

My Dreamy Old Husband Chapter 1401

"Betsy, wake up! Look at me!" Tiffany rushed over and knelt in the puddle of blood. She held Betsy up and frantically shook her, but unfortunately, she was already gone. Her blood was still spurting from her limp and battered body.

In fact, Sarah had been truly ruthless. If the knife was any longer than it was, the carpet beneath Betsy would have had several holes in it.

"Betsy!" Tiffany shrieked miserably as she continued shaking the limp body vigorously. However, Betsy no longer responded. Her lifeless eyes were directed at the ceiling, while her blood continued spurting like a fountain.

Tiffany looked down at her shaky hands that were covered with her daughter's blood.

It was only then did she accept the reality that her daughter had been killed!

"Betsy! Who killed her? Who killed my daughter?" She turned around abruptly and glared at Sarah who was still clutching the knife.

It was her! She killed Betsy!

At that moment, Sarah was still in her murderous state. Her eyes were still bloodshot and her hand that was holding the knife was still trembling. Fresh blood was dripping from the tip of the knife, still she glared menacingly at Betsy.

Even when Tiffany gazed intently at her, Sarah shot back another piercing stare without the slightest trace of fear or guilt in her eyes for committing murder. Instead, she looked frightening and full of hostility.

In fact, she had wanted to kill Betsy a long time ago and just didn't have the courage.

When Sophia had accidentally stabbed Betsy with the knife, the sight of her blood gave Sarah the push she needed.

These days, not only did Betsy constantly pester Harry by stalking him, she even snuck into the film crew and drugged him. However, he couldn't do anything because of the

relationship between Cooper and the Adams Family. In fact, Harry was worried that he would make things difficult for Michael if he retaliated against Betsy. As such, he never took any action against her and treated her as just another diehard fan.

The last time, Betsy was forced to squat in the snow for half a day by Bailey as a form of punishment. Despite that, she did not learn her lesson at all.

Instead, she became worse. When she couldn't physically harass Harry, she would shamelessly send her masturbation videos and nude photos to him.

As it happened, Sarah caught her red-handed several times.

After harassing Harry, she turned her focus to Sarah. She stalked Sarah, deliberately crashed her car, caused trouble at her workplace, and even tried to kidnap her. On top of that, she often called her to harass her and used the Adams family's name to obstruct her work.

And on this day, she went too far and kidnapped Hope.

Needless to say, this person's behavior had reached a point of no return.

Furthermore, Sarah even used the Winston Family's name to intimidate her, but to no avail.

She had planned to kill Betsy for a long time.

Just then, Sophia frantically went to the bathroom and brought Hope out.

Hope kept his indifferent expression on when he came out and saw his cool and awesome father, his domineering, elegant and invincible godfather, and about twenty to thirty powerful guards with firearms. In addition, Cooper and Linus were there as well with the Mitchell and Winston family. His thoughts raced in his little head as he analyzed the strengths of his side and the opponent's side, and contemplated between playing it cool or crying in his father's arms.

After a couple of seconds of silence, Hope burst out in tears and cried painfully while he hugged Harry's leg. "Daddy!"

Upon hearing his son's cries, anger and heartache appeared on Harry's handsome face as he caressed Hope's tiny face. Undeniably, his eldest son had a cold attitude and more often

than not, had an unfriendly face that was inherited from his grandfather. Harry rarely saw him cry. In fact, the last time he cried was on his first day of kindergarten.

This was also the first time Harry had seen him cry in such a helpless and frightened manner.

"There, there. Don't cry." Harry rubbed his face and it instantly became smeared with the mixture of his tears and the lipstick stain that Betsy had left.

Sophia hurriedly carried Hope away.

Meanwhile, Harry walked toward the bloodied Sarah. The person who had a small frame and was much shorter than him was still trembling, the knife remained clutched in her hand. Through the thin fabric of her shirt, the muscles in her arms were still visibly tense.

At that moment, Harry's hand found hers that still had the knife in it before he whispered in her ear, "It's okay, I'm here now..."

Despite that, Sarah's tensed up muscles seemed to have a mind of its own, whereas her body was still slightly shuddering from her emotions.

