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It was already in the afternoon by the time Elise woke up. Her stomach growled as she took a look at the clock. After noticing that it was already 3:00PM, Elise pushed her blanket aside and got off the bed. Then, she started stretching before heading out of her room. "Stella, is there anything that I can eat? I'm starving!" Stella quickly replied, "What would you like to eat, Miss Sinclair? I'll ask the kitchen to prepare it now."

After contemplating for a moment, Elise answered, "Just get me a bowl of noodles! I want to fill up my stomach." "Alright, Miss Sinclair. Please hang on for a moment." Elise mumbled an answer and turned around to see Laura and Leonard chatting at the garden backyard and quickly walked over to them. "Grandpa, Grandma..." Laura turned around to see Elise, who looked as if she had just woken up. "Why are you up so late?" At this moment, Elise stuck her tongue out in embarrassment. "I stayed up late to play games last night and only slept in the morning. That's why I woke up late today." Instead of saying anything, Laura motioned for Elise to sit next to her. She couldn't help but be worried when she recalled what Brendan told them earlier in the morning. "Ellie, I need to ask you something." Meanwhile, Elise had a nonchalant look on her face. "What is it, Grandma?" Laura leaned toward her before asking in a low voice, "Ellie, have you been into designing again?" An odd look flashed past Elise's face. However, she gave an honest answer since she had only altered her engagement gown and wasn't involved in designing anything from scratch.

"Grandma, I only altered my wedding gown. I didn't design anything." A shocked Laura elaborated, "Brendan came over in the morning and tried to pry about you, but your grandpa and I know that you're no longer involved with designing wedding gowns. So, we kept quiet and didn't reveal anything." Elise was curious as to why Brendan would attempt to ask her grandparents about her. Did he discover something? How is that even possible? "Grandma, why did he suddenly ask you guys about this?" It was something that Laura felt odd about as well.

Then, she asked, "Didn't you say that you altered the gown? Could it be that he noticed something on the gown? Ellie, I'll always support you even if you want to continue designing wedding gowns. You don't have to hide your interests. I really hope that you can pursue the things that you like." Elise reached out to hold Laura's arm. "I know that! It's just that I made a promise to someone not to be involved with the designing of wedding gowns as Lily unless we return to the fashion industry together. So, I'm not planning to do so right now. All I want is to complete my studies and enroll in college to continue with my tertiary education. Who knows I might even venture into something new?"

"What can I even tell you at this point? You already obtained a double degree abroad and you can easily take over the family business without even returning to your studies. Your grandpa and I believe that you'll be able to handle the family business well." "I'm still young, though!" Elise whined. "I'm only 18 and I still want to enjoy life as a student." "Alright. You should continue pursuing your studies if that's what you want! As long as you're doing what you like, I'll support

you unconditionally." "Thank you, Grandma!" She exclaimed before she inched closer to Laura's side.

Despite that, all she thought about was Brendan's words. It's impossible for Brendan to associate me with Lily when all I did was rely on my thoughts to alter the gown. This should be a coincidence. At least that was what Elise thought, so she didn't dwell too deep into it. In the blink of an eye, it was time for the school to reopen and for Leonard as Laura to head home. As a result, the large house became quiet and empty again.

Alexander was already waiting downstairs in the morning as Elise hurried downstairs while complaining, "Stella, why didn't you wake me up on the first day of school? I'm going to be late now." Stella gave Alexander an innocent look and remained silent before he elaborated, "I was the one who asked Stella not to wake you up so that you can have more sleep." Then, Elise shot him a coquettish look. "Hey! I can't be late on my first day of school." Meanwhile, he reached out to hold her hand. "Come on, we won't be late. Get in the car. I'll send you to school."

Upon seeing how adamant he was, Elise chose to believe him and entered the car while Alexander slid into the driver's seat to start the car engine. He drove smoothly the entire journey, which allowed her to eat breakfast while studying for the new semester's subjects. Since this was the last semester of high school with only three months before the finals, it was the most stressful period of any student's schooling life.

