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Chapter 81 “This is a private condominium!” Tina was in shock. “I don’t think the environment of your current place is safe enough for a woman to live alone. From now on, you’ll be living here.”

“But...”

“No buts! I know you want to pay me back for this. If it makes you feel bad, consider it a debt. You can pay me back when you’re financially stable.” Aside from finding her an apartment, John also arranged for a job for her at a locally renowned art studio that he knew Tina used to study art when she was still in university. Since Tina was new to the job, she worked at the front desk welcoming guests and giving them tours around the studio.

It wasn’t an exhausting job. What was more, Tina’s boss was deeply impressed by the skill sets Tina demonstrated at work. It seemed that her university studies were being put to good use. “This is your pay for this month!” the boss announced to her. When Tina saw the numbers on the pay slip, she couldn’t believe her eyes. “Sir, I think you gave me more than promised!” When she started working, the boss offered around 500 dollars a month. However, the payment slip stated 900 dollars. It was almost double the amount! “I’ve been observing your work this past month, and I realized you’re a talented and hardworking employee. This is just a token of my appreciation.” The boss patted her on the shoulders and continued, “I’ll be bringing you along for business trips from now on. Don’t disappoint me, okay?” “I’ll do my best!” Tina said in determination, clenching her fists, Tina was elated. Who would’ve known that her boss would recognize her efforts? Her hard work aside, Tina knew that John also played a huge part in helping her gain the boss’s favor.

After pondering for a while, she made a phone call to John. “Hey, how’s it going?” John picked up the phone almost immediately.

“John, I have good news!” Tina said excitedly. “Did you receive your pay today?” “Yep, and the boss also doubled my pay! It’s my treat today!”

“Sure. Why don’t we have dinner at The Navy? The restaurant hired a renowned cook from France. The food there is really good.”

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Tina had heard of The Navy before. It was a five-star restaurant in Freesia. However, only customers with membership could dine in this prestigious restaurant. “But... I don’t have a membership there.”

“You don’t have to worry about that. I’ve got it covered.”

“Alright, then!” Tina agreed. Then, she gritted her teeth and said, “Go ahead and order all the dishes you like. Worst comes to worst, I’ll just work as their maid if I can’t pay up.”

John couldn’t help but chuckle. “Don’t worry, I won’t let you resort to that.” After she hung up the phone, Tina was still worried. She looked up information about The Navy. As if it couldn’t get worse, the restaurant also required a formal dress code! Tina frowned and thought, ‘I don’t have that much money to buy a gown! I guess I’ll have to rent one later. Just as she was preoccupied with her thoughts, her phone rang. She looked at the screen and noticed that it was a call from a stranger. “Hello? This is Tina Lynd.” “Miss Lynd, this is Cindy Young,” Cindy said with a gentle tone. Tina was stunned. “Miss Young? Is

there anything I can help you with?" "Are you free right now? I'd like to talk to you. It's about Samuel." Instantly, Tina knew that Cindy must've misunderstood something. She explained immediately, "Is this about my phone call from last time? I can explain, Miss Young..." However, Cindy cut her off instantly. "I'll see you later, okay? Samuel's looking for me right

now"

Chapter 82 Cindy quickly hung up, and then sent Tina an address. Tina sighed in defeat. Despite this, she still decided to meet Cindy: 'I need to make everything clear to Cindy! She probably misunderstood the whole situation.' Later that evening, Tina followed the address and arrived at a prestigious hotel. Before she could enter, the security officer blocked her way and snarled, "I'm sorry, Miss, but you can't enter the premises." Judging from Tina's crummy attire, the clothes she was wearing weren't even worth 20 bucks. Since the hotel could charge up to millions per night, Tina simply didn't look like she was a legitimate customer. Tina explained, "I'm here to meet someone. Is Cindy Young here?"