When she and Tiffany stared at each other across the room, two pairs of scarlet eyes conveyed their hatred for each other.

With the painful loss of her beloved daughter, Tiffany mourned as her delicate body shivered helplessly. In an instant, she turned from a stunning beauty into an ordinary mother. The despair and anger of losing her descendant almost made her lose her mind.

She glared viciously at Sarah and the knife in her hand that was covered in Betsy's blood.

After the fight, Sarah's voice became a little hoarse. When she met Tiffany's death glare, she snarled, "What are you looking at, b*tch? Keep looking and I'll chop you up too!"

Despite that, Harry did not stop her.

When he first heard the news, his first thought was also to chop up Betsy.

He couldn't tolerate her any longer.

In fact, he put up with her every time she harassed him. Since the Adams family and the Michel family were family friends and Michael wanted very badly to marry into the powerful Michel family, he let Betsy off the hook time and time again in order to help his good friend successfully marry into the family.

When Betsy was up to no good, he would approach Tiffany, but she didn't seem to care much.

In fact, Betsy's values and character were influenced by Tiffany. However Tiffany acted, Betsy would act the same way. In the past, Tiffany was a 'professional' mistress and wrecked countless homes. To her, there was nothing more satisfying than stealing a married man.

As such, not only did she discourage Betsy, she even supported her!

When she harassed Sarah, Sarah had always held back in fear of implicating Sophia.

However, Betsy had started to target Hope.

Surely, her action completely destroyed Harry's last shred of tolerance for her. Before arriving, he had already spoken to Michael and told him that he might become an obstacle for Michael to marry into a wealthy family.

Since Tiffany had always told Betsy while she was growing up that it was a skill to be able to steal a married man, she should have also told Betsy what would happen if she failed.

On their way over, Harry had decided that he was going to rip Betsy into pieces, and his team of lawyers were already on standby.

As Harry held Sarah's hand, she felt a sense of security in an instant, and it was only then did she slowly release the knife. It fell into Harry's hand.

Then, Harry shot a warning glare at Tiffany, who was holding her daughter's bloody corpse, before snarling at her, "B*tch, this is our last warning to you. If anyone from the Adams Family tries to intrude on the Winston Family again, what happened to your daughter will happen to you too!"

Meanwhile, Tiffany remained silent and motionless as she held her daughter. Just then, the corners of her lips curled up into a sinister smile, but two streams of tears were flowing down her face.

Pointing the knife with Betsy's blood at her, Harry warned, "Next time, I'll chop you and that brat up." As he spoke, he pointed the knife at Bailey as well, who was watching the whole thing.

Just like that, Bailey, an innocent bystander, was caught in the crossfire.

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As soon as Cooper came in, he was instantly overwhelmed by what he saw.

In fact, he already warned Tiffany long before that something terrible would happen to her daughter if she didn't control her.

As expected, things had gone terribly wrong.

Tiffany was in her forties and only had one daughter. Now, her only child was lying motionlessly on the ground. Cooper couldn't help but to be reminded of back then when he held his daughter in the same way. The feeling of desperation, helplessness, and heartbreak was still fresh in his memory.

"Quickly, get a doctor here!"

Soon, doctors came and took away Betsy, who had been stabbed into a messy pile of flesh. Tiffany staggered as she followed closely behind them.

In fact, Tiffany was a good friend of Cooper's. At this point in time, she had just lost her only descendant, so this was surely a huge blow to her. Cooper couldn't leave her, so he followed her to examine the situation and take care of her along the way.

After Cooper and Tiffany left, Sarah seemed to have let go of her anger before she leapt into Harry's arms, ignoring the fact that she was soaked in blood.

“Holy sh*t, I was scared to death!”

As Harry held and comforted her, he led her out the door while the people of Winston and Adams Family stayed behind to clear the area.

When Sophia stared at the blood on the floor, she knew that she was the one who had killed Betsy, and Sarah was just taking the blame for her.

Even though she had stabbed Betsy by accident and Harry would have still killed Betsy when he arrived, she still felt uneasy to let someone else take the blame for her. In fact, Hope might have been injured along the way too.

