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“Hello?”

“I want you to do something for me.”

“What?”

“Wipe away everything that happened to me last night. I want everything gone. Leave no trace of me being there at all,” she uttered each word through gritted teeth as she stared ahead with reddened eyes in the car.

The person on the other end of the phone fell silent.

He was unsure if he was supposed to feel happy or sad about it.

Finally, after one minute, he agreed in a low voice and said, “Sure. So when are you coming back then?”

“Today.”

“Okay. I’ll get someone to book a flight for you. You can return to work tomorrow,” he said and hung up the phone afterward.

Sabrina remained unmoved for a while after the call ended. However, she finally broke down when she received the notification about her flight to return home. She threw her phone aside, plopped down on the steering wheel, and burst into tears.

It’s finally over. Finally...

Over at the Red Pavilion, Sasha finally figured out the reason Richard and his men had come so early in the morning.

“Devin defiled Shanae,” was what Richard said.

F*ck! That b*tch really did it! Sasha cursed in her head and sneered, “Old Mr. Woods, you can’t just say anything you like. Girls nowadays will do anything to get what they want. You should be cautious of her words.”

“What did you say? I dare you to say that again. Why would my granddaughter lie to me?”

Richard jumped up from his seat when he heard Sasha's words.

Then, just as Sasha was about to reveal the truth, her phone rang, and it was a message.

Sabrina: Don't tell anyone about what I told you earlier.

Sasha: What?

Sabrina: You'll never see me again if you break this promise.

Sasha was shocked by the message. She tried to send another message, but all she got was an error notification.

F*ck! What is wrong with her?

She then tried to call Sabrina but to no avail no matter how many times she tried.

She's really gone mad!

Sasha was panicking at that point when she heard someone say, "They're back! Look! Mr. Jadeson and Old Mr. Jadeson are back!"

"Yes, they're back."

Sasha looked up and saw that Jonathan was back with Devin, and Sebastian was behind them.

They're finally back. They're just in time. I'll go ask what happened.

Sasha ran toward Sebastian and said, "Darling, you're finally back. How's Devin? He—"

Sasha was eager to ask if Devin remembered who he slept with when he woke up. She wanted to know if he remembered Sabrina at all.

Yet, she had just got a hold of Sebastian's arms when she was interrupted.

Jonathan noticed Richard coming out of the villa as soon as he got out of the car. Thus, he went over with a smile and said, "Richard, I was just going to go see you. What a surprise to see you here."

"Is that so? Have you figured out the whole thing?"

Richard Woods was a devious old man. He acted all high and mighty when he noticed how Jonathan was trying to get on his good side.

Since Jonathan felt as though he was in the wrong, he had no choice but to go along with it.

“Yes, we did. I’m sorry, Richard. This brat of mine has really got himself in trouble this time. Don’t worry. The Jadesons will take responsibility for this. I’ll get someone to pick a good date today, and we’ll get them both engaged first.”

Jonathan went ahead and made a huge promise to Richard without any hesitation.

Sasha was shocked.

Finally, when the two had gone inside with Devin being dragged along by Jonathan, she tugged on Sebastian’s sleeves anxiously.

“Darling, what’s happening? Did you all believe Shanae’s words and think she’s the one who slept with Devin?”

“What are you talking about?” asked Sebastian as he narrowed his eyes.

Since he had no idea that his sister had already talked to Sasha, he was surprised by Sasha’s words. At the same time, he also sensed that something was wrong.

“You know who the person is?”

“I do.”

“Who?”

“Your sister.”

Sasha went ahead and told him without hesitation. She did not give it much thought as she was already on the edge because of it.

What the hell? She’s obviously a fraud, so why does she get to marry Devin? This is too absurd.

However, Sasha was disappointed when she saw how the person she had high hopes for, the only person who was able to help Sabrina, merely took a deep breath without saying anything.

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“Darling?”

Sasha had a bad feeling as she stared at Sebastian’s handsome face.

“I didn’t see her at all in the surveillance footage,” he finally said in a glum tone.

Huh?

Sasha looked at him in disbelief.

