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After I hung up the call, I got changed into a set of winter clothing and departed. By the time I reached the venue, Stacey was already there.

She put on an old-fashioned cashmere jacket and wrapped herself up. In order to conceal the bruises on her face, she had applied light make-up, yet they were still visible because she was heavily bruised.

"Why didn't you wait for me inside? It's cold outside." I couldn't help but ask when I caught her shivering while waiting for me outside of Bridge's Court.

"I-I have been waiting for you!" She responded with a sheepish grin, yet it could barely conceal the fact she had been having it tough. I decided to stop poking my nose into her business.

Bridge's Court wasn't the most premium eatery in town. A meal or two at Bridge's Court wouldn't take a toll on her financially at all because she had considerably high pay while she was affiliated with Fuller Corporation back in the day.

However, she was nowhere close to her prime anymore.

I wasn't aware of her actual condition, but even if Felix mistreated her or she was jobless, she shouldn't end up so miserable because she was a capable woman.

After we made our way into Bridge's Court and placed our orders, we returned to our seats. She attempted to tell me the things she had in mind a few times, but she couldn't do it.

In the end, I was the one who broke the silence and asked, "Stacey, why have you-"

She got ahead of me abruptly and asked, "Ms. Stovall, do you remember the time you were abducted from the parking lot?"

I was taken aback by her words because only a mere few were aware of the incident that had occurred back then, and she wasn't one of the few.

“Did Felix told you about it?” I recalled encountering the man back then. He was there on behalf of AC Credit to secure a deal with Fuller Corporation. Apart from that, Joe and Rebecca seemed to be the masterminds behind the abduction.

Since it hadn’t impacted me, I decided not to go after them and didn’t bother to make a fuss out of it. I didn’t want others to figure out I was abducted.

Stacey shook her head. In spite of her make-up, it couldn’t conceal her pale look. “I’ve overheard some stuff. Have you thought of the possibility of a third party that was aware of the forged abortion apart from Dr. Ludwick? Is anyone else aware of the things you have done to keep Mr. Fuller by your side?”

I thought about it, but I couldn’t think of anyone else apart from Jared and Caleb.

To be honest, it had been quite some time since the incident occurred. Thus, I couldn’t recall the details anymore.

“Don’t you find it odd when there were only a mere few who were aware of the incident? Why would those who had abducted you decided to leverage your child as the bargaining chip to secure the tender of the project?” Stacey added.

“Felix is Dr. Ludwick’s son, isn’t he? I saw the mastermind by Felix’s side... Am I thinking what you’re thinking?” Once Mr. Tuffin showed up by Felix’s side, I could rule out the possibility the abductor was aware of my pregnancy back then.

Stacey shook her head and rebuked, “Dr. Ludwick would never share it with Felix when he didn’t even tell Mrs. Ludwick about it. The father and son duo aren’t on good terms since a few years ago. Frankly, they rarely talk to one another.”

Apart from Caleb, the only person I could think of was Jared. I asked with my brows furrowed, “Dr. Crest is one of Ashton’s close friends. Are you indicating that he’s involved in the incident?”

“Do you think I’m lying to you?” Stacey stared at me and asked in a quivering voice; she couldn’t suppress her emotions anymore.

I shook my head and sighed. “Jared wouldn’t have done this.” It was the truth – Jared wasn’t the shareholder of Fuller Corporation, so he wouldn’t put my life at stake for Rebecca’s sake because they weren’t that close either.

Yet, Stacey got worked up because I expressed my doubts over her words. She paused for a few seconds before adding, "If you don't believe me, why don't you confront Ashton and get him to tell you about the things that had occurred between him and Jared back then!"

I was surprised by the overwhelming news Stacey had brought up out of the blue. "Stacey, I know you're trying your best to leave Felix, but you don't have to stir things up to achieve your goal. I have moved on from the past."

As compared to the miscarriage, the abduction was a relatively trivial incident in my life.

