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The reason Yancy sent Akiko to Hayes Corporation was not so much for gaining insider information about the company. Rather, it was just to stoke Solomon to anger. She wanted to make him her pawn again and undo all her past embarrassment. Solomon was not the real reason why she was putting up a long fight. It was for herself—her

own revenge. She had to crush those people under her feet.

So this is her real motivation.

The housekeeper finally understood Yancy's plan and manipulation. It set her off in trepidation.

Over on the other side, Sasha finally managed to have a breather in the afternoon.

She had completed most of her work and there was nothing much left to do, so she got ready to go home.

She had been so occupied lately she did not manage to spend much time with her children.

She did not even get to visit her father after he was released from prison.

Sasha packed her things and made a call.

"Hey."

"I'm sorry, Madam. Mr. Hayes is still not back yet."

Luke knew who she was looking for, so he immediately told her everything.

He's still not back yet?

Who is he meeting? A big client? I haven't seen him the whole day.

Sasha did not spell her questions. She hung up and left alone. She swung by the market to get some fruits before dropping by the Wand residence.

"Dad!"

"Sasha! What brings you here? You're not working today?"

Rufus was elated when he saw his daughter. He ran out from the living room to welcome her with a wide smile on his face.

Sasha walked in and put the fruits on the table.

"I'm not that busy today as most of the things are almost settled already. What have you been doing these days? Where's Lennie?"

Sasha was looking around for Lance, but she saw no sign of him. Instead, she saw two cups

of drinks on the table.

"Did someone come by?"

"Oh, Uncle Jackson came by in the afternoon. I asked him to stay back for lunch, but he said

he didn't like my cooking, so he went back already."

Sasha looked at her father as he spoke. Time had left its mark on Rufus and it broke Sasha's heart to see him aged.

Although he was already out of prison, Heather was already gone. Only Rufus and Lance were staying in this house now. She could imagine how difficult things must have been for both of them.

Guilt budded in her heart.

"Dad, what about I move back in?"

"What nonsense. Why are you coming back? You're already married, so you should just stay

at the Hayes Residence. Frederick is already gone, so Sebastian is the only pillar of the family now. You should stay by his side to support him, instead of coming over to do household chores."

Rufus was not amused when he heard Sasha's proposal.

Sasha dropped the topic and proceeded to make dinner. The father and daughter chatted about each of their lives and Rufus was curious about how Sebastian had been doing.

Sasha's countenance fell the moment he mentioned Sebastian.

"Dad... Sebastian has no idea about his real family..."

"What?"

Rufus' hand froze as he held the vegetables. "He doesn't know about it? I thought he's already found his mom?"

"Yeah, but he still doesn't know Frederick is not his dad."

"Are you serious?"

"Yeah, Dad. Frederick did not tell him anything because he didn't want Sebastian to go look for the Jadesons. As for that family, I'm sure you know they can go to great lengths to preserve their honor. Frieda was already pregnant back then, yet they refused to show any mercy on her. I don't think they will spare Sebastian if they found out about him."

Sasha opened up to Rufus and told him her deepest fear.

Rufus kept quiet pondering on the matter.

"What you said is true. The Jadesons won't let him off the hook. I saw it with my own eyes how Shin went against his family. They even pointed guns at each other."

Sasha was petrified upon hearing that.

What? They even pointed guns at each other? No way!

She felt a chill running down her body.

"We should keep this secret from Sebastian and the Jadesons. Do you hear me?"

"Alright."

Rufus nodded solemnly.

With that, Sasha let out a sigh of relief.

At that moment, there were only three people who knew about this secret—Sasha, Rufus, and Yancy.

Yancy was the one who was difficult to deal with. Sasha would have to take deliberate actions.

Now that Rufus had promised to keep this secret, Sasha would need to deal with Devin next.

He had always been close to Sebastian, so she would need to take care of this ticking timebomb.

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Sasha could finally prepare dinner in peace, but her peace of mind was transient.

She still had to deal with Devin.

Little did she know, that man was actually with Sebastian right now.

"I'm sorry, Sebastian. I let my emotions get the better of me earlier on. I shouldn't have said that."

Sebastian came all the way from Avenport to the army camp after talking to Devin. He felt guilty when he saw Sebastian.

With that, things went back to normal.

After all, they were good friends.

Devin and Jake met Sebastian when they were in Sumanthova. Back then, Sebastian had not yet inherited Hayes Corporation.

Devin and Jake were there on a mission when they went to Sumanthova. Although Devin was already well-trained by then, he almost got himself and Jake killed.

They could have died if not for Sebastian.

Even back then when they first met, Sebastian looked like a cold and apathetic person, yet he got all three of them safely away from the killers with his wits and wisdom.

That was their first encounter. From then on, they became good friends.

After they got back to the country, Shawn tagged along with the group.

"Where is she?"

As usual, Sebastian was in a bad mood. He did not even look at Devin.

He scanned the military camp, looking for the culprit.

Devin was about to say something when he saw a frown spread across Sebastian's brows.

"Sabrina Hayes! You jump over that wall and I'll feed you to the dogs!" Sebastian yelled.

