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Then, Ryan accompanied Freya to undergo body check-ups. When the results of her chest X-ray were out, the doctor confirmed that she had a broken rib.

Freya did not expect Rodney's kick to be so ruthless. He kicked her until she broke a rib on the spot.

No wonder she was in so much pain. She even had difficulty breathing.

"Doctor, with my condition... How long do I need to recover?" Freya could not conceal the worry in her eyes. "I still have to raise a kid..." She had to breastfeed too.

"About one month. With your condition, you can't even carry your child, not to mention take care of the child. You have to be careful too. Don't ever catch a cold. Once you catch a cold, you'll get a chest infection easily." After the doctor reminded her, he glanced at Ryan. "You're her husband, right? Take care of the child more often. You can only wean the baby as well."

Ryan's face heated up. A hint of awkwardness flashed across his face.

Freya quickly explained, "He's not my husband. He's my... younger brother..."

"Your brother?" The doctor gazed at both of them. Usually, doctors were busy people. They would not have any leisure time to chat with patients.

However, the woman was beautiful, and the man was handsome. Doctors could not help but pay more attention whenever they saw pleasant-looking people. "You two don't look alike. You look like you're the same age too."

There was no doubt that they did not look alike. Ryan was Freya's godbrother.

"Doctor, please treat her wounds as soon as possible. She looks like she's in a lot of pain." Ryan urged the doctor.

The doctor then told him to pay the bill.

Not long after, Catherine and Shaun rushed over. When Catherine saw Freya sitting on the bed stiffly

with her chest wrapped in gauze, she was exasperated. "What on earth happened?"

Catherine did not have a good rest after Rodney disturbed them last night. When she could finally rest at dawn, she received Chester's call telling her to rush over to a location to save Freya. She dragged Shaun along. When they were halfway there, Ryan informed her that Freya had been sent to the hospital.

Freya leaned on the pillow. Her body did not move at all. An IV tube was attached to the back of her hand. Every part of her body hurt. "Rodney kicked me."

"You were the one who kidnapped Sarah?" Shaun raised his eyebrows. His gaze was strange.

Catherine immediately rolled her eyes at him. " You're overestimating Freya. With her mere abilities, I reckon she doesn't even have the contact number of the kidnappers."

Freya smiled sheepishly and sighed. She said to Ryan and Shaun, "Can you guys go out for a few moments? I have something I want to discuss with Cathy privately."

"Okay. I'll go and buy some breakfast. What do you want to eat?" Ryan asked gently.

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Freya felt pretty hungry upon hearing Ryan mentioning breakfast. However, she was in too much pain and did not have much of an appetite. " The doctor told me to eat soft foods..."

"Okay. I understand. " Ryan nodded and went out with Shaun. As he left, he closed the door as well.

Catherine looked at Freya with a straight face. " Freya, do you know the person who kidnapped Sarah?"

"As expected, you know me best." Freya laughed bitterly. She said with complicated feelings, "The person who kidnapped Sarah was Eliza."

"..."

Catherine's pretty face carried a shocked expression.

"It's shocking, right? I had the same reaction as you when I found out." Eliza's cold gaze from before flashed across Freya's mind. She could not help but shiver. "It was Chester who found out about it first. He contacted me. When we rushed over, Eliza was about to kill Sarah. However, I stopped her. I was afraid things would be difficult to deal with if she really killed Sarah. Besides, when I checked on Sarah, Eliza had cut the tendons to her limbs. Chester said that Rodney could surely figure out it was Eliza who did it if he continued investigating the matter. The only way was for me to stay at the scene. With concrete evidence, Rodney would not be suspicious as I do have an ulterior motive."

Catherine understood quickly. "So Rodney was the one who hurt you?"

Freya nodded. Her eyes were filled with mockery. "Rodney arrived after Chester took Eliza away. Sarah is really very important to him. I've never seen him so furious before. If he wasn't in a hurry to send Sarah to the hospital, he probably would've killed me there and then. He initially wanted to send me to the police station, but Ryan came over and took me away. Nevertheless, Rodney surely won't sit still and do nothing."

"Rodney has truly gone mad." Catherine clenched her fists out of anger. "Sarah has done so many bad things. She's just receiving retribution for them."

"But Rodney doesn't think so. In his heart, Sarah has gone through a lot." Freya sighed. "Actually, it's good that I stayed back instead of Eliza. I don't dare to imagine what would've happened if Rodney knew the culprit was Eliza. He would've killed Eliza on the spot."

"Did Eliza agree to you taking the blame for her?" Catherine asked.

"No. Chester knocked her out and brought her away." Freya recalled the situation. She frowned. "Eliza was in a crazy, extreme state. Actually, we all despise Sarah, but I think Eliza hates her more."

Chester said Eliza and Charity were best friends from childhood..."

"We were Charity's best friends too, but we've never gone that far just because of our grudges." Catherine was ashamed. However, she felt something was strange at the same time.