"Are you going to believe me if I tell you Jared is working with the Moore family and plotting something against Ashton? Correct me if I'm wrong, but the president of AC Credit has approached Ashton again, hasn't he? They're not coming after the fortune, but they're coming after the foundation of the Fullers! They can only get the better of the Fullers by jeopardizing Fuller Corporation from within, bits by bits. Otherwise, the Fullers will be unstoppable if Ashton continues to lead the corporation to its prime! The Moore family wants to take the Fullers out from J City once and for all!"

I was dumbstruck because Stacey finished her orated speech so sincerely as if it was the actual truth. "What is Jared going after?"

"Something happened between Jared and Ashton back then! You have to ask Ashton to get to the bottom of the truth!"

"Why does the Moore family want to take the Fullers out when Rebecca has a thing for Ashton? Rebecca's doting parents will never put their daughter's crush at stake."

She sneered and queried, "Ms. Scarlett, I finally figure out the reason you're terminated by the management of Fuller Corporation. Do you think Rebecca's parents are fools? Rebecca has a thing for Ashton because she can't get her hands on him no matter what! When she's sick of him, do you think her parents will allow him to get away unscathed? In fact, they're disguising their actual motives through their daughter's crush on Ashton – they're trying to acquire the Fullers through hostile takeover!"

Stacey thought of something else after pausing for a few seconds. "Ashton has decided to penetrate K City because of his ambition and the potential the city has to offer. Why don't you put yourself in the other conglomerates' shoes? There was only so much the five parties that were involved had to share. Do you think they're willing to share the limited fortune with another outsider? They won't get as much as they initially would since Ashton has shown

up. If you're one of them, do you think you're going to allow Ashton to get things his way? Are you willing to share the limited fortune with a late-comer?"

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Ashton had moved the headquarter to K City due to the abundant resources and information that was available there. Stacey was right – the conglomerates from K City would never allow such an ambitious and capable man to get a share of the limited wealth the city had to offer.

The Moore family did a great job of disguising their actual motive – they wished to acquire Fuller Corporation through Rebecca's relationship with Ashton.

If Ashton and Rebecca got married, the Moores and the Fullers would be affiliated with one another. By then, the Moore family would have nothing to lose. Instead, they would gain access to all sorts of information and resources through Ashton.

All things considered, I couldn't figure out the sort of past Ashton and Jared had.

"I can barely recall the things that have occurred back then, but allow me to express my utmost gratitude to you, Stacey. Although I'm grateful, I can't possibly put my future at stake for your sake because helping you is going to expose me to immeasurable risk."

Even though I couldn't help but sympathize with the things Stacey had to go through, I wouldn't necessarily offer my help because I was never a kind woman.

In fact, if the Moore family couldn't win Ashton over, they would consider him a foe in the future. Since I was Ashton's wife, I would have to get myself ready to go against Jared and the Moore family with him.

Considering the number of foes we had to be wary of, I couldn't afford to offend the nasty and pretentious Felix anymore.

Stacey felt dejected and decided to push her luck for one last time. She said, "Ms. Stovall, I'm conscious of your concerns, but what if I trade my future for my freedom? I'm sure you're aware of my capabilities and educational background, aren't you? As long as I get to leave Felix, I'll infiltrate the Moore family on your behalf!"

She's willing to infiltrate the Moore family on my behalf?

I peered at her in the eyes and confronted, "Are you trying to deceive me? Cameron and Zachary can easily get their hands on our relationship. What are you going to do if they find out you used to be my subordinate for two years?"

She chuckled because she found my words hilarious. "Do you really think the Moore family has time for such a trivial matter?"

"You can't deny the fact you used to be affiliated with Fuller Corporation, can you?" Stacey was a capable woman. Hence, it would be odd if she were to tell others she had been unemployed ever since her graduation.

She looked at me in return and asked, "As long as you get John to do you a favor, he will never say no, won't he?"

I raised my brows in surprise as I was shocked by the amount of information she possessed regarding my closed ones.

Due to my skeptical look, she sat upright and asserted, "Ms. Stovall, you don't have to worry. I started gathering all sorts of information after Felix showed his true colors once you left J City. I had been keeping an eye on the things back in K City because I was pretty sure I was the only one who could be of aid to you."

"Are you insisting I should offer my help?"

