

## Jason...

I woke up next to him. His hand was resting on my stomach and I quickly got up. I can't believe he spent the night...

"So how does this work exactly?"

Dimitri had asked me to meet him at his office.

"It's simple" he replied "we get married and Romero backs off. Now we just have to delay the contract until after the wedding"

"Wait, there will be a wedding?"

"Of course"

Oh no no no, this is not good.

"Do I have to invite anyone?"

"Not if you don't want to"

"So if I invite my parents then I would have to keep lying to them..."

"Yes"

"I don't get it though"

He looked at me.

"What don't you get?"

I hesitated "You are a feared mafia leader, with connections everywhere. Why is Romero such a problem that you have to marry your captive so he doesn't take me away?"

"Is that how you see yourself? A captive?"

He stood up and walked to me. He stopped behind the chair I was sitting on.

"I mean...yeah...you're keeping me here against my will, torturing me if I do something wrong. I'm basically your slave"

He laid his hands on my shoulder. I didn't flinch.

"And soon you'll be married to me" I could hear his smile.

"This is so wrong..."

He started to stroke my shoulders. Then continued.

"Think about it this way: If you don't marry me then your family will die and you'll be forced to live with Romero"

I quickly stood up and turned to him.

"Would you seriously kill my family if I didn't do this?!"

He stroked his hair and bit his lip.

"It would become an option"

I had no words. He really was a monster.

I didn't want to stay in this room any longer.

"Permission to leave?"

He walked up to me.

"Dimitri?"

He smiled "Granted"

I quickly got out of there and ran towards my room. Somehow it was the only safe place for me these days.

I hadn't seen Lucius since Dimitri noticed the scar. I'm slowly accepting the fact that I belong here, with that twisted man. He wants to marry me, that has to mean something to him, right? Then there is this guy Romero and where the hell is Jason? Did Dimitri let him go or will that happen after the wedding itself?

Dimitri, Lucius, Jason, Mary Rose, my family, friends... how the hell am I getting out of here?! No this is too much.

My hands started shaking and it got harder to breathe. I weakly reached the door and almost fell to the ground when it opened. My vision blurred and I could hardly hear when someone yelled. I collapsed to floor and everything went dark..

"Beth? Beth?!"

I knew that voice, I fear it. What happened? I slowly opened my eyes. I was laying on the bed. I saw three blurred figures.

"Beth? How are you feeling?" Another voice, I did not recognise.

"She's gonna be fine boys" Mary Rose. She's here.

My vision came back clearly. Dimitri was sitting the bed, holding my hand. An old man was standing behind him.

"Like the lady said, she's gonna be fine. Just a small accident" then he walked out.

Mary Rose then appeared. She laid a towel and a bowl of water on the nightstand.

"Leave us" Dimitri said while looking at me, and she left.

"I'm sorry!" I started "I didn't know this would happen, I promise it won't happen again! Please don't hurt me"

I felt my tears trying to escape. He looked at me.

"I'm not mad Elizabeth" he said calmly. Weird...he's never this calm.

"What?..."

He reached the bowl and towel and started dripping it. Then gently applied warm water on my forehead. I froze, why is he acting like this?

"What happened?" He asked.

"I don't know!" I quickly responded.

He put the towel and bowl back on the nightstand.

"Elizabeth..."

"I'm sorry, this won't happen again" I looked away.

"The doctor said it was a panic attack that lead you to faint"

I kept looking away from him. I wanted Jason, why can't I see Jason. He's hurt and in pain..

"It won't happen again" I stated and sat up. Dimitri sighed.

"The wedding is in two weeks, I've already contacted the media and your family. You'll see them tomorrow"

I couldn't help but smile. I get to see them!

"You serious?"

He nodded.

Out of nowhere I hugged him tight "thank you"

I slowly got up and tried to stand. My head still hurt a little. Dimitri stood up and helped me. His touch was gentle. "Just take it slow" he said. I didn't know how to feel about all this. He never acted this nice before. I always saw him as a monster, torturing everybody and killing people.. But now he's changing, showing a new side of him that I never knew existed..