Devin trailed his gaze and looked back.

He had locked her up earlier on because he knew Sebastian would come, but it seemed like Sabrina had fled the room and was about to jump over the wall to sneak off.

Seriously. I can't deal with these two.

Devin had no choice but to open the gate.

Sebastian dashed in and grabbed Sabrina by the collar.

"Ah! Sebastian Hayes! What are you doing?" Sabrina cried out when she fell to the ground.

She glared at her brother and scolded him.

Before she could say any further, Sebastian stamped a loud hard slap on her face.

“Ouch!”

Sabrina curled up against the wall in fear, covering her face.

Devin came over and stopped Sebastian from beating her up.

“Hey, Sebastian, calm down. She didn’t cause any trouble for me at all. Just forgive her this once. She knew she did something wrong.”

“You want me to forgive her?”

Sebastian was like an enraged beast now. “Do you know why I came here on my own? I knew none of my men would be able to drag this mad woman home. That’s why I came all the way here and you want me to forgive her?”

Sebastian had totally lost it.

After hanging up the phone in the morning, Sebastian had asked Luke to make arrangements to get Sabrina back, but Luke got back to him saying none of his men could even go close to Sabrina.

She drove them all away.

There was no way Sebastian would go easy on her after everything she did.

With that said, Sebastian wanted to slap her again.

Sabrina could not take it anymore. She screamed at the top of her voice and told the truth.

“Why are you hitting me? Sasha’s the one who came up with the idea!”

“What? Sasha?”

Both Sebastian and Devin were dumbfounded. Devin found it particularly hard to believe. Are you serious? Sasha was the one behind this?

That is impossible. She’s always been a smart and polite woman. There’s no way she will come up with such an idea.

“You’d better not lie to me. Did she really suggest this to you?” Sebastian asked.

Sabrina realized she had blundered. She panicked and did not say another word.

This made Sebastian even angrier.

He was under the impression that Sabrina was lying just to get away from punishment.

“Fine. I see you’ve got some guts to lie in my face now. You should really get a taste of my wrath. Do you want me to send you away again?”

“What?”

Sabrina was on the verge of spilling everything. She sunk to the ground like a deflated balloon and started yelling.

“I didn’t do it! I’m not lying! She really asked me to come here. She said it will be too late for anyone to separate us once I get pregnant. That’s really what she said.”

Sabrina finally told the truth.

Sebastian was stunned.

No one dared speak another word.

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Sasha asked her to sleep with Devin?

Sebastian could not believe Sasha said this. His wife who grew up in a strict upbringing. Oh my god! What the hell is wrong with Sasha?  
Now that Sebastian really thought about it, he realized things were unusual that night when he talked to Sabrina. Sasha appeared out of nowhere and the bowl of soup in her hand just dropped like that.  
His heart skipped a beat trying to put all the dots together.  
That was really weird. She doesn't usually drop things as she's always very careful.  
A foreboding feeling crept in Sebastian heart.  
"What else did she say to you?"  
"She gave me Devin's address and I ran here."  
Sabrina laid everything bare and said no more. I am sorry, Sasha...  
Given the situation, it was definitely wiser to betray Sasha and apologize to her later than to face Sebastian's fury.  
Sebastian did not take this well.  
Neither did Devin.  
He was a high-ranking officer in the army. He was always on the move and his whereabouts were never certain. They would send him elsewhere whenever there was a need, but it seemed like Sasha knew full well where he was.  
How did she even know that I'm here?  
"It seems like there is a lot we don't know about her. She even knows where I am."

Devin was disturbed, but he did not get all serious with Sebastian.  
Sebastian raised his brows thinking things through.  
"How long have you known her?" he asked Devin.  
"I've never seen her before until you introduced us."  
So they don't know each other, yet she knows so much about him.  
What is going on?  
Does Sasha really want to ship Sabrina and Devin?  
That's impossible. There are a lot of other ways to get them together. She doesn't have to do this. She clearly knows this will make things bad between Devin and me.  
Wait. She knew this would hurt our friendship.  
Sebastian seemed to have figured out something from the way he looked at Devin.  
"What is it? What do you have in mind?" Devin asked.  
Sebastian narrowed his eyes and kept quiet. He went and dragged Sabrina over.  
"I'll get back to you once I've got to the bottom of this." With that said, Sebastian left with Sabrina.  
They got in the car and sped off as Devin watched them.  
Who exactly did Sebastian marry?  
Before Devin could dwell on this question, a soldier ran in with an urgent report. "Major Devin, the General called. He wants to talk to you."  
"Talk to me?"

“Yes. It seems to be about what happened to Commander Shin then. Someone recently found the woman he married. The General was furious when he heard that. He wanted you to look into this.”

This soldier had been with the family for a long time. He knew most of the things about the family.

Uncle Shin?

Devin was taken aback as he was really shocked...

Over on the other side, Sasha had just finished having dinner with Rufus. It was already eight

o'clock at night when she got back to the Hayes Residence.

Initially, she wanted to go and check on the children after she reached home, but she heard someone crying and slamming the door.

She knew something was wrong.

What's going on?