When Michael held her hand, he realized it was also covered in blood. “What happened?”

Sophia gazed at Cooper as he hurried away, then shook her head and remained silent before going home with Michael.

Before they left, Michael realized Bailey was still there surveying the murder scene in the room.

As Bailey stared at the blood that was all over the place, Michael seemed to have caught a sinister glow in his eyes.

It looked like excitement and pleasure...

With Betsy’s death, Tiffany must be devastated from her loss. Sure enough, the biggest beneficiary was Bailey at this moment.

Even though the root cause of this matter wasn’t him and his excitement seemed normal from his perspective, Michael couldn’t help but shudder at the sight of that look on a fifteen-year-old’s face.

In his hands, he was still holding the three apricot seeds that were given to him by Carmen.

When they got home, Sophia couldn’t sit still. Meanwhile, Harry was worried about Sarah and had sent her to the hospital. Luckily, she only had minor injuries after fighting with Betsy and Hope was unharmed. He was smart enough to know that he was going to be kidnapped and he wouldn’t be able to escape, so he pretended to be submissive. The only thing he suffered from was being kissed in the face and being covered in lipstick.

Soon, Linus received an update: Betsy was pronounced dead.

In reality, she had long been stabbed to death by Sarah. Sending her to the hospital was just a last attempt at saving her life.

At once, Tiffany broke down at the loss of her beloved daughter. As her best friend and because he empathized with her, Cooper stayed at the hospital with Tiffany.

Cooper knew and understood what Tiffany was feeling right now. Even though Betsy deserved it, Tiffany still lost her daughter—her only child.

On the other hand, Sophia was restless and had no appetite at all. Michael assumed she was just frightened from watching Sarah kill a person, so he specially had vegetarian dishes made for dinner.

That evening, there were fewer people at their residence. Justin had gone abroad for a meeting while Celine had brought her daughter to stay at the Fletcher residence. Meanwhile, Carmen had gone to play with the other kids next door and Cooper was keeping Tiffany company. As for Linus, he was busy with work at the office.

Sophia was gazing at the table full of vegetarian dishes and still couldn't eat. Staring blankly at her food, she poked at it with her fork.

"Alright, stop thinking about it. It had nothing to do with you. Here, have some vegetables," Michael scooped a spoonful of vegetables and placed it on her plate. Still, Sophia thought it was tasteless and couldn't even swallow.

After hesitating for a moment, she decided to tell Michael the whole story of what happened today.

"... I wasn't trying to kill her at all. I just wanted to use the knife to restrain her, and I didn't know..."

She didn't know how the knife had ended up in Betsy. She didn't know if Betsy had accidentally crashed into her or if she had subconsciously stabbed her.

Either way, she was also responsible for her death even though if she hadn't killed her today, Harry would have.

Betsy lost her life. She had killed someone, and she couldn't possibly pretend to forget about it.

Upon hearing the whole story, Michael was very calm and did not show any expression.

When Sophia was done speaking, he comforted her, "It's okay, it was my fault. I should have gone with you guys."

In fact, he was also home at that time. When Sophia and Sarah went out, he had left not long after. When he arrived at the filming set, he received the news and rushed over to the scene immediately.

If he had been more attentive and asked, the women wouldn't have had to experience this.

Furthermore, Hope was his godson. He, as a godfather, should have done something.

These things should have been done by the men.

In fact, the reason Michael and Harry rushed over was to kill Betsy. To hell with the Adams Family! They were only tolerant toward the Adam Family on Cooper's account. Now, they had crossed the line and the young-looking father-in-law was at his limits too.

In fact, Cooper was a person who knew right from wrong. Even if Michael knew he was going to offend him, he would still willingly help Harry to kill Betsy.

Michael had also been worried that the child would be frightened and had informed Sophia in advance to protect the child. To his surprise, the both of them had killed Betsy themselves.

If anything, that saved some time and lessened the risks.

Upon seeing Sophia's frown, Michael tried to persuade her. "Come on, you have to eat something. Even if you didn't kill her, she was still going to die today."

Of course, Sophia knew that, but she still felt grim about it. After all, Tiffany was Cooper's good friend, and she had lost her daughter... No, she still had a child in her belly.