At approximately five minutes before class, Alexander's car stopped in front of the school's entrance and Elise sighed in relief. "I'm going to class now. Have fun at work. Bye!" Yet, the car door didn't bulge at all. "Alexander, why did you turn on the child safety lock?" He deeply gazed at her. "Aren't we engaged now?" As she stared at the diamond ring on her hand, Elise mumbled an answer before Alexander's voice rang out again, "Since we are engaged, shouldn't we do that before we part ways... Hmm?" She blinked as she solemnly asked, "What do we do?

Alexander, can you be more upfront? I'm really going to be late now!" A helpless Alexander sighed. Looks like she really has no experience when it comes to this kind of stuff. Still, he could always take his time to slowly train her. "Come here." While Elise obediently leaned toward him, he quickly planted a kiss on her forehead. "This is all I want. Do you get it now?" Upon knowing what he meant, her face quickly reddened.

"You... I... What are you still doing? Unlock the door!" Alexander finally allowed her to get out of the car. While he watched her leaving, he announced, "Come out the moment when class is done. I'll be waiting here for you." Elise's back was still facing him, so she didn't say anything in response.

Rather, she waved her hand in acknowledgment and fastened her pace. When she arrived at class, she noticed that the atmosphere was quiet and everyone was focused on their schoolwork in their seats. Then, she followed suit. When she noticed that Mikayla's table, which was next to hers, was empty, she couldn't help but wonder why Mikayla wasn't at school.

While Elise was deep in thought, Danny came over with a glass of fruit juice and placed it on her table. "Boss, here's some juice." It was at this moment when she asked, "Have you seen Mikayla? Why didn't she come today?" He replied, "Boss, didn't you know? Mikayla has dropped out of school and came to settle the withdrawal procedure before school reopened. I heard that her family is migrating and they're planning to leave in a day or two."

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"What? She's migrating..." Elise trailed off before she quickly took her phone to contact Mikayla. However, a cold robotic woman's voice greeted her instead. "Sorry, the number that you've dialed is unreachable..." A sad Elise kept her phone away while Danny tried his best to console her. "Don't worry, Boss. She will surely contact you when she's there." If Mikayla hadn't lost her memories, Elise was sure that she'd definitely be able to contact her. However, now that Mikayla had lost her memories, would it be the end of their friendship? It was after this that Elise started to zone out and she was unable to focus during class whatsoever.

The homeroom teacher entered with a beautiful girl during the third period. "Quiet, everybody. This is Jacinda Kate, the newest addition to our class. I hope everyone will take good care of her." Everyone started clapping immediately to welcome Jacinda while she grinned in response. "Hey, guys. My name is Jacinda and I'll be your new classmate from today onward. I hope that we can all get along with each other." With such an angelic voice and innocent look, she had instantly captured most of the guys' attention.

"Hey, Jacinda, why don't you sit next to me?" Although a male classmate had extended an invitation for her to sit with him, she had turned him down. Then, she turned toward Elise and approached her. "Hey, can I sit next to you?" Elise frowned as the seat next to her belonged to Mikayla. Nevertheless, it was only a matter of time before it would be occupied since Mikaya had already dropped out. Although she was reluctant to allow Jacinda to sit next to her, she didn't have any valid reason to reject Jacinda either. "Sure." A smiling Jacinda replied, "Thank you."

Then, she sat down and placed her bag in the table drawer while her gaze was fixated on Elise's face. Is this the ugly Elise that my cousin sister has mentioned? How unappealing. I wonder what kind of charisma she has to be able to defeat my elegant cousin to become Alexander's fiancée. What a joke. Jacinda coldly chuckled before she composed herself and whispered to Elise, "Hello, may I know your name? Also, can you tell me what class we have next?" "Elise Sinclair. The timetable is on the whiteboard and you can copy a set for yourself if you need it."

