

# **THE DIM DIAMOND**

## **A SCRIPT BASED ON HENRIK IBSEN'S A DOLL'S HOUSE**

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Casts:

- Daniya Naura as Amirah
- Sulthan Arkam as Alie
- M. Ibnu as Hassan (Alie's brother)
- Widiya Rihmaranti as Zainab
- Dian Fajrianti as Layla
- Irma Permatasari as Sarah (Amirah's child)
- Raninda as Bibi Ida
- Sulfatur Rahmah as Amirah's mother
- Myra M as Rani (Alie's secretary)

- Amirah cleared the living room for the housewarming later in the afternoon. While listening to her favorite old school radio, she perservingly cleaned the dust left in the sideboard while occasionally glancing at her photo with her father and mother many years ago. A knock on the door broke Amirah's daydream. -

**Bi Ida**

Assalamu'alaikum. Here I bought you bolu cake and some snacks for this evening housewarming.

**Amirah**

Thank you, bi. Just put them all on the table, please.

**Bi Ida**

Oke, Mam (put the cake on the table). Wait, let me do this for you. You can have a seat casually (gasped in surprise and immediately wanted to take the duster from Amirah's hand).

**Amirah**

(Prevent Bi Ida) No! I want to do this. Doing housework already become duty and responsibility of women, isn't it? Mopping and sweeping the floor, washing clothes and dishes, cooking, taking care of children, dressing up to satisfy our husbands...

**Bi Ida**

But I get paid for this job. Mr. Alie will dislike it if you have to deal with dirty things like this.

**Amirah**

(covers up her irritation) Ah! Could you help me to take some plates from the storehouse?  
We're lacking plates.

**Bi Ida**

Oh, really? Okey, I'll take them (go to the storehouse).

- Amirah continued her work which had stopped. The song that came out of the radio brought her into a fantasy that lulled her. Not long after, Alie came out of the room and approached Amirah. -

**Alie**

This song? Again and again? What a dull song! (turn off the radio) Amirah, my sweetie, what are you doing?

**Amirah**

Just cleaning up (While continuing to shake the duster, Amirah's gaze fixed on the photos).

**Alie**

Stop it! (grab the duster from Amirah's hand) Leave it to Bi Ida. I don't want your skin get rough because of this (stroking Amirah's hand).

**Amirah**

It's alright (roll the eyes and release her hands).

**Alie**

How's the preparation?

**Amirah**

Everything's ready. Foods, beverages, speaker, everything. We just need some plates and ensure all the guests for coming here.

**Alie**

You need to take a rest. Don't push yourself (stroking Amirah's head).

**Amirah**

This is only a paltry thing, bang.

**Alie**

Alright. Ask Bi Ida if you need something to be done. Okay? (sit down on the sofa and read newspaper). I've sent the invitations to my office colleagues. I told them this housewarming is accompanied with my promotion thanksgiving. How about you? You've sent them?

**Amirah**

Ya, but only Zainab and Layla who are able to come. I wish they keep their words.

**Alie**

Zainab? Layla? I think I've ever heard those names. Hmm... (try to remember them) Ah forget it! That's not important. And maybe from my office only representatives who will come. The person who's definitely will come is Rani, my new secretary.

**Amirah**

What about your brother, Hasan? Will he come?

**Alie**

No, he won't. You know, it's been a long time Hasan and I didn't keep in touch. Since he stepped down from his position.

**Amirah**

Lho? What happen to both of you?

**Alie**

No. Screw it. I have to go back to my room. Look, do not do hard things, ask Bi Ida to take over (go to his room and stroke Amirah's head).

**Bi Ida**

Mam, here the plates (arrange the plates).

**Amirah**

Thank you.

My pleasure. If you need something just call me. I wanna look for Sarah, she's studying in her room.

**Amirah**

Don't forget to tell Sarah to have a lunch.

**Bi Ida**

Alright, Mam.

- The sun is getting down. One by one invited guests begin arriving. People greet each other, throwing smiles and laughter. Prayers are offered to the Almighty so that the new house occupied by this small family is given blessings as well as the position the head of the family had reached. The housewarming is carried out solemnly. The cakes lying on the plates and trays slowly began to run out, as did the guests who began to leave the place. Amirah is still sitting accompanying her two old friends who have traveled all the way to her house. -

**Amirah**

How's your life Layla? And you too Zainab?

**Layla**

As what you see, Mir, I'm totally good and happy.

**Zainab**

Me either. By the way, how about you, Amirah? We meet after seven years passed since we left highschool. I am surprised that you already got married and have a kid!