Her daughter deserved to die anyway!

Thinking about it this way, Sophia felt better.

Kidnapping Hope was already a violation of the law, so their actions could be considered self-defense.

At the end of the day, however, she still killed someone. As such, she ate more vegetarian dishes to feel better about not having any animals harmed for this meal of hers. At that moment, the little twinge in her heart was almost gone.

Sean and Stanley had heard the news and came over to visit Sarah in the evening, and Sophia tagged along.

Sarah had been medicated while Hope's face had been cleaned.

As a matter of fact, the child seemed to be used to this and was emotionally stable. He was doing his homework calmly as usual.

As a successor of the Winston Family, he was already prepared to deal with the devastations of a storm at any time.

Harry also knew that Sophia was the one who stabbed Betsy first, but this didn't matter anymore because he would be taking the blame for everything.

After all, he was supposed to be the one who stabbed her.

"Old friend, I'm afraid you won't be marrying into a rich family soon."

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Harry sighed as he patted Michael's shoulder with immense regret.

Michael was already in his forties, yet he was still living together with Sophia illegally as their remarriage kept being delayed. Originally, he was expected to marry into the big and powerful Michel Family. However, now that Harry had slaughtered his father-in-law's lover's daughter in one fell swoop, his dream of marrying into a powerful family was shattered.

Just then, Michael pushed Harry's hand off his shoulder and comforted him. "Don't worry, I'm also rich and powerful."

Naturally, Michael knew the Adams Family was not going to let this go easily. Not only would they not let go of the Winston's, but they might also smear his name. After all, Sophia was the one who had stabbed Betsy first.

Then again, Michael and Harry had been working together for many years. In Bayside City, they were the mafias whereas the Adams family were newcomers. As such, they weren't afraid of the Adams Family at all. Now, it all depended on Cooper's stance...

After all, Sophia was involved in this as well. Would Cooper want his little darling to pay for what she did?

No, that was out of the question. Betsy deserved what happened to her.

Harry and the Winston Family were fearless. To them, this was just another small matter. For the most part, that person had it coming to be killed by Madam Winston for kidnapping the young master of the Winston family.

Frankly, they even held a feast to celebrate and congratulate Madam little kitten on her first kill.

At first, the Winston Family did not approve of Sarah. She was short and cute, which didn't match Harry's domineering aura at all.

In the underworld, they were all about ruthlessness.

However, Sarah's sweet face couldn't look ruthless at all even if she tried.

But this time, she successfully won over the entire Winston Family when she tore apart the insurance lady from the Adams Family.

At last, their Madam Winston finally became ruthless!

While the Winston Family were in a celebratory mood, Tiffany, on the other hand, was devastated.

She had been in a daze ever since she watched the doctors fail to resuscitate her daughter, whose corpse would soon be transferred to the morgue.

Just a few hours ago, my daughter was still alive. How could she be gone just like that?

Truthfully, she couldn't accept the fact that her daughter who was alive and well, and who she had raised for over twenty years, was gone.

Tiffany looked at Betsy's corpse, whose skin was ghastly pale from the excessive loss of blood. It was only after she was cleaned up did Tiffany clearly see the wounds that were littered all over the body. Every slash was deep, and each of them seemed to have stabbed Tiffany in the heart.

Her daughter—her only daughter—had been so brutally tortured and killed.

She loved Harry, and all she wanted was to be with him!

She didn't harm anyone. All she did was invite Harry's son over as a guest.

How could they kill her?

"That's enough." Cooper hurriedly held Tiffany and let the hospital staff take Betsy's body away.

Undoubtedly, he deeply regretted Betsy's death even though she had brought it upon herself. Despite that, he knew better than to make any remarks.

"Tiffany, she's gone. Don't be too sad. You need to take care of your body."

Don't be too sad... How could she not be sad?

Tiffany was smiling bitterly when her vision blurred, and she passed out.

Amidst the haziness, she seemed to hear someone speaking...

"Ms. Tiffany is three months pregnant. It looks like she suffered an emotional shock and fainted. No worries, all she needs is plenty of rest. Older mothers are not advised to do anything strenuous..."

