"Jane, I'm not toying with you. I never did. Do you believe me?" Alex said regretfully.

Jane snorted after a pause. "Is... Is that even possible?" She lifted her head to look at Alex with her blank eyes before looking back at herself. "The two of us might as well be as different as the sky and the ground. I was just taken to you, all chained up like a dog as some sort of trophy, and now you are asking me to go home with you? This time, it is dog chains. What's going to be next? Oh, right, where is your wife, Lily Parker? She ... She isn't here with you?"

"Mrs. Poole, you are the Mrs. Poole,"
Garrett, who had just cut off the chains o
n Jane, said as he choked back his tears.

Jane slowly turned to look at Garrett.

"Mrs. Poole, it's Garrett. You remember m e, don't you? That time on the mountain, I was the one who let you and Mr. Hill go. I'm the same Garrett whose wife and house you once visited in Master Alex's stead, Mrs. Poole," he said.

Jane's expression remained blank, with much resemblance to a patient in an asylum.

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Jane turned her gaze back to Alex.

Whoever Garrett was, what did that have t
o do with her anyways?

She called out to him in a hoarse voice, " Alex, the truth is, whatever tricks or plays you want to use on me, it's fine as long as you and your wife are satisfied. I only have one request: don't harm the innocents. The old lady is already seventy this year. Let her go so that she can at least beg on the streets, okay? She has nothing to do with me. Her son saved me, and I insisted on spending the rest of my life with her son, but now her son is dead! Just--" Tears immediately started streaming down Jane's face. "Just murdered unjustly in the wild with no one to even collect his body. It's just one old lady. She wouldn't have the strength t o take revenge even if she wanted to. Let her go and live out her life. Okay? If you

her go and live out her life. Okay? If you could just do that, you can do anything you want to me. I... I can even think of new ways to torture me for you."

Jane's expression suddenly brightened up as though she had come up with a way to save the old mother. "Really, Alex, really. I can help you come up with ways for you to torture me."

Perhaps it was because she had spent her life under the suppression of others from a young age, Jane had gotten so used to it that she could be more creative than others when it came to torturing methods. People might say that she was born a slave, or that she had been raised a s a slave, but none of that mattered.

Her eyes sparkled as she hurriedly presented to Alex with her idea, "How about this, Alex. You... You and your fiancée, you both can sit in the garden and watch me, watch as they cut me open for the abortion. Is that okay? Would that be able to appease the hatred you and your wife feel toward me?" Jane said.

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Each word was pronounced so distinctly that they were like nails hammered into Alex's heart.

Waited for her to finish because he wanted to feel the pain. Only then, would he know the pain that his wife, the only woman he had loved in his life, had been suffering through. Because of a wrong decision that he made recklessly, his wife came so close to facing death, and was chained up like a dog. The pain was dull and suffocating, to that point that he felt like he was taking all his organs out just so that he could breathe.

"Jane," his voice had only grown more hoarse. He felt helpless, but no matter how helpless he felt, he had to explain.

"You might not believe me, but twenty days ago, I did leave you to live your life with Noah in the northeastern region for the sake of your happiness," Alex explained slowly and sincerely, "You know, Jane, you've been by my side for so long and it's you who has always been giving; it's you who had always been considerate for my feeling when I've never done the same for you. I feel guilty toward you, which is why when I saw you beaming at Noah, and how happy you were, even if you were picking leftovers off the ground, I decided to let you go because I saw how truly happy and content you were. I wanted to do something for you. The eleven million I gave you was only meant to get you settled down. I went back immediately after giving you the money because I was i n a rush to handle all the work I had in hand. I was going to hand them over to Sebastian, and come back to the northeastern region. I was going to live somewhere close to you. I planned on never disturbing you, your husband or your child. I didn't want anything but to

your child. I didn't want anything but to just watch you and our child from afar. I would have been satisfied as long as I could see you two living healthily and happily."

Jane stared at Alex blankly in response to his words, but soon, she started laughing in an extremely odd manner, almost like she was a puppet. "Ha... Ha! Hahaha!"

The laugh frightened Garrett, but he knew that Jane was not the one to blame for this. No one could react in a normal manner after all the inhumane treatment and torture she had been through.

"Alex, did you come across a landslide on your way here?" she said in a hollow voice.

Alex nodded. "If not for that, I would have reached you three days ago."

"Then why aren't you dead and buried in that landslide?"