“You didn’t? But she told me this morning. She said that Shanae drugged Devin, so she kicked her. Then, to help Devin, they ended up sleeping together.” Sasha told Sebastian everything she knew from her call with Sabrina.

However, she was disappointed again when she saw Sebastian shaking his head at her.

“No. Whether it’s the club or the hotel, we’ve looked into everything. There were no signs of Sabrina and everything went exactly the way Shanae has mentioned. After Devin bumped into her at the hotel, she was dragged into the room, and the rest is history.”

Sebastian told Sasha everything with furrowed brows while bending over to pick up the video player from the car.

The whole thing was no doubt baffling.

After all, Sebastian knew at first glance when he arrived at the hotel that someone had planned the whole thing. Not to mention how obvious everything looked.

Yet, when they sent their men to look into it, the whole thing appeared flawless. There were no signs of anyone else tampering right from the time Devin got drunk at the club to the point where he was taken to the hotel by Jake, bumped into Shanae, and dragged her into the room.

They simply could not find anything suspicious at all.

Thus, he had no choice but to watch when they brought Shanae back and had Devin dragged in like a puppet.

“How could this be? This is impossible. It’s not like that when your sister called me. There’s no way she would lie to me.”

At this moment, Sasha had just finished watching the surveillance footage. She too, could not believe what she had just seen.

Sebastian’s expression was grim.

He could not help but wonder if his sister was lying.

However, he knew it very well that with Sabrina’s carefree character, she would never lie about such a thing. No matter how much she messed around outside, she would never joke about her innocence, not especially when the man she loved was involved.

Hence, the only explanation to that was that there was something wrong with the footage.

“What? What do you mean?” Sasha immediately looked up at him with the video player still in her hands.

“Someone must have edited the person and joined the whole thing back together.”

It took Sasha a moment to process Sebastian’s words. “Who did it?”

At that instance, all she could think of was that Shanae was the one behind it. She was on the verge of exploding with rage, and she was ready to tear her apart as soon as she got a confirmation from Sebastian.

However, Sebastian’s complexion looked worse than before as he said, “Who else? That fool, of course!”

It had only been a few seconds, but his entire presence had turned so cold and distant that it could send a shiver down anyone’s spine.

Sasha was stunned.

That fool?

At that moment, Sasha realized who he was talking about.

She could not believe her ears. It was only earlier that morning that she was so thrilled when Sabrina told her that she had slept with Devin.

Yet, she was being told now by the man in front of him that Sabrina was the person who had herself removed completely from the footage.

Why? Why did she do that? Does she not know that if she does that, there's no way Devin will find out that the woman who slept with him was her, Sabrina Hayes? Does she not realize that she has ruined all chances of them getting together because of that?

Sasha was infuriated.

Then again, she had no idea that there was a reason behind all of that. It was somehow understandable as so much had happened. Her mind was in such a complete mess that she did not have the time to think it through.

The real reason and truth for why Sabrina did what she did were so sad that it was suffocating.

Eventually, Sebastian went inside as well.

He went over and stood right in front of Devin when Jonathan and Richard were in the middle of discussing the date for the engagement.

"Is this what you want? Are you the one getting married or them? Don't you have anything to say at all?" he said as he looked down at Devin.

It was as though he was interrogating a criminal when he said that, and that was the first time he had used that tone on Devin.

Devin froze for a moment before looking up at Sebastian with a blank look.

At that moment, he looked lost as though his brain could not comprehend the situation he was in at all. He even had trouble understanding Sebastian's words at that point.

"Who's getting married?"

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Is he seriously asking who's getting married?

Devin's question had enraged Sebastian to the extent that it rendered him speechless.

Jonathan, on the other hand, who was discussing this matter with Richard, glared in their direction.

“Who else do you think is getting married? You b*stard, of course, it’s you! Aren’t you going to take responsibility for what you have done?”

Devin frowned and looked at Jonathan.

“Have you checked properly?”

“Obviously!” Jonathan shouted at Devin in public, furious at his response.

Devin’s face went pale.

However, he calmed himself down and refuted, “I’m not saying that I will not take responsibility for this. It’s just that there are many other ways. Why do I have to marry Shanae?”