“Ms. Betsy’s body is still in the morgue.”

“The police are gone.”

“I’ve already gone to the Winston Family to apologize. Harry is a sensible person and they agreed to not hold the Adams Family accountable.”

Upon hearing Harry’s name, Tiffany, who was lying in the hospital bed, fought hard to open her eyes and listened to Bailey and Cooper’s conversation by the door of the ward.

“I’ll leave Tiffany to you for the time being. I have just reached an agreement with the Winston Family. We’ll leave this incident behind us and Betsy’s death will not affect anything. I won’t make things difficult for you either,” Bailey said to Cooper.

Deep down, Cooper felt responsible for this incident.

Betsy had been harassing Harry for a long time, yet Harry had never once taken any action because he was Michael’s close friend and neighbor, whereas the Adams Family and Michel Family were family friends. Moreover, Harry respected Cooper, which was why he let Betsy get away with what she did over and over again. Otherwise, he would have chopped her up himself long ago.

Furthermore, he had advised Tiffany and Bailey many times to restrain Betsy. Unfortunately, Betsy never once took Bailey seriously while Tiffany condoned her behavior. Ultimately, this was their family affair, and Cooper could only do so much without straining any of the relationships.

At that moment, Cooper thought that he should have been more assertive then. If he had been, perhaps this situation would not have happened.

“I’m also responsible for this incident. As for the Winston Family, I’ll be sure to put in a good word for you,” Cooper replied.

The Adams Family were considered outsiders. Although they were a world-renowned insurance giant and they were powerful abroad, even more so than the Winston Family, the latter ruled the underworld in Bayside City. In fact, it was Betsy herself who started this mess, so she deserved what happened to her. Meanwhile, Bailey was worried that the Winston Family would take their anger out on the Adams Group.

If the insurance industry wanted to survive, they had to be on good terms with the underworld. If the mafias started any trouble at all, the insurance company would be losing money to the point of bankruptcy.

Therefore, immediately after the incident, the first thing Bailey did was go to the Winston's to apologize and vowed to restrain Tiffany to prevent similar incidents from happening again. Cooper didn't want the two families to be against each other either, and he thought that Bailey's approach was wise.

As the two were discussing, they realized Tiffany had woken and was sitting up on the hospital bed, quietly watching them.

Her green eyes shone brightly as if resentment had lit them up.

Turning around, Cooper saw that she was awake and hurried to her side. "You're awake? You need to lie down, you're pregnant. You need to be careful and take care of the baby."

Instead, Tiffany stared straight at Bailey, who was standing at the doorway.

Bailey was fifteen. He was dressed in a black formal suit and looked like he had just come from a business meeting. His green eyes, identical to Tiffany's, were also staring back at her.

With a smirk, Tiffany sneered, "So, you're saying that my daughter's death was her own fault, while the Winston Family is innocent? You even approached the Winston Family and thanked them for getting rid of your competitor?"

Other than the Winston Family, the person who would be happy about Betsy's death was this brat before her.

With an indifferent expression, Bailey spoke in a business-like tone. "Tiffany, I'm deeply sorry about Betsy's death, but the Adams family's business in Cethos cannot be affected by her death. I've appeased the Winston's, and they have promised they wouldn't—"

"Hahaha!"

At once, Tiffany interrupted Bailey with a miserable and sarcastic laugh.

“In other words, you won’t be avenging my daughter’s death, and instead, you’re going to beg the murderers for mercy?”

With a perpetually emotionless face, Bailey kept his true thoughts as usual in the deepest corners of his tender fifteen-year-old mind. Nodding, he answered, “Yes. While you were unconscious, I had a video conference with the board of directors and the elder’s council. They have unanimously agreed to drop the charges for Betsy’s death in exchange for the Winston Family’s forgiveness.”

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“Besides...”

Tiffany could see Bailey’s lips subtly curving upward into a smug smile as he continued, “Due to your unstable emotion, your poor health condition, the fact that you are having an advanced maternal age pregnancy and have just undergone a great hit, we’re concerned that you will be affected by your emotions and lead to suboptimal business decision making. As such, more than two third shareholders in the shareholders meeting just now have voted to temporarily revoke your management rights in the company. We’ll restore your position after you’re physically and emotionally recovered to ensure that you’ll be able to work competently.”