**Amirah**

Yeah, it's been very long time. I'm as good as you are guys.

**Layla**

Oh ya, at which university you had studied after our last graduation? You were nowhere all this time and left no news.

**Zainab**

That's true. You even changed your number. It was hard for us to contact you. Until you have a kid we know nothing.

**Amirah**

I didn't go to college. I'm sorry.

**Layla**

Really? That's a pity of you. Whereas, when we were in highschool, we made a pledge to continue our education in the same university.

**Zainab**

You're the smartest among us. That's too bad, Amirah, if brilliant student like you didn't take a higher level of study.

**Amirah**

(reply with a slightly gloomy face) I couldn't refuse Enyak's demand to get married as soon as possible. I wish I could go to college with you guys, that would be delightful.

**Zainab**

Your mom asked you to get married? At a young age? Holy moly!

**Amirah**

[nodding and smiling bitterly]

**Zainab**

It proves that the tradition of getting married at a young age is still thick. But, no worries, as long as you have a handsome and wealthy husband like Alie, you're surely happy. Aren't you? Oya, let me tell you that college time is very fun.

**Layla**

Not always fun, precisely. But I was very glad studied in my dream university.

**Zainab**

Yup. That was a pride!

**Amirah**

Then, what you do after graduate?

**Layla**

I will soon finish my Masters in Singapore. Maybe around the middle of the year I'll be graduating. I hope you two can come to my graduation.

**Zainab**

I'll try. I'm focusing on my boutique business. Soon, I will open a new branch in Surabaya.

**Layla**

And you, Amirah? Do you go into business too?

**Amirah**

Me? I don't do such thing. Just being a housewife. That's all.

**Layla**

You don't make small business? Open dodol store, for instance. Your and your mom homemade dodol is very delicious. I remember I always asked dodol from you for free.

Hahaha.

**Amirah**

Nope (shaking head sluggishly)

**Zainab**

So, you're just staying at home like this? Moreover, there's bibi who helps you. You're just sitting on the couch nicely?

**Amirah**

Quite, so. Bang Alie doesn't want me to be burdened with a lot of work that can bother me.

**Layla**

Is that true?

**Amirah**

That's the way it is.

**Zainab**

Don't you feel bored, Amirah? Look at you! You're still young, a pretty woman. There are still many opportunities to find experiences like us. You don't want to try to reach your dream?

**Amirah**

What do you mean?

**Zainab**

Are you not trying to ask your husband for permission to continue your education at college level, for example?

**Amirah**

Do you think he will give his permission?

**Zainab**

Oh, come on... where's the super duper ambitious girl that I know?

**Layla**

Never mind, Zainab. Amirah already has a new life. Please, don't intervene someone's life. (stare at Amirah) Don't take it seriously, Amirah. You know, it has become Zainab's habit from long time ago (stare at Zainab irritably).

**Zainab**

I'm sorry Amirah (hold Amirah's hand).

**Amirah**

No, that's okay. You said the right things. Sometimes, I'm sick of just staying at home and do nothing. I also want to be like you who can still freely wander here and there. But, I'm not sure Bang Alie will allow me.

**Layla**

Shh... forget it. But if you succeed in persuading him, I will happy.

**Zainab**

Do not worry about it.

**Layla**

It's getting dark... we must go home right now. Thank you for inviting us to the housewarming.

**Zainab**

Thanks, Amirah. Congratulation for your husband promotion. May your life be fulfilled with blessings.

**Amirah**

Thank you for taking the time to come. If you had free time, come over here again please.

**Layla and Zainab**

Take it easy. Good bye Amirah. Assalamu'alaikum (out to the door).

- Amirah stunned on the sofa. The words of Layla and Zainab caught in Amirah's mind. The memory of the past also flashed, when the mother, in her unhealthy condition, asked for a request for her only daughter to marry the man of her choice. Amirah plays back the memory with her mother, before the mother goes to the lap of the Merciful forever. -

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**Enyak**

What are you doing, Amirah? (cleaning photos with duster)

**Amirah**

(holding the newspaper) Nyak, look! There is my name on the UI new student admission list. I am accepted at UI! (Amirah hugs her mother happily and then shows the newspaper sheet).

**Enyak**

Oh, you are... (not feeling enthusiastic)

**Amirah**

Why do you look unhappy? (frowning)



**Enyak**

Do i?

**Amirah**

Ya, obviously. Your daughter is successfully accepted in the most favourite university in Indonesia, but your response didn't describe enthusiasm.

**Enyak**

Ekhm... I wanna say something to you (spoke in a serious tone and holding Amirah's shoulder).