“What? You don’t want to marry her? What do you want to do then?”

“It depends on the conditions she makes. I’ll definitely fulfill it if I have the capability to do so,” Devin replied as he looked at Jonathan. After understanding the whole situation, he was not intimidated anymore.

Jonathan was not particularly angry with Devin’s reply. Richard, who had the intention of cozying up with the Jadesons, however, exploded from anger.

“Bullshit! Shanae is an unmarried, innocent maiden. How dare you say such things after defiling her innocence? If you’re not going to take her home as your wife now, are you planning to let her marry someone else in the future?”

“I—”

“I’m warning you, you rascal. You must marry Shanae and that’s final or I’ll spread this news and destroy the Jadesons’ reputation.”

Never had anyone imagined that Richard would threaten the Jadesons in such a shameless and despicable manner.

Devin blanched. He stared at Richard as anger welled up in his chest and clenched his fist so tight that his knuckles were cracking. He wanted so badly to strangle Richard to death.

All problems will be resolved after I strangle him.

“Why don’t you give it a try?”

Just when Jonathan and Devin were trembling in fury at Richard’s brazen threat, a cold voice that they seemed to have forgotten about sounded in front of them.

Devin immediately lifted his head and saw a man.

It was Sebastian. He was standing there with his hands in his pockets. He stared at them emotionlessly, his facial features looking all the more solemn.

Richard immediately shifted his gaze to Sebastian. “What did you just say? Do you think I won’t do it?”

Sebastian smirked and replied, “You think I care? I can even grant your wish right now!”

He waved his hands, and instantly someone walked up from behind him.

“Mr. Jadeson.”

“Get a few reporters here and tell them that the Jadesons have some things to announce. Oh, and inform Mark to get the owner of the nightclub and the manager of the hotel over. We’ll need them during the press conference.”

The instructions given by Sebastian stunned everyone.

Little did they expect him to be so direct and make a decision on behalf of Richard.

Devin was shocked.

Similarly, Jonathan widened his eyes in astonishment.

The moment Richard saw Sebastian giving instructions to his subordinate, his arrogant and impudence look turned as white as a sheet.

I can’t believe Sebastian is going to have a press conference. Is he crazy? Is he aware that it’s Devin who caused this scandal? Isn’t he afraid that he would embarrass the Jadeson family for causing such a scene?

Richard panicked. He was terrified and furious as he knew the truth to the whole story.

After Jasmine’s death, the backbone of the Woodses had collapsed.

If the Woodses wanted to stay in the upper-class society of Jadeborough, their only means was to grab onto the Jadesons. As for now, Devin was the best candidate they could place their hope in.

However, they had never thought that the Jadesons, who were fools in their eyes, would cause such a scene.

Richard glared at Sebastian and warned, "Okay. The Jadesons have won this time. All of you can afford to be embarrassed in public, but not the Woodses. I'm warning you, Jonathan, the Woodses will not let this matter slide."

Jonathan was rendered speechless as he looked at Richard, who just left angrily.

Did he just leave? Is it over?

Jonathan sat blankly for a few seconds.

Seeing that Richard had left, Devin turned around and looked at Sebastian.

"Thank you. Haha..."

Sebastian had no intention of engaging in a conversation with Devin. With a gloomy face, he turned and walked away.

Sasha, who had been witnessing everything at the door, walked up to Sebastian and hugged his arm worriedly.

"Darling, why didn't you tell Devin that Sab was the real woman he was with?"

"Why should I tell him?"

"Well, you saw it too. Devin refuses to marry Shanae. He's willing to do anything to compensate her instead and even had a falling-out with Old Mr. Woods."

"So? Was there an outcome?"

Sasha fell silent upon hearing Sebastian's question.

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Was there an outcome?

The answer was no.

That was because no one could disobey their parents, no matter how good or how bad they were. After all, the latter was the one who brought them up. Hence, obedience was a way to express one's filial toward their parents.

Sasha accompanied Sebastian to Oceanic Estate.

There was still no news from the Woodses two days later. Even since Sebastian's warning at the Red Pavilion, the Woodses had been very wary of their actions.

It was also two days later that Jonathan finally found out about Devin's resignation at the military base.