When she noticed Elise was being cold toward her, Jacinda's dislike against Elise only grew stronger. How dare that ugly monster try to act cool around me? Just you watch. ... "Hey, Jacinda. Here's some chocolate that I bought..." "I purchased these lollipops for you..." "Do you like any of these snacks?" Many of the guys in class tried to woo Jacinda, who really enjoyed the attention that they were showering on her. And with a gentle voice, she thanked them. "Thank you, everyone!" "You're welcome. Let us know if you need anything in the future."

Although Jacinda had chatted with them merrily and didn't reject their gifts, her expression changed once they left.

It was moments later when she started complaining, "Are these people dumb? Who tries to woo girls with snacks and lollipops? Do they think that I'm a kid?" Then, she threw the snacks into the trash bin without any hesitation. Upon seeing that, Elise frowned a little but kept quiet. Unfortunately, Jacinda thought Elise was judging her and glared instead. "What are you staring at? Have you not received any gifts from guys before? Well, I guess no guy would buy gifts for ugly girls like you. I bet they don't even want to spare any glance on you." A speechless Elise retorted without any hesitation, "It seemed like you've mastered the art of being two-faced."

"Who are you to talk to me like this? Do you know that I can destroy your reputation if I want to?" Jacinda threatened. It was obvious that she looked down on Elise. Elise could sense Jacinda's hostility at this moment. However, she couldn't recall that they had ever crossed paths before. Although it was their first time meeting each other, Jacinda's hostility was obvious from the hatred in her eyes. Looks like she's not here with good intentions. "You can give it a shot. We shall see who ends up with a destroyed reputation instead." Upon saying those words, she stopped talking to Jacinda and went back to complete her schoolwork.

After class, Danny went over to give Elise the fruit juice that he bought. "Boss, have some juice!" Without looking up, she replied, "Thank you!" As he was used to her behavior, he didn't say anything and returned to his seat. On the other hand, Jacinda knew who Danny was. In fact, she knew all about the Griffiths' young masters. Nonetheless, she had only seen them in pictures; she never met them in person and didn't have any interactions with them either.

Still, she knew the interests of the four masters. For example, Danny Griffith, who was in front of her, was an ignorant and arrogant person with an interest in car racing and gaming. But, why is he being so pleasant to the ugly monster? As she was unable to understand the connection even after pondering on it, she gave up and took the initiative to start a conversation with him to gain his favor. "Hey, Danny. I'm the new girl, Jacinda. I recently started a new mobile game, so would you like to play together with me when you're free?"

At this moment, Danny was in the midst of doing his schoolwork when he heard a shrill voice, which caused him to frown. "There's less than a hundred days until our finals and you're still thinking of playing games? Leave me alone; stop bothering me when I'm studying." Jacinda's expression immediately changed the moment she was rejected and she didn't know what to do next. Why is the rumored Danny Griffith way different from the one in person? "I-I'm sorry. I didn't know that you were studying." Normally, people would definitely soften upon seeing her apologetic expression.

However, as Danny had been hanging out too much with Elise and was used to her behavior, Jacinda's fake affectionate manner was off putting for him. "Alright. Just stop talking to me," he demanded, to which Jacinda's face darkened. Still, she didn't have the guts to retort and could only return to her seat. Simon Reid, who couldn't really get along with Danny, explained, "Jacinda, don't mind Danny. He always acts like that." The handsome and wealthy Simon

was a dreamy person, but he obviously couldn't be compared to someone like Danny. Jacinda finally managed to find a sense of comfort from Simon.

"Thank you. Still, it was my fault for behaving out of my place. I didn't know that Danny was a hardworking student who loves studying." To be honest, he was just as shocked. "Danny has only started taking his studies seriously last semester. We all thought that it was for show, but he actually managed to obtain third place in our class during the finals last semester. It's possible that he might be able to enroll into a prestigious school!"