**Amirah**

What is it? (reply with a worried face).

**Enyak**

Let's have a seat. You know, since Babeh passed away, our family finance is unstable. You must understand that tuition fee is expensive. Few days ago I met with my old friend. She has son, he is handsome and well established. You are my only hope, Amirah. I want to see you live well and have a perfect family before i really get older. I hope you understand and fulfill your mother's wish to marry you off to him, Alie.

**Amirah**

I have to leave my dream and get married? Nyak, not everyone can be accepted on this campus. Do I just have to take it off when other people are competing to get into this campus? Yes, I want to obey your wish to get married, but later after I graduate from college.

**Enyak**

(holding Amirah's hands) Listen, getting married does not mean shutting down your life. You can still do things that you want but still have to be accompanied by your husband's permission. I also married at young age and there were no problems.

**Amirah**

But, Nyak... I want continue my study. I don't even recognize that man! (almost crying)

**Enyak**

Amirah, only this time, please. Don't worry, he's handsome and nice. I believe you two can live the household life well. You're my only child, please obey my order.

**Amirah**

You don't understand me! Why have I always gotten first place in the class if there is no dream that will come true?! I'm disappointed!

**Enyak**

It's not like that. Please, listen to me... uhuk... uhuk...

**Amirah**

Nyak, what's wrong? Are you sick? Your cough is bleeding! Nyak... nyak.. where are you going? (Enyak leaves the stage).

- Not long after, Alie comes and breaks Amirah's daydream of remembering the time together with her mother. -

**Alie**

My dear Amirah, why are you stunned like that?

**Amirah**

Ah, you, bang Alie (shocked). Nothing. I just remembered Enyak.

**Alie**

Just pray for your mother. Hopefully Enyak is happy there.

**Amirah**

Aamiin...

**Alie**

Oya, Amirah my lovely. This is Rani, my new secretary. We just discussed some business in my room. Rani, this is Amirah, my wife. The most beautiful and charming woman in the world.

**Amirah**

Hello Rani. Nice to see you. (shake hands with Rani)

**Rani**

Good evening, Mam. Nice to see you too. Woah you've got a very soft skin.

**Alie**

Of course, she's my precious diamond.

**Amirah**

(smile a little ) Please sit down first to taste some pastries (inviting to sit down).

**Rani**

Oh, thank you, but it's getting late. I have to leave now. (look at Amirah then Alie) Sir, may I come here again if there is a difficult business that hasn't been resolved at the office?

**Alie**

It's okay if it's urgent. Try to finish it in the office.

**Rani**

Alright, I gotta go. Thank you for having me today. (nod politely)

**Amirah**

Take care, Rani. (Rani goes home and Amirah approaches Alie)

**Amirah**

Bang, there's something I wanna talk about.

**Alie**

Something important? If it's not, can we talk about it tomorrow? I'm want to take a rest. I'm tired. (goes to his room)

**Amirah**

Oh, oke Bang. Tomorrow's better.

- The next morning in the dining room, Alie is getting ready with her work clothes to go to work and Sarah is ready with her school uniform. -

**Sarah**

Pa, please take me to school today. I wanna go together with you by car.

**Alie**

I'm sorry dear. I'm late. I already have an appointment with another company. Ask your mom. (Alie leaves the room first)

**Amirah**

Bi Ida who will take you to school, Sarah.

**Sarah**

Why don't you go with us, Mama?

**Amirah**

Next time, dear.

**Sarah**

(sighing with a slightly sullen face) Hmm... okay

**Amirah**

Bibi...! (calls her loudly)

**Bi Ida**

Yes, Mam? (came hurriedly from the kitchen)

**Amirah**

Take Sarah to school and don't forget to bring her lunch box.

**Bi Ida**

The lunch box is ready. Come on Sarah, we'll be late for school. Hurry up. (Sarah puts her forehead to Amirah's hand. Bibi and Sarah go out of the house)

- Again, Amirah pondering on her own thinking about the words of her old friend about suggestions for continuing education and also open a small business to fill her free time.

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**Amirah**

(muttering to herself) Will Bang Alie allow me? It seems impossible. But, all this time I have become a wife who always listens and obeys everything he commands. Can I not get what I

want once? It's true what Zainab said, where am I, the ambitious girl who always willing to fight to get what I want? I've got to talk to Bang Alie after he gets home from work.

*Kringg... kring...*

(Telephone ringing. Amirah immediately picks it up)

**Amirah**

Hallo?

**Hasan**

Hallo, is it Amirah who I'm speaking to?