"That b*stard! Is he trying to turn against me now? Did I tell him to resign? Is he trying to get on my nerves? What good would it bring him if I died?"

Jonathan was livid as he smashed everything in his studies. Even the ground could not withstand his fury.

Mark's face turned pale upon seeing that.

Although Jonathan was disappointed with Devin's qualifications, he had never ill-treated the latter. In fact, the former had spent a lot of his time and effort on Devin.

Seeing how mad Jonathan was, Mark was afraid that something might happen to him. Hence, he quickly came over to comfort him.

"Don't worry, Old Mr. Jadeson. We've stopped the letter from reaching the higher-ups. The people of the military base have found out and quickly warned us about it. What's important now is to dismiss Mr. Devin's thought of resigning," Mark reminded Jonathan.

Jonathan stood in the middle of the mess he had created and leaned against the table to calm himself down. Still fuming, he ordered, "Go find that b*astard now!"

"Yes, Old Mr. Jadeson." Mark let out a sigh of relief. Thereafter, he left Oceanic Estate to search for Devin.

At this moment, Sasha was trimming the flowers in the garden. Just when she was about to take the flowers upstairs to arrange them in a vase, she saw the commotion that happened in the study, and her expression changed.

Devin is resigning his position in the military?

Sasha panicked too upon hearing the news. After seeing Mark leave hurriedly, she quickly threw away the scissors in her hands. With the flowers left in her grip, she rushed up the stairs.

“Oh no, Darling! Devin is in trouble!”

Sasha ran up hurriedly, shouting even before reaching the bedroom on the third floor.

Under the golden sunray, the man who was flipping through his old notebook in front of the window in the bedroom frowned upon hearing Sasha calling for him.

Why isn't Sebastian replying to me?

“Darling?”

Since there was no one answering her, Sasha called out gently with flowers in her hands as she walked toward Sebastian.

Right then, Sasha looked exactly like their daughter, Vivian.

It was obvious that the blank and sweet look Vivian had was all inherited from Sasha.

Sebastian finally turned his head over as he put down the notebook in his hands. He looked at Sasha with his pair of black and charming eyes and asked, “What happened?”

“I heard Mark saying downstairs that Devin is resigning. Darling, what do you think he is trying to do? Why did he resign all of a sudden? Does he not want to be a soldier anymore?”

Sasha went on to recount everything she overheard just now.

She could not fathom Devin's decision. She felt confused and angry because she understood the implication of the resignation to the Jadesons and to Devin himself.

However, what surprised Sasha more was that Sebastian was not taken aback by her words.

“What’s so strange about it? Devin has always been like this.”

“Huh?” Sasha was astonished.

Devin has always been like this? Sebastian sounds like he knows Devin very well, to the extent that he’s aware that Devin will resign. However, wasn’t he very tense when Devin’s parents passed away a few days ago? Sebastian was constantly grumpy and was not as calm as always when he spoke and worked. Now he’s telling me that Devin has always been this way?

Sasha looked at Sebastian, who looked relaxed despite the frown on his face. At that instant, she seemed to have understood what Sebastian was implying.

“Okay. Then what should we do now? Are we really letting him resign?”

“Resign? Have our efforts in raising him up all been fed to the dog?” Sebastian said through gritted teeth. Quickly, he changed into a clean set of clothes and headed out.

Sasha was shocked by how ruthless the metaphor Sebastian gave was.

Even so, Sebastian is right. Old Mr. Jadeson has nurtured Devin for so many years. How could Devin just give up in this manner? Though he may have done it for Sebastian and me, that’s still not the right way to do it.

Relief washed over Sasha.

After that, she did not intervene further but took out her phone and sent Sabrina, who was in Avenport, a message.

Sasha: Sab, what are you doing now?

Sabrina: Anything?

Sabrina’s reply was rather instant. It was as if she had been waiting for Sasha’s message.

Sasha felt a twinge in her heart, but she quickly pulled herself together and replied to Sabrina.

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Sasha: It's nothing much. Just wanted to let you know that Shanae's scheme did not turn out well. Sebastian managed to scare Old Mr. Woods. And of course, Devin is not willing to marry Shanae as well.

