

Chapter 1034 Laney's Sacrifice

Laney's smile faltered, and she was no longer in the mood to finish the cake. "I'll wait until the baby is born. I don't want to endure it all the time, and I won't."

Janet immediately noticed that something was wrong with Laney. She held Laney's hands and worriedly asked, "Is there anything I don't know about yet?"

When she touched Laney's hands, they were cold and clammy.

"I'm fine. Don't worry about me," Laney assured. It was just that what had happened in the past few months suddenly flashed in her mind. She sighed heavily and started to tell Janet her story.

Since Laney and Garrett moved out of the Harding family's house, Vera came to visit them from time to time. She acted as if she cared about Laney's health. But the truth was, she just wanted them to move back into the family house.

Vera was not a shrew. She knew better than to make trouble in public. So, to make Laney go back home willingly, she would always bring Laney's favorite desserts and have a good chat with her whenever she visited.

After a while, Laney learned to live with it. Whenever Vera's behavior was becoming unbearable, Laney would call Garrett's father and ask him to have someone pick Vera up.

One time, when Leo once again had to forcefully take Vera home, she sobbed and complained that her kindness did not pay off.

Laney believed that Vera's intention was pure. It was just that she didn't want to go back with them because she didn't like the rules of the upper class, which made her feel suffocated.

Vera did not come to see Laney again for a long time after the incident. But some time later, Leo invited Garrett and Laney to dinner.

"Your mother always says she wants you to go home or, at least, visit her more often. She's lonely at home. Truthfully speaking, I came to talk to you about how we can fix this," Leo said without beating around the bush.

Laney could see that all the members of the Harding family were accomplished. They did not just make assumptions. And if there was a problem, they would say it and solve it as soon as they could.

"Fine. We'll move back home today," Garrett said, which made Laney's expression change. Nevertheless, he remained firm, and he continued, "My relationship with my mother is bad as it is. If you want it to get worse, be my guest. Just to let you know, I'll quarrel with her every single day. I'll even argue with the shareholders in the company too. The Harding family will never be peaceful again."

Leo cleared his throat. "What are you talking about? Haven't I told you that the family who stays together prospers together? But since it's true that your mother has become quite too much, I'll encourage her to go out more often and meet some friends. That way, she'll be distracted and won't harass you anymore."

Garrett had been running the Harding Group well in the past few months, and Leo did not want to have a fallout with him. With this in mind, he figured it would be best to allow Laney and Garrett to stay

where they wanted for the time being.

"But that's all I can do. When the baby is born, the three of you must come back and live with us. The baby needs a good environment to grow up."

"Do you think Laney and I aren't capable of raising the baby well?" Garrett sneered.

He could not help but express his grievances as his parents did not seem to trust them in raising their own child.

Just as Garrett was about to open his mouth to speak, Laney tugged the hem of his shirt, urging him to stop arguing with his father. He merely looked at her and said, "Laney, if you compromise again, they'll just bully you more in the future!"

Laney smiled at Leo and politely said, "Please don't take Garrett's words to heart. He's drunk, and he doesn't know what he's saying. We'll go back home after I give birth. We moved out because pregnant women can be moody sometimes, and I just don't want to cause trouble for people around me."

"I don't understand how you could be so tolerant!" Janet interrupted her friend's narration while showing the same incredulous expression.

"I don't want Garret to argue with his parents because of me. Although they don't think highly of me, I'm sure they'll treat my baby well and only give the baby the best."

Out of her love for Garrett and their baby, Laney compromised by agreeing to go back to the Harding family house after giving birth. This was her decision after careful consideration.

"If you do this, they will only think you're a pushover," Janet reminded.

"Don't worry about it. I'll handle everything on my own," Laney assured. From the sound of it, she had made up her mind.

"If you say so. If you need my help, don't hesitate to call me." Janet stroke Laney's baby bump and said to the unborn baby, "Take good care of your mother after you're born, okay? She loves you with all her heart."

