

Chapter 376 Ex-wife

Horace was stunned. No wonder he felt a spark of recognition when Fulton mentioned Sabrina's name.

While Horace had always kept tabs on Tyrone, he was still busy with his work and wasn't always aware of every aspect of Tyrone's life, so there were a few things he didn't know.

Horace was aware that last year, Tyrone's private affairs were on the entertainment headlines a lot. He watched a video of an interview Tyrone granted and learned that Tyrone had married the Blakely family's adopted daughter and then later divorced her. However, Horace couldn't recall what her name was.

As it turned out, the adopted daughter in question was Sabrina.

Tyrone stared directly into Horace's eyes and added, "Before my grandpa passed away, he asked me to take care of Sabrina, and I do my best to fulfill his last wish even though we are divorced. Two days ago, the Garrett family went to her house and threatened her as well as her friends. I stopped them but a few days later, your wife, Miss Rivera, went to threaten her as well."

No wonder the Garrett family came back from Mathias reluctantly and then shifted their focus to Sierra. It was Tyrone who had intervened and foiled their plans.

"Oh, I see." Horace smiled. "That's easy to fix. I'll ask my wife to stop troubling Miss Chavez and return home immediately."

"I'm afraid it's not that simple."

"What?" Horace asked, looking puzzled.

"Please forgive my presumption, but I have to ask you something. Do

you know that your wife was married and had a daughter in her hometown of Mathias before she married you?"

"I know."

But Horace didn't know the identity of Rita's ex-husband or that of her daughter.

But now that Tyrone was asking him about it, Horace could hazard a guess as to who the daughter was. He could hardly believe that his assumption was right, though.

He knew that the father of the adopted daughter of the Blakely family was a highly praised reporter.

But when Horace met Rita, she told him that her ex-husband had abused her and still harassed her after the divorce, so she had no choice but to leave her hometown and come to Violet Holt.

Horace found it hard to believe the highly praised reporter and the man who resorted to violence according to Rita, were the same person.

"Sabrina is the daughter your wife had with her ex-husband," Tyrone said, confirming Horace's guess. "Sabrina and your wife have been separated for over 20 years, and your wife has never been bothered by the separation. However, when Sabrina refused to forgive Brady, your wife suddenly remembered Sabrina was the daughter she left behind for years and even had the gall to try and threaten Sabrina with her identity."

In order to hide the truth about Sabrina's father, Tyrone glossed over certain things and exaggerated a few facts.

"Right now, Sabrina is in a dilemma. She knows that Rita only sought her out for Sierra's sake, and that made her so sad that it aggravated an old illness, and she fainted. She had just been discharged from the hospital when I came here. Mr. Fowler, do you think the victim of a

playboy's mischief deserves such treatment?"

In reality, Sabrina was in the hospital for only one night, but that didn't make Tyrone's words any less true.

Silence reigned for several minutes after Tyrone's speech. But Horace eventually broke it after a soft sigh. "I see. Don't worry. I will send someone to investigate this matter. If it is exactly as you have told me, I will ask my wife and Sierra to apologize to Miss Chavez. Sabrina is my stepdaughter. If she wants to come to the Fowler family, I will welcome her with open arms."

"I'm relieved to hear that. It's said that Mr. Fowler is a man of integrity. I'm sure you deserve your reputation." Tyrone rose from his seat and declared, "In that case, I won't bother you any longer. I'll be waiting for your good news in Mathias."

Horace also stood up. "Mr. Blakely, don't you want to sit for a while?"

"No, I have something important to do. Mr. Fowler, have a good day."

"Take care."

Shane personally escorted Tyrone to the car and only returned to the study when Tyrone's car was out of sight. Upon entering, he noticed Horace's furious expression and couldn't help but inquire, "Sir, why did he come here?"

It didn't seem like a reunion of a father and a son after years of separation.

In a few words, Horace explained what happened.

Stunned by the revelation, Shane blurted, "What a coincidence! I didn't expect... Since Mr. Blakely stood up for Miss Chavez, he probably intends to remarry her, right?"

Horace had noticed the same thing during his meeting with Tyrone. Even though Tyrone claimed that he was here because Sabrina was the

adopted daughter of the Blakely family and he was only fulfilling his late grandfather's wish, he always defended Sabrina. Almost immediately, Horace had figured out what was going on.

And that was why Horace was angry.

The last time he questioned Blayze, Blayze admitted that he liked Sabrina.

Blayze stayed in Mathias for a long time and even targeted Tyrone many times. How could he not know that Sabrina was Tyrone's ex-wife? How could he not know that Tyrone wanted to remarry Sabrina?

Yet, for some reason, Blayze was still close to Sabrina.

Was it because he really liked Sabrina, or was he after Sabrina because he knew Tyrone wanted to win Sabrina back?

"Where is Blayze? Ask him to see me."

"Yes, sir."