She never knew that Danny was actually an intelligent student. So, that's why Danny reacted that way when I invited him to play games with me. Looks like I have to strategize again. "I see! Thank you. I'll buy you a meal someday later to return your kindness." Simon would never reject a beautiful girl's invitation, so he suggested, "Why must it be someday later when we can have a meal together today?

I know a nice place nearby. Why don't we head over there after school?" Right at this moment, Jacinda, who wanted to know more about her new class, figured that it was a great opportunity to do so and agreed to Simon's suggestion.

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The moment Elise emerged from campus after class, she immediately spotted Alexander's car from afar. Alexander opened his car door and immediately walked toward her before asking, "Are you done with classes?" Upon hearing his question, she nodded in response. Then, he held her by her hand and opened the car door for her. Many of her classmates started to comment about their interaction as they watched the scene unfold.

However, Elise couldn't care less about what was happening behind her. As soon as Alexander entered the car, he started the car engine and drove off. "Are we heading home?" she asked. He gave a dry cough as he stole a glance at the notes he prepared before he replied, "Let's dine out for dinner. After that, we'll watch a movie in the cinema. I've already bought tickets for the rom com that just premiered." Why does it feel like a date to me? A surprised Elise questioned, "Are you bringing me out on a date?" A soft hum was heard from Alexander as a response, which left her smiling from ear to ear and feeling inexplicably excited.

Soon, they arrived at an exclusive restaurant which served western cuisine. A man approached them moments after they sat down and were about to place their order. "Hello, Alexander! It's been a while since I last saw you! I even thought I've mistaken someone else for you..." While raising his eyebrows, Alexander noticed that the man in front of him was his classmate from high school, Peter Simms. Although they hadn't spoken to each other for many years, Alexander still politely greeted his ex-classmate, "It's been a while, Peter."

Peter was clearly aware of Alexander's status as he had been trying to compare and compete with Alexander secretly throughout the years. Nonetheless, how could a small startup company like Peter's ever defeat the Griffith Group, which had been in the market for more than a century? Now that he thought about it, he couldn't help but be slightly jealous of Alexander. "Are you also here for dinner too? Oh, hello..." The nonchalant expression on Peter's face suddenly darkened when he spotted Elise. Why is Alexander, the well known heir of Griffith Group, having dinner with such an ugly woman?

"Young Master Alex, is this your servant?" The question slipped right out of his mouth before he even realized it. Both Elise and Alexander's expressions sank almost immediately as a result. Just as she was about to respond, Alexander reached out to give her hand a squeeze before introducing her to Peter, "This is my fiancée, Elise." Such a short and simple answer was enough to startle Elise slightly. Even Peter was stunned. Wait, what? The ugly-looking lady is actually his fiancée? "Hehe... It seems like you have a different taste when it comes to women, Alexander!"

His words had dripped with sarcasm, to which Alexander responded coldly, "Well, I don't see how it has anything to do with you." However, Peter seemed to be oblivious of the anger on Alexander's face and continued to pull Alexander's leg. "That's not what I meant. Clearly, your choice in women has nothing to do with me. However, aren't you embarrassed to be seen with an ugly lady like her?" At that moment, Elise silently clenched her hands into fists as she felt a sense of humiliation. Never did she expect that her appearance would bring Alexander such disgrace.

"You..." Right when she was about to fight back, he interrupted her with a soft smile and poured her a glass of water before he consoled, "Just Ignore him. He's merely a crazy dog barking at us." Upon hearing Alexander's insult, Peter was instantly pissed off. "Who are you to call me a dog?! How dare you! I'm still your ex-classmate after all! I can still recall those days when you were head over heels for the most beautiful girl in our school, but now you're treating this ugly monster as if she is your treasure!" Alexander gave Peter a cold look. "Peter Simms, right?

It seems like your parents did not raise you well. If that's the case, I guess I should help them out by teaching you a lesson today." Immediately, he stood up and walked toward Peter. Peter started to retreat backward as he was terrified by Alexander's imposing manner. "W-What are you trying to do?" When Alexander saw how frightened Peter was, he didn't feel like punching Peter at all. However, the fact that the man messed up his date with Elise was undeniable.

