

## Chapter 185 Backfire

Mia was a brave gal ever since her childhood. Whenever she entered a haunted house, she would even try to scare the ghost. Moreover, she could even make noises similar to the paranormal. ②

They could have celebrated Halloween in advance because of her near-professional level of producing scary sounds. The noise she made was so frightening that it seemed like they were in a horror film.

She could even be a voice artist because of her talent for imitating paranormal sounds.

Mia's enthusiasm grew when she saw how terrified Holly was.

"Boo... Waaa... I'll... Kill... You..."

"This... Is... Where... You'll... Die..."

At first, Holly dismissed it as a sound from the wind in the mountain. However, she suddenly recognized a female voice that echoed from somewhere near her.

At that moment, she believed that a ghost was nearby and was haunting her.

Terrified, Holly couldn't help but tremble all over her body. Although she wanted to run away, she couldn't escape because of her injured leg.

Panic began to overwhelm her.

"Someone, please help me! Ah—!" While Holly was screaming, a dog with yellow and black fur sprang from the nearby shrubbery. It frightened her so much that she threw her balance off and fell to the lake behind her.

"Help me! Someone, please help!" Holly yelled for help at the top of her lungs. Then, she waved her hands up and down in the water.

Suddenly, she noticed three people standing on the lakeshore with the dog. Two of them were Gabrielle and Mia.

Holly didn't know how they found her.

After all, she was expecting Westley to come here.

She grew confused about the situation.

'It all makes sense now. I didn't hear any ghosts. Instead, those two skanks were creating those scary noises just now.' ①

"Why aren't you swimming, Holly?" Mia asked with a sly smile.

Finally, Holly realized the situation. Although she knew how to swim, she couldn't do it because of her injured feet. She could only use her hands to splash the water.

"Tucker told me that the lake isn't deep. He and his friends come here to fish and swim every summer. I can extend a stick to pull you up if you can't stand." With a sly smile, Mia looked at Holly as if she was enjoying the latter's accident.

At that moment, Holly didn't want to ask the other two girls for help. As such, she tried to waddle towards the shore. However, she couldn't do anything else after reaching the beach. She was too exhausted, and her injured leg was in pain. It was challenging for her to stand up. ②

"You're quite impressive, Holly. You don't stay at home and rest despite your injury. Instead, you torture yourself with unimaginable agony. Are you doing this

to beg for others' sympathy?" Mia sneered and looked at Holly with pity.

"Just do it. You're going to laugh at me anyway. I already know that you're creating scary noises to frighten me." Holly finally reached the solid ground as she gasped for breath.

Water had penetrated her wound. The pain was almost unbearable for her.

"Innocent people have nothing to fear. Holly, you better keep that in mind. If you don't know what it means, you should've at least know what karma is. You're the reason for your misfortune. This is your karma," Mia mocked her in a condescending tone.

Normally, Mia would've already slapped Holly several times. She thought of the latter as an annoying and selfish woman who expected those around her to be servants.

For the sake of Holly's injury, Mia only scolded her.

"We can return to the house since we already found Holly. Otherwise, Grandma might worry," Gabrielle said after staying silent all this time. Then, she

turned around and traversed the mountain path.

"Gabrielle, you should at least treat me better. I can't even walk because my legs hurt," Holly complained when she noticed that the others were going to leave her behind. ①

"The only reason we're here is to find you. Now that we know you're still alive, we don't have to stick with you. Since you can come here by yourself, you can surely return home alone. Stop acting like the victim, Holly," Gabrielle asserted in a serious tone.

Speechless, Holly almost fainted after hearing Gabrielle's words. Even if she hadn't fallen into the lake, she could barely walk home, even with a stick. However, she got drenched and no longer had the energy to return.

All she could do was shiver in the wind in her wet clothes.

At that moment, she was terrified that the others wouldn't care about her and leave her as they all went back.