Shane didn't know that Blayze had something to do with the issue at hand, so he thought that Horace had something else he wanted to tell Blayze.

Following a brief chat with Shane on the phone, Blayze got wind of the fact that Tyrone had visited the Fowler residence. His eyebrows raised as he queried, "What did he come for?"

Since Shane didn't think he had a reason to hide what happened from Blayze, he explained everything that led to Tyrone's visit as well as the relationship between Sabrina and Rita.

Blayze was astounded by the revelation. He never expected Rita to be Sabrina's biological mother...

When Blayze came back, he knocked on the door of the study and pushed it open.

Almost immediately, he had to duck and narrowly dodged the book

hurtling toward his head.

Bang! The heavy book hit the door and fell to the ground.

Blayze glanced at the book on the floor and looked back at Horace dispassionately. "Dad, what's wrong? Are you that happy to see your son?"

After a moment of staring daggers at Blayze, Horace demanded, "What happened between you and Sabrina?"

Unbothered by Horace's anger, Blayze pulled out the chair across from Horace's desk and sat down. Gracing his father with an easy smile, he asked, "What else can happen? I like her."

"You know she is Tyrone's ex-wife..."

"So what? She is divorced, is she not?"

Horace stared at Blayze for a moment and sneered, "You know what is going on. You know the relationship between Tyrone and Sabrina, but you didn't tell me about it. Instead, you deliberately manipulated me to persuade Sabrina into forgiving Brady. Didn't you want me to get into a confrontation with Tyrone?"

You are full of schemes. You've never considered Sabrina's feelings. How can you say you like her?"

Blayze pursed his lips. He had lied to Sabrina when he claimed he didn't know Rita went to see her.

He was the one who suggested Horace find Sabrina and Bettie personally to have them forgive Brady. How could he not foresee that Horace would decide to send Rita in his stead?

However, at the time, Blayze wasn't aware of the fact that Rita was Sabrina's biological mother. He only thought Horace and Rita were quite resourceful, so they would definitely force Sabrina to write a letter of understanding for Brady if she refused.

Since Tyrone treasured Sabrina and set his mind on protecting her, he wouldn't let the matter go. He would definitely make trouble for the Fowler family.

When Horace had unknowingly revealed through his words that he was unfamiliar with Sabrina that day, Blayze had concocted this plan.

But to his surprise, things didn't go as planned.

While Tyrone and Horace were always distant and this matter didn't change anything, Rita's sudden approach after all these years with the hurtful truth of Sabrina's true identity was a huge blow to Sabrina. It must be a bitter pill for her to swallow.

Seeing that Blayze didn't say anything, Horace sighed. "It seems Sabrina won't forgive Brady. You will have to find another approach to help Brady."

"Why bother? I've got Sierra. Why can't I just hand her over?" Blayze asked.

"You..."



Chapter 377 Don't Look For Sabrina Again

Rita was caught off guard when Horace summoned her back to Violetholt over the phone.

Bewildered, Rita retorted, "I'm in the dark here. Haven't received the letter of understanding yet. What's the angle?"

Horace asked, "Sabrina is your daughter, isn't she?"

Rita fell silent abruptly.

Horace continued, "What did you say to her?"

"I merely disclosed her origins," Rita countered.

Horace pondered Tyrone's claims. "Tyrone visited the Fowler residence and alleged Sabrina's grievous distress. He demanded reparation. Don't intrude further into her life."

"But what of Sierra?"

"Though you've treated Sierra well, she bears fault. But Sabrina, your biological daughter, mustn't bear the brunt. Your ex-husband is dead and Sabrina is innocent. Even if you hate her, refrain from causing her pain."

Rita hesitated. "I... I'm compelled. I cannot just witness the Garretts take Sierra away."

The revelation of Sabrina's biological father, Osiris, implied Rita had an affair, a less than commendable revelation. Sensing Horace's obliviousness to this, she chose silence on the matter.

"I shall implore Blayze to deal with the situation. Should that fail, my hands are tied. After all, missteps were made by Sierra. Sabrina looks like an admirable soul. Colleagues who've worked beside her extol her

virtues. She recently clinched top honors in a photography contest, surpassing Sierra. If you desire a rapport with her, invite her to the Fowler domain. The Fowlers are eager to welcome her."

Rita was lost there. She perceived Horace's inclination to give up on Sierra.

Rita understood Horace's reasoning behind his words. Sierra was a troublemaker in comparison to Sabrina.

To Horace, Sabrina was a wiser choice than Sierra, given both of them didn't share a blood tie to the Fowlers.

Moreover, welcoming Sabrina into the Fowler family was entirely justified since Rita was Sabrina's biological mother. Besides, they could take advantage of this opportunity to mend fences with the Blakely family.

Rita's countenance darkened. Tentatively, she said, "But... Sabrina may be disinclined toward the Fowler family. Upon learning the truth of her identity, she asserted her mother passed on. The last thing she needs is maternal affection."