"Miss Young?" The security guard scoffed at Tina. "What are you trying to play at? She isn't someone you can meet just because you want to! Leave now, or I'll drag you out of her!" The security guard shoved Tina away, so roughly she almost fell to the ground.

Right at this moment, a car stopped in front of the hotel. In the backseat, Cindy had a look of deep satisfaction when she saw Tina being treated like vermin in public.

In fact, Cindy made Tina come here on purpose just so she could enjoy the sight of Tina getting insulted and harassed by the hotel staff.

This is what happens to anyone who dares to seduce Samuel. Just look at her! She's so pathetic! Cindy thought gleefully, amused. Noticing that Tina was about to be dragged away, Cindy got off the car slowly just at the right time.

"This is a misunderstanding! Miss Lynd is here to find me. Please let her go!" Everyone in Freesia was aware that Cindy was the famous Samuel Langford's partner. When the guards heard Cindy's command, they let go of Tina and said respectfully, "Yes, Miss Young." Cindy led the way, and entered the hotel with Tina in tow. She then took a seat just beside the windows.

"I'm sorry about that. I didn't expect something like that to happen at all," Cindy said pretentiously, pretending to be a magnanimous person. Tina quickly waved her hand and said, "It's fine, I understand." Before Tina could finish speaking, Cindy opened her handbag and took out a check. "The reason I called you here today is because of this."

"What?" Tina was stunned.

"Didn't you sign a contract with Samuel in the past? When you called before, I remembered that you didn't receive the money even after the contract ended. That's why..."

Tina refused to take the check and pushed it in Cindy's direction resolutely.

"It was true that I called Samuel to ask for money. Now that my problem's solved, I can't possibly accept this!"

Cindy heaved out a heavy sigh. "That's not it. You should follow what's written in the contract. Legally, the money is the compensation incurred after you did your part. What's more, I'll feel more at ease if you agree to take the money."

Tina considered Cindy's offer. She was broke to the point that until now, she still couldn't pay back her debts to John.

If she accepted the money, she could clear her debts and reassure Cindy. That way, she could kill two birds with one stone!

"Alright, I'll take it."

Tina reached out for the check.

Right at this moment, a cold voice sounded right from behind her. "Tina Lynd."

When Tina heard the familiar voice, she jolted.

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Looking up in horror, she saw Samuel walking towards her. He gazed upon her like how a predator would to a prey, eyes filled with menace. Tina looked at the man before her, dazed. She didn't expect Samuel to be here!

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The moment Samuel appeared, Tina froze. Standing at a height of 1.9 meters and dressed in an elegant suit and tie, he exuded a domineering charisma that suffocated her. He grabbed Tina's hand roughly and spat, "You should know your place!"

This woman is so shameless! I thought she'd get out of my sight once and for all, but I was wrong. How dare she meet Cindy just to get to me! he thought, fuming. "I..." Tina tried to explain herself.

However, Samuel's angry gaze was locked on Tina's hand. He sneered and snatched the check away from her viciously.

"I guess you're willing to do anything for money." When Tina tore the check into pieces before, Samuel was slightly moved. Alas, that appeared to be one of her dirty tricks. He had been deceived! This time, she tore her facade once again to get money through Cindy.

'Am I a joke to her?' Samuel's anger seemed bottomless.

Cindy approached Samuel and attempted to explain in a gentle tone, "Samuel, you've misunderstood Miss Lynd. It's not what you think it is. I'm the one who invited her here." In truth, Cindy couldn't be prouder of herself at the moment.

When Tina called him, Samuel had been out to visit his grandmother.

Cindy answered the call by pure chance. Only then did she realize that Samuel hadn't completely cut ties with that wench.