"Gabrielle, you bitch! Are you here just to embarrass me?" Holly shouted in a tone

full of grievance and hatred. ①

"Actually, we don't want to be here with you. The only reason we're looking for you is that Grandma is getting anxious. She's worried about you," Gabrielle callously explained.

A wave of disappointment enveloped Holly. Finally, she stared at Gabrielle as if she found salvation. "How about Westley? Where is he? Is he looking for me too?"

"My brother and the others are looking for you in the town. Since they're afraid that human traffickers might have kidnapped you, they may have called the police. I won't be surprised if you already have a missing poster on the Internet. Congratulations, Miss Edwards. The whole world will know who you are!" A wicked grin flashed across Mia's lips.

At that moment, Holly felt like she was in hell. All she could do was frown and feel sorry for herself.

"Please take me home." Holly wouldn't ask them for help if she wasn't desperate.

"Gabrielle, we need to help that person. I think she's in pain. Moreover, I can see

that she has several wounds. She might get an infection since her wounds are soaked in the lake water. We should take her back to the cabin," Tucker advised Gabrielle after seeing Holly's situation.

At that moment, he realized that Holly wasn't a friend but an adversary. Otherwise, Gabrielle and Mia wouldn't have played such a trick on an injured lady.

He even suspected that Gabrielle and Mia were the bad guys in their situation.

"Tucker, I can understand your doubts. Have no fear. Gabrielle and I might look like the bad guys here, but his woman is the real villain. Despite her injuries, she ran away from the cabin. Moreover, he didn't tell anyone and left her phone. As such, Miley is anxious about her safety. Do you think she's a bad girl?" At a glance, Mia realized what Tucker was thinking.

However, based on their recent actions, Gabrielle and Mia looked like the villains. After all, they were bullying Holly, who seemed innocent and kind.

"I understand, Mia. I'm sorry for doubting you," Tucker apologized with an

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embarrassed expression.

"It's normal to think that way, Tucker. We aren't quite familiar with each other after all. Just to let you know, Gabrielle is Westley's wife. You should know Westley won't marry a bad woman, right?" Mia decided to introduce Gabrielle's identity to Tucker.

"Mrs. Morris?" Tucker suddenly called Gabrielle a different name.



## Chapter 186 Mrs. Morris

Gabrielle almost choked on her saliva when Tucker called out, "Mrs. Morris," to her.

It was the first time she heard someone refer to her as such. Although she married Westley, no one referred to her like that before.

She still felt uncomfortable about her new name. Westley would be more surprised if he heard it.

"Tucker is such a cute kid. He immediately says whatever he's thinking."

"Oh, goodness. Tucker, has anyone told you you're so cute?" Mia was holding back her urge to pinch the kid's cheeks playfully. "What an adorable boy!"

Although she wanted to squeeze his puffy cheeks, Mia was afraid that Tucker would feel offended. As such, she had no choice but to give up.

"I haven't heard that before. However,

people often told me that I'm handsome," Tucker honestly said with a smile.

Mia smiled and put her thumbs up as approval. "That's true. You're very good-looking. Do you want an elder sister? I adore honest children like you."

"What do you mean?" However, Tucker had no idea what Mia was saying.

It was weird that Mia asked him such a question.

"I mean, do you want a sister who is pretty, young, and rich? Do you need an older sibling who is kind and generous to her little brother like me?" Mia was using all the best words for women to describe herself.

When Gabrielle heard this, she rolled her eyes at her shameless friend.

"Thank you for the offer, Mia. But there's no need for that." It was only then that Tucker realized that Mia wanted to be his older sister.

Although she was pretty, he wasn't looking for a new elder sister.

"Are you sure? It's fine if you want to

think it over first. I'll be more than happy to be your beautiful sister any time," she asked the topic one more time.

"We should send your friend back first. She's injured and fell into the water. If she doesn't dry herself soon, she might get sick."

"Amazing. Tucker is not only handsome but also kind. I want to be your sister even more." Excitement became apparent in Mia's expression. The more she looked at Tucker, the more she adored him.

