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"Hunter confessed to me, but I rejected him." Vivian summarized what happened earlier in one sentence and briefly explain to him.

However, Finnick wasn't happy to hear about that.

Hunter confessed to Vivian? How can I not know about this?

"Damn it! How dare he confess to you?" Finnick would never allow anyone to have their eyes on his woman.

Therefore, he couldn't help but feel upset when he heard Vivian's words.

"So what? It doesn't matter anymore. Didn't I tell you that I have rejected him? Don't be mad." Vivian didn't want to cause any trouble because of that. So, she was trying to calm Finnick down.

"It matters! He is messing with someone he shouldn't."

Vivian should have remained silent. The more she spoke, the more Finnick became jealous.

However, good always triumphed over evil. There was always going to be a way for Vivian to keep Finnick's cool.

Just as he was about to do something against Hunter, he heard Vivian's voice.

"Finnick, don't be mad. OK?" The best way to deal with an angry man was being whiny and giving him an innocent look.

Technically, the theory worked perfectly well especially on Finnick.

"Look. Since he confessed to me, it indirectly proves that you have a pretty good taste. Other than that, he did not succeed in the end. So, why don't we take the high road and forgive him?"

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Vivian said gently while touching Finnick's chest.

"Fine, then. I don't want to be a petty person who holds onto grudges."

Finnick found Vivian's words actually made sense.

"Let bygones be bygones. If that's the case, I'll drop that topic. But if the same thing happens again in the future, I will make him regret his action."

Finnick never liked Hunter ever since he started courting Vivian.

Hunter even confessed his feelings to Vivian after they were officially together. How could he allow Hunter to do that?

But, since Vivian said so, he decided to let him off once. Hopefully Hunter would behave himself in the future.

There shouldn't be any problem as long as he didn't act recklessly in front of Finnick.

"That's good. You're the best." Vivian smiled and rubbed her cheeks against his chest.

Vivian wasn't acting in that cutesy manner because she was concerned about Hunter. Instead, she didn't want Finnick to worry about her.

She could still get rid of those unwanted encounters on her own. There was no need to trouble Finnick.

Sometimes, she would resolve her own problems if she could. She didn't want to be too troublesome for him.

"Hey, you're playing with fire." Vivian had aroused him as she rubbed herself against his chest.

However, she wasn't planning to stop. Therefore, Finnick carried her up to the bedroom immediately.

Vivian was a little surprised at first, but she didn't feel anything afterwards.

She was just lying in his arms obediently and waiting for him to carry her back to the room.

Just as Finnick was going to make his further move, Vivian straight away covered herself with blanket and told him to go to sleep.

Finnick was speechless. That woman in front of him turned him on but left him hanging. He found her adorable for acting like it had nothing to do with her.

Finnick had no choice but to take a cold shower. Then, both of them lay in bed together and fell asleep in each other's arms.

The following morning was the weekend. Hence, Vivian brought Larry along to do some clothes shopping.

Finnick didn't accompany them as he was caught up with something. Instead, he let Noah follow along to ensure their safety.

In fact, Vivian didn't need any protection. However, since Hunter had expressed his love for Vivian the previous day, Finnick was even more worried for her to go out alone.

Thus, he might as well let Noah keep an eye on them. With that, he could also prevent any secret admirers from approaching Vivian.

How could she not know what was on Finnick's mind? She just didn't think there was anything wrong with Noah tagging along, as long as that would make Finnick feel at ease. That was all she ever wanted.

Meanwhile, she heard someone catching the thief when she was shopping for clothes.

At that time, the thief passed by Vivian coincidentally. Fortunately, she wasn't injured because Noah was beside her.

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"Mrs. Norton, are you okay?" Noah looked at Vivian. He was worried that she would be frightened by what happened.

"I'm fine." Vivian looked at Larry, but Larry was staring at those people who was catching the thief with a gleam in his eyes.

The thief was a man. He was skinny with an average height. Why would a person like him be stealing things?

Soon after, the thief was caught as a result of those who were brave enough to step up against unjust acts.

Finally, the incident had come to an end. As Vivian was about to turn around and leave, she caught sight of a figure from the corner of her eyes.

That was... Evelyn Morrison.

How is that even possible? On second thought, it was not possible for Evelyn to be there. She was supposed to in another country at that time.

Therefore, the person that Vivian saw earlier was definitely not Evelyn.

"Mommy."

Larry had been calling Vivian for quite some time but she stood there blankly as she was stunned.

