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Chapter 1021

The king's decree had crushed Jeffrey's dream of seeking refuge in Tsulu.

Not only that, it appeared that the royalty had attempted to use the opportunity to wrestle power from the military and diminish its influence, as well as deliver a blow to the mafia.

In fact, the entire episode was a struggle for power between the royalty and the military. Jeffrey Synder alone was not worth the attention otherwise.

It was Miley who informed Alyssa about the happenings, but Alyssa had it all figured out early on. What concerned her the most was Inigo Montoye, the military personnel whom Miguel had ratted on.

The more she pondered about the matter, the more doubtful she became. However, her most immediate worry was Jasper's condition rather than figuring out the mastermind.

For the time being, Jeffrey was in jail, awaiting a transfer.

Back in Solana City, Cyrus had informed his superior and rushed to Tsulu overnight to repatriate Jeffrey

At midnight, the hospital corridor buzzed with activity, but silence hung in the air.

Landon and Axel had been busy taking calls in the corridor.

Axel was busy relaying updates to Cyrus, who was en route to Tsulu. Landon was assuring Angelina of his safety while taking a glimpse of Lauren, who was fast asleep.

Staring keenly at Lauren's face through the screen, he nearly shed a tear from missing her too much. Tearing up, he gently traced her face and closed his eyes as he kissed the screen.

Suddenly, Axel inched closer and clicked his tongue. "Eww! Are you kikissing the screen now? That's so cheesy."

Startled, Landon yelped and immediately hung up as he did not want to wake Lauren. He retorted, "What's wrong with you? You seem to find fault with everything I do."

"That's because you're an easy target." Axel dug his ears and teased Landon. "I'd rather stay single than be in love if that's how I'm going to behave."

"With a mouth like yours, you'll be forever alone. Any poor lady who dates you will grow sick of dealing with you," Landon snapped angrily.

"Keep going, Axel replied with a playful lift of the brow. "Some, and date your lovely girlfriend how you were once crazy beesbae won't be very pleased to hear that. Hahaha!"

What the back? How petty of him!

Landon clenched his fists but kept his mouth shut, fearful that Axel might get too rough and upset Lauren.

"I don't understand/why Jasper is even friends with you. Besides, being slow in relationships, he's a pretty arrogant guy as well," Axel mused, nearly referring to Jasper as a dumbass.

Landon defended himself, saying, "Jasper would have suffered from loneliness without me by his side over these years!"

Ignoring Axel's jabs, he sympathized with Landon, saying, "Do you really think Jasper dislikes making friends? He just struggles with it."

Pausing between drags of his cigarette, Axel inquired with genuine

“Hey, be nice,” Landon protested and glared at him.

“If he were mentally sound, he wouldn’t have abandoned Lyse and cheated on her with that Gardner bitch.

However, after all they had gone through, Axel had long put down his grudge against Jasper.

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Axel seemed to have inherited the Taylors’ traits of being vindictive and bitter.

Every time Axel thought of how Jasper treated his sister, he couldn’t help but take a jab at Jasper. For a second, he almost forgot that Jasper was battling for his life in the operating room.

“He faced bullying in school due to his background, but he hid his wounds to avoid worrying his mom. He never shared his struggles

with her.”

Axel interjected angrily, “Fuck! I hate school bullies the most! They are pure evil.” Crushing his cigarette box, he felt a fire burning within.” Why was Jasper so weak? He could have beaten the hell out of them. I couldn’t believe that Jasper Beckett was bullied. He should have rammed them with his Rolls-Royce or something.”

“It’s easy to go against a guy or two, but what happens when bullies you?” Landon questioned with pangs of sympathy.

Axel’s eyes wavered as he inadvertently clenched his fists.

Landon explained, “Axel, you were born to Mr. Taylor and the woman he loved the most, and you were raised pampered. Just like you, I grew up in a relatively simple family—the only son to loving parents. People like us will never understand Jasper’s pain of bearing the mark of an illegitimate child. We probably will never understand the pressure of walking on thin ice at home.”

Axel fell into deep thoughts upon hearing that. Indeed, Jasper was the child of Javier Beckett’s lover, and he had an older half-brother. Later on, Javier married the calculative and cruel Sophia Kirkman. Since then, Jasper had been suffering in silence.

“That’s why I said I was Jasper’s only friend. He is averse to making new friends, or in other words, he has sealed off his heart. Besides, he’s used to loneliness and is fine being alone.”

However, no one would truly enjoy solitude. Those who lived in solitude were the ones who had no choice.

Axel blurted out, “I take back what I said.”

“What?”

“Looks like the Harper family raises their children well. At least you did not blindly bully Jasper just because everyone ganged up against him.”

Axel’s remark reminded Landon of Zoe’s horrible behavior and her devilish expression, which he would rather forget when she bullied.

Lauren.

Smiling bitterly, he secretly blamed himself for not guiding hi
onto the right path. He felt as if he had failed as Zoe's father
life.

"You might look like a fool, but you're a good egg," Axel remarked, patting Landon on the shoulder when he walked past. "Jasper Beck will have one more friend starting today."

Feeling touched, Landon turned around, only to find Axel disappearing toward the end of the corridor.

Meanwhile, Jonah and Miley kept Alyssa company in the corridor outside the operating room, anxiously waiting for the surgery to end.

"Lyse, the major operation might last until dawn. Why don't you take a rest in an empty room?" Miley hugged Alyssa and sensed the lack of warmth on Alyssa's skin.

Not only that, Alyssa was trembling. Miley worried that Alyssa's health might suffer from pulling an all-nighter.

Alyssa insisted, "I'm fine. I'll just wait here. I'm too worried to fall asleep anyway when he's still in surgery."

"Lyse." Jonah sat beside her and questioned sternly, "What are your thoughts on Inigo Montoye-the person that the police chief mentioned?"

Hearing that, Miley grumbled, "Gosh, Jonah. Let Lyse take a rest. Can't you discuss this another day? Jeremy and I will also pressure the Tsulu authorities to look into this case. We won't let this slip."

Alyssa gently patted Miley on the arm and reassured her, “It’s fine, Miley. I wanted to discuss it too.”

She turned to Jonah with a somber look and said, “Jonah, I find the attack on you and Jasper at Shelland Island quite suspicious.”

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Alyssa began, “You kept the operation under wraps. I know Jasper well-he’s always been cautious, and he couldn’t have leaked the details of his operation.

“Even if Jeffrey Snyder’s men alerted him after you and Jasper landed on the island, the enforcements who showed up should have been Snyder’s accomplices. Why would the military personnel show up. with heavy weapons? It’s so bizarre.”

“That’s true. I feel that Inigo Montoye’s men seemed to have come for me and Jasper instead of backing up Jeffrey Snyder.” Jonah held his breath when he recalled Jasper’s words. “Jasper told me that he was 90 percent sure of the individual who sent the military enforcements, but we did not have the chance to discuss further because of the urgent situation.”

Alyssa’s eyes widened in shock. “Did Jasper meet with Inigo M before? Why did he reach out to Tsulian military personnel?”