**Amirah**

Yes, I am. Who's there?

**Hasan**

It is not important who I am. I just want to say congratulation for your husband's promotion. I'm happy to hear that, so ecstatic! (speaking in a cynical tone)

**Amirah**

Sorry, are you Alie's co-worker?

**Hasan**

Unfortunately, no.

**Amirah**

Then who are you? His old friend?

**Hasan**

I said it's unimportant who I am! Just tell him my congratulation for the promotion he always dreamed of. Ya, even though in a cunning way.

**Amirah**

Hey, what do you mean?! What cunning way? Explain it!

**Hasan**

Calm down, Mrs. Alie. Maybe it's not the right time for you to know. The most important thing is to enjoy your new life even though you make other people suffer.

**Amirah**

What are you talking about? (Telephone disconnected) Hallo? Hallo? Son of a bitch! (Hung the telephone up with annoyance) Who is it, early in the morning bothering me with odd telephone like that? What did he mean 'make other people suffer?' Bang Alie had been struggling to get the promotion. Huh! What a strange man! (leaves the stage)

- Night arrived. Alie has come home from work. Alie and Amirah are sitting relaxed in the living room. -

**Amirah**

Bang, let's talking which has been canceled last night.

**Alie**

What is it about, my princess? (facing Amirah and infiltrate a cup of tea)

**Amirah**

So after I thought about it, I intended to continue my studies.

**Alie**

What happen Amirah? What happened to my precious diamond? Why do you suddenly think that?

**Amirah**

Since I was at school, I had a dream to go to a college, but I married with you.

**Alie**

So you think marrying me is a hindrance for you, hm?

**Amirah**

(interrupt quickly) No, no. I mean, you know... I'm still under 30. I wanna reach one of my dreams. Sometimes I get jealous of my friends who have won their dreams.

**Alie**

Don't worry about your future, Mir. I can confirm if our family life will always be guaranteed from now on. After all, college will take a lot of time. You are a wife and a mother. You know what should be your priority.

**Amirah**

Okay, if you don't allow me to. What if I start a small business. I can make dodol store with a Enyak's recipe, then I will hire some people to help. Indeed, the results of this effort will never be worth your salary, but at least I can take advantage of my free time at home, Bang. Calculate to preserve this hereditary family heritage. I hope you can understand.

**Alie**

No, Amirah. Your job is only one, focusing on taking care of me and Sarah. I will fulfill whatever you want, but not for both.

**Amirah**

But why? Are there other reasons besides you are afraid if I will forget my duties as a housewife? Neither me nor you will ever know how things work if we never try them, Bang.

**Alie**

Never mind Amirah. You better think of more important things, baby. You haven't accompanied Sarah on her homework. She always studies with Bibi. Please, pay attention to Sarah so she becomes a charming woman like you. Instead of thinking of other things, you better accompany Sarah to study. Alright then, I wanna continue my pending work. Gosh!  
(leaves the stage)

**Amirah**

Damn! Am I still a kid? I can really manage my time. After all, I've always been on time in everything. And about Sarah, I can leave her to Bi Ida. Can I not have another activity outside the house once?

*Ting... tong...*

Someone pressed the bell. Bi Ida run a little hurriedly and open the door.

**Bi Ida**

Mam, there's someone who's looking for Mr. Alie.

**Amirah**

(look out the door) Who's that?

**Bi Ida**

She said Rani

**Amirah**

(Walking towards the door. Bi Ida back to the kitchen) What can I do for you?

**Rani**

Good evening, Mrs. Amirah. I want to provide documents for Mr. Alie. Can you please call him?

**Amirah**

You can give it to me. (give her hands)

**Rani**

But there are some issues that I have to talk about with him.

**Amirah**

Ck...You can deliver it through me. After all, it's already night.

**Rani**

Oh, I see. But I am afraid there is a misunderstanding if i do not tell it directly.

**Amirah**

Okey, I'll call him. Come in.

- Rani sits in the living room. Amirah calls Alie in his room and Alie goes out to meet Rani. -



**Alie**

What's up Rani? Is it so important that it requires you to come here late at night?

**Rani**

Ah no. I only want to give this document. This is the document of the agreement with PT Aksara.

**Alie**

Only that? You can give it tomorrow at the office, Rani. I have already said, if it is not urgent we can do it at the office.

**Rani**

Sorry , Sir. I only intend to give this document faster and also your house happens to be in the same direction as me. So I think faster is better.