"I don't have another choice! If you don't help me, I'll end up living a miserable life with him! No! I don't think I can make it through another few months, let alone my entire life!"

I was clueless about the things that had occurred over the past six months. She used to live a blissful life with Felix, yet things took a drastic turn for the worst within six months.

"You have been acquainted with Felix for so many years. Have you only discovered his true colors after both of you are married?"

Stacey smirked as though she found herself pathetic and foolish when she heard of Felix. "You're right. I used to think he was the right one after the years we spent together. However, I was wrong because he had been putting on a show to deceive me! I wasn't the only one he

had deceived. In fact, he even tricked his parents and his friends into believing he was a gentle and innocent man!”

Halfway through her speech, she started trembling and avoided my gaze. Perhaps she started recalling the horrifying memories she had with him again. “If I hadn’t witnessed the vicious things he had done behind others, I would never figure out he was such a cruel man! After we got married, he became another man. In the first few months, he would throw a tantrum and vent his anger on me, but eventually, he started abusing me. I once thought of acquiring the cops’ aid, but others would step up and vouch for him, stating he was a gentle and kind man. They blamed me for his vulgar acts and said I was the reason behind the change in his attitude! You saw how he behaved and got infuriated abruptly for no apparent reasons when we were in the restaurant, right? I had nothing to do with it, and I couldn’t figure out the reason behind it either!”

Hearing what she had said, I decided to stop poking my nose into her horrifying experiences and asked, “What sort of help do you need from me?”

I wasn’t in a position to judge, but I could definitely use another reliable ally instead of making myself another foe.

Perhaps Stacey didn’t expect I would give in to her request just yet; she stared at me wide-eyed and replied excitedly, “Felix is a perverted man deep down. He enjoys going after women who are hard to get, and that’s you! I need you to join me for a meal.”

“Have you been thinking about this all this while?”

She looked elsewhere and nodded because she felt guilty deep down. “You’re the only one who’s capable of taking Felix out once and for all amongst the ones I’m acquainted with.”

I cast a skeptical gaze in return and exclaimed, “I’m impressed because that’s actually a brilliant plan, Stacey! Once you’re ready, feel free to call me.”

She suggested and handed over a name card to me. “What about tonight? The address, contact number, and room number are listed on the card.”

I couldn’t help but scoff when I saw the name card. “What makes you think I’m going to give in to your request?”

“Haven’t you already agreed to it?” Stacey replied with a determined look.

“Great! I guess I’ll look forward to working with you!” I took over the name card and initiated a handshake.

She returned the favor and replied, “I won’t let you down!”

At 8 p.m., I reached the private dining room of a relatively miniature bar at a hidden alley.

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Stacey had arrived by the time I entered the private dining room, but Felix was nowhere to be seen. Ten minutes later, the man finally showed up and joined us.

He was surprised by my presence and greeted me with a courteous smile the moment he saw me. “Stacey told me she has a friend that’s keen to have some wild and raunchy fun together. I didn’t expect it would be you, Mrs. Fuller! To be honest, I’m surprised by your kink!”

I responded with a smirk, but I couldn’t get used to the odd set of outfits I had put on. It was a set of exposing outfits that I would rarely wear.

On top of that, I had gone to great lengths to doll myself up because I knew what it would take to charm a man like him.

“Mr. Ludwick! Have a seat!” I offered him to take a seat by my side and flashed him a bright smile.

Meanwhile, he sized me up over and over again as though I was some sort of exhibition item.

“Mrs. Fuller, aren’t you afraid that Mr. Fuller would find out that you’re here with us today? I mean, no ordinary man can accept the fact their spouse would, you know, have fun with another man,” he expressed his concerns, but his expression suggested he wasn’t worried the slightest.

The messed-up man had a vicious grin on his face because he was thrilled by the malicious thoughts in his mind. I recalled Stacey’s warning – Felix was corrupted to his very core.

With that, I tucked my hair behind my ears and denoted, "Well, all we have to do is to keep him in the dark, isn't it?"

"Hahaha!" Felix laughed and announced, "I have always wondered the reason Ashton neglected you and spent most of his time with other women! It turns out you're special!"