Is that Sabrina crying? I thought I let her out yesterday?

Sasha had a premonition that something grave was about to take place. Before she could even turn around, a voice made her jump.

“Where do you think you're going, Sasha Wand?”

His voice made her quiver in fear. She froze where she was.

From Sebastian's voice, she knew she was done for.

Oh lord, that's the end of me...

Sasha mustered her courage and turned toward him.

“I'm not going anywhere. You are back,” she said with a smile.

“Don't give me that face. I have some burning questions I need to ask you. Get the hell upstairs!”

Sebastian saw through her tricks and asked to stop putting up a front. He walked upstairs and Sasha followed quietly behind.

Why is he so fierce...

Sasha's hands and feet ran cold as she followed him closely.

Did something happen?

And Sabrina... why is she back? Don't tell me Sebastian went to look for her today.

Sasha sucked a breath of cold air. She almost tripped over the doorsill because her head was all over.

Sebastian sensed her movement and grabbed her just in time before she fell.

“Why? Are you frightened? I haven't even started questioning you.”

Do you have to call me out like this?

You should at least let me prepare myself. My heart won't be able to take the pressure.

Sasha felt like she was going crazy.

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“Huh...what? What did you say? Me? Panic? I merely tripped. What is wrong with you?” she asked as she looked at Sebastian with pleading eyes, hoping he would let her off. To her surprise, this fail-proof trick had failed her this time. The man grabbed her by the collar and slammed her into the wall and forced her to stand still.

“That won’t work on me. So, let me ask you one more time. Was it your idea for Sabrina to approach Devin?”

“Yes...”

Sasha saw no way out of this situation and admitted it.

Anger instantly filled Sebastian when he noticed Sasha nodding her head. He was so mad, he almost fainted.

“Are you crazy? Why would you teach her that? You have made the Hayes family a laughing

stock because of your stupid idea!”

“But she likes Devin. What’s wrong with having a crush on someone? She can make the first

move if she wants to!”

“But that’s the Jadesons!”

“So? What is done cannot be undone, and it doesn’t matter if they’re the Jadesons!”

“He\*I no! Did you forget what happened to his uncle? His life was ruined all because he wanted to marry an ordinary woman. You’re ruining her life. Besides, do you know that Devin

and I can’t be friends anymore if that happens?” He was so pissed he wanted to strangle her.

However, Sasha’s eyes gleamed when he heard those words.

Why is that? Does that mean my plan is working?

She instantly felt less guilty when she heard his words. Instead, she was rather pleased that she didn’t hide it.

“I knew you wanted to break us apart.”

The man calmed down when he noticed her expression. He became a completely different person and spoke indifferently.

Sasha was shocked when she saw the change in his expression!

What is he talking about?

Her face went pale as the color drained from her face.

“I was thinking all this while. You’re a smart person, so why would you give Sabrina such an idea? You guys are friends, so why would you want to taint her reputation before she got married?”

Sasha did not answer as chills went down her spine.

Oh my god. He’s such a cunning man. Who knew he’d think of such ideas to set me up.

“Then, I realized what your plan was. You did this to put Devin and my friendship to the test.



Consequently, as the heir to the Jadesons, Devin couldn't marry Sabrina by then. As for me, Sabrina's brother, you knew I wouldn't allow this to happen to her." "We would eventually fall out and become enemies. Am I right?" He walked up to her and asked condescendingly. He stared at her as waves of emotion churned within his heart. He was confused, disappointed, sad, and angry at the same time. I don't understand why would she do that? Why would she want to separate Devin and me? Sebastian hovered over her like a tower and stared at her, waiting for an answer. She began to tremble as tears rolled down her cheeks. It didn't take long before she couldn't hold it in anymore and decided to spill the beans. "Yes, I don't want you to get too close to him," she said. Sebastian narrowed his eyes and asked, "Why? Do you know him?" He asked her the same question as he did to Devin in the past. However, Sasha shook her head.

"I don't. But, I was scared as soon as I heard the things you said about the Jadesons. Besides, when I was imprisoned by Yancy in Japan, she told me stories about the Jadesons. She's a powerful woman, so she must know the family." She lied to Sebastian as she pulled his sleeve with teary eyes. She did it just to make him believe her. Yancy? Sebastian's expression instantly changed when he heard the name. It was as if a wave of realization hit him and everything made sense. "So, you were worried that Yancy would gang up with the Jadesons and go against us? Is that why you didn't want Devin and I to get closer to each other?" "Yes." She nodded her head as tears continued to roll down her face. Sebastian was speechless. His heart ached as he saw tears rolling down her face endlessly. Forget it, you're such a fool! Sebastian decided to let it slide as he hugged her. He then gently wiped the tears off her cheeks and sighed. During nightfall, Sebastian woke up and glanced at Sasha, who was sleeping soundly in his arms. He silently grabbed his phone and sent a text. "Find out the relationship between the Hayes and the Jadesons."

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Although Sasha had successfully dodged a bullet, she was still worried on the next day. She dared not act rashly to avoid triggering Sebastian. However, she didn't expect to receive a call from Yancy when she arrived at the office the next day.