That worried Cindy to the point she couldn't eat or sleep. So, she looked through Samuel's work schedule and planned the perfect time to set Tina up. It was why she invited Tina to the hotel today. Cindy wanted Tina to fall into her trap, and fall in it Tina did. Her plan was to let Samuel realize just how shameless Tina was. Samuel didn't betray Cindy's expectations. The man refused to hear out Cindy's explanation, preferring to pin the blame on Tina. He ignored Tina's struggles and yanked both her hands on her back, disregarding how violent he was being. Then, he dragged her out of the hotel and flung her roughly into the car. Tina was fearful. "W-What are you doing? Where are you taking me?" Samuel revealed a sinister smirk, his eyes cold. "You'll know in a minute." Cindy was elated. 'Tina's done for! Look how furious Samuel is!' "Stop that, Samuel! Tina didn't do anything wrong! Are you bringing her to the underground chamber? She'll die if you do that!" Cindy cried, pretending to be considerate.

"Sandy, take care of Miss Young for me. Make sure she doesn't follow me!" Samuel ordered. Then, he stepped on the accelerator and zoomed away without a single care.

Cindy persuaded Sandy in a coaxing tone, "Sandy, please follow them." "Miss Young, I think it's better if you don't challenge Mr. Langford's orders. He's furious right now."

"I understand..." Cindy wiped her crocodile tears, Unbeknownst to Sandy, she looked unbelievably sinister at this moment.

Of course, she knew how furious Samuel was. That was why she wanted to witness him torturing Tina to death!

It was a shame that Cindy couldn't witness her victory in person. After being thrown to the back seat, Tina was trembling from head to toe.

Tina thought about Cindy's words. Looking at the scenery outside, she realized that they were leaving the city and into the countryside. Engulfed in fear, she shivered and found herself stammering "Samuel, w-where are you taking me? Are you really taking me to an underground chamber?"

Chapter 84 Rumor had it that Samuel was a dangerous and cruel man who would torture anyone who got on his bad side. There was no coming out once they got into his underground chamber, and they would suffer a fate worse than death.

Tina was horrified. She didn't want to die!

Samuel didn't answer Tina's questions at all. He stepped on the accelerator and sped up on the road, ignoring her fearful stammers. It was so terrifying, that Tina shut her eyes tightly and cowered into a little ball at the corner.

After a long time, the car stopped. Samuel turned to look at the pitiful and helpless Tina. There wasn't the slightest empathy in his voice as he barked a fierce order, "Get off the car right now before I drag you out!" Tina saw the scenery outside the windows and realized that they were at the villa she used to live at. Without hesitation, she shoved the door open and sprinted for her life.

Right now, the only thing she wanted to do was to get away as far as possible from Samuel. However, her hopes were shattered into pieces. She didn't run far before both her legs rose to the air. Samuel carried her by the waist and stomped his way towards the villa,

The villa was massive. The moment Samuel opened a secret entrance, Tina couldn't believe that she used to live in this hell hole for almost two months.

To make things worse, a thick smell of blood wafted from inside. A wave of nausea swept through her as she retched.

Tina's attempts to escape were fruitless. She was thrown to the floor with her hands and feet bound, helpless to escape. "Samuel, are you crazy?.." she screamed, trying to throw some sense into Samuel. However, Samuel grabbed her chin and forced her into silence. He gazed upon her from above, cold eyes reflecting malicious ill-intent. "Me? Crazy? Tina, you did this all to yourself! How dare you challenge me time and again?"

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"I can ignore the fact that you slept with me for your personal motives. However, I can never forgive you for drugging my grandma! Even until now, she still hasn't woken up from a coma. I spared your life for that, but how dare you try to get at me again through Cindy!" "Both of them are the most important people in my life. I can never forgive whoever harms them in any way! I've given you a lot of chances, Tina. This time, I won't let you off the hook." Everyone in Fressia knew how cold and callous Samuel was. In fact, he could be an outright monster. The only people whom he held dear in his life were Cindy and his grandmother. Unfortunately, Tina had successfully stepped on his landmines. Now that his grandmother was in a coma, Samuel couldn't let the innocent Cindy fall into that wench's trap again.