I was disgusted by the conversation we had, but I forced a smile and asserted, "We only get to live our life once, don't we? Thus, shouldn't we live our life to the fullest and enjoy ourselves to our heart's content?"

Felix swirled his glass of wine and had his eyes glued to me since the moment he walked into the room.

He guffawed at my words because I was spot on. As revolting as it was, he enjoyed being around a woman with the same interest as him the most.

Then, Stacey took a seat beside me and whispered, "I'll head out for a short while. Get in touch with me as soon as possible if you need me."

I nodded and muttered under my breath, "You better make your way back soon."

Once Stacey departed, Felix leaned over. Despite his gorgeous-looking face, I frowned subconsciously because I was disgusted by his superficial disguise, and the smell of his over-powering cologne made me gag.

I inched away and asked, "Have you always been so easily excited, Mr. Ludwick?"

I guess he can't resist his urge anymore since his wife isn't around, huh?

"Since we're here for some fun, don't you think it's perfectly fine for us to be who we truly are? I mean, we don't have to put on a show when we're aware of the preferences we have, don't you think? So why don't we have some fun and forget about it after the night ends!"

As he announced his sickening plan, he leaned over and ran his fingers across my lap.

Although I could barely resist the urge to throw a punch at him in the face, I had no choice but to carry on with the act.

Nevertheless, I couldn't stand it anymore because he wouldn't stop caressing my thigh. Suddenly, I raised my head and smiled while stating, "M-Mr. Ludwick, I need to use the washroom because it's the first time I'm involved in such an activity! I-I think I'm nervous!"

It was evident he didn't have enough of me yet. Although he was displeased, he nodded and said, "I'll be waiting for you, darling! Hurry up!"

After I made it to the washroom, Stacey approached me and asked, "You alright? Can you handle it?"

I nodded and started washing my face with the running tap. As I was completely baffled, I couldn't conceal my curiosity anymore.

"Have you been asking others out on his behalf through such a peculiar method all this while?"

Stacey signaled her acknowledgment with a nod and explained, "I would get in touch with university students on his behalf. If he had fun, he would allow me to live in peace for a few days. Otherwise, he would take things out on me if he had an awful session."

I glanced at her openmouthed because I had never heard of a woman desiring her husband to have some fun with another woman.

"I want you to spike his drink with this once you have the chance. He's an extremely observant and cautious man, so if he notices something's off, things may head south. However, this will make him less rational." Stacey handed over a pill to me after she finished her sentence.

"What's this? Ecstasy?"

"Yeah! It's best to take him out as soon as possible to avoid unwanted outcomes!"

I thought it was a great idea and walked out of the washroom after I took the pill from her.

A few steps later, she told me, "Ms. Stovall... please take care of yourself!"

Stunned, I turned around and paused for a short while. I then responded with a nod and left the washroom.

On the way back, I caught a glimpse of Felix while he was smoking in the corridor.

At first, I intended to pretend I wasn't aware of his presence. However, I brought myself to a halt when I noticed his disgusting pair of slitted eyes because he had his eyes glued to me.

I had no choice but to suppress the frustration I felt and forced a smile as I greeted, "Mr. Ludwick!"

He seemed to enjoy the process of seducing me. After he had one final whiff of smoke, he put off the cigarette and walked over to my side.

"Scarlett, has anyone ever told you that you look great? Your smile is what kills me!" He was merely a few inches away from me by the time he finished his flirtatious remark.

I nodded and said, "Yes! You just told me that!"

The perverted man chuckled in return and offered, "The night is still young! Why don't we go somewhere else for another round of drinks?"

"Huh? S-Somewhere else?" I queried with my brows furrowed.

"What's wrong? Do you enjoy staying here?"

I paused for a short while and asked, "N-Not really, but don't we have to wait for Stacey?"

He got slightly irked when I brought up Stacey in front of him. "Why should we wait for her? We can have all sorts of fun without her! It's better for her to stay out of our ways anyway. Let's go!"

As soon as he brought up the suggestion, he reached over in an attempt to grasp my hand, but I evaded his hands and said, "But she's your wife. Shouldn't you have at least waited for her?"