"Sasha, it's so long since we last met. How have you been?"

"What do you want?" Sasha asked as she began to tremble out of fear and anger. She was fearful too.

I wonder what does this evil woman want from me this time?

"Nothing. I just wanted to thank you for letting my son off the last time. I know he would have been in deep trouble if it wasn't for you," Yancy replied sweetly. She sounded like she was elderly, speaking to the younger ones.

Well, of course, Sasha didn't buy that act of hers.

However, since she put it this way, Sasha responded coldly, "Don't mention it. Just don't forget your promise."

"Of course, I won't. Don't worry, Sasha. I'm not the kind of person who breaks promises." Yancy smiled.

Sasha did not respond and sighed in relief. Yet, before Sasha could hang up, Yancy continued.

"By the way, I want to ask about the Sinch Enterprise. I wonder what does Hayes Corporation plans to do with it? Would you mind telling me?"

"How would I know? I'm not in charge of this!" Sasha snapped.

Yancy was not upset by Sasha's words. Instead, she softened her tone even more.

"Oh, come on. Don't be upset! I merely wanted to know how much Sinch Enterprise has lost so I can do some damage control on my end. You should know, Sasha, the Hayes Corporation is supposed to be my son's business. Hence, I wouldn't be very pleased if it suffers a great loss."

Her heart began to pound like crazy when she heard Yancy's words as her small face turned as pale as a sheet!

"You...what exactly do want, Yancy? I warn you, don't cross the line."

"Tsk tsk, why are you saying this again? Didn't I tell you already? I'm not asking you to do anything else. All I want to know is this, can't you just give me some leads? Don't be so uptight," Yancy said as she guaranteed that she merely wanted to know about the lawsuit between Hayes Corporation and Sinch Enterprise.

Is that really all she wants to know?

Sasha didn't know what to do as her mind was jumbled up.

"Alright, just wait for my call. I'll get what you need and contact you soon. Don't ever call me again." Sasha agreed to her request and hung up.

I have no choice to do as asked. If I didn't, I can't say for sure what she'd do to me.

Then, Sasha made a call to the legal department.

"Hello? I'm Ms. Wand, from the operational department."

"Hi, Ms. Wand. What can I help you with?"

The staff from the legal department became very polite when they knew it was Mrs. Hayes who called.

Sasha paused and pursed her lips before asking, "I would like to know about the progress of the lawsuit against Sinch Enterprise. What's the status now?"

"It's almost at the conviction stage now. However, it's taking a little longer than usual as it is an international case. But, we have submitted all of the evidence. According to the regulations of the International Arbitration Law, the trial results are legally valid when one files a lawsuit at the local court where the contract was signed. Therefore, all we need to do now is wait for Sinch Enterprise to send someone to attend the hearing."

"What if no one does?"

"It doesn't matter. As long as we have solid evidence against Sinch Enterprise, they would still be found guilty even if no one shows up."

The staff assumed Sasha was concerned about the case. Thus, the staff from the legal department explained in detail to her.

Sasha instantly understood the entire situation.

So this means that the lawsuit is coming to an end.

Suddenly, she was reminded of Yancy's words and decided to ask something else.

"I see. So what happens next if they are found guilty?"

"The Sinch Enterprise would have to pay compensation that is doubled the amount of fraud he had convicted. Similarly, the person in charge has to bear its legal responsibilities as well. However, this case involves a huge sum of money. So, whoever is responsible would receive two to three years of jail term according to the laws of our country."

"What?"

Sasha's heart dropped when she heard those words.

She didn't care if the person in charge had to be sentenced to prison. She was worried about

what Yancy had said in the call. She mentioned that she would be upset if the prices were too high to bear.

What if her mood turn sour, would she then...?

Sasha panicked.

Her mind drifted to her thoughts as she lost focus after the phone call. She sat in her office, absent-mindedly, the entire afternoon.

Her thoughts were still all over the place even during lunchtime.

"What's on your mind?"

Sebastian sat across her as he watched her put a piece of onion in her mouth. He quickly grabbed her fork to stop her.

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Sasha paused and looked around before she realized what was going on.

"It's...it's nothing. I was just thinking if Sabrina would talk to me again. She called in this afternoon and gave me a round of hard scolding," Sasha lied.

I am so good at lying now...

Sebastian didn't doubt her words. Instead, he placed his fork down and handed her a bowl of soup.

"No, of course not. She won't hold a grudge on you, silly. Let's not forget she's dumber than you are."

What is that supposed to mean? Did he really have to say that?

Sasha waited on him as he finished his food before asking, "So...about you and Devin. Are you guys cool now?"

"What do you think?" Sebastian asked as he slowly wiped his hands with a napkin and stared at Sasha.

Sasha's heart began to pound as a sense of guilty conscience came over her. It was as if she was caught doing something bad.

"Why are you asking me? It's your business, anyways."

"I know. But, aren't you the one who warned me not to get close with him? So now I'm asking

you, should I distance myself from him?" Sebastian asked seriously.

Sasha's mouth gaped wide open in surprise.

She stared at him like a fool for some time before she asked, "You'd listen to me?"