At that moment, he coldly ordered, "I want you to remove everything except for your boxers and leave. Otherwise, I will make sure that each and every property owned by your company will be gone by tomorrow morning." A stupefied Peter's legs caved in, which caused him to slump onto the ground. While staring at the man from above, Alexander stated coldly, "I'm sure you know that this isn't just a threat and you are more than welcome to fight back if you want to test my limits. I'll give you a minute to think about it." Then, he turned to return to his table.

As he watched Alexander's retreating figure, Peter trembled inexplicably.

Although he never doubted the power of Alexander's words, it was exceptionally

embarrassing for a grown man like him to run around naked. However, Alexander threatened that whatever Peter had built in the company would be gone by tomorrow morning. After contemplating for a moment, Peter decided to protect his company's interests and forwent his own dignity as he started to remove his clothes. Even though the restaurant was bustling with customers, everyone couldn't help but stop to stare at him. He had never felt so humiliated before, but it was all caused by his own wrongdoings.

With a dark expression, he removed the last piece of his clothes and got up from the floor before running out of the restaurant... Elise was unable to resist laughing at what happened before she turned to Alexander and asked, "What did you say to make him strip obediently?" He answered nonchalantly, "A man like him will do anything for the sake of his own benefits. It's only at times like this when he'll learn to watch his words." Although she was slightly affected by Peter's nasty comments about her, when she saw how Alexander spoke up for her made her believe that she had made the right choice by entrusting her life to him.

"Do you really not care about what he said?" After all, Elise knew that she wasn't drop dead gorgeous. Just like what Peter had said, she was merely an embarrassment and any other men would've been affected by her looks. Still, Alexander shot a glance at her before he merely replied, "His words mean nothing to me since you are all I care about."

A gush of warmth filled her heart. "Actually, I—" She was about to say something when her phone rang. "Hold on, let me answer this call." When Elise glanced at the unknown caller ID on her phone, she frowned and answered, "Hello, may I know who this is?" "I have Jamie Keller with me right now.

Prepare three million and drop it off at Westhill Garden an hour later. Do not bring anyone along, or this guy won't survive to see the next sunrise." She responded while clenching her fists, "Why should I trust you?" Suddenly, Jamie's voice was heard from the other end of the call, "Don't fall into his trap, Boss! Do not come over—"

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The victim's voice was interrupted before the words could even be fully expressed. "I'll give you an hour," the caller added. "If you're not here by then, this kid won't live to see another sunrise." When the call abruptly ended, Elise's face darkened. Then, she turned around to look at Alexander, who could sense her mood change. "Did anything happen?" As she tried her best to remain calm, Elise nonchalantly answered, "It's nothing big. I just can't go to the movies with you later as I have an emergency to settle." Although he was curious, he refrained from prying and instead replied, "I'll send you there." Despite that, she rejected him. "It's fine. I'm sorry, but please wait for me to come back because I have something important to tell you as well." Alexander grunted in acknowledgement and watched as she left. It was after Elise left the

restaurant that her expression darkened almost immediately before she quickly hailed a cab and entered the vehicle. She never expected someone to learn about her and even kidnap Jamie.

Elise had figured that she managed to keep herself well under the radar throughout these years and never thought that someone would discover her identity. Looks like tonight will be a hard battle to fight. "I'll give you half an hour to prepare 3 million for me," she said after calling an unknown number. At the same time, the person on the other end of the call was obviously delighted upon hearing Elise's voice. "Elise, is that you?" "Yes. Be quick, though. I'm coming over shortly to get the money. Also, I need you to prepare a car with excellent performance and a weapon." "Understood."