"It's fine! She'll make her way back home on her own!" Once he assured me everything was fine, he gripped my hand tightly and brought me out.

Even so, I stopped him and rebuked, "Mr. Ludwick, I don't think that's fine at all! You should allow me to tell Stacey we're heading elsewhere!"

"No!" Felix seemed to be too eager. Initially, I thought the session would be conducted in the private dining room, but I was wrong because he indicated his will to bring me elsewhere.

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I felt a chill running down my spine and knew I had to stop him before things got to the point of no return. "Mr. Ludwick, are you trying to take me into custody against my will? If that's the case, I'm afraid I won't keep you company anymore because it's not fun at all!"

"Shut up and come with me! Since we're going to have some fun, we should spice it up a bit!" I wasn't a match for him in terms of strength. In the end, I was dragged out of the bar against my will.

My life might be at stake if I were to leave with the vicious man.

Therefore, I leaned against the wall and warned him, "Mr. Ludwick, if we're going to leave, I'm afraid I have to turn you down!"

The man glared at me and confronted, "Why do you insist on staying here? Are you trying to deceive me? Scarlett, do you really think I'm not aware of the plan Stacey has devised with you? I'm conscious of the plan to trick me, but that's not going to stop me from having you spend a night with me! I'm not afraid of Ashton at all, but I don't want others to get in my way when I'm having the best time of my life! They're going to ruin my mood!"

My heart sank when I heard his words – he knew of our plan all along! Immediately, I tried to yell for help, but before my voice could reach others in the bar, I was rendered unconscious the moment I felt a racking sensation from my neck.

By the time I regained consciousness, Felix was right in front of me with a perverted look. I surveyed the surroundings and noticed I was placed in a bathtub in a hotel room.

I was completely drenched because he had splashed water on me to wake me up. What was worse was that my clothes were soaked, making every single part of my body exposed.

Staring at the now butt-naked Felix in front of me, I squinted my eyes and asked calmly, "Mr. Ludwick, what are you planning to do?"

Grinning, the pervert approached me and said, "What else could it be? Have you forgotten the reason we're here?"

"Mr. Ludwick, are you trying to force me into submission? I told you I had no intention of changing the venue!"

"So what? Don't you think this is even better? However, I'm afraid of hurting you during the process! My heart will shatter into pieces if that's the case!"

He placed his arms on the bathtub and leaned over.

Instinctively, I raised my leg and launched a kick in Felix's direction. However, he managed to evade my kick and moved away swiftly.

After he brought himself up, he wiped the water droplets that were on his face and complimented, "Oh, aren't you a feisty one! You made me all excited now."

I paid no heed to his words because the only thing I had in mind was to get in touch with Ashton. Since we were in a hotel, I was sure there was a landline in the room.

Once I thought about it, I brought myself out of the bathtub. Yet, the moment I got out of the tub, he held me by the neck and pushed me back into the tub.

I was appalled by the sicko and retaliated against him in an attempt to break free from his grasp. Nonetheless, my effort was futile because he was way too strong.

Eventually, I was bruised all over my body because I knocked into the bathtub while retaliating against Felix.

It was an awful scene, yet it seemed to have pleased the sadist even more. Right then, he started teasing me, "Tsk-tsk! You have such a gorgeous figure! I guess a woman who has given birth before is better than those virgins! What's so great about Ashton anyway? If you're mine, I won't approach another woman anymore!"

Using my knee, I launched a fatal blow in the direction of his crotch when he got caught up in delivering his arrogant speech.

"Argh!" He finally unfastened his grip when he felt the racking sensation. I grabbed the opportunity and sneaked away from him, making my way out of the bathtub.

However, the man couldn't be bothered by the pain at all. He grabbed my ankle and stopped me, causing me to stumble.

As a result, I fell to the ground and thought that would be it for me because I could literally hear my bones cracking due to the impact.

He then got out of the bathtub and pulled my hair to bring me up from the floor. Without a second thought, he slapped me in the face after he brought me up.