**Alie**

Okay, if that's all you want to say. Do the rest at the office. (He got up from his seat)

**Rani**

Alright, sir. I gotta go. See you tomorrow at the office. Good night. (Rani got up from her seat and immediately left Alie's house)

**Amirah**

Oh... she's your new secretary. Giving document must be at this time? Coming to our home?  
Like, seriously? For God's sake! (talking with annoyed face)

**Alie**

Wah... looks like my beloved diamond get jealous! Don't you? Hmm? (giving a seductive look to Amirah)

**Amirah**

No, I'm just curious. It must be just her trick so she can meet you.

**Alie**

Come on baby, just admit that you're jealous. (keep teasing Amirah)

**Amirah**

Whatever... (showing annoyed expression)

**Alie**

Take it easy, honey. I will never like anyone other than you. I just love you, Mir. My soul and body are only for my Amirah, the innocent little princess. (staring at Amirah lovingly)

**Amirah**

Ya... ya... I take your words. (looked away from Alie)

During the day, Amirah was cleaning the dust sticking to the photo, while Sarah is playing congklak with her nanny. Voice calls break their concentration.

**Bi Ida**

Let me just picked the phone up (walked quickly to the telephone and picked it up.)

Hello. Yes, there is. Who is this? OK, sir. (handing over the phone to Amirah).

**Amirah**

Who?

**Bi Ida**

Someone wants to talk to you. He doesn't want to be named

**Amirah**

(taking over the telephone) Hello, with whom? What can I help you, sir?

**Hassan**

Hello, Mrs. Amirah. Have you delivered my congratulations to your husband?

**Amirah**

Who are you? I don't want to say it if you don't mention your name

**Hassan**

I see. Okay, Mrs. Amirah. I am one of the people who has been wronged by your husband.

**Amirah**

What do you mean, Sir? Let's explain what you mean!

**Hassan**

I want to tell you, but it seems not the right time.

**Amirah**

Sir, please don't play with me. You are like terrorizing me. I can just report you to the police.

**Hassan**

(chuckles) Hahaha ... you want to report me to the police? Just report it, I'm not afraid. I think that your husband who will be arrested by the police.

**Amirah**

What? What are you talking about? Who are you?

**Hassan**

I'll tell you when it's time, Mrs. Amirah  
(phone is closed suddenly).

**Amirah**

Huhh. Who is that person?

**Bi Ida**

Who is calling, ma'am?

**Amirah**

I don't know. Not important. Next time if he calls again, just close the phone.

**Bi Ida**

Yes, ma'am

**Amirah**

Sarah, are you winning the game?

(Looked down at Sarah)

**Sarah**

Yes! Two times! I defeat Bi Ida!

**Amirah**

Good job, Honey. Keep playing with bibi. Okey?

**Bi Ida**

Fine, ma'am.

- Knock ...Knock ... (door knocking) -

**Amirah**

Let me open the door, bi. You can accompany Sarah to her room.

**Bi Ida**

Fine, ma'am

**Amirah**

(shouting loudly) Yes, wait a minute!

- The door opened and there was Zainab in the doorway. -

**Amirah**

Zainab, let's go in.

**Zainab**

Thank you Amirah.

**Amirah**

Sit down first. (sitting on one of the chairs in the living room)

What are you suddenly coming here for?

**Zainab**

Ah, I just want to play. I have free time today

**Amirah**

Alright. By the way, how was your boutique? You said that you want to open a branch in

Surabaya right? Are you going there soon?

**Zainab**

Maybe about two weeks, I will go to Surabaya to take care of my boutique branch. I hope you  
can come to the launch event

**Amirah**

I'll work on it. When will you launch it?

**Zainab**

Maybe next month. If you come, you will get a special price for my latest collection.

**Amirah**

Wow, I feel impatient

**Zainab**

Talking of boutiques, in fact, I want to meet Alie to discuss cooperation with the editor of the  
magazine led by your husband. Is Alie here?

**Amirah**

Bang Alie just come home around five in the afternoon. What kind of collaboration is it? Let me say it later.

**Zainab**

Yes, the point is I want to advertise the grand opening of my boutique in the magazine. But later I'll contact him for a more detailed explanation.

**Amirah**

Ah, alright.

**Zainab**

By the way, how about your plan to continue your studies?

**Amirah**

You know, I can't expect too much. Bang Alie didn't allow me.

**Zainab**

Too bad Amirah. Have you explained it well?

**Amirah**

Already. But, it's still not permitted.

**Zainab**

Wow, I didn't expect the educated person like Alie forbid his wife from continuing her education" (speaking disparagingly).

**Amirah**

(feeling uncomfortable over Zainab's ridicule)

Ya, actually he has a kind reason. He just wants me to focus on taking care of the family.