Cooper remained silent sitting beside her. Though this was disgusting and cruel news to Tiffany, he thought it was best for her to take a break at this moment especially after the major incident. On top of her pregnancy at an advanced maternal age, she had suffered a severe blow and could lose her child anytime. Moreover, she might not be able to hold herself back from seeking revenge against the Winstons.

In Bayside City, the Adams Family was no match for Winston Family, the local tycoon. The Adams would be greatly undermined if the Winstons gained the upper hand; even if the Winstons failed to prevail, Cethos would not allow them to be defeated and might directly interfere by imposing sanctions against Adams Family.

One was an insurance company from overseas while the other was the local ruler of the underworld who maintained the order of Bayside City's underworld. Cethos would certainly preserve the latter.

With that, Cooper quickly cooed, "It's okay, Tiffany. Lie down. Your health is of utmost importance and you can still go back to the company after you've recovered."

However, Tiffany merely put on a bitter, vile, and hateful smile.

"Bailey, so you're implying that I'm not allowed to seek revenge for my daughter, and you're even revoking my authority!"

The Winstons had helped Bailey to get rid of Betsy and caused a huge blow to Tiffany. Then, Bailey had grasped the opportunity to quickly call for an urgent shareholders meeting and revoked her authority. True enough, this was Bailey's typical approach. This fifteen-year-old young lad was extremely scheming and vicious, and he was an expert in exploiting opportunities and twisting the knife in one's wound.

Tiffany even suspected that this was a trap set up by Bailey and the Winstons.

Besides suffering a huge blow from Betsy's death, even her recent pregnancy, which she intended to keep a secret, was made known to Bailey. As such, Tiffany was in a precarious situation.

In contrast to Tiffany's distress and madness, Bailey remained calm and clear-headed.

"Tiffany, I understand how you feel, but I have to take into consideration Adams Family and Adams Group as a whole too. Betsy has got only herself to blame for her death, and the Winstons are already kind enough for not holding you accountable. In fact, you hold the greatest responsibility for Betsy's incident. If you had listened to me earlier and kept her within bounds, she would not have been so bold to go after Harry's son."

"Then, Adams Family and Adams Group would not have to pay for the consequences of your incompetence in disciplining your child. If you insist on demanding an explanation for Betsy's death, please make a clean break with Adams Family and the group, and use your personal wealth to hire a lawyer for legal advice. The group and the family too will make an announcement as soon as possible to declare that we're no longer connected to you anymore, and that we will not bear the consequence of your actions."

Nodding at the side, Cooper admired Bailey's composure.

He had totally put aside his personal emotions and acted in the best interest of the company and the overall situation to reduce the damage to a minimum. His decision and judgement were precise to stop loss before it was too late. Besides, his thoughts were logical and coherent.

Though he was indeed rubbing salt into the wound, he presented it in an imposing manner.

However, Tiffany had a totally different point of view.

Bailey did not do this for the sake of the family and the company. He merely wanted to take this opportunity to permanently cast her out from her position of power in Adams Group.

After speaking those words, Bailey turned around as he was ready to leave. "I'll make a move first. The trouble that Betsy stirred up has caused a big mess in the company, and I still have to go back to the company to give an explanation to numerous officers from the Cethosian government. After all, the last people who were as arrogant as Betsy are still on the snow mountain, and it is hard to even retrieve their bodies."

Obviously, he was referring to the twins from the Yard Family. It was confirmed that the two had perished but it was an arduous task to retrieve their bodies, which had yet to be brought back until now.

The twins had abducted a child of the Fletchers while Betsy had abducted a child of the Winstons.

While the Fletchers were a military family and owned military power, neither were the Winstons an impotent group.

After exiting the ward, Bailey turned around and looked in Tiffany's direction.

She thought no one knew how the child was conceived, but in fact, Bailey was aware of everything.

She wanted to deliver the child in secret.

There was probably no one else on the earth, including Bailey Adams, who would desire the child to be born except Tiffany herself.