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It took quite a moment for her to notice Larry.

What's the matter, little pumpkin?" Vivian looked at Larry. It seemed that she hadn't fully regained her composure.

"Mommy, I had been calling you since just now. Why are you not responding to me?" Larry asked aggrievedly.

Larry had been trying to call Vivian but she ignored him. How could he not be upset?

However, Larry noticed that something had been bothering Vivian. So, he decided to not complain about her.

"Mommy, what happened?" Larry had always been thinking about protecting Vivian, as well as sharing her burdens.

Looking at the distressed look on her face, he thought perhaps he could help taking some burdens off Vivian's shoulders.

However, Vivian didn't tell Larry about what happened earlier because she was sure that she had seen it wrongly.

"It's nothing. I thought I saw someone familiar but it isn't."

Vivian briefly explained to Larry and carried on shopping with him.

"How is it? How does it feel like watching the woman you love walking together with the child of another man? Are you feeling alright?" Right after Vivian left, a woman stood next to Hunter sarcastically asked.

"Evelyn, don't push it."

It turned out that woman was indeed Evelyn Morrison. Vivian's eyes were not playing tricks on her.

As a man, Hunter couldn't tolerate Evelyn for degrading and humiliating him. It seemed that he had become a lowly man. How could he not be angry?

"That's it. You've seen it yourself now. It's time for us to talk." Seeing Vivian slowly walked away, Evelyn said impassively while touching her hair.

At night, after Vivian got home, she was considering whether to tell Finnick about what happened earlier on the street.

Thinking it over, it might make her look like a narrow-minded person.

Besides, she might be seeing it wrongly. Hence, it would be ridiculous if she said that out.

Perhaps I should tell him after confirming it.

After struggling with her thoughts for a while, she decided not to tell him anything.

Finnick seemed to know that Vivian had something to tell him. He had been waiting for a long time but to no avail.

Finnick took a glance at Vivian and thought she had probably changed her mind already.

Since she didn't want to talk about it, he wouldn't ask any further.

Thus, he hugged Vivian to sleep.

As the night fell, everyone was sleeping soundly. Yet, Hunter was standing alone outside in a cool breeze.

The image of the scene during the day flashed across his minds.

"Look. Undoubtedly, there's no way for you to defeat Finnick now. No matter how hard you try, you're not going to win her heart. But, don't worry. Since we are working together now, your chance at winning will be increased. You and I are two of a kind. You love Vivian, while I'm in love with Finnick. Both of us are suffering from the pain of unrequited love. So, why don't we work together to achieve something that we want?"

Evelyn's words hit him like a ton of bricks, hard and deep. What she just said actually made a lot of sense, but he still felt that something wasn't right.

At first, Hunter was still trying to argue strongly to defend himself. "It's not that I can't win her over. In fact, Finnick is too cunning. He keeps preventing me from getting closer to Vivian."

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Hunter was trying to explain. Yet, he couldn't help but feeling somewhat inferior.

He always thought that he was evidently not as good as Finnick. That was why Vivian chose to be with Finnick.

If that was the case, he should have let her go. Perhaps that was for the better. Both of them could live happily on their own.

But Evelyn was right as well. He wasn't any lesser than Finnick at all.

Finnick was a wealthy, powerful and good-looking man. As for Hunter, he was just equally good.

Hence, why don't I give it a shot?

It was a do-or-die situation. Evelyn had completely messed up Hunter's mind.

At that moment, besides having the willpower to fight for Vivian's love, he was also feeling a little guilty.

Frankly speaking, he had been wondering if he was being way too despicable and vicious.

However, Evelyn assured him, "If you wanted to be such a saint, then you are never going to get Vivian."

That was so true. He was doing this because of love.

Since that was the case, there was nothing to feel guilty about.

Hunter was having a hard time struggling with his internal conflicts before he finally made up his mind to work together with Evelyn. He wanted to Finnick and Vivian from each other for the sake of love. It wouldn't involve any underhanded tricks.

After dealing with his inner conflicts for a long time, he stood up and dusted himself.

Then, he got into the car and he hit the gas and left.

The moon was shining bright that night, brightening up the future and everything looked beautiful.

In the same way, all those dirty deeds were laid exposed.

The following morning, Vivian woke up and realized that she didn't sleep well last night. Her head hurt so much after she got up.

Even Vivian herself had no idea what she did the previous night.

The other side, there was a woman lying on a white bed. Her face looked as pale as a sheet. Besides, a young lady was standing in front of the bed.