"Understandable. A separation of over two decades... But the animosity between mother and daughter? Kindness could alter her stance," advised Horace.

Horace stood firm. If Sabrina came to the Fowler family, she'd be Blayze's stepsister. With Sabrina in the Fowler family, Blayze's romantic feelings toward Sabrina would be rendered impossible. Besides, Horace could likely get near Tyrone. Tyrone was Horace's biological son, yet Tyrone was indifferent to Horace, seemingly oblivious to this fact. Horace supposed Tyrone would get on well with him over time after Tyrone and Sabrina tied the knot again.

Rita was stunned. Her lips moved, finally conceding, "Fine, I shall endeavor."

After the call, Rita closed her eyes and held the phone, standing still.

Moments later, she hurled the phone against the wall, breaking it into fragments.

Tyrone's visit to the Fowler residence startled her. Because of his visit, Horace gave up Sierra and wanted Sabrina to come to the Fowler family.

Would Rita just sit by and do nothing about it? Not likely. Not a chance. Not in her world! Rita vehemently dissented.

Flushed and agitated, Rita sank onto the sofa, ruminating.

Out of nowhere, she thought of something. With that, she attempted to piece the phone together.

Frustrated, she abandoned it, salvaging the SIM card, and asked the driver to buy her a new phone.

After inserting the SIM, Rita dialed Blayze.

"Blayze, is Sierra with you?"

"What's wrong?" Blayze's tone remained composed.

Rita said, "Your father asked me to return and to stop looking for Sabrina over the phone. Are you aware of my relationship with Sabrina?"

"I've heard about it."

"Sabrina is the child of my ex-husband. He abused me in the past, so I tried my best to divorce him. To avoid him, I had to leave Sabrina alone. I know I owe her a lot. Your father requested me to take Sabrina to the Fowlers as a way of making amends just now.

A wry smile played on Blayze's face.

Rita especially emphasized that taking Sabrina to the Fowler family was Horace's idea.

Horace's ploy surfaced. Was Horace trying to make Sabrina his stepsister to prevent him from making advances toward Sabrina? Well,

Blayze wouldn't let Horace have it his way.

Blayze sensed Rita's words bore weight.

"And what's your take on this?" Blayze asked, smirking.

"Your father doesn't know Sabrina has been separated from me for over twenty years. How could feelings blossom under such circumstances? The fact that Sabrina doesn't detest me is a good thing. Sierra, nurtured by me, is astute. She's akin to my daughter. I won't watch her life get ruined by going to jail!"

"And?"

"I heard of your fondness for Sabrina. I'm her biological mother. Give me your word you won't hand Sierra over to the Garrett family, and I can help you with chasing after Sabrina. What do you say?"

"How?"

Rita clenched her fingers. Glancing around, she lowered her voice.

Blayze, who held the phone, listened to Rita's schemes and said nothing.

Rita's heart raced, awaiting Blayze's response.

She was betting.

After a long while, Blayze said, "Okay, I promise you."

A triumphant smile formed on Rita's face. She won the bet.

"But she's not the type that just eats anything from others." Rita fretted.

From the other end, Blayze's voice, clear and composed, resonated, "Some days ago, I received an experimental drug. It's rumored to take effect once its aroma dissipates. You should take the antidote first," he explained.

To flatter him, his associates showered him with diverse gifts.

Blayze never anticipated its utility until now.

Rubbing the phone's back, Blayze lowered his gaze, a hint of darkness

lurking within.

If Tyrone discovered this, he'd be incensed.

As for Sabrina, he vowed to make amends when they were together.

"Send someone to deliver it," said Rita.

The following morning, Rita called Sabrina again.

"Have you pondered over the understanding letter?" Rita inquired.

Sabrina's fingers tightened.

Bettie's intuition was accurate. Blayze acquiesced in Rita's visit.

However, Sabrina harbored scant hope in Blayze's ability to stop Rita from pestering her.

She didn't want Tyrone to be targeted by the Garrett family and the Fowler family. After deliberation, she opted to settle.

It wasn't worthwhile to stick to her pride and dignity at the price of the potential harm inflicted on Tyrone.

"I've made my decision. Let's meet tonight," Sabrina said.

"Fine. Which restaurant do you prefer? I'll make a reservation," Rita offered.

Sabrina chose one at random.

She didn't know that Tyrone was on a business trip until Jennie came downstairs and told her about it last night. Jennie had expressed her wish to spend time with Sabrina tonight. Sabrina had agreed.

After the shooting, Sabrina called Karen to inform Jennie of her late return tonight. Then, she proceeded directly to the restaurant.

Thankfully, Tyrone wasn't present. If he was here, he would definitely stop her from drafting the letter of understanding for Brady.

Upon reaching the restaurant, Sabrina saw Rita was already seated, awaiting her arrival.

Seeing Sabrina, Rita greeted her warmly, "Ah, you've arrived. Please, take a seat."

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