There were only a few lineages left from the Adams' direct family branch. The lineage of Blade had suffered a setback upon losing their only son, and their only offspring, Lola, was left to fend for herself. Now, Tiffany had lost her only daughter. The current situation was a golden opportunity for Bailey, and he would certainly not let it go.

Walking out from the hospital, Bailey got into the car and made a call after pondering for a moment.

"Hi, is this Lucile?"

On the other end of the line, Sophia couldn't believe her ears and looked at the number again to confirm it was Bailey.

This is strange. Bailey actually called me?

"Hey Bailey, who are you looking for? Carmen is not around today. She went to Winston's."

Having no intention to beat around the bush, Bailey got straight to the point. "Don't you wish to know how Tiffany got pregnant with her child?"

Meanwhile, in the hospital, Tiffany finally realized that her current situation was fraught with danger.

After Betsy died, Tiffany was admitted to the hospital. Due to the huge blow and her advanced maternal age pregnancy, her condition was unpleasant and could have a miscarriage anytime. Hence, she had to stay in bed and get sufficient rest.

This was the perfect timing for Bailey to come after her. He would definitely take the chance to kill her and completely wipe out her lineage.

Feeling bitter, Tiffany subconsciously stroked her abdomen.

I shouldn't have forced myself to conceive this child.

She was clearly aware of the risk associated with giving birth to this child at her age. Nevertheless, she had ignored the objection of the others and insisted on becoming pregnant.

Now that Betsy had died, this baby became her only child.

However, she knew that Bailey would not allow this child to be born!

Thinking of the child in her belly, Tiffany was reminded of Betsy's horrific death. Blood boiling, she gnashed her teeth as she was filled with hatred and rage. With that, she could feel her abdomen throb with pain.

All of a sudden, she grabbed Cooper's arm who was sitting beside her as if she was clutching at a straw.

"Cooper, my daughter has died just like that. You can't just sit on your hands!"

Though the Winston Family was powerful in Bayside City, Adams Family was not a pushover either.

Tiffany was determined to take revenge on behalf of Betsy even at the cost of sacrificing the entire Cethos market.

It would be a piece of cake to defeat the Winstons if Cooper was willing to assist her.

Nonetheless, Cooper furrowed his brow as he completely disagreed with Tiffany's idea. "Tiffany, Betsy has already passed away. It was her fault after all. She shouldn't have gone after a kid. Please stop thinking about taking revenge. Just take good care of yourself and the baby."

Staring at Cooper in shock and disappointment, Tiffany felt as if she had never known him.

Even Cooper sided with the Winstons!

Did her daughter deserve death then?

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Feeling hateful and disgusted, Tiffany smiled coldly as she had finally seen his true colors.

She could vividly remember seeing Sarah and Sophia at the scene when she opened the door.

Cooper's daughter too contributed to Betsy's death, so of course he would side with his daughter!

Tiffany felt like her infatuation with him for the past twenty years had been for nothing.

Cooper was just another heartless man!

She had devoted her heart to him, but he did not care for her at all!

Tiffany was already in deep water herself, let alone be able to seek revenge for Betsy. Bailey had seized the chance to sabotage her and had probably gotten rid of her confidants. Being in an isolated and helpless state, she might even have a miscarriage anytime now.

Cooper was the only person in Bayside City who could help her.

Though Cooper was an outsider, he was aware of the internal dispute within the Adams Family.

Now that Tiffany had lost her daughter, he would certainly not sit on his hands. "Tiffany, I'll arrange a safe location for you and send some men to protect you. Deliver the baby safely and take good care of yourself, and only then you can repossess your power."

With that, Cooper left in a hurry. It was dinner time, and his two darlings were still waiting for him at home to have dinner together.

He was indeed kind and kept his word to send some men to look after Tiffany. He was sure that Bailey would go after her.

As a friend and an outsider, that was the most that he could do, and he had already fulfilled his responsibility as a friend.

As for the incident of Betsy abducting Hope, if it hadn't been for Cooper who mediated in between, and Bailey who had been wise enough to go meet the Winstons in person to apologize, the Winstons would definitely not have let the matter drop just like that.