"I've never hurt them before! I swear to god, I have never!" Tina stubbornly tried to defend herself, gritting her teeth.

However, Samuel only sneered disdainfully in response.

"Now that things have come to this, I'll never believe any of your words anymore. You can drop your act now. It doesn't work on me anymore." Tina had given up all hope now. At first, she was terrified of Samuel. But now, she was tired of explaining herself every single time.

"Drop my act? Fine, let's just treat it like I'm actually acting. I guess the reason a man of such prestigious standing like you isn't capable of listening is that you're illiterate! I might as well shut up rather than talk to an idiot!"

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Samuel was livid. "Me? Illiterate? What do you mean?"

At this point, Tina had given up all hope. If Samuel wouldn't believe her no matter what, she might as well do everything to tick him off before he killed her. "Seriously? You can't even understand what I'm saying?"

"You!" Samuel grabbed Tina's chin violently and howled, "Do you really wish to die?" "I don't care anymore. Just do whatever you want. I should be dead a few months before anyway," Tina said with pride. "I don't have anything in the first place. I have nothing to lose! Just kill me already!"

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Samuel frowned.

He didn't expect Tina to react in such a way. She didn't bawl her eyes out or begged for forgiveness. Instead, she accepted her fate with open arms. Her eyes did reflect desperateness and agony, but she didn't seem to have given up at all. They burned with such powerful fire, that even Samuel could feel it just by looking at her.

At this, he hesitated.

Right at this moment, Samuel's phone rang.

"Mr. Langford, your grandmother has woken up!")

The doctor at the other end of the phone sounded excited.

Tina was still awaiting her death when she heard the news. Shocked, she couldn't believe her ears. "Where's Tina? I want to see Tina right now!" Madam Langford's voice was frail despite her determination, "Samuel, you insolent man! Don't tell me you've done something bad to Tina while I was in a coma! If anything happens to Tina, I'll...!" When Tina heard her voice, she couldn't contain her excitement. "Mr. Langford, is that Grandma?" Samuel's frown deepened. Seeing that her eyes were glimmering with hope, it didn't seem like Tina was faking her emotions.. "I heard Tina's voice just now. Let me talk to her!" Madam Langford ordered immediately.

Samuel glared at Tina as a warning,

"Alright, Grandma, I'll pass the phone to her." He loosened the ropes around her arms and legs. Tina cupped the phone carefully as she shivered in excitement.

"Grandma, it's me."

"Did Samuel bully you again?" Madam Langford asked.

Tina looked at herself. She was dressed haggardly and had bruises all over her body, courtesy of Samuel. Despite that, she resolutely lied, "He didn't. I'm okay, Grandma." "That's good!" After Madam Langford made sure that Tina was safe and sound, she heaved a sigh of relief. "I'm tired, so I'm heading to sleep now. Come and visit me when you're free, okay?"

After she hung up, Tina felt reluctant to let go of the phone. Just now, she was shrieking like a mad woman, but now, she was calm and collected. "Mr. Langford, I think I should visit Grandma..." Tina began carefully.

Samuel glared at her coldly, his lips a snarl. "You can, but remember to choose your words wisely when you see her."

While walking towards the door, he felt irritated. He had to admit that a small part of him felt bad for treating Tina poorly. It was obvious that she couldn't be trusted, given that she had deceived him time and again. So why did he fall for her every single time despite her lies? If his grandmother didn't instruct to spare Tina, would he have let her go? Tina, on the other hand, could care less about what Samuel was thinking. Her life was owed to Madam Langford again, for which she was extremely grateful. If it wasn't for Grandma's protection, she would have died today! Soon, Samuel brought Tina to the hospital.

Madam Langford held Tina's hand. After talking for a short while, she grew sluggish and fell into a deep slumber.

Tina then left the ward. She and Samuel were the only ones outside.