"The baby isn't born yet. How can he understand what you've said?" Laney chuckled. She touched her belly with mixed feelings. It was also hard to tell if her smile was genuine.

Chapter 1035 Life Assistant Lola

Outside the window, the sky was a clear canvas, and the sun was shining on the stone road of the street, casting a warm glow.

The waiter packaged the cakes Janet had ordered and handed them over to her.

"I think it's about time. Should we head back to the hospital or go shopping for a while first?" Janet took the cakes in her hands and inquired about Laney's opinions.

At that moment, the door of the coffee shop was pushed open from the outside. A young girl in professional attire strode in and made her way to Laney's side. She raised her hands slightly and offered a polite smile to Janet. "Mrs. Larson, let me take the cakes."

Janet studied the girl in front of her. She had a pretty square face with bangs on her forehead.

Noting Janet's alertness, the girl explained with a smile, "Mrs. Larson, I'm not a bad person. My name

is Lola. I'm the life assistant hired by Mr. Harding to take care of his daughter-in-law. I didn't want to disturb you when I saw you two chatting happily. So I didn't come in until I saw you two getting ready to leave. I wanted to see if there was anything I could do for you."

It looked like Lola was arranged by Garrett's father.

"Nice to meet you, Lola. I'm Janet. Please look after Laney for me in the future." Janet smiled faintly.

She suddenly remembered the mean Kelly and whispered to Laney, "Is this girl trustworthy?"

Laney nodded with a smile and reassured her, "Lola is a sweet and thoughtful person. She's much better than Kelly. Plus, when Vera caused problems in my house before, Lola was the one who helped me out. Afterward, Lola informed Leo every time she visited, which made Vera think twice before crossing Lola. She's also not someone to mess with."

Laney chuckled at the memory. She had never seen Vera suffer such defeat before.

Lola touched her bangs and blushed bashfully, "I was pretty scared myself at the time. Mrs. Harding,

please don't tease me." 2

Janet struggled to contain her smile, finding Lola charming and entertaining.

"I'll leave you two alone now. I'll wait for you outside, Mrs. Harding." Knowing that this was a date between Laney and her best friend, Lola graciously excused herself, taking the desserts with her. As she turned to leave, Janet noticed a coffee stain on the coat on her chest area.

"Lola, here you go." Janet reached into her bag and pulled out a diamond-encrusted iris-shaped brooch, adding before Lola could protest, "You're Laney's personal assistant, and your appearance reflects on hers. Think of this as a little bonus."

Lola was flattered, her eyes sparkling at the sight of the glittering diamonds on the brooch. "Thank you, Mrs. Larson. I'll take it with pride."

Lola caressed the small diamonds on the brooch, which was still warm from Janet's fingers. She found herself staring thoughtfully at Janet, who exuded a serene elegance.

This was the first expensive gift Lola had received while working for Laney.

Lola had to always come up with new ways to

deal with Vera on a set monthly salary. Ultimately, she failed to gain any advantages and also ended up offending Vera.

For this, Lola always felt a twinge of resentment.

But seeing Janet's generosity now, Lola couldn't help but think to herself that Laney was not promising at all.

Noticing Lola's prolonged gaze, Janet simply smiled and said, "You can go ahead and wait for us outside."


After chatting, Janet and Laney returned to the hospital. There, they met Garrett, who was wearing a brown long windbreaker. He walked up to Laney with a look of concern on his face.

Laney sighed at the sight of him, feeling like she was being smothered with concern. "I'm fine, really. Lola and Janet have been taking good care of me."

Janet chuckled and coughed to get his attention, reminding him of her presence. Embarrassed, Garrett apologized, "Thank you for looking after Laney. Don't forget to come to the baby's birthday party later, both you and Brandon."

"I'll be there. Drive safe on your way home." Janet waved goodbye to the two with a bright smile on

her face. 7

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