This time, Betsy had only herself to blame. The Winstons had pulled strings with the related officers and effortlessly, it had been ruled that they were acting in self-defense. The Adams Family was unaffected by Betsy's death at all while their insurance company operated as usual. They had even made a fuss about Betsy's death and demanded compensation from the Winstons.

Sharp-witted, Bailey had taken the opportunity to eliminate Tiffany after Betsy's death and had profited from Betsy's misfortune. On the other hand, Tiffany had lost everything overnight and had to live under Cooper's protection.

Cooper's implication had been very clear. He would not meddle with the Adams Family's internal dispute, but he was determined to protect Tiffany's unborn child.

By rights, Bailey shouldn't be so unsensible to provoke Cooper at this moment.

However, he actually had the nerve to do so. He was determined to not let the child be born.

Meanwhile, at The Imperial...

"No more dogs in this house!"

Cooper had been busy helping Tiffany to settle down these few days. When he went home, he was surprised to see another bunch of Huskies. Stanley had sent all his ex-wife's dogs to Sophia's place, and so there were six more Huskies in the house all of a sudden. Together with the three existing Huskies, they became a nona-Cereberus.

The house was all taken up by the dogs!

Sophia mumbled resentfully, "I'll keep just one pup and will send the others away once they've grown up."

Nevertheless, Cooper still rebuked her sternly, "I'm not going to let you keep any more dogs. We already have many at home."

Sophia pouted her lips.

Indeed, they already had many dogs. There were a bunch of black dogs in their mansion at Riverdale in addition to the six dogs at their current place. Well, you just need extra dog bowls for the new dogs. That's no big deal.

Though Cooper blew a fuse every time, he would still gladly walk the dogs the next day. He had even placed the new pups in Carmen's stroller which she used when she was younger and took them out for a walk.

Walking the dogs, Cooper felt as if he was walking his grandchildren.

Actually, Cooper was a loving person. Though he looked grim in normal days, he loved cats and dogs, and he loved children even more. He would occasionally visit the temple to pray to the god of childbirth for Sophia to have another child.

Sophia was aware that Cooper had put Tiffany under protection, and Tiffany would have born her second child the next time Sophia met her.

A child whose father was unknown.

Sophia knew she shouldn't stay put anymore as things would become even more complicated if she continued sitting back.

One day, she finally grabbed the chance to ask Cooper after he came home from walking the new puppies. "Dad, do you know who is the father of Tiffany's unborn child?"

Cooper knew Sophia had participated in the incident the other day too, but he acted dumb and had not talked about Betsy's death with Sophia at all.

This was Cooper's first time hearing Sophia bringing up Tiffany and Betsy at home. "I'm not sure either," he answered.

Then, he exhorted Sophia earnestly, "Tiffany lost her husband when she was only in her twenties, and now she has lost her only daughter in her forties. Don't meddle with her affairs anymore in the future, alright?"

All the while, Cooper had merely deemed Tiffany as a friend and a business partner. Ever since Annabel left, there were only three kinds of women in this world to Cooper—the living ones, the dead ones, and Annabel. Obviously, Tiffany belonged to the category of the living ones.

He was not interested in her, but neither did he want to see Sophia driving her into a corner because of Betsy.

As such, he said those words as a reminder to Sophia.

Sure enough, Sophia stopped asking thereafter.

It seemed like Cooper was totally unconcerned of the identity of the unborn child's father. To him, there was no difference no matter who the father was. He only wished to protect his old friend's only child. After all, Tiffany had rendered him great assistance in the past.

Nevertheless, Sophia knew there must be something fishy about Tiffany's unborn child, though she was aware that Bailey didn't make the call to remind her out of kindness, but to make use of her to get rid of Tiffany's child. The child was Tiffany's final hope, and it would definitely be a huge blow to her if the child was killed. What was more, she might never be able to turn the corner anymore.

Bailey recognized that since Cooper was determined to keep the child, anyone who went after the child would get on his nerves, except Sophia.

On the other hand, since Sophia was already aware of the child's origin, she would certainly not allow the child to be born. Even if Cooper attempted to stop her, she would not back out.