Jonah shook his head. “No. Jasper told me that someone in Cy was working discreetly with Inigo Montoye to assassinate us.”

Someone in Cyrris? Alyssa gaped at Jonah as her heart raced. Who was the cruel and powerful mastermind behind the plot who could mobilize the Tsulian military against Jonah and Jasper?

“I’ve sent my men to run an investigation on Inigo Montoye from Cyrris. My guess is that some prominent figures in Solana City must have been corresponding closely with the Tsulu authorities. Those names will be on my suspect list,” Jonah explained grimly.

Alyssa mused, “When Jasper awakes from the surgery, he’ll give us the answer. Isn’t he very sure about the mastermind?”

At that moment, Miley frowned with concern. Similarly, Jonah noticed Alyssa’s change and wondered, “Lyse, you look pale. Are you sick?”

“Lyse, did you-”

All of a sudden, the doors of the operating room swung open, and a nurse in blood-stained scrubs ran out, panting. She yelled anxiously, “The patient is suffering a hemorrhage. We need an emergency infusion because we’ve run out of blood supply from the blood bank!”

“I’ll do it!” Alyssa shot up without hesitation, but she soon froze when she recalled that she failed to donate her blood to Jasper when he was severely injured on the Luminara battlefields because their blood types were not a match.

Jonah stepped forward, offering, “I’ll do it.”

Miley raised her hand. “I can help too!”

Axel wandered over with Landon and remarked, “We can do blood, too. That’s enough blood for even a vampire, isn’t that s

They wouldn’t mind donating some blood and even donating the organs to save Jasper’s life.

The nurse seemed cross because of the urgent situation and snapped, “Are you all Rh-negative?”

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Upon hearing that, Alyssa's heart sank, gripped by fear. The Rh- negative blood type was a rare group. The hospital's blood bank did. not have sufficient supply to start with, and they were running out of time to get the blood from other hospitals, not to mention that the other places might not even have the supply.

“What? Does Jasper Beckett have a rare blood type? What is he, a giant panda? What a trouble,” Axel exclaimed and blabbered in shock.

Jonah chided him, “Axel, watch your mouth! Jasper's life is at stake

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When everyone stood there helplessly, they heard a deep voice booming. “I'll donate mine right now! I'm Rh-negative”

“Jeremy?” Miley gasped and covered her mouth.

She was close to tears when she saw her husband rushing toward

them

Alyssa blinked her eyes hard in disbelief. “Oh, my God! Jeremy!”

Jeremy was no longer the same man from the past. Now, he was the esteemed president of Kontina. It was rash and risky for him to show up for Miley with only a few bodyguards.

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“Miley, sorry I'm late,” Jeremy apologized.

The middle-aged man gazed at his wife with bright eyes like a teen. Tearing up from guilt, he pulled her into a hug and gently patted her trembling back while

repeatedly mumbling in her ear, “Darling, did you know how terrified I was when I heard you went to Tsulu alone? You were pretty fearless. What would I do if anything happened to you?”

“Well, if something happens to me, you’ll have to get yourself a new First Lady,” Miley joked as she playfully snuggled against her husband and buried her blushed face in his chest.

She listened to his heartbeat, which calmed her down.

“What are you talking about?” Jeremy gently caressed her head, indulging in her soft and warm scent. “I wouldn’t be where I am without you. Nothing in my life would matter if you’re gone, and I’d gladly follow you.”

“Never say that again, or I’ll be upset.”

“Or I can be a priest and pray for you every day.”

Alyssa discreetly dabbed at her eyes upon witnessing the affectionate exchange between her sister and Jeremy. She was happy for them and envious, hoping that one day, she could experience the same.

She silently prayed, “Jasper, that’s why you have to wake up. What will I do without you?”

In the urgent situation, Jeremy offered a brief greeting to everyone present and entered the operating room to donate his blood. Alyssa sweated nervously, fixing her gaze on the doors of the operating

Jonah asked Miley with concern, “Miley, I remember Jeremy isn’t in the pink of health. Will he be fine donating a huge amount of blood to Jasper?”

“He’ll be fine. I believe he can take it,” Miley concealed the worry in her eyes and reassured everyone.

Choking on tears, Alyssa hugged Miley without any words, but Miley understood Alyssa's sentiment. Beaming softly, Miley said, "It's only right that your brother-in-law saves my brother-in-law's life. Family should help each other out."

Time agonizingly ticked by. It wasn't until dawn that the lights of the operating room sign finally turned off, and the doors swung open.

Despite being sleep-deprived, everyone perked up and went to the doctor. Heart racing, Alyssa watched as an exhausted Julien emerged in blood-stained scrubs. He took off his surgical reveal a pale and weary face. His alluring eyes were bloodshot his scrubs were drenched in sweat.

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It pained Jonah to see Julien in a fatigued state. He silently grappled with inexplicable emotions.

"Dr. Lovelace, how's Jasper doing?" Alyssa croaked as her heart pumped wildly.

"Mr. Beckett-" After many hours of standing, Julien temporarily lost

his balance from a brief blackout.

"Dr. Lovelace!" Everyone gasped as Julien staggered. A figure rushed over to hold Julien without hesitation.

Jonah whispered, "Watch out."

Julien took a breath as he teared up under Jonah's worried gaze. His heart beat wildly, touched by Jonah's concern.

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Jonah blushed, his heart pounding when he met Julien's passionate eyes. He remarked, "You look pale. You must have been overworked."

“Are you worried about me?” A tender look crossed Julien’s enchanting eyes.

Gulping, Jonah managed to respond, “Yeah.”

Julien was incredibly elated at Jonah’s curt reply, and he no longer held onto the resentment from earlier. He was easily appeased, all because he had helplessly fallen for Jonah.

He silently leaned into Jonah’s arms and explained, “I extracted the bullet from Mr. Beckett’s left shoulder and the arrow on his back. Thankfully, the arrow wasn’t poisoned, or he might not have survived.

“Even so, he is in a critical condition. The arrow narrowly miss organ by half an inch. I’m sure everyone here knows the consequences of organ rupture. Even if Dr. White were here, she wouldn’t be able to save his life.”

A stunned silence enveloped the group. Alyssa shivered, feeling a crushing weight on her chest. Tears brimmed in her eyes.

As Dr. White herself, she was fully aware of the gravity of Jasper’s situation after hearing Julien’s account.

“How about now? How’s he holding up?” Landon pressed on.

“We’ve extracted the bullet and arrow and performed blood infusion. He has displayed early signs of organ failure. He’s still in critical condition.” Julien, as a doctor, was honest with his assessment.

A fresh wave of concern swept over everyone present upon that evaluation. Alyssa felt drained as she plunged into an icy depth.

In her moments of helplessness, Jasper would read her emotions. He'd wrap her up in his jacket or offer her a hug to warm her up.

Despite carrying herself as a strong and invincible woman, in Jasper's eyes, she was just an ordinary woman in need of protection and care. "Can I ... check on him?" she asked, turning to Julien with misty eyes.

"He'll be transferred to the ICU. You may visit him after he's out of critical condition," whispered Julien.

She nodded slowly and swallowed hard. "Alright, I'll wait."