**Zainab**

Yes, I know. Amirah, you're young and smart, even smarter than me. Do you want if you just end up at home without caring about your dreams?

**Amirah**

But, now I already have a different life with you

**Zainab**

Ohh, I don't think that's a reason. Do you know that Layla will finish her master degree?

**Amirah**

Of course I know"

**Zainab**

Then, did you know that she attended master with the scholarship?

**Amirah**

(surprised)

Really? How lucky she is!

**Zainab**

Yes, she continued her master's degree in Singapore on a scholarship even though she already had child. Even she moved to Singapore with her child for a while.

**Amirah**

Then, what the relations with me?

Zainab

That's the relations, Amirah. You make your situation as married women and mother as a barrier to continue your education. Actually you can do that, mir.

**Amirah**

(pondering Zainab words for a moment)

**Zainab**

Aren't you feel jealous of our success? While you just keep quiet at home burying all your dreams and ambitions.

**Amirah**

Your words are really right.

**Zainab**

(tapping Amirah's shoulder)

Yes, once again, it's all back to you. I just feel sorry for you Amirah. I still remember when we studied together for university entrance exams. You're the smartest and always taught us difficult questions. Then, now seeing you is just like this, I like being indebted to you.

**Amirah**

(answered with a wandering look)

Yes, you are right Zainab. I have to reach my dreams.

**Zainab**

Great, you know what you have to do. I think I have to go home.

**Amirah**

Ah, fine. Thank you for visiting. Be careful, Zainab.

- It's getting late, Alie comes home with some groceries and puts them on the chair. He accidentally stopped by the convenience store to buy some items.-

**Alie**

Hi, Amirah dear ...

**Amirah**

You're home. What's that?

**Alie**

Ah, I bought some items and snacks for Sarah. Where is Sarah?

(Looking for Sarah's whereabouts)

Sarah!

**Sarah**

(from the distance) Yes, Paa

**Alie**

I bought some food for you.

(Handing over food)

**Sarah**

Thank you, Pa. Sarah wants to eat first

(answering with a happy face and then immediately passed)

**Amirah**

How was your day, bang?

**Alie**

Today is quite busy. I have some meetings today

(sighed and immediately sat on the chair)

**Amirah**

Are you tired?

(Massaging Alie's shoulder)

**Alie**

What's this? My little princess massaged me after I got home from work. One thing that should be appreciated.

**Amirah**

I just want to massage you.

**Alie**

(staring at Amirah with a groping look)

I guess that there is something you want.

**Amirah**

(smiles) You understand well, bang

**Alie**

Hmm ... what do you want my darling?

**Amirah**

My request is simple, bang. I... I just want to continue my studies

**Alie**

(looking at Amirah seriously) That problem again? Amirah, isn't it clear enough about my words yesterday?

**Amirah**

Yes, I understand bang. But I'm sure I can do it. I'm sure I can manage my time well

**Alie**

Oh come on honey, don't make me angry. Believe me, your life is guaranteed with me. Do you still feel lacking? Don't you trust me? I am your husband, mir.

**Amirah**

I don't doubt you at all. All I want is to continue my education. Am I wrong?

(Starting to feel annoyed with Alie)

**Alie**

Then why suddenly you really want to continue your education? You were never think like this before. Ohh, I know, It's because of your friends who came here yesterday?

(Alie starts to get a little emotional)

**Amirah**

Don't blame my friends! I realize that there were many dreams that had not been reached, bang. I'm still young. There are many things that I want to do. One of them is being college student

**Alie**

Don't blame your friends, you say? It's clear, they have affected your mind. You are easily influenced by people.

**Amirah**

I am not influenced!

(Amirah starts raising his voice)

**Alie**

Stop it. I told you that you must focus on taking care of Sarah. I've seen Sarah more often with Bibi than you. You have to learn to be a better mother first.

**Amirah**

What's wrong about leaving Sarah with Bibi? Itsn't related with studying.



**Alie**

Amirah, please stop your ridiculous request. You are enough to be a good wife and mother at home

**Amirah**

Bang, I have always followed your wishes and I have never fought you all this time. Now, I'm just asking permission to continue my studies. After all, there are many young mothers who take care of the house and children while studying. That's a normal thing, Bang. Every woman is also entitled to higher education. It doesn't matter whether he has a family or already has children. Education is number one for me.