"Of course." Sebastian nodded solemnly.

Sasha gulped and pondered for a moment before she answered. She eyed him cautiously and clenched her teeth and replied, "Yes! I think it's better that way."

Sebastian grinned. "Hmm? Why do I have the feeling that you see him as a monster?"

"Am I wrong? I just think that you should be more cautious about it. Yancy is the best example, she's full of tricks! Who knows what sort of dirty tricks she has up her sleeve? Hence, we'd better have our guards up."

"Well, if you don't want to break off your friendship with him, you could also reconcile after you've dealt with Sinch Enterprise and Yancy."

Sasha was worried Sebastian might be upset. So, she deliberately said it childishly and glanced at him, puppy-eyed.

"Hmm."

The corner of Sebastian's eyes twitched vigorously!

What a silly girl!

He shook his head helplessly as he didn't believe her words.

However, I would stop contacting Devin for now if that's what she wishes. Although she tends to say all sorts of nonsense to me, I know that she wouldn't harm me. Never ever!

The couple rested for a short time after lunch before they headed back to work.

Sebastian immediately drowned himself with his work in the company.

As for Sasha, she picked up her phone and sent Yancy a text message as soon as she

arrived at her office.

Sasha: Apparently, the case is about to end. Don't worry about the compensation, it's nothing you can't afford. The worst-case scenario would be handing over the shares of the Hayes Corporation that you own alongside some monetary compensation.

Sasha decided to leave out the part about the legal responsibilities the person in charge would have to face. She didn't want to anger Yancy.

However, she was clueless that Yancy had known about the situation the moment Sasha called the legal department to ask.

"Mrs. Tsurka, I believe Sasha is lying too, right?"

"Lying? Isn't that what she always do? Let's not forget that I know of her dirty little secret. She'd know better than to upset me unless she has a death wish."

Yancy was not surprised at Sasha's behavior.

Yet, Yancy's housekeeper was confused.

Why did she ask her to find out about the lawsuit even though she knew Sasha wouldn't be honest about it? Wouldn't Akiko be a better choice for this task?

"Mrs. Tsurka, so what is the purpose of this...?"

"It was only the chance for me to contact her once again. Or else, what reason would I have to approach her? I am someone who keeps my promises you know..."

Yancy was trimming the flower branches in her garden as she laughed so hard her features were distorted.

A man of his words?

The housekeeper instantly understood her motive as her heart went cold.

So this was her plan all along, she set Sasha up just to make her lie. Once she does, Mrs. Tsurka would state that Sasha lied to her. Not only would the Hayes Corporation ask Sinch Enterprise for compensation, but Mrs. Tsurka's son would also have to prison. I'm sure she would be very upset and angry.

Once that happens, she would have the power to control Sasha once again.

What a terrible woman she is. I can't believe she's so vicious and scheming to such a point...

"Speaking of which, where are the photos? Have you gotten them?"

"Yes." The housekeeper sent Yancy the photos she asked for.

It was two photos of Sasha working in the company. Yet, the photos of her were much more eye-catching this time.

For example, the first photo was Sasha discussing work with the staff of her department.

She wore an elegant and professional-looking suit paired with light makeup to complete the look. She looked like a leader with a bold personality yet didn't overshadow her femininity as

a woman.

All in all, she was heartthrob.

As for the second photo, it was even more interesting.

It was a photo of Sasha and Sebastian. The couple wasn't often seen together in public nor do they display public affection to avoid suspicion or gossip. Sasha would always visit Sebastian at his office or they'd meet at the lounge on the top floor.

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But, that photo was taken when they started working at the company.

It was a white misty morning and Sasha got of a black car. Before she could react, a man wrapped her up with a thick jacket to shield her from the cold. The man looked at her lovingly with a shy smile.

That smile...

Yancy was jealous of the sight of it, not to mention Solomon.

I've never met a man who could love me the way Sebastian loves Sasha!

"Mrs. Tsurka?"

"Okay, send this to him. Oh, do send the documents Akiko sent us to him as well. I hope this

would serve as a good wake-up call for him," Yancy spoke harshly as she went back into trimming.

A few minutes later, Solomon, who was in Sinch Enterprise, Terrandya, received two files.

Click

He opened the first file that revealed two photos. His eyes were instantly glued to the first as he stared at it for a long time.

Then, he flipped to the next photo that was a photo of Sasha and Sebastian together. His eyes quickly turned red in anger as he clenched his fists so hard that the pencil broke into two.

However, that was not the only thing that upset him.

He lost control of his temper when he saw the second document before his eyes when he noticed the title of the document. It stated "2-3 years sentenced" above.

He narrowed his eyes in disbelief as he slid everything off his table to the ground angrily.

"Mr. George? Is everything alright?"

The staff rushed in as soon as they heard the noise.

Yet, as soon as they entered Solomon's office, they heard Solomon roar loudly, "Get out of my office!"

I can't believe the woman of my dreams is now in the arms of another man. As for me, I'm facing a prison sentence. I feel like my life is falling apart!

Solomon's eyes were blood red and filled with hatred!