Julien, not one to be easily moved, found himself sympathizing with Alyssa as he witnessed her dejected look.

After Jeremy donated his blood to Jasper, the medical staff sent him to a patient room to rest.

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"Are you alright, Jeremy? Let me know if you feel sick. Don't keep it to yourself," Miley expressed her concern.

Remaining by his side, she noticed how pale he looked. He seemed to have aged overnight, which pained her. "Remember the time you insisted on delivering a speech at a school despite having appendicitis? You fainted from pain as soon as you left the stage.

"The doctor later said you could have died if you hadn't been rushed to the hospital in time. You always make me worry. You need to take better care of yourself."

"It's okay. I know you'll take care of me." Jeremy smilingly pinched Miley's cheek.

"I'm being serious!" Miley grumbled and playfully poked him on the waist.

Jeremy nonchalantly said, “I felt fine except for a bit of dizziness and fatigue. I’ll have my secretary buy two bowls of vegetable soup—one for me and one for you. You will need it.”

Alyssa entered the room and joked, “Jeremy, you should get

something meatier with higher iron content. Vegetable soup won’t cut it. Save the soups for when Miley gives birth.”

“Lyse, stop it. We don’t plan to have kids yet,” Miley protested, blushing and pursing her lips.

“Lyse isn’t wrong. Now that the election’s over and our careers are set, it’s time to add a new family member.” Jeremy caressed Miley’s fingers. “I know you love kids, but you delay having one out of consideration for my career.

“You suffered a lot over the years, running around the nation with me. I feel sorry for that, and I promise you better days from now on.”

“Mr. Shields, what are you talking about?” Leaning against Jeremy, Miley gently caressed his face with a sweet and bashful smile. “I willingly followed you around. You owe me nothing. In fact, you have given me more than I could ever ask for.”

Touched, Jeremy sat up in bed and held Miley by the back of her neck

as he kissed her. Miley, who had been rather reserved in Alyssa’s presence, slowly submitted herself to Jeremy’s advance and responded passionately.

Seeing that, Alyssa turned around and went to a corner. She was close to tears, happy for Miley’s marital bliss.

Winston had once been against Jeremy and Miley’s relationship. Even Alyssa had her worries, knowing that Miley had to settle down

abroad. As time passed, Alyssa acknowledged the couple's lo relationship, reminiscent of old-school love.

After cuddling for a while, Miley's cheeks were as red as a tomat Jeremy, however, appeared calm and unfazed as he spoke to Alyssa with Miley in his arms, "Lyse, fret not. I called the Tsulian King last night. He assured me he had appointed a new police chief to take over the case and go after Inigo Montoye.

"Once Inigo Montoye is arrested, we will interrogate him to uncover the truth behind the attack against Jonah and Jasper."

Despite their ten-year difference, Alyssa always felt amazed and grateful that Jeremy got along well with Jonah. Even after Jeremy was elected as the president of Kontina, he remained humble around the Taylor family.

"Thank you, Jeremy. Thanks for donating your blood to Jasper. Thank you." Overwhelmed by gratitude, Alyssa fumbled for words.

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"It's no big deal. What good am I if I can't even help you with this?" Jeremy looked a little bashful when Alyssa thanked him profusely.

At that moment, he received a call from the Tsulian king, which he immediately answered. During the call, his expression turned somber, worrying Alyssa.

After Jeremy hung up, Miley quickly asked, "Jeremy, is there a problem?"

"Inigo Montoye is no longer in Tsulu. He left the country," Jeremy replied flatly with a deep look.

"He left? Did he escape through the night after he received a tip-off?" Alyssa wondered aloud with furrowed brows.

"No. He has always been in Cyrris, long before the attack of

“Where in Cyrris?” Alyssa gasped.

“Solana City.”

Hearing that, Alyssa was left dumbstruck. She rolled her fists,

recalling what Jonah had shared with her. Before the attack, Jaspe had revealed to Jonah that forces in Solana City had conspired with the Tsulian authorities, and he was 90 percent sure about the identity

of the mastermind in Solana City.

Why was Jasper so confident about his guess? The only plausible explanation was that he was acquainted with the suspect and knew

them inside out.

“Lyse.” After some hesitation, Miley whispered, “I did not bring this up yesterday because things were chaotic. Since Jeremy’s here, let me ask you something. How’s your relationship with the youngest

“Jimmy and I are just friends.” Alyssa looked bitter. “We were playmates when we were kids. He went to Kontina with his mother later on and lived there for ten years. It was pure coincidence that we ran into each other when he returned to Cyrris. He has helped me a lot this year. He saved me twice when I was in trouble.”

“I won’t dispute his feelings for you, but Lyse... you’d better stay away from him. When you’re back to Solana City, you should distance yourself from him whenever possible.”

Looking troubled and concerned, Miley added, “Besides, I can tell that Jasper matters to you the most. I believe that your relationship with Jasper has withstood the test through this incident. Isn’t it time to put the past behind you and start over with him?”

“Jasper has made many sacrifices for you. Even if you refuse to get back with him, you need to stay away from that Schmidt guy. He

not hold a candle to Jasper.”

“Does the Schmidts have a fourth son? Who is he?” Jeremy as

inquisitively.

“Jeremy, he’s Jameson Schmidt.”

Upon hearing that, Jeremy’s smile froze. He said frostily, “Oh, he’s from the Schmidt Group. He’s considered an ‘old acquaintance’ of

ours.”

He betrayed an unmistakable hatred as he spoke of Jameson.

“Do you know him very well? Did you get into any conflict with him when he was in Kontina?” Alyssa asked in shock.

Sighing, Jeremy shook his head indignantly. “Jameson Schmidt is also nicknamed ‘The Dark Lord’ and King of the Underground’ in Kontina. He is leading a famous private equity firm in Kontina, bribing

“Not only did he establish an underground casino to bribe the officials with money and sexual services, but he is also suspected of drug trafficking. It’s a pity we couldn’t find evidence against him yet. He’s been pulling the strings from afar, and we have no way of subjecting him to the law

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Alyssa was appalled. She could not wrap her head around the fact that the criminal Jeremy had mentioned was the same gentleman who took great care of her. Jameson turned out to be a real-life Jekyll and Hyde. =

“Not only that, Jameson Schmidt once attempted to rig the presidential elections.” Miley looked traumatized when she recalled the incident and gripped Jeremy’s hand tightly. “He resorted to underhanded tactics to manipulate the narrative around Jeremy.

“Thankfully, Jeremy’s opponents did not manage to find dirt on him because he had a clean record. Otherwise, Jeremy would be behind

bars by now.”

Inhaling sharply, Alyssa turned cold from head to toe. She exclaimed” Since when has Jameson turned into a monster? How did he ...”

“Kontina’s society is pretty complex. As Jameson is not a local, had to play dirty to establish himself. After all, the primitive accumulation of capital always comes with violence.

“Nevertheless, he has crossed a line. If he does not observe basic societal rules, what different is he from an animal?” Jeremy seethed. when he thought about the cat-and-mouse games with Jameson and the few occasions where he nearly fell into Jameson’s trap.