"Where do you think you're going? Since you have come to me, why are you playing hard to get all of a sudden?" That pervert didn't bother to hold back against me at all. My face was swollen after the several consecutive, merciless slaps.

The man, who had been proven to be aggressive, let loose of himself since there wasn't anyone in the room to restrain him.

Perhaps he wasn't satisfied with the few slaps in the face – he lifted me and kicked me in the abdomen after he pulled himself together.

I couldn't stand against the powerful force. Therefore, I bumped into the basin and had a hard time breathing due to the excruciating sensation coming from my head and my abdomen.

As a result, I collapsed on the ground because I was rendered defenseless by the sadistic man. That pervert approached me with a vicious smirk and crouched by my side after he reached me.

He ran his fingers across my shirt and stopped when he reached the collar. "You know what? I can't wait to devour you when you're in such a pathetic state! I wonder if Ashton will be disgusted when he looks at you right now!"

I gasped due to the pain I felt. Although I could barely open my eyes, I forced myself to glower at the man. "Felix, you better make sure I don't get to make it out alive! Otherwise–"

"Argh!" I felt as though I would pass out again soon as he started biting me on the neck.

Truth be told, I would break down soon if Stacey failed to show up as promised.

In the nick of time, Felix stopped when he heard the vigorous knock on the door.

Then he looked at me and yelled, “Scarlett, I’ll send you to hell for real!”

Immediately after his warning, he started strangling me once more. It felt as though I was merely a step away from hell.

Meanwhile, the person outside of the room wouldn’t stop knocking on the door. Eventually, he started yelling because no one was there to answer the door. “Felix! Open the door!”

H-Huh? Is that... a middle-aged man’s voice?

We were equally dumbfounded because we thought Ashton was the one who was at the doorstep.

Quickly, Felix cast me aside and rushed over to answer the door.

Although it was merely a few minutes, I was completely messed up due to Felix’s brutal act. In spite of my horrifying look, I brought myself up and rushed out of the bathroom to ask for help.

To my surprise, the person who had shown up was none other than Mr. Tuffin – the man who had abducted me from the parking lot some time ago.

Mr. Tuffin looked at Felix because he was shocked by my presence. “Why did you ask me over when you’re clearly in the middle of something?”

Felix, who was completely drenched, replied with a confused look, “What do you mean? I have never asked you to meet me here!”

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“Weren’t you the one who had called me over because you have something to tell me? I wasn’t going to rush over, but you insisted you had something urgent to tell me and said it was about a new mission from the Moore family!” After he explained himself, the middle-aged man looked in my direction and asked, “What’s going on?”

Felix rebuked with his eyes wide open, “No! I’ve never contacted you! I didn’t receive any mission from the Moore family either!”

They exchanged glances and knew something was wrong almost immediately.

The vicious duo looked at me while Felix confronted, "Are you the one behind this?"

I supported myself and leaned against the wall to bring myself up. After I took a breather, I nodded and announced, "Yes! Since we're holding a grudge against one another, eventually, we'll have to settle the scores, right?"

Mr. Tuffin couldn't grasp the situation. He looked at Felix with a frown and asked, "Are you the one who has brought her over?"

Felix nodded with a horrified expression and told Mr. Tuffin, "Hurry up and let's go!"

Leaning against the wall, I neglected the pain I felt and warned them, "It's too late! Do you really think I'll let any one of you go after the things you have put me through?"

Slap! The middle-aged man landed a hard slap on Felix's face. He then got worked up and yelled, "You're such a fool! Do you know who the hell she is? Of all the people you could get your hands on, why the heck does it have to be her? Didn't you know that you're playing with fire!"

"C'mon, Ashton is just a businessman! He can't do anything against us apart from throwing us behind bars for a few days! What are you afraid of?" Felix wiped the blood from his lips and replied scornfully.

"You idiot! Don't you know Louis had acknowledged her as his goddaughter when they were in K City? And it just so happened that Louis is attending an event with Clinton today?"

"W-What? S-She's Louis' goddaughter?"

After giving it a thought for a few seconds, Felix made up his mind and cast a wrathful gaze at me. "Let's kill her!"

