

## Chapter 26 Ungrateful People

The following day, Rena's release from the hospital took place, marking a significant milestone in her recovery.

Clutching her phone tightly, Rena found herself caught in a moment of uncertainty, debating whether she should reach out to Waylen through a phone call or express her gratitude via a heartfelt message. <sup>2</sup>

After grappling with indecision for a considerable period, she ultimately surrendered to the overwhelming uncertainty that plagued her thoughts.

Completing the necessary paperwork for her discharge, Rena prepared to go home with her luggage before going to the music studio to continue her work.

Stepping out of the confines of the in-patient department, Rena coincidentally crossed paths with Harold's mother and sister, who were engaged in a conversation while carrying bags brimming with fresh produce.

It seemed evident that they had come to pay Cecilia a visit. Upon catching sight of Rena, their demeanor exhibited a touch of unease.

Offering a curt nod, Rena made a swift motion to continue her departure. 1

However, her departure was abruptly halted by Harold's mother Krista, who kindly interjected, "Rena, I have something important to discuss with you." 6

Interrupting the exchange, Addie tugged at her mother's sleeve, sporting a disgruntled expression, and voiced her dissatisfaction, "Mom, my brother has ended things with her! What could you possibly want to say to her?"

Being astute, Krista possessed a keen awareness of her son's actions and her present objective was to prevent Rena from crossing paths with Harold ever again, fearing it would jeopardize his relationship with Cecilia.

Krista urged Addie to depart.

Reluctantly, Addie stamped her feet in frustration and grumbled before exiting.

With Addie's departure, Krista donned a facade of pleasantness and addressed Rena with a smile,

saying, "Rena, I had intended to treat you to a cup of coffee and engage in conversation. Unfortunately, today Cecilia's parents have expressed the desire to discuss the wedding date of Cecilia and Harold. Regrettably, I find myself without the luxury of spare time to enjoy that cup of coffee with you." 3

Rena's heart sank, engulfed by a profound sense of disappointment.

In bygone times, when the Moore family found themselves in dire straits, Rena had selflessly employed her entire savings to assist them. Harold's mother, in a heartfelt declaration, proclaimed Rena as her one and only cherished daughter-in-law, vowing never to let Harold go if he ever betrayed Rena.

However, Krista had undergone a transformation, abandoning her previous stance.

Rena made an attempt to mask her true feelings with a forced smile. 1

Perceiving Rena's cold demeanor, Krista experienced a twinge of embarrassment, yet she proceeded to speak. "In truth, you are a remarkable woman! It's regrettable that you and Harold broke

up. With his impending marriage, it would be wise for you to swiftly find a suitable partner of your own! Do not squander your precious time on him."

A wave of revulsion washed over Rena, evident in her expression.

She had no desire to engage in conversation with Krista. However, upon noticing Harold lurking in the shadows nearby, Rena mustered unwavering resolve and declared firmly, "Mrs. Moore, rest assured. I will no longer waste my time on Harold!"

Krista's countenance brightened as she responded with a smile, "I find solace in hearing those words!"

Turning on her heels, Krista intended to make her way to Cecilia's hospital room, only to find her son wearing a stern expression.


Harold, with one hand casually tucked in his pocket, fixed his gaze upon Rena and coldly instructed his mother, "Mom, please proceed upstairs!"


Krista strained another smile and complied, exiting the scene. However, Harold chose not to follow suit.

Rena remained rooted in place, her heart heavy with the weight of lost love and sadness, brought

about by her previous unwavering dedication to these ungrateful individuals.

Harold sneered. "You're feeling sorrowful? No one compelled you to act that way! Rena, your previous actions merely served to gratify yourself! But you are not naive. You've sought solace in Waylen!"

Rena sneered in response. "I am truly grateful for your kind words, Mr. Moore." 

Instead of succumbing to anger, he adorned a disarming smile and uttered, "Since you have become involved with Waylen, why didn't he come to your aid, Rena? You cannot afford to be entangled with a man like Waylen. One day, you will come to regret it!" 


Rena cast her gaze downward, concealing her true emotions behind a delicate smile. "Why should regret befall me, Harold? What else do you believe I cannot bear to lose now?"

Rena chose not to elaborate any further, departing without casting a backward glance.

Harold remained rooted in his spot, left to stew in his thoughts. After a prolonged moment, he sneered. "Rena, do not provoke me!"

In that precise instant, Cecilia's call reached


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Harold's ears, her voice dripping with sweetness.

"Harold, where are you? Both my parents are here, eagerly anticipating your presence..."

Harold's tone softened as he responded, "I shall be with you shortly."

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