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"Go back, get hit by the rocks and die, and I'll believe you," she drawled. Her words I'll believe you," she drawled. Her words instantly sent chills down the spines of every person behind her. No one, not Huron, or Cindy, Orla, or the other four women who rushed in from outside to take a peep at what Alex looked like, or even Huron's subordinates, dared to leave without Alex's approval. At that very moment, everyone was gaping at Jane.

The woman was as filthy as a mutt and as pitiful as a beggar with her ragged clothes, pregnant belly, and messy hair. She called Alex by his name fearlessly. Every time she called him 'Alex', it sounded so natural. It was more than obvious that she had called him by the name for years for it to sound so natural and familiar. At that moment, everyone's heart was filled with nothing but horror.

Coincidentally, that was when Alex said, "
Jane, would you be happier if I die? If it
would make you happy, I would get hit by
rocks and die."

Every person was instantly frozen in place at his words.

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Jane sighed carelessly. "Speaking like I'm the queen here or something. Look around you, Alex. Count every single person here and which of them hasn't treated me like a dog? These people are treating me this way with your approval! And now you are telling me that you are willing to die for me? Don't you think it's ironic?"

Jane was right. Alex had led armies through wars in the North and South regions majestically. He shone bright like a star before others when in truth, he was a fool. She was his wife! His woman! And yet these people treated her with less respect than they would a dog, and all these happened under his approval. What was he but a fool?

Alex stood abruptly and roared, "Garrett!

"Yes!"

"Bury these bast\*rds alive!" he commanded.

Alex said it with such ease that everyone in the house was frightened to the point that their legs gave in.

"Master Alex..." Cindy tried to act familiar with Alex. "Everything I did was approved by Mrs. Poole, Mrs. Poole is also pregnant with your child. She is now resting at home so I didn't bother her with this."

Up until then, Cindy had no idea that Lily had been sent overseas by Axel five days ago. The reason why she had not contacted Lily proactively was because she wanted to get closer to Alex behind Lily's back. Even if she could not become Alex's wife, she could at least be his lover. Had she followed the plan and contacted Lily, Lily would have never allowed her to come into contact with Alex, and would probably become extremely cautious against her. For the past few days, Lily did not call Cindy and she was more than happy about it. Never had she thought that something could have happened to Lily. Until that very moment, she still thought that Lily was Alex's wife.

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Right after she finished her sentence, Garrett stomped his feet onto her face fiercely and she let out a pained wail.

"You damn woman! You almost got
Master Alex killed! Do you have any idea
how worried Master Alex was about Mrs.
Poole? He was worried that you might do
something reckless with Mrs. Poole under
your control, so he could only trick you!
You are going to die anyways, so I'm
going to at least make it clear as to why
you deserve to die!"

Cindy completely forgot about her pain after hearing what Garrett had to say. Her eyes widened with fear. Was she really going to die?

"Listen carefully, you damn woman!
Master Alex only has one wife, only one!
And that is Miss Sheen! That Lily Parker o
f yours isn't Master Alex's wife! She is
nothing! I'm going to send you to hell
right now, you damn woman!"

"Wait!" Alex suddenly said.

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Alex got up and approached Cindy before stepping on her as he asked, "What did you just say? Lily Parker is pregnant?"

Cindy immediately saw hope and clung onto Alex's leg. "Mm-hm, that's right, M r. Poole. M--Ms. Parker is pregnant as well. You... You probably don't know about it yet, do you? Ms. Parker is pregnant with your child as well. For the sake of me telling you such good news, please... Have mercy on me this time, I..." She looked over to the dog chains on the ground. "I... I can be your dog..."

Alex kicked her and sent her flying before she could finish her sentence.

"Ow..." Blood came spilling out Cindy's mouth.

Alex sneered at himself. "Haha! Hahaha! This is just so ironic..."

"Master..." Garrett muttered.

"I've only thought of her for the past ten years. I have hurt and destroyed the woman who loves and cares for me most woman who loves and cares for me most for her sake, and now she's become pregnant with another man's child. On top of that, she is telling everyone that it's mine?"

Garrett, is there anything more ironic in this world?" Alex asked.

Garrett could see the pain in Alex's expression. It was not that Alex was still in love with Lily; he was simply overwhelmed by the irony of it all. He had put his woman through tortures to the point that others were treating her like a dog while the woman he tried to protect was pregnant with another man's child and kept pretending to be something that she was not in front of him every day, begging Alex to marry her!

There had been a part of Alex that felt guilty about Lily, and now all that was left was his foolishness.

'Indeed, I, Alex Poole, am an enormous fool! It's true!' Alex thought, as he commanded Garrett sorrowfully, "Go. Nury them all." was his foolishness.