Alyssa stumbled backward, her expression blank. She struggled to comprehend the extent of Jameson’s duplicity, given how he had expertly hidden all his evil behind a smiling face.

“That’s why Jameson was the first suspect that crossed my mind when Jonah told us that someone in Solana City was colluding with the Tsulian military.” Miley cast a heavy look at Alyssa. “Anyway, it’s still a guess. We don’t have evidence against him, but it won’t hurt to

“Lyse, I know it’s hard to accept the truth as a loyal friend of his. Loyalty aside, all Jeremy and I wanted was for you to stay safe.”

“I am loyal, but I want justice too.” Alyssa looked at the floor.

When she looked up again, her eyes shone with determination. “Sure, he might have lived a difficult life abroad, but that was not an excuse to hurt others for personal gain..

“Anyway, given our longtime friendship, I hope I could hear the confession straight from Jameson’s mouth.”

“Mr. Schmidt, you have to help a brother out!” Inigo begged.

Inigo learned that the king had issued a decree to arrest him, and Miguel, the witness, had been subjected to tight supervision the he military could not reach him. Anxious, he rushed to The Millenn meet with Jameson, hoping for a solution out of the trouble.

“And how am I supposed to help you?” Jameson swirled the red in the glass and set his eyes on Inigo. “The Tsulian royalty wants y arrested. I am not even a Tsulian to start with. How can I even hel
you?”

“Things wouldn’t have ended up like this if you hadn’t asked me to assassinate Jasper Beckett and Jonah Taylor. Are you going to go. back on your word now?”

“You didn’t do it to help me. All you wanted was to take credit to impress your superiors,” Jameson pointed out with a snicker.

Burning in rage, Inigo had an urge to beat Jameson up. It was too bad. he was on Jameson’s turf. He might not have left the club alive if he laid a finger on Jameson.

“Hmph! I knew you would trick me! Did you really think I don’t have a card up my sleeve?” Inigo gritted his teeth and threatened Jameson, “You know what? I have a recording of our little chat. Say, what would your dear Ms. Alyssa think of you if she learned that you attempted to assassinate her brother? Your relationship with her would be done for good!”

With that, Inigo made a throat-slitting gesture at Jameson. A shocked and malicious glint flashed across Jameson’s eyes.

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The look in Jameson’s eyes was best described as sinister, like an evil spirit from hell.

“Don’t stare at me like that! I wouldn’t have done this to a friend. I had no choice but to do this to you because you’re manipulative and fickle! “Shuddering, Inigo clenched his jaw and added, “Years of friendship taught me that you are a merciless man. I will have to look out for myself.”

“Do you really have the recording?” Jameson squinted and drawled.

“Hah! Scared, aren’t you?” Inigo chuckled gleefully. “It doesn’t make sense for me to carry it around. Of course, I have it saved somewhere secure. Lay a finger on me, and I will make the recording public.”

Jameson asked coldly, “So, what are your demands?” He never beat around the bush in negotiations.

“Get me a private jet. Send my men and I abroad. I’ll need enough money, too! Do you know how much trouble I went through to deal with those two guys? You shouldn’t be stingy.”

“How much would you need?”

“A hundred million dollars, transferred to my offshore account. I’ll send you the recording once I receive the money and disappear from your life forever.”

Chuckling evilly, Inigo raised a brow. “We are longtime partners. I believe you’ve gained a fair share from working with me. A hundred million dollars is nothing for you. Just treat it as a termination fee.”

A hundred million dollars? Carl gaped at Inigo’s bold request.

“Deal. The money will be transferred in three days,” Jameson coolly

Inigo even regretted not asking for a higher amount.

Then, Jameson advised him, “If I were you, I would stay in hiding over the next three days. I’m sure the Becketts and the Harpers are looking for you.” He took a slow sip of red wine.

Inigo snapped, “You don’t have to remind me! Just transfer the money, and we’re good!”

After they struck a deal, Carl saw Inigo to the door. After the door closed, Jameson poured the red wine all over the pristine white rug with a cheerless look. He muttered ominously, “I raise a glass in

memory of you, my old friend.”

Soon, Carl rushed back to Jameson’s side and exclaimed, “Mr. Schmidt, are you seriously going to transfer a hundred million dollars to that loser?”

“Of course I will. I can’t risk having Alyssa learn about my plans,” Jameson replied lazily and waved his wine glass at Carl.

Carl picked up the hint and poured him more wine. Jameson hinted, “What’s the point of getting a hundred million dollars if he won’t be able to enjoy it?”

Stunned, Carl stammered, “A-Are you thinking of k-killing him off?”

“What else?” Jameson adjusted his glasses and explained, “This was not in my original plan, but I couldn’t risk keeping him around after he blackmailed me on my relationship with Alyssa.”

“If you plan to kill him, why bother transferring the money?” Carl looked perplexed.

“That’s the only way to make him leave Solana City. I will only make a move on him after he leaves the city, or it will be too risky.”

Jameson’s expression darkened. “Monitor Inigo Montoye and his accomplices closely over the next three days. Report any movements of the Becketts and the Harpers to me right away. Before I kill Inigo with my own hands, I do not want the Becketts or the Harpers to get their hands on him. Got it?”

“Roger that!”

Chapter 1030

After Jasper sailed through the observation period without major issues, he was finally allowed to be transferred out of the ICU, much to everyone’s relief.

A week had passed since he received the emergency operation. During the week, Alyssa rooted herself by his side, not leaving even once, as though her life relied on him.

She woke up by his bed when dawn broke and fell asleep at the same place at night.

As Jasper was in a deep coma, he relied on the IV drip to sustain his life. Due to his worrying condition, Alyssa lost weight and looked exhausted out of worry.

Her siblings were concerned about her health, but there was nothing they could do. They were well aware that she would continue languishing if Jasper remained in a coma, just like a flower wilting.

One night, with Jonah and Axel's help, Alyssa proceeded to clean Jasper's body.

From her marriage to Jasper, she remembered that he was fastidious

about cleanliness, a clean freak who wouldn't wear a suit if the suit

had even a speck of dust on it. He would tediously make sure he was

clean from head to toe.

Little did Jasper know that Alyssa had witnessed his disheveled looks. From his time on the battlefield. Despite that, she remained steadfast and loyal to Jasper, regardless of whether he was the president of the Beckett Group or a soldier. She stuck with him through thick and thin.

Indeed, Jasper was deemed attractive because of his esteemed social standing and his dazzling looks. However, Alyssa looked past his exterior and only loved him for his soul for the past 13 years.

In the present, Alyssa removed Jasper's clothes and exposed his toned body. Only his boxers remained to be removed.

Jonah appeared unbothered by the situation, but Axel stared agape at Jasper's crotch with envy, cursing, "What the hell? Is he really in a coma? I've seen guys in a coma, and none of them was ever aroused. Not even I could do it!"

While speaking, he reached out to pinch Jasper on the thigh. "No fucking way! I'll have to test him!"

Alyssa grabbed his wrist, chiding him, "Axel, what on earth are you doing?"

“I’ll pinch him to see if he’s faking the coma.” Axel, his interest piqued was ready to fool around.