Sasha was worried sick for the past couple of days. But thankfully, Yancy had yet to contact her ever since. Similarly, there wasn't anything odd going on in the legal department as well.

I guess I must be overthinking things.

She sighed and relaxed at that thought.

"Mrs. Hayes, Christmas Eve is around the corner. I would like to return home for the holidays. Do you have any plans while I'm gone?" Wendy asked.

As soon as Sasha had her breakfast, Wendy told her about her plan to return home during Christmas.

Oh man, she's usually the one who takes care of the matter in the house. But now that she's gone for the holidays, I'm going to need an adult to stay home to look after the kids and my insane mother-in-law.

Well, Sabrina wouldn't be a good choice of candidate. I guess it's going to be me then. Sasha had no choice but to wait for Sebastian to come back in the evening and discuss the matter with him.

"If something comes up in the company, you could hire someone to replace me," Sasha suggested.

As soon as she said, Sebastian, who was laying on top of her thrust harder.

"Oh..."

Sasha let out an uncontrollable moan as her toes stretched out.

"Oh really? It seems like you just want to stay home instead of going to the office, am I right?" Sebastian asked in a low and hoarse voice. He then continued thrusting harder.

Sasha couldn't even respond as much as she wanted to.

She could only grab onto Sebastian helplessly as he continued to make love to her.

A couple of hours later, the couple lay in each other's arms, exhausted.

"Are you happy now? Could you think about my question earlier?"

"What question?" Sebastian decided to play dumb.

Sasha was so tired she couldn't even lift a finger. Yet, she chuckled at his behavior. "Fine then. If you don't want me to stay home, then hire someone else to replace Wendy."

"Hmm, that's a good idea." He nodded.

Oh wow, I didn't expect him to agree.

Wendy was taken back.

"My mom's not in her best condition and the kids are so young. You can't deal with them on your own. So, I've already hired someone else to look after them. However, if you're still worried, you may ask your dad to come over," Sebastian explained his plan to Sasha.

My dad?

Sasha widened her eyes. "Wait, get my dad here?"

Sebastian nodded. "It's almost Christmas. Don't you want him to be by our side during the festive season? Lance would return home by then too, right? How could you allow your dad to spend Christmas on his own?"

Sasha was touched as she threw herself into his arms.

"You're the best, Sebastian."

"We're a family, you silly girl. But, I do have a question to ask you," Sebastian suddenly said.

"Go ahead. What is it?"

Sasha looked up as her eyes were slightly watery as she was very touched by Sebastian's arrangements.

To her surprise, as soon as she said so, she could feel his hand moving around her waist

area.

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“I just want to ask about this. I’ve tried so hard, but why aren’t my efforts showing any results?”

He slid his finger down to her stomach and pointed at her lower abdomen.

Sasha was stunned.

So he wants to ask about this?

The light in her eyes dimmed as she lowered her head silently.

Sebastian was dumbstruck.

What happened? Why isn’t she saying anything? She doesn’t seem to be in a good mood.

Should I have not mentioned this? Is she unwilling to have any more children?

At that moment, Sebastian regretted saying that.

“Darling, I...”

“Sebby, I’m sorry... I might not be able to have children with you anymore. When I gave birth

to the three kids, my womb was severely injured. Dr. Kaye said that I won’t be able to get pregnant again.”

Suddenly, Sasha, who was leaning against his chest, spoke in an extremely guilty tone.

Still embracing her, Sebastian felt like he had just been struck by lightning.

She can’t get pregnant anymore? It’s because of me, right?

All of a sudden, the image of her rolling down the stairs while pregnant resurfaced in his mind. A feeling of extreme guilt immediately engulfed him.

With a pang of guilt, he raised his hand and slapped himself hard.

Slap!

“Sebby, what are you doing? Why are you hitting yourself?”

When Sasha heard that, she immediately lifted her head and stared at him in shock.

However, as if he could feel no pain, he wanted to keep slapping himself. If it were not for Sasha grabbing his hand, he might have slapped himself again.

“What are you doing? That happened so many years ago. You don’t have to do this to yourself. I’ve never blamed you either!”

Sasha was smart enough to read his mind. Hence, she quickly coaxed him with tears glistening in her eyes.

Sebastian’s eyes were red. After a while, he raised his head and gazed at her. “You really don’t blame me? If it weren’t for me, you wouldn’t...”

“I don’t blame you. It’s true that I hated you back then, but I have gotten over it now. We’ve both been lied to and manipulated by others. That was what led to the tragedy. Also, I heard that you weren’t that cruel. After I supposedly died, you still buried me in a nice spot despite



not having any feelings for me. Right?"

In order to alleviate his feelings of guilt, Sasha deliberately teased him.

Indeed, an unnatural expression crossed Sebastian's face.

"Stop talking about that."

"Fine. Let's not bring up the past anymore. Although we've lost some things along the way, what we've gained now is much more valuable, right?"

He had to admit that Sasha was a very generous and thoughtful lady.

Everyone knew how important a woman's reproductive organ was to them. However, she thought that compared to the things that she had now, everything else was no longer important.

In the end, Sebastian could not even utter a single word.