**Alie**

Then, if I obey your wishes on this one, what else should I do next? Do you want to have permission to go to work? Never mind Amirah, I tell you once again, your life is guaranteed with me. So, you don't have to act a lot, just sit at home. Keep being my beautiful and charming precious diamond

**Amirah**

Bang, I also have the same dream as you. As you want a good position at your work. I have a dream of becoming a successful businesswoman. I have to study first and seek as much knowledge as possible. I've always supported you for all your dreams all this time. I am always by your side. Now, when I want to start reaching for my dreams, you actually stop me? Haah (sighs) You say I just need to sit at home? Do you think women's duties are just cleaning up, mopping, washing clothes, cooking foods, looking after the children, and dressing up to make the husband happy

**Alie**

Yes it should be like that

**Amirah**

Bang, throw away your old-fashioned mind. Yes, that should be my duty. But that doesn't mean you can forbid me from doing anything else. After all, what I did was not a negative thing. I don't understand the way you think

**Alie**

I also don't understand your mind

(Alie who was still ignited by emotions turned towards her room leaving Amirah.)

**Amirah**

(shouting at Alie) I haven't finished, bang!

**Alie**

I don't allow you

- Kring ... kring ... The phone rings again. Amirah immediately picked it up.-

**Amirah**

Hah, don't say that person is calling again (grumbling while picking up the receiver).

**Hassan**

Hello, Amirah, I think you already know who I am

**Amirah**

If it's not important, I'll close the phone.

**Hassan**

Oh, wait a minute. I want to give you important news.

**Amirah**

What is that? Hurry up, say it!

**Hassan**

This time I want to congratulate your husband for the success of buying and selling positions  
that he has done

**Amirah**

What? Buying and selling positions? Don't talk nonsense!

**Hassan**

Hmm, do I need to explain now?

**Amirah**

Yes, explain your words. Who are you?

**Hassan**

You really don't recognize my voice? So sad.

**Amirah**

Your voice does sound a little familiar. Who are you? Explain what happened!

**Hassan**

Like I said earlier. Your husband is involved in the case of buying and selling positions.

You're wrong if you say your husband gets the manager's position on his own effort.

**Amirah**

How can you say that? What is the proof?

**Hassan**

Proof? Huh, I am the one who was removed by your husband. Should I show the proof to you?

**Amirah**

Wait, are you ...

- Alie, who heard a little conversation from his wife, suddenly grabbed the receiver from Amirah's hand. Hassan, who did not know the telephone had been taken over, continued his words. -

**Hassan**

You must know who I am. Don't expect too much from your husband. His life will change.

**Alie**

Shut your mouth

**Hassan**

Ah, the manager. How are you, sir? How does it feel to be an instant manager? Ha ha ha

**Alie**

Don't disturb my life and my family anymore

(hang up the telephone)

**Amirah**

Bang, what is that? What are you doing? Buying and selling positions? Explain to me!

**Alie**

What are you saying?

**Amirah**

Just explain what happened

**Alie**

Do you trust that stranger more than your husband? What are you thinking about Amirah?

(being emotion)

**Amirah**

Why do you angry if you are innocent? You can explain it well

(provoked by emotion)

**Alie**

You won't understand. Don't be curious about my problem.

**Amirah**

Bang, I'm your wife, I need to know

- Knock knock... The door that was knocked interrupted their fight. Amirah immediately sees who is coming. Hassan entered without being welcome. He immediately sat in a chair while looking at Alie with a cynical face.-

**Hassan**

Wow, Your house is really big, manager.

(Clapping his hands while looking at the whole house)

**Amirah**

Hassan, Are you a person who call me on the phone?

**Hassan**

Apparently you still remember my voice huh

**Alie**

You can come out. The exit is wide open

**Hassan**

Alie, is that your way to welcome your brother who hasn't been visiting for a long time?

**Alie**

I didn't expect your visit

**Amirah**

What exactly happen? Please explain to me

**Hassan**

So, Amirah ..

**Alie**

I told you, you don't need to know

**Amirah**

I have the right to find out

**Alie**

Why do you often fight me now?

**Amirah**

I'm not fighting. I just want to know. If what Hassan said was true, am I not entitled to know?

(Getting annoyed)

**Alie**

This problem hasn't related with you

(Alie starts to get emotional again)

**Amirah**

Why? I just want to know!

- This hard debate made little Sarah accidentally hear it. Sarah emerged from the room with a fearful but curious face.-

**Sarah**

Pa, ma, why are you fighting? (almost cry)

**Amirah**

Sarah? Enter the room!

**Alie**

(softly) Sarah, it's almost midnight. You better sleep.

**Sarah**

Okay pa. (Sarah goes into her room)

**Amirah**

Bang, let's explain! What's the matter? Do I need to ask Hassan to tell?