Worried, Alyssa blurted out, “Don’t! He’s always been well-endowed. I can vouch for him!”

Jonah and Axel were taken aback, while Alyssa immediately blushed. She pressed her lips and kept her head low while wiping Jasper down with a towel with such tenacity as if she were washing a car.

Awkward expressions flashed across Jonah’s and Axel’s faces. The siblings mirrored each other at that moment.

Jonah finally broke the silence and coughed. “Ahem. Axel, why are you staring at Lyse like that? She was married to Jasper for three years. Of course she has seen and done everything with him.”

“Oh, right! Sigh. I forgot about it for a second. Hahaha! Having a large package is good. It will bring more pleasure to Lyse-Ouch!” Axel yelped when Jonah elbowed him in the chest, and he inhaled sharply

mvm at pum.

Embarrassed, Alyssa blushed and said to them, “I’m done with the front. Let’s turn him over now.”

Wiping down Jasper’s body would be an impossible task without the help of Alyssa’s brothers because of his bulky build. When they were done, Jonah and Axel fled the room.

Axel massaged his chest outside the room while shooting a

begrudging look at Jonah. He complained, “Jonah, it hurts. You’ve injured me.”

Jonah paid no attention to him. “Shut up.

Chapter 1031

“I’m your brother, for heaven’s sake! How could you go physical on me? You nearly broke my ribs,” Axel grumbled and pouted.

He’d never show this side of his character to anyone but his brother.

Jonah remarked, “That was a punishment for running your mouth. Hope you learned your lesson.”

“Gosh. I was joking. Don’t you have a sense of humor?” Then, Axel stole a glance at his crotch and scoffed unhappily.

Like any man, he was oddly competitive over everything.

“By the way, isn’t Lyse bored out of the mind, staying by Jasper’s side? She doesn’t eat, drink, sleep, or check her phone at all,” Axel asked with curiosity.

“No. You’ll never be bored when you stay by your lover’s side.”

Axel frowned at the reply. “I don’t get it...”

“Axel, we’ve always felt you were the smartest amongst the few of us, but you’re slow when it comes to matters of the heart. I bet you still can’t grasp the meaning of being deeply in love with someone,” Jonah

commented.

With that, he lapsed into deep thoughts. Some vague memories resurfaced. He added, “You won’t be lonely, even if all you have is a photo of your love.”

They heard footsteps approaching them. Looking up, Jonah saw Julien heading toward him, hands in the pockets of his white coat.

As Julien smiled, his eyes shone brightly, like a ray of light illuminating Jonah's soul's deepest corners.

Julien called out, "Jonah."

Julien's voice echoed in Jonah's mind. Julien's figure overlapped with a certain figure from Jonah's memory.

Jonah trembled, a realization striking him like lightning as pieces fell into place.

Jasper's room was enveloped in silence. Alyssa, as usual, murmured bits and pieces of their near-death experiences into his ear.

Julien had advised her to engage with Jasper through conversations, especially about certain unforgettable memories, as external stimuli might help arouse the patient from a coma.

She would not give up as long as there was a sliver of hope. She whispered, "Jasper, wake up. I'll tell you a secret if you do."

Then, she relented, "Fine. I'll spill everything if you wake up."

Finally, she broke. "Wake up, please?" She teared up while mumbling into his ear, fighting the urge to burst into tears.

She wanted nothing more than for Jasper to return to her life. He was her sunshine.

Yet, Jasper remained unresponsive. Tears glistened in her eyes. With trembling fingers, she took his hand and wrote the three words she was too embarrassed to say aloud.

After she was done writing, her emotions got the better of her. She broke down and sobbed pitifully.

Suddenly, she felt a slight movement in Jasper's thumb.

Chapter 1032

Alyssa rubbed her eyes hard and stared at Jasper's hand. She

harbored a suspicion that Jasper's movement was an illusion due to her fatigue.

Still, she called out tentatively in a trembling voice, "Jasper? Jasper? Can you hear me? Move your fingers if you can. Jasper Beckett!"

"Lyse..." he uttered weakly.

His feeble voice was deafening in the silent room. Elated, Alyssa asked, "Jasper, are you awake? Can you hear me? Jasper?"

His pale lips trembled a little as he called out her name again like a murmur in a dream. Even in his dreams, Alyssa was the only thing in

his mind.

As tears rolled down her face, she responded, "I'm here!"

Right then, he slowly unfurled his fingers and interlocked them with hers. Once a symbol of courage and strength, he had always offered her protection, but he now struggled with the simplest of movements.

"What ... did you ... write... on my palm?" he questioned.

Her face flushed instantly.

He pressed on, eyes full of anticipation, "I don't... want you... to write

I want... to hear it.”

Her heart thumped wildly as the crimson hue on her cheeks deepened. Even her neck betrayed a blush. She looked just like at tantalizing fresh bloom.

Slowly, she bent over until her body pressed against his chest. She whispered, “I love you.”

Looking at her through tears, Jasper felt touched by every word she uttered. After a long wait, he finally heard her love confession once more. A display of sincerity wasn't enough to win Alyssa's love. He had to put his life at stake.

Alyssa cleared her throat and dodged his passionate gaze. She

attempted to press the call button to summon the doctors and her brothers when she was pulled into Jasper's embrace, which elicited a

gasp.

Jasper, touched by her confession, hugged her tightly with his right arm and said in a hoarse voice, “I thought... I'd never hear that.... again...”

“I used to love you passionately. It's your fault for not appreciating it. Not my fault,” she grumbled as she leaned against him and curled up like a kitten.

“Yeah, it's my fault.” Caressing her waist, he recalled the times she had begged him to stay and confessed her love while crying. Inhaling sharply from the piercing pain and choking on his tears, he mumbled, I know you've never forgiven me, even if you confessed your love.”

Love and forgiveness were two different emotions to begin with. Loving him and sacrificing for him did not mean she had forgiven his past deeds. He did not want to get ahead of himself, and he did not harbor high hopes that she'd put behind her resentment.

Closing her eyes, she flashed a relieved smile. “It’s all in the past. Jasper, I have forgiven you.”

Before Jasper realized it, tears had streamed down his face.

Chapter 1033

It took Jasper only half a month to wake up from his coma after receiving emergency medical treatment, which was remarkable. Any ordinary patient would have lost the battle in the operating room, and even if they survived, it might take them longer to wake up from the

coma.

After Jasper was awake, Julien assessed his condition and attributed Jasper’s quick recovery to his exceptional physique and military background.

In the morning, Alyssa accompanied Jasper to complete some medical checkups. Throughout the process, he behaved well, like a child who attended medical appointments with his mother. He cooperated well without a word of complaint.

“Have you ever seen Lyse behaving so motherly and saint-like? I nearly prayed to her.” Axel clicked his tongue.

He shot an envious look at the wheelchair-bound Jasper as Alya draped a blanket over the latter. He added, “I guess Lyse is no one of us. Her brothers don’t matter anymore now that she has a man. She won’t take a look at us again.”