All he could do was to hug her tightly.

After Sasha fell asleep, he opened his eyes, tucked her into the blankets gently and stood up.

"Mr. Hayes, our investigation showed that Mr. Hayes Sr. used to be a soldier. His commander was Mr. Jadeson's uncle."

In the middle of the night, Karl stood under the cypress tree and told his boss about what he had found from his investigation over the past two days.

Does that old man actually share such a relationship with Devin's uncle?

Sebastian was surprised.

"How was their relationship? Were they close?"

"Someone saw Shin here before. Considering that this is the Hayes Residence, they must be

close," analyzed Karl.

Sebastian was shocked again.

When Frederick was still alive, he had never heard him talk about it.

Furthermore, he also heard another name—Shin Jadeson!

"Mr. Hayes, why did you instruct me to investigate this all of a sudden? Are you planning on letting Ms. Sabrina marry into the Jadeson family?"

Sebastian gave no response.

"This can't do, Mr. Hayes! Although Shin is from the Jadesons family, haven't you heard what

Devin said? He's an outcast and has been ostracized by the family. Even if you've found out that he has a close relationship with Mr. Hayes Sr., the Jadesons might not be willing to acknowledge it."

Karl became anxious and started babbling.

Sebastian's face looked grim.

"What nonsense are you spouting? Who said that I'm letting her marry into the Jadeson family? I have instructed you to investigate it because there's something fishy about it."

"What do you mean?"

"It isn't a shameful thing to be a soldier, so why didn't Frederick mention him to me? Also, the Jadesons isn't any average family. If Devin's uncle was close to my father, why is he kept

in the dark as well? What are the Jadesons hiding?"

Sebastian was very intelligent. Standing in the dark, he asked the questions that had been constantly on his mind. His gaze was so sharp that no one would dare to meet it.

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Karl was stunned.

For a moment, he still could not figure it out.

He had never contemplated such questions before.

“So... what should we do next, Mr. Hayes?”

“Continue the investigation!”

Shrouded in the darkness, the man exuded a cold aura as a sharp glint flashed across his eyes.

Karl immediately disappeared.

This time, his target was the military camp where Shin was in back then.

At the same time, Frieda, who was asleep in a room beside the courtyard, suddenly felt something. She opened her eyes abruptly and glanced at the window on her right.

“Shin!” she exclaimed in delight.

Since someone was looking after the house, Sasha went to work.

“Good morning, Ms. Wand.”

“Good morning.”

Sasha, who arrived at the office early in the morning, was welcomed by warm greetings from the other staff. Amongst them were some who had initially cast doubts on her abilities.

Smiling, Sasha nodded at them and headed to her office.

“Ms. Wand, I heard that there’s an abandoned building in Summerbank that’s going to be auctioned. Are you interested in it?” A department manager called Gregg went to her excitedly.

“An abandoned building?” Sasha, who had just sat down, glanced at him and asked.

Jamie, the assistant who came with Gregg, immediately passed her the documents related to the abandoned building.

“Ms. Wand, it’s a project started by a real estate company in Summerbank. They wanted to build a hotel, but something happened to them. Hence, the government decided to auction the building. Please take a look at this! I’ve already collected some data on its surroundings.”

Jamie was quite capable. The report she had written was extremely detailed.

After flipping through it, Sasha said, “Not bad. Instead of our company managing it ourselves, we can consider renovating it and turning it into a luxurious department store. Then, we can attract vendors to join us.”

Gregg was surprised.

Wow! What a smart woman!

With that, he left happily to carry out her instructions.

Jamie was about to leave with him when Sasha suddenly called out to her.  
“Jamie, how are you doing in this company? Have you gotten used to the pace?”

“I’m fine, Ms. Wand. I think that I can learn a lot of things here. Thank you for allowing me to stay!” A look of gratitude crossed Jamie’s face.

Sasha smiled.

She thought highly of that girl too. Jamie was meticulous and talented in finance. After some training and time, she would definitely be very accomplished.

Sasha took two bottles of expensive tonic out from her drawer.

“These are for you! You’ve lost weight recently. Are you too stressed? Remember to relax and not tire yourself out too much.”

“Huh?” Jamie could immediately tell that those tonic were extremely expensive. A look of pleasant surprise appeared on her face.

“No... I can’t accept them!”

“It’s fine. Since I won’t drink it anymore, it’ll be wasted on me. You should take them instead!” replied Sasha casually.

It was true that she rarely drank it. Sebastian bought a lot for her after her legs recovered, saying that she needed more nutrients.

Although she did drink them at the start, she could walk freely now; so she could not be bothered to have them anymore.

Jamie left gratefully with the two bottles of tonic.

However, what Sasha did not know was that after Jamie left, she entered the washroom, poured them down the toilet and flushed them away. The expression on her face was icy cold.

Although they had to serve the same man in the future, Sasha would always be her enemy. Hence, she would never accept her favor.

Jamie stayed in the toilet and turned her phone on.

Akiko: Mrs. Tsurka, I’ve already won Sasha’s favor. She’s starting to think highly of me now.

