echoed from afar.

"Mr. Langford's back!"

Tina froze. Then, she saw a car slowing down at the entrance.

Soon after, Samuel got out of the car and glared hatefully at Tina with his eagle-like eyes.

Tina jumped in shock. She thought Samuel was going to punish her again, but he averted his gaze.

Then, he spoke in a gentle and caring tone that Tina never heard of before, "Cindy, we're here. Let's go."

Holding on to Samuel's hand, Cindy smiled brightly. It was as if they were reliving the scene at the press conference. That day, they looked so perfect on TV, as if they were made for each other.

"Ouch!"

Suddenly, Cindy's legs went weak and she threw herself into Samuel's arms. "Samuel, my legs hurt a lot... I think they're cramping!" Cindy wailed pitifully. Samuel wasn't angry at all as he carried Cindy in his arms. He walked into the manor under the admiring gazes of everyone. "Mr. Langford and Miss Young look like the perfect pair! I'm so jealous!" "Hey, watch your mouth. We should address her as Mrs. Langford from now on." "Oh, I'm sorry. Yes, Mrs. Lanford is truly a beauty!" While they were talking, they couldn't help but glance at Tina. Tina was about to continue her chores when someone yelled at her again,

"Tina! I heard that you are good at cooking! Go and prepare some dessert for Mrs. Langford! It's time you make up for everything you've done for the Langford family!" Tina strode to the living room, In the living room, Samuel's mother held on to a medical report. She looked at it before making a satisfactory remark to Samuel and Cindy. "This is great news! Congratulations! I'm happy for you! Now, I can finally feel at ease."

"Samuel, your grandmother will be happy when she knows about Cindy's pregnancy!"

Cindy rested her head on Samuel's shoulder. While caressing her flat stomach, she asked with a flushed complexion, "Samuel, I didn't expect to get pregnant so soon! What should we name our child? I wonder if it's a boy or a girl."

Looking at the heart-warming scene, Tina felt bitter inside.

She lowered her head and quickened her steps to leave. However, Samuel's mother noticed her and immediately let out a scornful screech. "Isn't that Tina Lynd? Why is she here?" Samuel's mother snarled sarcastically.

"Mom, it's okay! I heard she's really good at cooking. Since Madam Langford hasn't woken up yet, she can help around the house." "I don't want to see that sl*t walking around the house!" Samuel's mother scoffed. Her eyes landed on the picture hanging on the wall.

That picture was taken on Tina's birthday. In the picture, Madam Langford was holding on to Tina and Samuel's hands. They looked like a perfect family. Yet at the moment, it seemed out of place at the moment.

"Get rid of that picture this instant! I don't want to see it anywhere in the house!"

Tina's heart turned cold. That was the only picture she shared with Madam Langford.

Right at this moment, Samuel spoke.

"Wait."