After ending the call, Elise's gaze darkened before she urged the cab driver to increase his speed. On the other hand, Alexander felt a hint of disappointment as he stared at the empty seat in front of him after she left. Right when he was about to leave, he received a call from Cameron. "Boss, I've heard rumors that something huge is going to happen tonight. Someone has kidnapped one of Dragonweiss' core members. It seems like they are trying to bait the leader of Dragonweiss to reveal themselves." The corner of Alexander's lips curled upward at that moment.

"Someone actually have the guts to try and offend their leader?" "I can't get any information about them at this point, but I heard that it's a huge commotion. Our men are afraid to investigate deeper without further commands, so they're asking for your opinion." Dragonweiss was an underground organization that was formed three years ago and they had already managed to widen their influence at the speed of light. In the span of around two to three years, they had already managed to take over more than half of the entire underground scene.

Nevertheless, none of the core members of Dragonweiss had ever revealed themselves to the public. As for their leader, there were many rumors about the person. Most of the tittle-tattle described the person as having a legendary identity, so almost everyone in the underground scene wanted to know who the leader of Dragonweiss was. This included Alexander as well. "Don't interfere with their issue first. Get hold of their exact coordinates and send it to me." "Yes, Young Master Alex." After hanging up the call, Alexander stared at the empty seat in front of him and looked as if he was deep in thought.

It was a known fact that Athesea was being dominated by two large underground organizations—the recently established Dragonweiss and Midnight Reign, which had been in existence for ages. However, no one knew that the boundless heir of the Griffith Group, Alexander, was actually masquerading as the leader of Midnight Resign and held the ultimate say everywhere. Right then, he thought, Would Elise still choose to be with me when she discovers my identity? On the other hand, Elise had already arrived at the mutually agreed meeting point and all the things that she requested in advance were all prepared for her.

"These are all the things that you requested for," the man mentioned to her. "Is that enough?" She glanced at the items. "It's enough. Bring me my mask." "Alright." The man immediately headed off to grab a fox mask for Elise to wear. "Do you need us to come with you?" "You can arrange for some of our men to

keep an eye around that place and to listen to guns being fired as a signal. If I don't come out after half an hour, you guys can make a move."

"Understood." Then, Elise asked her men to move the suitcase bearing the money to the car before she entered the driver's seat. She started the engines after stabbing the keys in the ignition and sped off. Since she was speeding, she had only spent 15 minutes when it would originally take 30 minutes to arrive in Westhill Garden. Upon reaching the place, she noticed that it was so quiet that chills went down her spine. Elise noted that she still had 20 minutes left before their deal when she looked at her wristwatch. So, she calmly sat in the car while observing her surroundings before her phone rang less than two minutes later.

"As expected from you to actually have the courage to come alone. I really admire your guts." She replied coldly, "Stop wasting my time. I've already brought over all the requested items, so where is he?" "Don't be agitated. Since it's a deal, I'll obviously return the kid once I have the money. Get out of the car now and come in without any weapons." Her hand reached out for the hidden weapon at the bottom of her pants as her gaze darkened. "I can come in alone, but I need to see the person whom I want to see. If I can't leave with him in one piece today, I'll make sure that all of you pay for it."

"Haha!" An obnoxious laugh rang out from the other end of the call. "We shall see if you can actually do that. Now, get out of the car and come on in." Elise then pushed the door open and stared at the garden in front of her before making her way toward it without any hesitation. Upon her arrival at the entrance, all the lights in the garden were switched on. "Take 100 steps forward and turn right thereafter.

Then, I want you to take another 30 steps forward before making a left turn. You'll see rocks in front of you; once you walk past them, enter the cave and we'll be waiting for you inside." While she proceeded with his instructions, she asked, "Since I've already arrived, aren't you going to let me talk to him?" "What? Are you afraid that we would go against our deal?" Elise chuckled coldly. "You should at least let me know that he's safe and sound, shouldn't you?" "Don't worry! He's obviously safe." Then, the man passed the phone to Jamie and ordered, "Speak!"