Anxious about the impending doom, Tina asked, "Um, Mr. Langford..." "You're lucky today," Samuel cut her off icily, not bothered to listen to anything she had to say. "If it wasn't for Grandma's sudden recovery, you would've been dead by now."

Tina lowered her head, "I know."

"You can go now. I have a team of experts tending to grandma's needs. You come here only when grandma wants to see you. I don't want to see you loitering around here!"

Tina could feel a weight being lifted off her shoulders when she heard that. 'He's a lunatic, so I'll definitely get as far away from him as possible!' While preoccupied with her thoughts, she sprinted ahead. The moment she entered the lift, she accidentally knocked into somebody.

Chapter 86 "Ouch!" Someone knocked on Cindy's shoulders. Out of habit, she yelled in anger, "Watch where you're going, you idiot!"

She looked up and, much to her shock, saw Tina.

"Why are you here?" Cindy couldn't believe her eyes. "Aren't you..."

'Why's this b*tch here? I thought she's done for!

"I'm here to see Grandma. I'll be leaving now, Miss Young." Tina left as soon as she was done explaining Cindy was furious. She ran towards Samuel with a pitiful expression, complete with doe eyes and trembling lips. "Samuel, what's going on? Have you come to terms with Miss Lynd? Why is she here?" Samuel replied icily, "If it wasn't for Grandma's sudden recovery, she would've died a long time ago. Now, I'm keeping her alive to entertain Grandma."

Cindy couldn't believe that the reason her plan failed today was due to Madam Langford! Such bad timing!

Cindy gritted her teeth, furious. What infuriated her more was that Madam Langford refused to see her when she requested a visit.

'You old b*tch! Why can't you just die?'

With pent-up frustrations, Cindy stormed out the ward and returned to Samuel.

She asked, "Samuel... Now that Grandma's recovered from her coma, are we still going on that dinner date you promised?"

Looking at Cindy's pitiful expression, Samuel didn't refuse her. "Of course. I'll meet you after my meeting." Cindy felt relieved upon hearing his answer. "Alright. I'll wait for you at The Navy at night. Don't keep me waiting, okay?" Cindy had two motives today. The first one was to make sure that Tina fell into her trap, and end up murdered in the process.

However, her plan was hijacked by Madam Langford's sudden recovery.

Though she found it to be a bummer, she had a far more important plan.

Cindy was as giddy as a child when she thought about her plan for the night.

As long as she slept with Samuel, she could become his wife.

If that happened, she could get rid of both Tina and Madam Langford at the same time.

'How exciting!

Tina had a narrow escape. After she arrived home by taxi, she heaved out a sigh of relief.

"Phew! That was scary..."

When Tina thought about what happened today, fear crept up her body. Recalling the terrifying experience made her arms and legs weak.

Fortunately, she got out alive! She slumped to her bed, and decided to call it a night. However, her phone rang all of a sudden.

She looked at the screen and noticed that it was from John.

At this moment, Tina sprung up from the bed. When she saw the time, she fell in shock. "Oh, crap! I forgot I'm supposed to have dinner with John tonight!" It was almost time. How could she have forgotten such an important arrangement?

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Tina was conflicted. However, she still decided to answer John's phone call.

"Hello, John..."

"Tina, are you there yet?" John asked in a gentle voice.

Tina looked at her haggard appearance and asked, "John, can we change our dinner plan to another date?"

Since she had just escaped from Samuel's wicked grasp, she didn't have the time to rent a gown. If she were to enter the restaurant in this state, she knew she would be chased out immediately. Sensing that something was wrong, John's gentle tone grew stern. "Tina, what happened?" "Nothing happened." Tina didn't want John to worry about her, so she said, "I just realized that the restaurant required a formal dress code, and I didn't have enough time to prepare for one. I'm sorry about that, John." "Oh, so that's the problem," John sounded relieved.

"Yeah." Tina was overwhelmed with guilt. She was the one who wanted to treat John to a meal, but she ended up canceling it instead.