The two of them seemed to be discussing some upsetting topics as the young lady's eyes were glistening with tears.

Taking a closer look, it was Evelyn.

Ever since Evelyn came back, she first went to Hunter and got him to stand by her side. Next, she went looking for Rachel.

She was trying to make Rachel feel totally disappointed with Vivian. Thus, Rachel might be helping her against Vivian together.

"Mom." It was not her intention to address Rachel that way. But when she thought of her purpose of coming, she had no choice but force herself to do that.

"Hey." It's been a while since Rachel last met Evelyn. Finally, she was able to see her after so long, and even hearing her own daughter to call her Mom.

She was extremely overjoyed.

Usually, Evelyn was not willing to call her mom, let alone come visit her.

What's going on today? Why does she think of visiting me suddenly?

Even though there were thousands of thoughts running through Rachel's head, she thought it was better for her to remain silent.

Despite getting her biological daughter back, Evelyn was still blaming Rachel for changing her destiny without her consent.

Even though Rachel had been ill and bedridden all the time, her mind was clear.

Hence, she was well aware of many things.

After all, Evelyn was still her biological daughter. No matter how angry she was, she would always be her daughter.

"Hey, Evelyn. Come, take a seat." Seeing Evelyn standing still in front of her, Rachel quickly greeted her and invited her over to sit down.

"Thank you." Evelyn thanked her and sat down.

Evelyn knew that it would not be an easy conversation. Hence, she might as well sit down and talk.

Anyway, wearing heels for long periods of time wouldn't benefit her at all.

"You're welcome." Evelyn sounded quite indifferent, as if she was trying to keep a distance from her. Rachel felt terrible and hurt.

However, she didn't show any sign of impatience on her face.

"Mom, I come to tell you to beware of Vivian." Evelyn went straight to the point since there was nothing much she could talk with Rachel.

"Why is it?" Vivian was the one who forced Evelyn to leave. Evelyn said in a rather serious tone, making Rachel feel as if Vivian had done some terrible things to Evelyn.

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"It's because..." Evelyn pretended to stutter. It seemed like it was not too convenient for her to tell Rachel.

Rachel couldn't care less about the distance between them anymore. She immediately grabbed Evelyn's hand and asked her desperately.

Even though Vivian chased Evelyn away previously, and also sent her to the nursing home.

Nevertheless, that was the best nursing home in the city. Apart from that, there was someone specially assigned to take good care of each unit.

She used to be biased against Vivian before. Therefore, she felt especially apologetic towards her.

Upon hearing her words, Rachel couldn't help but ask Evelyn as she eagerly wanted to know what happened to Vivian.

Evelyn was standing right in front of her, seemingly fine. Hence, she thought something bad must have happened to Vivian.

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However, it was obvious that Rachel had been overthinking.

According to Evelyn, nothing bad happened to Vivian. Instead, she had turned evil.

"Actually, Vivian didn't do anything. It's all my fault. I brought this on myself. In the end, I'm the one to blame for loving the wrong guy."

Upon saying that, tears began rolling down her cheeks. Evelyn deserved an Oscars for her excellent acting skills.

"What's wrong with her?" After hearing her words, it seemed that Vivian was fine. Instead, she had done something to Evelyn. Hence, Rachel's tone became angry.

She would be worried for Vivian if anything were to happen to her. However, if Vivian had the guts to harm Evelyn in any way, she would make Vivian pay for what she did.

At the very least, that was what was on Rachel's mind without taking her capability into consideration. It was obvious that she was being biased towards Evelyn.

"She... She forced me to go to Thymion." Then, Evelyn started talking about what she had been through in Thymion.

It was all real. She wasn't being exaggerated about it.

She got what she deserved, but she was putting all the blame on Vivian.

"That's it. Henry gave me some money for me to come back." After finishing her sentences, her tears fell.

To be honest, Evelyn had no other choice at that time. She was driven into a corner. She had been living her life to the fullest at Intoxicated until a rich man had his eyes on her.

The rich man wanted her to be his eighth mistress. Of course, she didn't agree.

Luckily, Henry lent her a hand and helped her escape from the situation.

Evelyn asked Henry why he decided to help her. His answer was something that she would remember for the rest of her life.

"I will never tolerate anyone from my country to be bullied and insulted by those foreigners."

Then, He left right after saying that.

After that, Evelyn managed to come back using the money that Henry given.

Rachel was heartbroken after hearing what Evelyn had been through in the past few months. She couldn't help but melt into tears.