Yancy: Very well. The Sinch Enterprise’s case is going to court soon. Mr. Solomon will go there personally and you can meet him then.

As a reward to Jamie, Yancy gave her a huge benefit.

Hence, she was overjoyed.

Mr. Solomon is coming? This is great! I can finally meet him. God knows how much I miss him during this time!

Jamie decided to repay Yancy with a greater surprise.

Sasha was still working in her office, oblivious to what was going on. When she went to have lunch at noon, she suddenly overheard a discussion in the president’s office.

“No way! Solomon even dares to defend himself?”

“Yeah! How shameless can he get? Although he’s part of the Hayes family, he dares to sabotage his own father. Isn’t he scared that he’ll be cursed by everyone?”

“There are no limits to his shamelessness, I guess.”

Standing at the entrance of the office, Sasha was stunned for a few seconds. Solomon is going to defend himself? How did that happen? Her mind blanked out and a bad feeling overwhelmed her. "Madam, why are you standing here? Are you looking for Mr. Hayes? He's inside." The employees in the president's office finally saw her. Immediately ended their discussion, they greeted her in a flustered manner.

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Sasha was still speechless. She stood there for a while before asking, "Where did you hear that from? Why didn't I hear anything about it downstairs?" "Huh?" The rest stuttered, "The... The Legal department called Mr. Scott this morning and we overheard." The Legal department? Sasha's heart skipped a beat. She knew Solomon well. His capabilities as a lawyer should not be underestimated. His logic, debate skills and strategies surpassed many lawyers in the country. Hence, she had a bad feeling about this. Feeling uneasy, Sasha entered the president's office. "Sasha, what's wrong? Why do you have such a look on your face?" Sebastian, who was working in the office, raised his head when he heard someone enter the office. Noticing that it was Sasha, he was stunned for a while before looking at her pale face. Sasha hesitated to speak. After a short while, she walked to his desk. "Sebby, I heard them talking about the Sinch Enterprise's case outside. They said that the other party is still unwilling to plead guilty and is planning to defend himself?" She deliberately avoided mentioning Solomon's name because she did not want to anger Sebastian.

He nodded. "Yes. What's the problem?" "Nothing... But do you know who he is? He used to be a lawyer, so I'm scared..." Sasha spoke hesitatingly, not daring to make it too obvious. Sebastian put his pen down. It was true that he disliked it when she mentioned Solomon's name.

However, from how she was deliberately avoiding his name, he already knew that she did not mean anything else when she brought him up now.

“There’s nothing to worry about. The Hayes Corporation’s Legal department is quite formidable.”

“I see...”

Sasha heaved a sigh of relief upon hearing that.

“Then, I’m going to cook now. What do you want to eat today, Sebby?” She flashed a smile at

him. Within a second, her initial worry was replaced with joy. She was so dazzlingly beautiful

that Sebastian fell into a momentary daze.

“Anything’s fine. I’ll eat whatever that you cook.”

His tone became suggestive when he said the last sentence. Without hiding his gaze, he checked out Sasha’s curvaceous figure that was outlined by her office attire.

Sasha was speechless.

What’s wrong with him? What is he thinking about in broad daylight?

Blushing, she hurried out of the office and went to the penthouse suite to cook.

She would never expect that something major was happening in the Hayes residence that afternoon.

After Sebastian suggested it that night, Rufus was brought to the Hayes Residence the next morning.

“You’re here, Grandpa!”

“Grandpa!”

When the three kids saw their grandfather, they were delighted. They dashed out and surrounded Rufus.

When Rufus saw his lively and adorable grandchildren, he was naturally very happy too.

However, when he entered, Frieda caught sight of him in the courtyard.

Suddenly, she stood there fixedly as if she were a statue

“Frieda?”

Sabrina was there with her. When she noticed Frieda’s unnatural reaction, she called out to her.

Frieda trembled.

“Argh!”

Suddenly, she stared at Rufus with wide eyes and shrieked out loud. It had been some time since she became agitated, but she was now clutching her head and running away.

“No! It’s not like that! It’s not like that!”

Within a few seconds, she ran upstairs while mumbling after her breath. As if she had seen something terrifying, she scurried into her room and hid there.

Sabrina was stunned.

For a few seconds, she stood there in shock as she watched the scene unfold.

Is that madwoman acting up again?

Rufus' expression changed too.

Naturally, he recognized Frieda. The reason why she managed to save her life was all because of Frederick and him. One went to save her and her son, while the other went to inform Shin.

Furthermore, they were both there after Frieda and Shin got together.

What's wrong with her now? Did seeing me remind her of those sad and terrifying events?

Rufus stood there and thought about it for a while before walking forward.

Sabrina asked, "What are you doing? She's acting up now, so you must be careful not to get

hurt."

He smiled. "I won't. I'll go up and take a look."

Then, he walked toward the direction which Frieda had fled toward earlier.

When he reached the room, he saw Frieda hugging her head and curling up into a ball.

Hiding at the foot of the bed, she trembled uncontrollably and mumbled under her breath.

"Frieda?"

When Rufus saw that, he could not help but feel sad

He had never expected such a beautiful woman like her to end up like this.