However, Jamie bit her lips and refused to talk, which annoyed the kidnapper so much that he kicked Jamie in the stomach. Jamie retorted, "You little a\*shole! I'll be sure to get my revenge for this!" However, the man ignored Jamie and spoke to the phone instead, "Did you hear that? He's obviously alive and kicking!" Upon hearing Jamie's voice, Elise felt relieved. "According to the deal, I'll give you the money once you hand him over."

"Great! We love dealing with people like you." Elise started to head into the cave a moment after she hung up. The place was dim since it wasn't as bright as the sun. It took her some time to get accustomed to the dark environment in the cave before she began to observe her surroundings. Her surroundings suddenly brightened up after she walked for about ten meters. "Haha! How's this? What do you think about our little game?"

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Elise looked up, only to see that there was a buff man with a scar on the left side of his face. "I'm already here, so it's time for you to fulfill your part of the deal, isn't it?" The scar-faced man walked toward her. "I used to be curious about the leader of Dragonweiss since the organization is able to expand their territory within the underground scene in just three years. Still, I have to say that I'm surprised to know that the leader is actually a girl. I wonder what kind of pretty face is hidden underneath the mask." Her gaze immediately darkened because it looked like the matter wasn't just about money.

Still, she didn't dare to do anything rash as she still hadn't seen Jamie. "Don't you know how important reputation is for folks like us? If you guys don't keep to your promises today, aren't you afraid of my men destroying this place?" Elise coldly threatened as she gave off a domineering aura. The man immediately couldn't help but shiver. It was his first time being intimidated by a woman and he could sense that she wasn't an ordinary person. "Don't worry, I'll surely release him."

Then, he looked at his man before the latter immediately brought Jamie over. The moment Jamie saw Elise, his face filled with apology. "Boss!" Upon noticing that he was in one piece, she was relieved. "It's alright as long as you're fine." After that, she addressed the scar-faced man, "I've already brought the money and it's in the car. Since I've already seen him, I'm bringing him with me now." He started laughing all of a sudden. "This is as expected from the leader of Dragonweiss. It's alright if you want to leave, but only one of you can make it out alive today."

"A\*shole," Jamie cursed under his breath. "Boss, do not believe him and instead request for backup to destroy this place. Nevertheless, she gave the scar-faced man a serious stare instead of replying before she finally arrived at a decision. "Jamie, leave this place," she instructed. However, Jamie refused. "I'm not leaving, Boss. I want to stay. You should be the one leaving." Elise then shot him a cold look. "I'm asking you to leave right now." Although he was insistent on going against her instructions, he couldn't say anything when he met her gaze and could only grit his teeth as he did as told.

"Fine. I'll leave!" The moment Jamie said that, he left the place without any obstruction. It was moments after he departed that the scar-faced man started to regard Elise. "How courageous of you. You're indeed a charismatic woman." However, she couldn't afford to muck around any longer and instead asked, "Who are you guys? Who gave you guys the courage to try to cross us?" Instead of answering her question, he gazed at her with a dark look before slowly saying, "It's not important for you to know who we are. What's important is that I'm going to kill you today."

Then, he took a pistol from his pocket and aimed it at Elise's temple. "Say your last words and I'll help you to inform your men." Despite her predicament, Elise

stared at the gun pointed at her without any hint of fear. After experiencing many life and death situations with her men from Dragonweiss, she was no longer afraid of anything. There was no way that she'd be frightened at this point in time. "There are many who want my life, but none of them have succeeded. I won't let you be the exception today." Upon hearing that, the man laughed maniacally before he responded in a crazed manner, "I'll see you in hell, nevertheless."

Then, he pulled the trigger before the loud shot of gunfire rang out seconds later. Elise concurrently yanked her pistol out and aimed it at the scar-faced man to fire two shots in quick succession, which stopped the bullet that was coming for her and injured the man on his right hand. His gun immediately fell to the ground before blood started to spill. He stared at her in disbelief. "H-How did you pull that off? How is this even possible?" Firing two shots in succession almost at the same time and accurately stopping my bullet as well as injuring me?!