"That's right," Freya said bleakly. "Ever since Charity left, we haven't done anything for her. Think about it. When Charity went to jail back then, Shaun and Rodney played a role in putting her there. Although they were deceived, some things are still facts. I just took the blame after thinking about it. This way, I can protect Eliza and avenge Charity at the same time."

"Mm." Catherine's heart grew heavy upon hearing it. She was upset. She was living happily, but she felt as if she was living on stolen happiness when she thought about Charity sometimes.

Charity would be their regret for the rest of their lives.

"Cathy, I'm only telling this to you. I hope you don't tell anyone else about this, including Shaun. After all, it's better not to have so many others in the loop." Freya reminded Catherine.

"I won't. Rodney might not let things slide, but don't worry. I won't let you go to jail. Even if it means... contacting my mother and asking her to pressure the prime minister..."

Freya's pale lips moved. She stammered, "Ryan said he'll solve this problem..."

Catherine was stunned upon hearing that. She gave Freya an astonished and ambiguous gaze. "He treats you pretty well, huh? By the way, if it weren't for him getting there in time today, you would've been at the police station now."

"I'm his sister, okay?" Freya's heart warmed all over. At that time, her whole body was in pain. She was scared and helpless. However, after Ryan showed up, she suddenly did not feel scared anymore. It felt like she had someone to lean on.

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"Sister? Aren't you a few months older than him?" Catherine teased playfully. "Oh well. Unfortunately, he wasn't the one you slept with back then. His character is much better than Rodney."

Freya was stunned. She would not argue with Ryan, nor would they turn against each other. Moreover, Ryan was quite attentive and warm. If it had been him...

Hold on. What on earth was she thinking?

Ryan was Rodney's cousin. She should not even think about such a thing at all.

"Don't talk nonsense." Freya quickly glared at Catherine. "He's my godbrother and Rodney's cousin. Your thoughts are ludicrous."

She spoke so hastily that she became agitated. Her chest hurt, and she was a little short of breath.

"Fine, fine. I was just saying. Why are you so agitated?" Catherine promptly comforted Freya. "Since I'll be accompanying you in the hospital these few days, I asked Shaun to find out Sarah's condition."

She went out to search for Shaun and spotted him talking on the phone at the staircase.

Only after Shaun saw Catherine did he say, "Keep a close eye on her. If there's anything, just give me a call." After hanging up, he said, "Elle just informed me that Sarah is in the emergency room. Her actual condition is still unknown, but it seems very serious."

"Where's Rodney?" Catherine changed the subject anxiously.

"He's waiting outside the emergency room." Then, he saw Catherine furrowing her brows, and he immediately pulled her to him. "What did Freya say? Who actually kidnapped Sarah?"

"Stop probing into this matter... You can take it as Freya's doing. Don't pursue it anymore. The only thing we can do is prevent Freya from going to jail." Catherine held his hands tightly. The anger on her face was apparent. "I hope Rodney is humane enough to not make this a big deal, considering that Freya gave birth to his child."

"Don't worry. When I went to meet Old Master Snow, everyone in the Snow sided with Freya. Let's all pressure Rodney. I believe he won't be bold enough to turn against everyone in the Snow family for the sake of Sarah," Shaun said with a smile. " Frankly speaking, if it were Freya's doing, I would really admire her."

"Alright. Go on over to the Snow family's house. I need to stay here and look after Freya. I won't go home these few days." Catherine pushed him slightly.

At the thought that he would not be able to hug Catherine to sleep for so many days, he felt a little reluctant to leave her. "You should inform the Lynches. She needs a caretaker."

"We'll hire a caretaker, but there's no need to inform the Lynches. If Freya's parents find out that Rodney kicked and broke one of her ribs, they'll definitely be worried."

After Catherine saw Shaun off and returned to the ward, Ryan was already back. He was feeding Freya soup by the side of the bed. He blew on every spoonful to cool it down before feeding her.

At the scene, a hint of strangeness crossed Catherine's mind.

She knocked on the door and asked with a smile, "Do you need me to feed you?"

"You're still here, eh?" Ryan was surprised.

Freya swallowed the soup weakly before she quickly said, "Cathy, why don't you go home first? Ryan said that he had found a caretaker for me. After all, you need to look after your kids..."

"It's fine. Shaun will look after them. I'll stay here so that you won't be bored." Catherine walked up to her with a grin.

After some thought, Ryan passed the soup to Catherine. "Alright, then. After all, I'm a man. It can be inconvenient at times."

Catherine touched the bowl that was filled with boiling soup and glanced at Ryan in admiration.

Regardless of his intentions, it would be bad for Freya's reputation if she got too close with a man before she got a divorce. In this regard, Ryan was quite educated.

"Freya, rest well in the hospital. I'll take care of Dani for you." Ryan turned around and said softly, " I've also arranged for someone to guard the door so that nobody will barge in."

"Thank you..."

Freya was at ease knowing that he had done all she could think of.

" I haven't told my parents about this issue, so I'm going to the Lodge to discuss it with them. You don't have to worry. " Ryan reminded her before leaving.