

The Silent Wife

Chapter 15 Untoward Complications

- The world spun around Rachel as she found herself being pinned down on the sofa by Justin, whose eyes were so sharp as if they could penetrate a person's mind. "How dare you have designs on Julian, of all people? What is your purpose, to sow discord between us or to make me lose face? Or are you doing so to deliberately take revenge on Sue because of your hatred toward her?"
- Rachel couldn't move at all as Justin held her wrists in a vice-like grip. She panicked at once. What does he want to do?! she thought to herself.
- Justin gently traced her brows and eyes with his thumb. "What a clear and beautiful pair of eyes you have. Unfortunately, they're tainted with ill intentions and the filth of someone who would stop at nothing to get what she wants. How could a pretty and innocent lady exist in the Hudson Family?"
- Surprisingly, his tone of voice betrayed a hint of strange hatred. Hatred? Rachel couldn't understand where his hatred came from. She tried with all her might to break free of his grasp, and her mouth opened and closed repeatedly as she mouthed, "Let go of me... Let go of me..."
- However, Justin grasped her so hard that it hurt her. As she thought of how she had been living in trepidation in the Burton Residence over the last few days and how he was slinging mud at her right now, all her grievances welled up inside her at once. While she struggled, the medical report issued by the hospital fell out of her pocket—it contained her grandmother's medical history.
- Justin picked up the report, took a look at it, and looked stunned for a moment. It turns out that she isn't lying, he thought to himself. He then looked down at the woman beneath him who had already burst into tears. This was her first time shedding tears in front of him, and she cried without making a sound as tears flowed silently down the corners of her eyes. For some reason, his initial anger dissipated inexplicably. "I'll let you off this time. If I see you getting too close to Julian again in the future, I will lock you up," he uttered.
- The last three words he uttered made Rachel tremble all over. After he left, she tremblingly picked up the medical report and put it away. Finally, she closed her eyes hard as a slightly hoarse crying voice came from her throat. If it weren't for the fact that she had no choice, she really wished she could stay away from the Burton Residence and never see Justin ever again!
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- The next morning, Rachel woke up with her eyes puffy from crying. She had deliberately avoided meeting Julian since the night before; whenever she happened to run into him, she would pretend not to see him. In order to avoid suspicion, she didn't even go downstairs until Julian had left.
- On the other hand, Sue felt even angrier when she saw how Julian was about to speak, yet he said nothing in disappointment. She went straight up to Rachel and warned, "No matter what your purpose is, you mustn't get close to my son in the future. Do you hear me?!"

- Since she had no intention of arguing with the older woman, Rachel nodded and was about to leave. However, Sue barked coldly and said, "Stay where you are!"
- Rachel stood in place with her back to Sue. She listened as the woman let out a sneer behind her and threatened, "If you dare to harbor any improper and dirty thoughts, I'll make your life worse than death."
- Rachel turned around and looked at her. She then explained with her paper and pen, 'Dr. Peters and I met purely by chance; there isn't any purpose that you're thinking about. I'll never speak to him again in the future, and I'll stay away from him.'
- Sue's expression eased somewhat when she saw that Rachel had written down her pledge. "I don't care whether what you said is true. In any case, if you dare to act counter to what you've said today, I will let you know that I, Sue Prahm, am no slouch!"
- Rachel put away her paper and pen and left in exhaustion. After she left, Mrs. Duncan came forward and said to Sue, "Madam, I don't think what she said is believable."
- Sue raised an eyebrow. "Why would you say so?"
- Mrs. Duncan's expression was meaningful. "Young Master Justin loves Miss Amber, so he'll divorce Rachel sooner or later. Rachel has probably predicted this, which is why she's hitting on the kind Young Master Peters, foolishly attempting to take advantage of him to seek connections with those rich and powerful. Therefore, she wrote the pledge today just to keep you in check."
- Sue's face darkened at Mrs. Duncan's words. "In that case, how do you think I should deal with her?"
- Mrs. Duncan thought for a moment and replied, "I think there are two things we should do. Firstly, we should stop Young Master Peters from meeting her. Secondly, we should get Miss Amber to drive Rachel out as soon as possible. That way, this scourge will not be able to continue staying at the Burton Residence. Otherwise, there might be untoward complications..."
- Sue was lost in thought upon hearing Mrs. Duncan's words. After a long time, she dialed Amber's phone number.