The last sentence was the crucial one.

Sabrina, who was on the other end of the phone, went silent for a couple of minutes after receiving the message.

Sabrina: This has nothing to do with me anymore.

Sasha: Actually, you can tell him about that night. It doesn't matter whether the both of you will end up together or not. I think there are some things that you still need to fight for it. How will you know how he actually feels if you aren't honest with him?

Sabrina: Then why did you run away back then with your two children to a foreign country without even telling Sebastian?

Sasha fell silent as Sabrina had poked her sore spot.

However, she understood that both of them were similar in the sense that they were not willing to rub salt on their own wound when they were already in a miserable state. They would rather leave with dignity.

Hence, Sasha did not pressure Sabrina further.

Nonetheless, the former still gave the latter a word of assurance. Even though Sabrina would not be marrying Devin, there was no way Shanae would be part of the Jadesons with Sasha around.

At District 13 of the military base, Jonathan finally found Devin, who was in a heated conversation with his commanders, with Mark's help.

"Old Mr. Jadeson, you are finally here!"

"We've been waiting for you, Old Mr. Jadeson!"

The commanders looked as though they saw their lifesaver upon Jonathan's arrival as tears of relief streamed down their cheeks.

After all, the people from the military base were rather loyal to Jonathan.

Jonathan gestured the commanders to leave with a wave of his hand. After that, he stayed in the office, staring straight at Devin, who remained composed and showed no hint of repentance.

“Tell me. What are you planning to do?” Jonathan asked calmly, eventually heeding Mark’s advice to suppress his anger.

Devin was shocked that Jonathan, who had always been hot-tempered, did not lose his temper and slam the table as he usually would.

Seeing that Jonathan showed no sign of anger, he replied honestly, “Nothing much. I just wanted to have a look at the world outside.”

“Have a look outside?” Jonathan struggled to rein in his anger. “Where?”

“Overseas. I want to go to an architecture school in Yartran to further my studies. After all, this is my passion. I’ve contacted the school and will go over once I’ve resigned,” answered Devin. He had no intention of hiding the truth.

A fresh swell of rage rose in Jonathan at once.

He did not say a word but lifted his arm instead and gave Devin a slap.

The slap was loud and crisp that even those outside the office could hear it.

“You want to go overseas? The nerve of you to make such a decision! Do you think you can do whatever you want just because your parents died? Just you wait! I’m definitely going to break your legs today!”

Following that, the office was filled with a loud smashing sound.

Mark, who was outside, was about to rush in upon hearing everything.

However, the commanders immediately stopped him. “I think it’s better that you don’t enter. It’s no good for an outsider to get involved in someone else’s family affairs. You’ll only complicate things if you enter.”

Mark was getting worried and anxious. “But if I don’t enter now, Old. Mr. Jadesons might really beat Mr. Devin to death!”

Mark’s words about Jonathan were rather terrifying.

Truth be told, with Jonathan's personality, coupled with his experience in the army, it was very likely that he would not be able to control his strength if he were to beat Devin up.

Bang!

Just when Mark finished his sentence, he heard another smashing sound from the office. Right after that, a low grunt could be heard.

"I'm warning you, Devin. I would rather beat a b*stard like you to death than let you walk out from this military base!"

Everyone shuddered upon hearing the brutal and frightening threat from the office.

Devin fell on the floor after withstanding beatings from Jonathan. He then spat out blood from his mouth and smirked. "Sure! Beat me to death then! You're a weakling if you don't!"

"You—"

This was the most rebellious remark Devin had ever made.

At that instant, Jonathan lost his rationality.

He picked up a chair and was about to smash it at Devin.

However, at that moment, Jonathan met Devin's sharp gaze, which was filled with hatred, reluctance, and rage. The former was stunned as the chair that was in his hands remained in midair.

Jonathan had never seen this side of him before.

This child has always been gentle and humble since young. He has always been obedient and mature in front of me. He's even known as the role model of the Jadesons. But why is he looking at me like this?

"Why aren't you hitting me? Well, it'll be great if you can beat me to death. I will not be able to head out again and you will be free from all your worries."