Grabbing the chance to tease Axel, Landon quipped with a smile, “That’s because Jasper is good-looking and pitiable. Any woman would have done the same for him. Why don’t you try hurting yourself, for example, losing a limb? You’ll be worse off than Jasper, and Lyse might actually pay you some attention then.”

“Forget it! I’m Lyse’s brother! We grew up sharing stuff and sleeping in the same bed. I made her toys, tied her shoelaces, and finished her leftovers! I even took responsibility for her mistakes!” The more Axel reminisced, the angrier he became. He snapped, “Who even is Jasper? Why do we have to fight him for our dear sister’s affection? We’re the ones who raised her with love, and now, he swoops in and takes her away from us!” from us!”

“Why, you ask? Lyse loves him.” Landon yawned. “Axel, better face the reality. After all they went through together, I doubt anyone could ever come between them.”

Jonah suddenly interjected, “Axel, you’re a grown man, so act like one. *He and Julien approached Axel and Landon. The soft, golden sunlight illuminated their silhouettes.

“Landon’s right. One day, Jasper will be your brother-in-law, and he’ll be the only one unless Lyse chooses to stay single forever.”

Although Jonah and Julien were of the same gender, Axel and Landon thought the two were a match made in heaven. Jonah was wild, alluring, and masculine, while Julien exhibited feminine beauty and elegance.

Too bad Julien was a man. Axel and Landon thought he’d be perfect for Jonah if he were a lady.

“Let’s wait and see!” Axel exclaimed. “Jasper Beckett will become a matrilocal son-in-law!”

Landon answered on behalf of his friend, “That’s not a problem.

Winston Taylor is wealthy enough to support nine children and three wives. I’m sure he won’t mind another family member.”

Julien chortled at Landon's remark. "Are you that eager to marry off your best friend?"

Jonah turned to check out Julien. They seemed to share a telepathic bond because Julien looked at him at the same time.

Heart racing, Jonah looked away. Despite trying to maintain his composure, he swallowed hard, betraying a hint of nervousness.

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Chapter 1034

It was a good thing that Silas was not around, or else the trio would. have made such a scene.

Axel taunted bitterly, "No, of course not. I wouldn't want to get on the wrong side of Mr. Beckett, as he's the family favorite now."

Jonah said, "That's enough, Axel."

Alyssa sighed helplessly. “Axel, I can already picture how you will treat your future wife. Are you going to nag her for a full day if she takes as much as a look at other men?”

“Not only that, I’ll punish her in bed to the point that she won’t be able to get out of bed for three days.”

Everyone was rendered speechless by Axel’s bold answer.

Jasper smiled, cheered up by the interaction among the siblings. He would be jealous of Alyssa’s exchange with her brothers in the past, but he had since learned to be comfortable with the Taylor siblings’ ways of expressing their love for Alyssa.

All he needed to do was to be understanding and get along with it. People always said that those who were deep in love would lose their sense of self, which seemed to be true for him at the moment.

“Wow, everyone’s here today,” Jeremy spoke.

The crowd turned around. They found Jeremy and Miley approaching them hand-in-hand, as sweet as newlyweds.

Miley gushed, “Everything’s finally settled. It’s nice to see all of you gathering here.” She was glad to see Jasper’s improving condition under Alyssa’s care. “Mr. Beckett, how are you feeling?”

“I’ve never felt better. I’ll leave the hospital with Lyse tomorrow,” Jasper replied.

Alyssa quickly pinched him on the shoulder in frustration.” Tomorrow? Are you crazy? The doctor said you made a swift recovery, and your blood tests returned fine, but you’re far from getting discharged. You need at least a week more of hospital stay.”

Jasper clasped her hand and caressed it, saying, “Inigo Montoye is in Solana City. I need to find him as soon as I can. I don’t want further

trouble.

“Oh, there’s Jeffrey Snyder as well. We need to interrogate him and make him rat out Sophia. My health is not the priority in front of all

these missions.”

Although Jasper and Alyssa did not display much physical affection, their souls seemed to be one.

She complained, “But you can’t push yourself too hard! Health is everything. Why would you care about all that stuff? Do you know

how worri-”

Did he know how worried she would be?

Jasper, feeling bitter, held on tighter to her hand. He understood her unspoken words.

Jeremy chimed in with concern, “Jasper, you’ll have ample chance to take revenge. Do focus on your recovery for now.”

Smiling gratefully, Jasper replied, “Thank you for your concern, Mr. President. And thanks for donating your blood. I owe you a huge favor. there, and I’ll be sure to repay your kindness one day.”

“Just chill! We’re family now. Just see me as your brother-in-law,”

Jeremy spoke freely, his easygoing behavior around his family a stark contrast to his demeanor in the Kontina political scene.

Miley gently poked Jeremy, who was oblivious to the situation. Still, Jasper agreed with Jeremy and addressed him, “As you say, my

brother-in-law

Alysse promptly blushed as she pressed her lips Axel glared at Jasper and grumbled, “Don’t get carded away”

Jonah calmly suggested, Jasper you may leave the hospital if you wish, but letting the Becketts learn about your health is not wise I’ve arranged for you to stay in a VIP room at the Taylor General Hospital. It’s much nicer and private over there

Chapter 1035

“Lyse, you shouldn’t worry too much. The trip from Tsulu to Solana

City is only five hours, and the private jet comes with first-aid

equipment. It will be fine.”

Julien proudly lifted his chin. “That’s right! What’s there to worry about with a famous doctor like me on board?”

Landon teased, “You will never beat Lyse in terms of fame.”

Frowning, Julien wondered, “What’s that supposed to mean?”

“She’s Dr. White. Did you not know?”

Following the revelation, Julien stared agape at Alyssa, who seemed unfazed. He turned to the others and realized they did not react to the

news at all.

Was he the only one oblivious to Alyssa's identity? Had he been showing off in front of the true master without knowing it?

Freezing up, he stiffly turned his back to the others and held the wall, his head hung low. Landon scratched his head, puzzled. "What's wrong with him?"

Axel crossed his arms on his chest, replying, "No idea. I guess he's in despair because Lyse is too great of a doctor."

The next day, Alyssa, Jasper, and the others took a private jet back to Solana City. Only Jeremy and Miley opted out because they had to return to Kontina as soon as possible.

During Jeremy's stay in Tsulu, his secretary bombarded him with calls due to the mounting workload awaiting his attention. Jeremy and

position of power, time was a luxury

Alyssa was concerned for the couple because they traveled light. without much security. Therefore, she requested that Axel see them home for safety.

Julien was the only one who napped on the plane because he was not used to waking up early. The other passengers gathered with serious looks on their faces.

"Jasper, Jonah said you had a hunch about who Inigo Montoye worked for. Who is it?" Alyssa finally blurted out after being tortured by the mystery.

Jonah and Landon stared expectantly at Jasper.

Jasper knitted his brows and cast a serious look at Alyssa. Hel wondered, "Would you believe me if I told you the truth? I'm worried

you might refuse to accept my answer."

The look in her eyes deepened. She asked, "Is it Jameson?"

Jonah and Landon appeared taken aback by her wild guess. Jas eyes wavered as he gasped. “How did you know?”