**Alie**

I told you how many times, you don't need to know and don't need to interfere, sad. (With tired faces and uncontrolled emotions) You better go to the room and accompany Sarah

**Amirah**

But...

**Alie**

Go!

- Finally with an irritated face, Amirah entered the room. Alie is still in the living room with Hassan.-

**Alie**

Do I need to take you to the exit?

**Hassan**

Alie, Alie. Are you not ashamed of me? You have deposed your brother from the manager's office in a sly way. You don't intend to apologize to me personally?

**Alie**

No

**Hassan**

(standing up and tidying up his shirt)

Oh well, if that's what you want. I just wanted to forgive you, but it turned out that your egoism didn't change. Okay, you will see what happens. I'll go home first, my sweet brother.

- The house's atmosphere feels cold. Alie with her disheveled appearance remained silent and pondered in the living room. The living room door is left open so that at least there is fresh air entering the house. Alie decided to take a few days off from work to calm his mind. After a moment, Rani, the secretary, came to give some documents in the office.-

**Rani**

Excuse me, Mr. Alie

**Alie**

Oh, you are Rani. Enter.

**Rani**

I want to give some documents that you must look at for the next few days

**Alie**

Yes, just put it on the table

**Rani**

Sir, is there a problem? Does your face look sluggish? Are you sick?

**Alie**

Ah, no. Just a lot of thoughts.

**Rani**

(suddenly moves behind Alie and massages her shoulder) Sir, don't be too tired. Don't push too much work too

**Alie**

(getting rid of Rani's hand) You don't need to massage me

**Rani**

(keep on massaging) It's okay, sir. I hope you can recover quickly

- Amirah who saw it immediately went straight to the living room and his emotions could not be accommodated anymore. He bumped into Rani who had dared to tease her husband in his own home.-

**Amirah**

(get rid of Rani's hand from Alie's shoulder) Hey, you're just a secretary and your job just help manage the documents, instead of being my husband's masseuse! When you have finished giving the document, you can get out of here.

**Rani**

Ah, sorry

**Amirah**

Sure, please come out

(Amirah leads Rani out and goes back into the house).

**Amirah**

(stare at Alie cynically) you are being teased instead and you just shut up

**Alie**

I rejected it

**Amirah**

Hmm (Want to go again inside but is prevented by Alie)

**Alie**

Amirah, wait a moment.

**Amirah**

What's wrong?

**Alie**

Here, sit down. (Tapping the chair next to it)

I'm sorry to say to you. All this time I hide a big secret.

**Amirah**

Tell me, bang

**Alie**

Yes, what Hassan said is true. I bought his job so he lost his position and I can become a new manager

**Amirah**

(surprised) so, you...

**Alie**

Yes, I'm really sorry.

**Amirah**

I do not know what to say. I'm really disappointed with you. I thought, you did a very hardwork to become what you are right now, but... ah... (shaking her head)

**Alie**

Amirah....

**Amirah**

All this time you told me not to be like this, not to be like that, don't do this, don't do that.

Hey... look at you, bang!

**Alie**

I did this because our little family. I want to be a good husband and also father who can give the best for his family.

**Amirah**

Bang, what you've done is totally wrong! If Enyak knew this situation, she must be disappointed too.

**Alie**

I'm really sorry. And the time will come. Police will arrest me, I know that.

**Amirah**

That's your consequence and you can't avoid it.

**Alie**

Hmm...

**Amirah**

I feel betrayed, argh! Okay, I give you two option; we finish our marriage here or..

**Alie**

What the hell are you talking about? I don't want to...

**Amirah**

Listen! Or you allow me to continue my study and that thing won't happen. Forever.

**Alie**

For God's sake!

**Amirah**

You choose.

**Alie**

Alright, alright! You can continue your study as long as I'm not here. Do everything you want, but please, keep taking care of Sarah, our only child.

**Amirah**

Don't worry about her. She'll be safe with me.

**Alie**



Yes, please keep taking care of Sarah well and keep being my precious diamond until I return. I know you are smart woman and i believe you can do this alone.

**Amirah**

Thank you, bang. I really happy. And about Hasan, can you make him as a part of family again?"

- Alie shook her head weakly. The sound of police sirens was heard. Alie had suspected that Hassan would report it to the police.-

**Alie**

AH, there's a police, Amirah!

You got me! Arrrgh! I'm sorry Sarah, I'm sorry Amirah!

The time is coming. Arggggh!

Amirah, wait for me to come back.

Alie hopes he can repeat the time, but in fact he can't -