"Didn't I already mention that there are many that want my life, but none of them have succeeded and I won't let you be the exception today?" The scar-faced man held his wounded subordinate, knowing that he had failed miserably this time. It was just that he never expected this woman to be so skillful. That was still alright because he was merely testing her out, but the scar-faced man refused to believe that she would be lucky each time. "Not bad indeed. Well, although I couldn't kill you today, I'll make sure that you'll die in my hands in the future."

However, right after the man finished talking, Elise raised her gun again and slowly informed, "There's something else that you should know about me. I'll never leave any opportunities for trouble to catch up with me in the future." Then, she fired three shots toward the scar-faced man's chest in rapid succession, causing his eyes to widen as he stared at her before he collapsed onto the ground. After witnessing the scene unfold before their eyes, all of his subordinates aimed their weapons at Elise. She was still unafraid as she slowly reloaded her gun.

"You guys can try to see whether you're faster or I am quicker. Just don't forget that you only have one choice and one time to live." Right after that, the men stared at each other before lowering their guns and raised their hands as a sign of surrender. The sounds of footsteps were heard outside a while later before a group of men barged in with Jamie at the lead. Then, he asked, "Boss, are you alright?" Elise shrugged. "Do I look like I'm not?" Upon hearing that, he finally noticed that the scar-faced man was already lifeless on the ground before breaking into a sigh.

Then, he tried to explain, "Boss, it's my fault for underestimating them. I didn't expect myself to be lured here." "Their target isn't you; it's me! It's obvious that they came prepared and were hostile, so it's better for us to stay cautious from today onward." "Okay, Boss. However, we've already lost the money in the car and couldn't catch up to them as they were exceptionally swift for us." When she heard that the money was gone, she was immediately enraged as that amount of three million was enough to cover Dragonweiss' expenditure for at least three months.

She couldn't reconcile to the fact that the money was gone just like that either. "Start investigating. All of the money has serial numbers, so I want you guys to

locate the money." "Yes, Boss. I'll attend to it now." Just as they were about to leave, the scar-faced man, who was on the floor, started to slowly move his arm before he reached for the pistol and aimed it at Elise. "Be careful, Boss!" Although Jamie had pushed her aside in time, the bullet still managed to lodged itself in her arm. When he saw that she was injured, he was so agitated that he took his own pistol out and fired ten continuous shots at the man.

He only stopped when he saw the scar-faced man releasing his last breath before dropping onto the ground. Then, Jamie turned to Elise and asked anxiously, "How are you, Boss?" While holding onto her injured arm, she answered, "I'm alright. Let's leave this place first." "This is terrible. We've been surrounded outside and I'm not sure whether these are our folks, but it seems like everything has been planned up to this point." "Sh\*t!" he cursed under his breath. "Boss, you should leave first while I'll stay behind to keep these nobodies in check." Elise's gaze darkened. If she wasn't injured, she would've been able to leave the place unscathed, but things were harder now that her arm had been shot.

"Jamie, let's split up. Take the main entrance and I'll leave from the backdoor. Find a way to separate them without engaging in a fight." "Will do, Boss," Jamie said after he grunted. "You should take more men with you since you're injured." "I know what to do. Let's go then." Upon leaving from the backdoor, she was immediately surrounded although she had left with a few men. Nevertheless, it seemed like the opponent wasn't after her life and that of her men, judging from the way the opponent had ensured not to injure their vitals during the fight.

Still, she wasn't in a mood to play around with them and used her left hand to directly aim her pistol at the opponent's core vitals before she started firing. It was obvious that they had underestimated Elise as they never expected her to be so ruthless. As she broke out from the encirclement, she started to jog forward while the men that she led ran behind her.

After running for a distance, she suddenly heard a motorbike speeding past before it finally stopped in front of her. "Get on!" Elise was taken aback as she stared at the driver because it was a familiar face. W-W-Why is he here?