"Evelyn, it's all my fault. I'm such a useless mother. Else, you wouldn't have to go through that kind of suffering." Her tears continued falling like rain.

"It's fine, Mom. It's all over now." Evelyn wiped away the tears that she squeezed out earlier.

"But, Mom. You still have to be careful with Vivian. I'm afraid that she might do something to you later on." In the end, Evelyn still couldn't help but say those words to Rachel.

"Alright. I'll keep that in mind." Even that was something Evelyn asked her to do, she was never going to be as nice as she was before towards Vivian after learning what she had done to Evelyn.

Rachel had been lying in bed for years. She didn't even have a chance to take a good look at her own daughter.

Now that Evelyn was right there by her side. Rachel kept on staring at her face. She couldn't take her eyes off of Evelyn.

Her gaze made Evelyn feel a little uneasy. She even thought Rachel had seen through her trick.

"Mom, what are you looking at?" Evelyn reached out her hands to touch her face, pretending as though there was something on her face.

In fact, she was trying to cover up her awkward facial expression.

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"Evelyn, you've lost some weight."

Evelyn was indeed thinner compared to the last time Rachel saw her.

Anyway, she didn't go to Thymion for vacation in the last few months.

Initially, her intention was to earn some money and make a grand comeback. However, many had happened, so it was actually good for her to come back.

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Evelyn thought about what she should do next.

Since she had managed to avoid the limelight, Vivian was no longer hot on her trail.

Thus, this was the best time for her to take action.

With this in mind, a conceited look flashed across her eyes.

But since Rachel was still by her side, she could not act too arrogantly. Otherwise, her efforts would go to waste.

"So where do you stay now?" Rachel asked, thinking Evelyn had no place to live after listening to her sob story.

"I... " Evelyn stammered and pretended to act embarrassed.

Rachel immediately assumed that she had nowhere to stay.

As Evelyn's mother, she felt obliged to help.

However, considering her own physical health, she felt that she wasn't in the right state to help out. After pondering over this for a while, she said, "Why don't you come and live with me?"

At the same time, she was worried that Evelyn wouldn't be willing to take up her suggestion.

To her surprise, Evelyn agreed. "Thank you, Mom," she said with a smile on her face.

Evelyn's words were filled with emotions and sounded absolutely pleasing to Rachel's ears.

"Alright then. We're short of one bed in my room. Here, take this money and buy a good bed for yourself." Rachel took out a thousand bucks from a loose board on her bed frame and gave it to Evelyn.

Evelyn was the type of girl who placed high importance on aesthetics, so she planned to buy herself a comfortable and nice-looking bed.

"Okay." She took the money from Rachel since she didn't have much money of her own.

The notes were crumpled, and they smelt old and musky.

She then furrowed her brows without saying anything else.

Evelyn felt repulsed by Rachel and even more so by the money she offered.

Ever since the moment she found out that Rachel was her mother, resentment had started brewing within her.

However, since she needed Rachel's help right now, she had no choice but put on an act.

Evelyn pretended to look happy. How is one thousand enough to buy a good bed?

Who is she trying to fool?

She kept these thoughts to herself as now wasn't the time to expose her true feelings.

"Alright Mom, I'll go and pack up," she said to Rachel before leaving.

Despite the resentment she felt, Evelyn still took the money that Rachel gave her and bought herself a bed.

To her, a bed that cost one thousand simply wasn't up to her standards. Nevertheless, she still bought a bed to solve her immediate problems.

Since she and Hunter were now working together for mutual benefit, she felt that he should be supporting her financially.

When she brought this issue up to him, he immediately wrote her a check without giving it a second thought.

As long as he had the opportunity to pursue Vivian, money wasn't a problem for him.

"Here is two hundred thousand. Come to me again after you finish spending it." Hunter handed Evelyn a check and left right away.

He didn't want to linger around Evelyn as he felt that she added a sense of burden to him.

Therefore, he tried to minimize contact with her as much as he could.

The only time Evelyn would look for Hunter was when she was out of money. She did not have that much time to spare anyway.

Meanwhile, Vivian and Finnick's lives were pretty boring and uneventful. He was simply shuttled between work and home on a daily basis.

The only time he stayed at home to accompany Vivian was the time he tried to reconcile with her. However, that was not possible at the moment.

Business at the company still had to go on. On top of that, he had a family who depended on him financially.

If he neglected his business, he wouldn't be able to give Larry a good start in life.