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Meanwhile, Amber was savoring her freshly painted fingernails. She tucked her cell phone between her chin and her shoulder as she greeted, "Hi, Madam Parham."

It's me. Amber. There's something that I'd like to talk to you about."

Amber straightened up upon hearing Sue's words. "Please tell me about it, Madam Parham. After listening to Sue's words, she hung up the phone and stared blankly at a spot on the floor.

After Jefferey came back from his company, he waved his hand before her eyes. "What's wrong with you, Amber?"

His daughter came back to her senses and grabbed his arm at once. "Dad! You must help me with the matter that I told you last time!"

Jefferey was startled for a moment before he knitted his brows. "Don't fool around! Rachel is still of use to me in the Burton Residence, so don't do anything foolish."

Amber was unconvinced. "Dad, I can also help you if I win the two men's hearts. Why must you count on Rachel, that mute? What can she do?"

Even though Jefferey doted on Amber, he was aware of her willfulness. "That's enough, Amber. All you have to do is win Julian's heart. It will be better if you can make him do

whatever you say since that will enable my *plan* to be better *accomplished* in the future. Don't think about everything else. Justin has a heart *of stone*, so you'd better *not* mess with him."

Amber shook her head. "No, no, no. You're *wrong*, Dad. Justin is *very* nice to me. He likes me, and I'm confident of making him fall in *love* with me. As for Julian, he'll also be mine sooner or later—please say yes, Dad. If you get Rachel out of the Burton Residence, my plan will be halfway accomplished! Please, Dad!"

However, Jefferey didn't want to see Amber making trouble no matter how much he doted on her. "All right, don't say that anymore. I won't help you with this, so you should stop having designs on Justin as soon as possible. I'll never let him off, let alone allow *you* to fall in love with him. That's impossible."

In the end, Amber still couldn't shake Jefferey's determination; she glared at him from behind with a look of displeasure as he left. However, even her father couldn't stop her when she became wayward. "I must get married to Justin by whatever means. He should have been my man! Rachel seized my husband for herself!" After that, she gritted her teeth. "Since you're not going to help me, I'll just do it myself, Dad!" Then, she dialed Rachel's number.

Rachel was watering the flowers when she received a phone call from an unfamiliar number. It was not until she heard the voice on

the other end that she realized it was Amber. "It's me, Rachel."

Rachel's hand that was holding the watering can paused for a moment when she heard Amber's malicious laugh over the phone. Amber then stated her purpose on her own by saying, "I won't beat around the bush, Rachel. I want Justin, so please leave on your own initiative. Since you're my sister, I won't make things too difficult for you. How about that?"

Rachel simply wanted to laugh. *They're father and daughter, yet one is forcing me to stay at the Burton Residence while the other is threatening and asking me to lea*

ve instead. Does that make a fence-sitter who does whatever they want me to do? she thought to herself.

Of course, she wasn't intimidated by Amber's threat. Jefferey controlled her grandmother's health, whereas Amber was only a wayward and self-centered little girl. Therefore, she hung up the phone directly without saying a word after Amber made this absurd request.

The other woman glared at her cell phone with an extremely gloomy expression, and her face was as black as thunder. Suddenly, she hit upon an idea, and the corner of her lips turned up. "You forced me to do this, Rachel!" The smile on her lips was as strangely and charmingly beautiful as a flower. Right after that, she called another person and said, "John, I want you to help me find a high school PE teacher. By

whatever means, get him to come and see me."

As expected, a video made it into the list of trending topics on social media by the third day. It contained a confession of a bald middle aged man, who gave an account of how he had a relationship with a female student a few years ago when he was a teacher at a high school. Furthermore, he described a string of unscrupulous details, including how he and the female student had had sex in hotel rooms.

Rachel's photo appeared in the lower corner of the video. After that, someone began to dox her, and netizens quickly dug up her name, her address, and her identity as an illegitimate daughter. As the incident escalated very quickly, another post titled 'The Scandalous Story Between the Mute Wife of the Burton Group's President and Her High School Teacher' made it into the list of trending topics and was ranked first by the netizens.