“Miley and Jeremy had a long talk with me when you were in a com They, too, suspected that it was Jameson who colluded with Inigo Montoye. After all, Jameson was frequently in touch with the Tsulian forces when he was staying in Kontina.” After that, Alyssa continued telling them about Jeremy and Miley’s struggles over the years.

“Damn it! So, it was that bastard’s doing. I knew it. He has a villain-like face,” Landon hissed.

Alyssa, sick in the stomach, clenched her fists and questioned, “I understand why Jameson would want to harm Jasper, but why Jonah? Jonah has never crossed him.”

“It appears like that on the surface, but I have a history with him,” Jonah answered with a smirk. “I clashed with him a few times in private, but it was mostly verbal arguments, nothing physical.”

Astonishment flashed across Alyssa’s face. She had no idea Jonah had a fallout with Jameson.

Jonah explained, “I found out early on that Jameson had resorted to underhanded tactics to pursue you. He did that out of his love for you, but I found it repulsive. That’s why I strongly oppose any relationship between you and him, and I warned him many times to stay away from you.”

Chapter 1036

Jasper’s heart sank. After multiple exchanges with Jameson, he gained a better understanding of Jameson’s character than Alyssa.

Unlike Alyssa, he had no lingering sentiment for Jameson from childhood. He knew Jameson was a vindictive man and a ruthless one at that. In other words, Jameson was petty and extreme in his

revenge.

“A relationship devoid of integrity is inherently meaningless,” Jonah expressed, showing his concern for Alyssa. “The idea of you with Jameson filled me with worry because he has no principles and would do anything to get his way.

“Who knows if he’d do the same to you? Lyse, you’re my beloved sister. I cannot risk letting you date a problematic man.”

Alyssa teared up at Jonah’s genuine brotherly love for her. “Jonah.

He gently stroked her hair and turned to address Jasper, “Mr. Beckett, why didn’t you tell me it was Jameson Schmidt’s doing when we were on Shelland Island? If you had done so, we could have found a way to exploit his weakness.”

With a long sigh, Jasper explained bitterly, “I might despise Jameson, but I cannot point a finger at him without solid evidence. Speculation remains just that—a speculation.”

His reply stirred up some inexplicable emotions in Jonah, who developed a newfound respect for Jasper’s morals. This was the reason he always believed Jasper was a better man than Jameson, despite Jameson’s best efforts to win Alyssa over.

Jameson might appear gentlemanly and capable on the outside, but he was rotten and evil within. Jasper might have his faults, but he do pincipicu.

“Besides, Jameson is an important friend of Alyssa’s,” Jasper added. without delving further.

Feeling pained, Alyssa wondered, “Did you keep your suspicions to yourself because you didn’t want to upset me?”

“Yeah,” Jasper admitted with a bashful smile. “I might be too much of a coward. I had planned to investigate him after leaving Shelland Island, but I nearly lost my life there. It’s all my fault for being reckless.

He acted humbly in front of Alyssa despite his esteemed status as he was scared to upset her, which would be a waste of his previous efforts in winning her favor.

“You’re a fool, Jasper,” Alyssa muttered.

Alyssa stared at her feet. Her eyes became misty, and her heart.

ached. In retrospect, her arguments with Jasper over Jameson.

seemed rather ridiculous.

Fortunately, Jasper’s love did not waver. Any other men would have given up on her out of anger.

The private jet traveled back to Solana City on a smooth journey. In the silent cabin, Landon had fallen asleep due to fatigue.

Alyssa and Jasper sat side-by-side, leaning against each other. He pinched her soft and warm hand, feeling an electric charge passing through his body.

All of a sudden, he furrowed his brows as he noticed something odd with the joint of her pinky finger.

He asked, “Lyse, what’s wrong with your pinky finger? Was it injured

She held her breath and quivered in his embrace. Confused by her response, he panicked, wondering, “What’s the problem, Lyse?”

Meanwhile, Alyssa contemplated if she should tell him the truth. She wondered if she should tell him that she was that woman who fought off the enemies with him. Should she also let him know that she lost functionality in a finger because she had dragged his severely injured body back to the barracks?

Chapter 1037

After a brief internal struggle, Alyssa decided to keep it a secret.

Right now, Jasper was filled with guilt and remorse. Of course, she was glad that he showed remorse for what he had done to her in the past, but she did not want him to risk his life once more to make amends.

All she wanted was for him to light up her life. The last thing she wanted was to burden him with more guilt. This was her subtle way of expressing her love.

Jasper's chest tightened when he noticed that she had turned white. Holding her shoulders, he inquired, "Lyse, are you okay?"

"I'm fine." She beamed at him. "I injured my finger climbing a tree as a kid. It's not a big deal and doesn't affect my life at all."

Nevertheless, Jasper felt sympathetic toward her and gently held her pinky finger. "Why didn't any of your brothers take better care of you?"

"They did, but I was a troublemaker who refused to listen," she replied with a pout.

He couldn't resist giving her a peck on the lips as she was too adorable. He promised, "You don't have to trouble your brothers anymore now that I'm with you. I'll take care of you and protect you."

She blushed. He swallowed hard at her shy response as desire stirred in him.

“Oh, by the way,” Alyssa extracted an exquisite box from her coat. pocket and put it in his hand. “... this is Jonah’s gift for you.”

“Jonah’s gift for me?” Jasper appeared shocked at the special treatment. Cheeks reddening, she gently nodded. “Yeah. He gave it to me when. you were in a coma. I decided to give it to you in person after your woke up.”

Always meticulous about the details, she chose a black velvet jewelry. box for the gift. Jasper grappled with mixed feelings, as he hadn’t received a gift in a long time.

In the past, no one except Alyssa would buy him gifts on

anniversaries. It was too bad he didn’t appreciate her love then and instead regarded her as a nuisance. All he did was attempt to get away from her.

Back in the present, she urged him, “Open the box and take a look.”

Jasper pressed his lips and opened the box. He looked stunned when he found Jonah’s cross necklace lying quietly in it.

“Isn’t this the necklace he wears daily? Is he willing to give it to me?”

“Hm? How do you know he wears it? He always keeps it hidden under his outfit,” she questioned when she realized something was off.

Jasper smiled bitterly. He first saw the necklace on the day Jonah. rushed into the meeting room at Beckett Group to fight him. The necklace slid out from under Jonah’s shirt and left an impression on Jasper because of its excellent craftsmanship.

Besides, Jasper remembered the fight scene with Jonah very well because it was rather exhilarating.

“It’s lovely and exquisite. I love it.”

“It’s not worth much, but it’s a very meaningful item to Jonah. He’s expressing his approval of you when he gives you the necklace,” explained Alyssa.

She could tell that Jasper cherished the necklace. After all that

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Chapter 1038

Alyssa’s sole concern was her father’s attitude. Winston Taylor doted on his daughter, but he could be merciless to anyone who was not family.

Jasper had been on Winston’s blacklist for a while. Changing

Winston’s impression of him wouldn’t be easy, but Alyssa decided to take it easy. No one could come between them as long as their level held strong.