Gabrielle called Westley so that they could return early. In that case, Remy could finally treat Holly. Although Gabrielle still wanted to reprimand Holly, she didn't want anything bad to happen to the injured lady.

"Westley, we're now together with Holly. Apparently, she accidentally fell into the lake." It seemed that Gabrielle could quickly tell a lie.

At that moment, it was the logical thing to do. She couldn't admit to Westley that she asked Black to scare Holly, which caused the latter to fall into the water. Moreover, she was even playing tricks on

Holly even before the accident. Holly was already shaking out of fear.

In hindsight, Gabrielle realized that she and Mia were terrible people.

Nonetheless, she had no regrets about what happened to Holly. The latter obviously deserved a lesson. Gabrielle wasn't afraid that Holly might tell the truth to Westley.

If Holly spilled the beans, Gabrielle would make sure to exact an act of suitable revenge.

"We should return now. Where's Holly? How is she?" Westley was aware of Holly's injury. Her situation grew worse after falling into the lake. Because they were on a mountain, the water was still cold despite the summer heat.

When Westley asked about Holly's condition, Gabrielle felt anxious.

"She's alright. You can take her home early so that Dr. Remy can examine her." With a frown, Gabrielle immediately ended the call.

"What's the problem? Who was on the other end of the call? You don't look

happy." At that moment, Mia guessed that Gabrielle might be talking to Westley.

"Have you told them that we are coming back?" Mia decided to change her tone.

"Yeah, I have. They'll be back soon." Gabrielle slowly approached Holly.

"Let's go home, Holly," she said as she pulled Holly from the lake.

Then, Mia rushed towards Holly and held her other hand. Finally, Mia and Gabrielle assisted Holly while walking.

"Gabrielle, do you think I am going to forgive you just because you're helping me? That big dog scared me so much that I fell into the lake. Moreover, you've been making ghost sounds. You've been scaring me on purpose!" Although they were supporting Holly while walking, the three women couldn't get along well because of Holly's arrogant behavior.

"Holly, I can accept that you're not thanking us for helping you. However, you better shut up and stop provoking us. Otherwise, I might throw you back to the lake if you anger us. You know that my brother loves me so much. That's

why nothing will scare me," Mia threatened as she was at the end of her patience.

Holly wasn't only ungrateful; she was even aggravating her saviors. She might have forgotten who she was dealing with at that moment.

"Mia, how dare you?"

"Push me to my limits, and you will end up in that lake again. Only the four of us are here. There's no one who can stop me." Mia was acting pompous.

Finally, Holly stopped talking. She realized that she better not infuriate Mia. That woman would definitely do what she said.

Under her brother's protection, Mia could act like a spoiled brat with nothing to fear.

When Mia noticed Holly's defiant expression, he kicked the latter's injured leg. It was a light kick, but it was painful enough for Holly to cry.

"Ah! My leg hurts."

"I'm sorry for that. We're walking in such

a narrow mountain path. I can't help it if the three of us bump into each other for walking on such a small road." However, Mia's apology felt insincere. ③

Holly realized that Mia was teaching her a lesson. Although it was a light kick, it was a painful reminder for her to be obedient. ①

"Mia, be careful. Don't hurt yourself." Gabrielle understood what Mia was doing. In the past, she taught Holly enough lessons. As such, there was no need for more.

However, if Holly crossed her again in the future, Gabrielle would definitely put the brat in her place. ②

"Don't worry, Gabrielle. I'll be fine. Unlike someone else; I'm not so stupid to fall into the lake while walking." With a sly smile, Mia looked at Gabrielle. ①

Holly knew that Mia was making fun of her. However, he couldn't rebut because of her injuries.

Finally, thanks to the support of Mia and Gabrielle, Holly reached Miley's yard. The elderly lady was waiting for them in the yard. A surprised expression painted

Miley's face when she saw Holly was wet.

"Gabrielle, thank you for finding Holly. Why is she wet?" When she laid eyes on Holly, Miley immediately felt sorry for the injured gal. ③