"I thought something bad happened to you. I was worried," John heaved a sigh of relief and continued, "I'll get my assistant to send a gown to you. He'll drive you to the restaurant as well. You just have to wait for me there, okay?" Tina felt really bad about it. "But I'm the one who's supposed to treat you to dinner..." Her intentions were to express her gratitude to John. In the end, she only succeeded in making John worry about her.

“We’re a family, after all. You don’t have to feel bad about something as trivial as this. I still have some work-related matters to deal with. I’ll head to the restaurant later. You just have to wait there patiently, okay?”

“Alright,” Tina agreed. She could hear some noises at the end of the phone. It seemed it was true John was still busy with work.

John’s assistant knew Tina’s current address. It only took him a short while to send the gown, along with a makeup artist.

Soon, Tina arrived at The Navy by car.

“Miss Lynd, Mr. Carter will arrive shortly. Please wait in the lounge in the meantime.” After relaying the message from John, the assistant turned and left.

Tina looked at the beautiful decorations in the lounge, unable to stop herself from gasping in awe. At the same time, she was worried that she might not be able to pay for the meal.

“Can I afford this? If I can’t, do I really have to work as a maid here?’ Tina thought.

Tina stared into space. In the evening, the flowers in the backyard garden bloomed, unleashing a sweet scent in the fresh air.

Since Tina didn’t have anything to do, she picked up the hem of her gown and went for a stroll in the garden.

Tina slowly walked on the cobblestone road. Her graceful figure attracted a few men from afar. “Who’s that? All the customers in The Navy have prestigious social standings in Freesia, but I’ve never seen that woman before.”

“I don’t think I’ve seen her. Have you met that woman, Mr. Jackson?” “Mr. Jackson, I heard that your taste in women has changed. You used to like sexy women. Do you prefer innocent-looking chicks like her now? Why don’t you ask for her number?”. The men laughed as they looked at Mr. Jackson, who was sitting beside them. Mr. Jackson was the sole heir of the Jackson Group, but he also had a reputation of being a playboy in Freesia. He often fooled around with women in various nightclubs during his free time. Now that his father had confiscated his credit card, he could no longer indulge himself. Right now, he was incredibly bored. When she saw Tina walking alone in the garden, he decided to approach her. “Fine, I’ll ask for her number. Let’s make a bet. I’ll definitely get her number within 30 minutes!” “Look at how confident Mr. Jackson is! We look forward to it!” Tina, meanwhile, was oblivious to her surroundings. After strolling for a while, she saw a team of bodyguards dressed in black appearing out of nowhere. The restaurant’s manager also stood up to welcome the guests. She was still in a daze, when she caught someone talking from afar.

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“I’m so sorry, Miss Young. We are fully booked tonight. You can opt for an appointment the next time you visit...”

‘Miss Young is here?’ Tina jolted in surprise. When Tina heard that, she spotted Cindy at the counter almost instantly.

'What am I going to do now?' Tina was in panic.

Tina didn't know what to do. This morning, she had yet another misunderstanding with Cindy and Samuel, Who would've known that they would meet again tonight?

If Samuel saw her at The Navy, he would think that Tina was bumping into them on purpose. He'd definitely end her then and there!

Fearful, Tina didn't want to stay in the garden anymore. She grabbed the hem of her dress and dashed towards her private lounge. Cindy, for her part, was irritated by the manager's words.

However, she knew she couldn't throw a fit in front of everyone. She had to maintain her angelic image. So, she said, "I have an important appointment with Mr. Langford tonight. Could you go around the lounges and ask for a free spot? I'm willing to compensate ten times the amount if anyone is willing to give me their slot." "I..." The manager was reluctant.

Since everyone in the restaurant had power and influence in society, the manager didn't want to offend any of the guests. However, the person in front of her was none other than Samuel Langford's partner.

Just when the manager was about to reject Cindy's offer, he saw Tina leaving the garden from a distance.