"Oh, you must be out of your f*ckin' mind! What should we do about the surveillance system of the hotel, huh? Do you really think you can get away unscathed if she turns out dead when you were the one who had brought her into the room? Please tell me you're not such a simple-minded fool!"

The middle-aged man was infuriated and could barely catch his breath. He added, "Louis has always been known for being extremely protective over his close ones! Meanwhile, Ashton is a cunning man that's capable of pulling the strings to send you to hell! Do you really think Mr. Clinton can keep you safe? And to think that you're the bastard who would drag me down along with you!"

Felix looked at me with his eyes narrowed to a slit. "Scarlett, I have never offended you! Why did you set me up? What are you coming after? Don't you think you should tell me about the rationale behind your action since you have gotten the better of me?"

Leaning against the wall, I didn't bother to conceal my bruises at all. Instead, I wanted to be as pathetic as possible. "I'm merely doing Stacey a favor while getting my revenge for the abduction that has occurred half a year ago. Coincidentally, I found out both of you are executing the orders from Zachary. I will never allow those from the Moore family to live a peaceful life! Therefore, I didn't mind putting my life at stake to achieve my goal!"

"You're crazy!" Felix was no longer the arrogant and proud man he was a few minutes ago.

Truth be told, I couldn't figure out the reason he was released from the police station.

His influence due to his position as an auditor affiliated with AC Credit and the Ludwick family wouldn't allow him to wield such great influences. Stacey wasn't a fool either – she came to me for help because the one behind Felix wasn't AC Credit or the Ludwick family; it was Clinton!

I should consider myself lucky because if it weren't because of Stacey, I wouldn't have figured out the relationship between Felix and Clinton, let alone Clinton and Cameron.

Previously, Ashton brought me to Pear Garden to get Macy out of jail. It turned out Cameron was the one who had brought Clinton over.

An instruction from Cameron was all it took to get Clinton to do her bidding.

Meanwhile, Felix, who was still being hopeful, hadn't given up on the thought of killing me. He looked at the middle-aged man and instructed, "Kill her! As long as she's dead, I'm sure we can get off the hook easily! Let's get Mr. Moore to deal with the surveillance system for us. I'm sure he can go against Louis."

Compared to Felix, the other man was relatively calm. All of a sudden, he ran and crashed into Felix in an attempt to knock him out.

Instinctively, Felix moved away and evaded the middle-aged man's attack. Since the latter had a relatively chubby built, he passed out after he knocked on the wall. His head started bleeding as a result.

I couldn't help but was surprised. Undeniably, he was a smart and shrewd man.

At the same time, Felix also realized what the middle-aged man was trying to do. Hence, he cursed, "Savini, you're such an a**hole!"

A few minutes later, a bunch of police officers and bodyguards barged into the room and surrounded us.

Felix was pinned to the ground by the police officers while Ashton, Louis, and John showed up in the room side by side.

Ashton, who had a gloomy expression, rushed over and placed his blazer over me.

The last to enter the room was a terrified Clinton. He got infuriated the moment he caught a glimpse of Felix. A few seconds later, he launched a kick on his stomach and warned him, "How dare you challenge the authority of the police when you're in J City! Who the heck do you think you are, scoundrel?"

It was a heavy blow on Felix. If the police officers hadn't pinned Felix to the ground, he might be sent flying by the powerful kick.

In the meantime, I was rushed to the hospital immediately after they found me.

After Ashton left, John, who had stayed by my side in the ward, held onto my hand and teased, "Do you really think you're capable of defending yourself? Who gave you the audacity to lure them out on your own? Do you have a death wish?"

I replied with a faint smile and checked on my pair of hands that were wrapped in gauze. "It's nothing serious, isn't it? Shouldn't you be congratulating me for a job well done?"

He scoffed, "If Uncle Louis and I weren't around, how would you get yourself out of the nasty situation? And if it weren't because of our influences, do you think Felix will be intimidated by the presence of Ashton, a businessman?"

I shrugged my shoulders nonchalantly and beamed. "Well, it turned out just fine, hasn't it? If none of you were around, I wouldn't have put myself at stake either."