"Can I go to the bathroom?" I asked. He nodded and I weakly walked to the door. I splashed some water on my face and saw my tired reflection on the mirror. Come on Beth, be happy. You get to see your family tomorrow. You have to lie to them but at least you can see them and who knows? Maybe you can plot an escape? My family..oh how I've missed them.

I heard Dimitri standing by the door. I looked at him. He didn't say anything, then started walking up to me. I backed up but he grabbed my waist. "You had me worried there for a second"

I looked down "I'm sorry, I didn't mean for that to happen"

He then lifted my chin and leaned in for a kiss. I don't know how and I don't know why, but I didn't resist. I just let him kiss me... Maybe I was too afraid of what he'd do if I didn't obey but he said last night that I only had to follow one rule. Betray him, and I will regret it..

The kiss ended and I saw him smiling. "Why are you so happy?" I asked.

"You're finally accepting your place here"

I looked down. "Only because I have too, you still have Jason" I broke free from his hold. "When are you gonna let him go?"

He sighed. "Follow me" He walked out of the bathroom and headed for the door. I quickly followed him and he ordered his hand. I took it and he lead me down halls and stairs. After a moment the walls became more dark and ugly for my taste. It got colder and I thought I smelled blood. "Uhm...Dimitri, where are you taking me?" He didn't answer.

We stopped in front of a door. "You can go in" he said and opened the door. Something was off about this. "What's in there?"

"You should know, you've been here before" he smiled.

No...no...the punishment. Where he tortured Jason. Is he still in there?! I ran inside the room and the lights turned on. I saw Jason. He was laying on the floor, his hands and legs tied. I ran to him.

"Jason, Jason?! Are you alright?" he didn't say anything so I shooked him a little. He started opening his eyes. "Elizabeth?"

"Yes, it's me" I helped him sit up, his face was covered in dried blood. How could Dimitri do this to him? I heard footsteps behind me.

"I let Lucius treat him these last weeks, but once I realized your scar was caused by him and not by yourself. I made him stop" Dimitri stated. Which reminded me...where is Lucius?

Jason started to cough. I pat on his back. "Do you have any water?" I asked Dimitri. He pointed at the table near the door. I quickly stood up and saw a water bottle. I grabbed it and gave Jason a sip. I probably hadn't had water for days. I stroked his hair to calm him. He was tense and looked at Dimitri.

"What's happening?" He asked.

I realized I didn't know the answer, why was I here? What was Dimitri's plan?

"I'm letting you go" Dimitri said.

"You are?" we both said.

"Yes" he smiled.

He then walked over to us and uncuffed Jason's hands and I untied his legs. He had bruises on his arms and I bet he had some broken ribs. I helped him stand but he could barely walk.

"He needs to go to a hospital.." I begged Dimitri.

"Wait" Jason interrupted "why is he letting me go?"

I didn't know how to answer him. I couldn't answer him. But then he noticed my ring..

"What's that?"

I helped him walk to a chair nearby. Then bent down to face him.

With tears in my eyes I started explaining the situation "I'm getting married to Dimitri"

"Like hell you are!"

"Jason, it's been decided..Part of the deal was letting you go and let me see my family. But I need you to not tell anyone about this"

He looked at me in pain.

"You...you can't marry him Beth...I love you"

My heart sank when I heard those words. All my life, I've felt the connection between us. But we never acted on it. I cared for him, I've loved him too... Jason was a fighter and I knew that only one thing would break him.

"I'm not leaving you here with him" he said.

"Yes you are"

"NO Beth! I won't" he tried to stand up.

"Jason...I lovehim" my heart ached more than ever. I felt Dimitri move.

"What?" Jason asked, he was broken...

"I love Dimitri, we are getting married and I'm gonna be his wife. Now he is letting you go so I suggest you go home, before he kills you"

Jason looked at me in shock. I was too. Then he stood up and walked to the door. A man came and lead him up the stairs. Jason was now finally free.. But I'm still stuck here.

"So you love me?" Dimitri grinned. I straightened up and turned to him.

"I only said that so he'd leave, I could never love a monster" then I turned to the door and walked out.

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