A thought struck him, 'If I remember correctly, that woman booked a room all for herself. Who knows, maybe she's willing to give up her spot!'

"That young lady over there! Excuse me, I have something to say to you!" When Tina heard the manager calling out for her, she became even more panicky and picked up her pace.

She had just survived a painful ordeal with Samuel. She refused to fall into his cruel grasp again!

Just as Tina was about to escape the garden, someone appeared in front of her.

Tina turned left to avoid the man, but he mimicked her and turned left as well.

When she turned right, he deliberately turned right to block her way. "Why are you blocking my way?" Tina was anxious. She looked up and exclaimed in surprise, "Mr. Jackson?"

If she remembered correctly, the man in front of her was Mr. Jackson.

When she was a waitress at the hotel, she met him by coincidence when she was sending food to the nightclub. After he forced Tina to gulp down a cup of alcohol, he tipped her around 300 dollars.

Tina blurted out his name without thinking, and that piqued Mr. Jackson's curiosity.

"Do you know me?"

The moment Tina said that, she regretted her words and shook her head. "I don't know you!"

Although Tina wasn't sure exactly why Mr. Jackson was blocking her way, she knew that nothing good came from associating herself with a womanizer like him. The manager was about to reach Tina any minute now, but Mr. Jackson was still speaking.

“Young lady, where are you rushing to? Let’s get to know each other!” “Get away from me!” Tina was so nervous that her face flushed red.

Looking at her red cheeks, Mr. Jackson was turned on. ‘Such a pure and innocent woman! Looks like today’s my lucky day!’ “Please don’t run from me. I’m not a monster! I’ll leave if you give me your phone number.”

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Tired of his tricks, Tina stomped on his legs as hard as he could.

“Get away from me! Stop blocking my way!”

Mr. Jackson was caught unawares and shrieked in pain. Tina grabbed the chance to flee.

Mr. Jackson was shocked, ‘I thought the ladies here were all shy and cute. I’ve never seen one so unreserved and cruel!’

“You!”

Mr. Jackson wanted to chase after her, but a sweet and gentle voice stopped him.

“Hello there, may I know your name?”

Mr. Jackson looked at the woman in front of him and immediately recognized her as Cindy Young. Although Samuel treated Cindy like a younger sister, everyone knew that Cindy was Samuel’s girlfriend.

Mr. Jackson regained his gentlemanly demeanor and answered in a tender voice, “Hello, Miss Young. You can call me Mr. Jackson.”

Cindy was well aware of Mr. Jackson’s reputation as a playboy in Freesia. Though she scorned him deep down, she still had to put up an innocent facade.

“Mr. Jackson, I heard that the restaurant is fully – booked, but Samuel’s about to arrive later. Can you help me out?” Cindy asked coyly.

Since Cindy mentioned Samuel, Mr. Jackson wouldn’t dare to refuse her.

“Sure. I’ll have the waiters clean up my room so you can use it.”

“Thank you so much! Don’t worry, I’ll pay you ten times the amount,” Cindy replied with a smile

“Is there anything else that I can help you with?” Mr. Jackson asked.

All of a sudden, Cindy thought about the woman who was talking to Mr. Jackson just now. For some reason, she looked a lot like Tina.

But How could that be?

Cindy could still remember Tina’s haggard appearance from this morning. She couldn’t even enter a hotel with that attire, let alone a high end restaurant!

Thus, she didn’t want to question Mr. Jackson any further. “No, that’s all.”

“Alright. I’ll ask my friends to leave now,” Mr. Jackson heaved a sigh of relief and left instantly. The moment he returned to the private lounge, his friends started interrogating him.

“Don’t tell me it only took 10 minutes to get that lady’s phone number?”

“As expected of the mighty Mr. Jackson!”

When Jackson thought of the woman who stomped on his feet just now, for some reason, he grew even more interested in knowing her.

