

Arabella 1548

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"You really should've clued us in earlier," Louisa chided herself for not catching on sooner, the guilt and self-reproach evident in her voice.

"Mrs. Collins, I'm just the help. It's not my place to gossip about family affairs. Besides, with Martha running the show and Ms. Serena Collins in her corner, they had the stage. Even if I had a chance to explain, I couldn't have cleared things up."

Edith stood by, silently serving them food as she spoke, "And, Ms. Serena Collins's always played the angel in your eyes - smart, kind-hearted, gentle. If I'd suggested she was bullying Ms. Arabella Collins, you'd likely have thought I was spouting nonsense before I even finished my sentence."

As Edith went on, she added, "Especially when Ms. Serena Collins cries, that's when I'm really done for! I could have lost my job!"

Louisa gave her a reproachful look, "After all these years of dedicated service in our home, how could we just send you away? We're not heartless like Martha."

That time Hans exposed Martha's deceit, revealing how she had spilled oil intending to cause Bella to slip. Martha was promptly fired by Hans for that.

When the news reached Kenneth and Louisa, they were furious, giving Martha a good tongue-lashing.

to intercede on Martha's behalf, but Louisa had even said that if she thought so highly of Martha, she might as well leave with

infuriating. How can she be so malicious? She doesn't act like

with such care because she considered her family. She had us all misty-eyed. Turns out she was only kind to Serena. To everyone else,

guesthouse,

her bedroom,

even the garden lights, but

a food basket entered the courtyard,

it just

to her needs in the afternoon, but now

now on, I'll be the one to bring your meals. Other than that, no one else will come," Betty explained as she set the

Serena was famished, and upon seeing the food, she was stupefied, "What is this?"

A tangy potato salad, green bean stir-fry, and seaweed egg soup, this was it?? This was her meal??

"Mrs. Collins said that since you needs time to reflect, the meals should be plain and simple."

Serena couldn't swallow her pride. Even her meals were being cut back?? How was she supposed to stomach this!

"Actually, these dishes are quite tasty. They're the same as what we had for lunch. We had green bean stir-fry and tangy potato salad. The chef is really skilled, honestly. You'll know once you try."

"You've already had this for lunch?" Serena was shocked and then realized, "So you're giving me the leftovers from your lunch?"

"No kidding, Ms. Serena Collins. These ingredients are the freshest, delivered today. They're certainly not leftovers from the servants' lunch. The chef prepared these dishes just for you," Betty set the tableware in front of Serena.