When Alyssa helped Jasper put on the necklace, her fingers

accidentally brushed against his chest. She silently gushed at his -toned physique that could seduce anyone.

“How should I thank Jonah?” He stared at her while tightening his grip

on her waist.

He used to enjoy caressing her chubby waist, but he was pained to see Alyssa lose weight due to poor appetite and insufficient rest when he was in a coma.

“It’s fine-Mmm-” Suddenly, she found herself enveloped in a hug, her mouth sealed by a tongue kiss. His tongue explored every corner of her mouth.

After some passionate kissing, he reluctantly pulled away but stared longingly at her moist lips. Smiling, he complimented her in a raspy voice, “You taste sweet.”

Head spinning and cheeks red from the aggressive kiss, she clung to his broad shoulders and warned him, “We’re on the plane with the others. Behave yourself.”

“They’re asleep. It’s fine.” He suddenly grasped her waist and grazed the skin near her ear. His breathing quickened as he murmured, “I’ll be

yente.

Gentle? What was he thinking to do to her?

Alarmed, she was soon caught in another kiss as he slowly pressed his body against hers.

Julien nearly drooled in his dreams. Suddenly, he opened his eyes and recoiled as if he had woken up from a nightmare. Seeing that, Jonah quickly held him.

“Mmm. How long was I asleep?” Julien rubbed his eyes.

“About three hours?” Jonah examined Julien’s groggy face with a squint and asked, “Were you dreaming?”

“Yeah. I dreamed that you were arguing with me. I woke up when you raised your voice,” replied Julien, stretching.

“Is it that difficult not to fool around?” Jonah sounded stern.

“I’m pretty serious when I’m on the job. But it’s hard to be serious when I’m around you.” Julien inched closer to Jonah, his eyes gleaming with desire. “So, Jonah, who is to blame? It’s all your fa

“What nonsense.” Jonah scoffed and looked away with a faint smi

Chapter 1039

“Don’t you know me by now? I can be as unreasonable as a woman.” Julien scoffed with a twinkle in his eyes.

“No need to distinguish yourself from them. Everything on your

screams female, except for your sex,” Jonah teased him with a rare. easygoing attitude. “You’d make a cute woman.”

“Am I not cute now?” Julien widened his eyes.

“Nah, you’re just pathetic.”

“Fuck!” Julien cursed. “Do you know how many are lining up for me?”

“Thanks for stepping in to help Jasper Beckett.

Hearing that, Julien blinked his eyes, stunned.

Jonah took a deep breath and reiterated, “Thank you for your great help. He couldn’t have woken up otherwise. Saving Jasper is equal to saving Lyse. Jasper and I owe you a huge favor.”

“Don’t bring her up! It makes me so mad!” Frowning, Julien confronted Jonah,

“Why did you fly me in for the surgery when your beloved sister is the legendary Dr. White herself? Did you plan to humiliate me in

front of the master?

“That’s not all. How could you all hide her identity from me? Was it fun to see me embarrassed? Do you think I don’t feel shame?”

He grappled with embarrassment and regret when he learned that he had been living under the same roof as his idol all the while. Not only

that, he had been bickering with her.

Jonah watched as Julien spoke animatedly. It wasn't an exaggeration to describe Julien as the male counterpart to Alyssa.

Jonah's smile deepened as he clarified, "I never wanted to embarrass you. I enrolled you here please I believe you're as skilled as Lyse, even in a different specialization."

And just as he pruned his tongue, who had always been reserved and stoic, offered him a compliment. Julien gasped, biting his lower lip.

With a blush on his face.

Anyway, it's all thanks to you that I survived. I will repay you in whatever manner what it takes.

How do you plan to do it? Perbriant with a physical gesture?" Julien raised a brow and cast a suggestive gaze on him.

Julien Lovelace!" Jonah chided him playfully.

Before he knew it, Julien had straddled him in a bold move. Shocked,

Jonah exclaimed, "You-"

They were inches away from each other as they listened to each other's heartbeat, Jonah marveled at the gleam of Julien's glassy eyes-Julien was blessed with a vibrant emerald color like the emerald Ragdoll.

Julien cooed, "You want to repay my favor, don't you then, he

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Chapter 1040

After more than five hours, the private jet landed safely in Solana City.

Jonah immediately had the paramedics waiting nearby come to send Jasper straight to the hospital.

"It's alright. I don't need to stay in the hospital," Jasper instantly

refused.

"You ... How could you do that?" Alyssa was infuriated. "You promised you would go to the hospital for treatment, you liar!"

Jasper sighed in exasperation and hugged her tightly. "I'm sorry, Lyse. You can hit and yell at me. Just please don't ignore me."

"I'm going to do just that ignore you! You liar!" Alyssa fumed, turning her face away from Jasper even as she softened in his arms.

Jonah was amused. The two behaved like fifth-graders.

Seeing how angry Alyssa was, Jasper hummed before saying seriously, “Lyse, the most important thing right now is to take Jeffrey to court.”

Alyssa’s gaze darkened upon hearing Jeffrey’s name.

“Sophia doesn’t know we have Jeffrey yet, so she won’t be in our way. for the time being. That’s why we need to hurry up and get him to confess that it was Sophia who instructed him to kill Nina,” Jasper said.

“But would he really confess?” Alyssa asked worriedly. “Murder comes with a death sentence. He knows he won’t be able to escape. that fate, so it would be meaningless for him to come clean. It wouldn’t reduce his sentence in any way.

“Plus, if he wants to get on our nerves before he dies, he might even take the blame for Sophia. It’d be the perfect middle finger to both of us since we wouldn’t be able to get back at Sophia.”

Their expressions grew somber upon hearing this.

Alyssa’s analysis was spot on. A cruel, heartless killer like Jeffrey wouldn’t have an ounce of conscience in him, not to mention testifying to Sophia’s crime!

“What... What do we do then? Are we really unable to do anything with that monster?” Landon asked, frustrated.

Jasper appeared to be deep in thought. “If that’s the case, then we definitely need to let Sophia know that we’ve caught Jeffrey.”

Alyssa instantly understood what Jasper intended to do, given how intelligent she was. She wrapped her arms around his waist excitedly, nuzzling into his chest. “Dang, you are one evil man. How could someone be so devious? I was right to call you a bastard before, wasn’t I?”

Jasper’s voice was raspy as passion burned in his eyes. “You don’t need to be so vague about complimenting me next time, love.”

The three other men present were unable to stomach this any longer.

What were Jasper and Alyssa doing? Showing off?

“Uh... Why don’t you guys deal with Jeffrey? I’m going to go back home and rest for a few days. My wife’s still waiting for me,” Landon spoke as he turned and ran off. “Bye for now! Don’t lose hope, okay? Justice will triumph over evil in the end! You guys got this!”

Just like that, Landon was gone.

Everyone else was left speechless.

“Uh... The Lovelaces’ hospital has a pretty good neurologist team.

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give him a discount,” Julien said, nudging Jonah’s arm.

Jonah glanced at him silently, letting him do whatever he wanted.

Alyssa and Jasper nodded eagerly at the suggestion. “Sounds like a wonderful idea!”