However, now was not the time. He waved his hand in irritation and told them, “Miss Young wants to use this room. We should leave now.”

“Miss Young?”

“Yes, Cindy Young. From the looks of it, Samuel will also be here any minute now...” “What? The Tyrant of Freesia will be here too? Let’s leave now!”

When they heard that Samuel was coming, none of them was in the mood to fool around anymore. Immediately, they packed their belongings and fled.

Meanwhile, Tina had also returned to her room successfully. She slammed the door shut and peeked anxiously through the windows. When she saw that Cindy was heading to another direction, she heaved a sigh of relief and patted her chest. “Phew, that was close! I’d be done for otherwise! . “What are you talking about?” A voice said from behind.

Tina screamed as she turned around. “Ah!” John was already waiting in the lounge when she ran inside. However, she didn’t notice his presence at all.

John was pleasantly surprised by Tina’s reaction. He found it oddly amusing. Tina looked like a frightened fox, with her big round eyes staring innocently at John. She acted as if she wasn’t supposed to be there.

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He couldn’t help but ask, “Why are you hiding? What happened?” “Nothing!” Tina replied immediately. “Are you sure?”

Tina didn’t want to tell John about what happened today, so she told him about the incident with Mr. Jackson moments ago.

“I was strolling in the backyard just now when some man kept pestering me for my number. I took to my heel right after I stepped on his feet to distract him. That’s why I was so anxious when I came back to the lounge.”

John smiled and thought, ‘That really does sound like what Tina would do!’ “You must be scared out of your wits! Not to worry, maybe some good food will make you feel better.”

Tina nodded. Only then did she heave a sigh of relief.

After the dishes were served, John's assistant entered the room and whispered something into his ears.

John was surprised. "Samuel is here too?" When Tina heard the name 'Samuel', she was so afraid that she couldn't even hold the cutlery properly. They slipped her hand and fell to the floor with a loud clang.

Both John and the assistant turned to look at her at the same time.

Embarrassed, Tina whispered in a low voice, "I'm sorry, I don't know what's with me today."

"Do you wish to see him?" the assistant asked, curious.

Tina's heart almost stopped. 'No way! What should I do? I've managed to get away from Cindy just now, but how am I supposed to make my escape now?'

John could see that Tina was extremely uncomfortable with that idea. So, he said with a casual tone, "I don't think so. It's best to separate work and personal time." "Okay," the assistant turned to leave instantly.

Tina heaved a sigh of relief when John refused to meet them. "What exactly happened between you and Samuel?" John asked worriedly.

Tina hesitated. She didn't know how to explain it to John and simply said, "We have nothing to do with each other anymore."

"Really?" John questioned. "But why are you shivering in fear at the mention of Samuel? Did he do anything bad to you?"

John sounded very much concerned. Tina was positive that John would actually confront Samuel then and there if she told him the truth.

To avoid unnecessary problems, she gave an excuse.

"Everyone in Freesia's terrified of him. Now that we're not in a relationship anymore, it's kind of awkward for me to bump into him. Besides, I saw Cindy earlier. I'm sure they're here for a dinner date."

What Tina said made sense. Noticing that Tina was reluctant to talk about them, John didn't wish to pry further. "Don't worry, Tina. As long as I'm here, they can't do anything to you." "I know." Although Tina didn't bump into Samuel, the thought of his presence at the restaurant left her nervous to the point that she couldn't enjoy her meal at all.

John also noticed that Tina was eager to leave. So, he said, "Let's head back."

"Sure, I'll foot the bill!" Tina replied in a hurry.

However, the waiter answered politely, "The bill has been footed."

Tina was surprised. "I thought I'm supposed to treat you to dinner tonight!"

"I can see that you weren't enjoying your time here today. It's fine, you can treat me the next time we meet."

John strode towards the door.

Just as Tina was about to follow him, Cindy's coy voice rang from outside. "Mr. Carter! Fancy seeing you here!"