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Garrett immediately called and ordered the people outside the house to go in. At the same time, the few beauties by Huron's side had started wailing.

"Please, I'm innocent..."

"Me... Me too, I'm innocent as well.
Please, Master Alex, spare my unworthy
life."

"Me too..."

"M--Ms. Sheen, you... Throughout the two nights and one day you have been locked up in here, I haven't once bullied you, I... I didn't wrong you." At that moment, the youngest girl that stayed by Huron's side crawled her way toward Jane in a kneeling position. She clung onto Jane's arm and pleaded miserably. If she was going to die anyways, she might a s well give begging for her life a shot. " Miss... M--Mrs. Poole, I... My family is poor and has borrowed money from Huron and we're without the capability to return it. That's why I... I know you come from a difficult background as well, which is why when they bullied you, I... I never joined them. I... You might have forgotten about it, but the night before yesterday night, I even snuck you a piece o f bread."

f bread.'

The young woman bowed her head at Jane and pleaded, "I'm merely eighteen this year. I don't want to die yet..." she cried.

Jane looked at the young woman blankly a s tears streamed down her cheeks. "Poor child... But I... I can't help you. I am just another prey to Alex Poole as well..."

"... I'm sorry, I shouldn't have begged you when you can't do anything," the young woman said in tears. Suddenly, she darted toward Orla and Huron and kicked at them hysterically. "You animals! Animals! You are worse than livestock! M s. Sheen might have had troubles with M r. Poole, but has she offended you in any way for you to torture her like this? You even chained her up with dog chains! Damn you all! You all should die! Especially you, Huron! I'm going to beat you to death! Beat you all to death!"

After kicking and beating at Huron, Orla, and Cindy, the young woman went before the other three beauties. "The three of you as well! Do you dare to say that you

you as well! Do you dare to say that you haven't bullied Ms. Sheen? Are you even human?? Just because she is a pregnant woman sold off by Cindy, just because her ex-boyfriend is an elite in Kidon City, each one of you have pulled at her hair before! And now you are all pretending like you are good people. You deserve to die! Why do I have to die as well simply because of you?? Oh...!" The young woman wailed miserably.

Alex heard every single word she said and casually said, "Garrett, let that young woman go."

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"Yes!" Garrett immediately responded.

Jane, too, was shocked as she looked at Alex.

"The rest, leave no one alive!" Alex added.

"Yes!"

Just then, the subordinates Alex brought with him had started entering the place.
They dragged Huron, Orla, Cindy and the others out like they were dragging dead

others out like they were dragging dead dogs. Huron, Orla, and Cindy had already lost all strength to walk by then, especially the two women. They had wonderful dreams. Both women had fought against one another in hopes to impress Alex by torturing Jane in every way possible. Orla even injured Jane's leg with a pair of pliers. However, the reality was something that none of them had ever imagined. It took them to pick the wrong side and torture someone once, and that had come to cost them their lives with no return. At that very moment, they did not even get the chance to regret it.

Just as the three were dragged to the porch, one of Alex's subordinates came in to report, "Master Alex, there's a man outside protesting, asking us to... bring Mrs. Poole out."

Alex was stunned. "What?"

Another one of his subordinates came and reported again, "There's a cocky old man out there, saying that he is going to bomb this place to the ground if we don't hand Mrs. Poole over."

"..." Alex glanced at Jane and found that her expression seemed to have wavered briefly.

Huron, Cindy, and Orla, who were about t o be dragged out and buried alive, started shouting in unison.

"Master Alex, I can make it up to you!"

"Master Alex, I know Lenny."

"Master Alex, Lenny is my man. I can help deal with him..."

"..." Alex did not respond to the three but instead raised his arm as a sign to his men. "Lock them all in the living room and follow me out to see what's going on! If this is just another local scum like Huron, we'll take care of him as well so that I won't have to come back here to White Ocean again!"

White Ocean again!"

After that, Alex took off his black jacket and handed it over to Garrett before lifting Jane up into his arms and wrapping her up with his jacket. He then headed out with her in his arms.

Jane's expression remained blank and she had completely stopped struggling because she thought that she was going t o die anyway.

Alex carried Jane outside the mansion and saw a man who looked even older than Huron, standing arrogantly beside his car.

Seeing that Alex was stepping out with Jane in his arms, the old man roared, "Where did an \*sshole like you come from? I'mma chop you up to pieces, don't doubt it!"

"Who are you?" Alex asked calmly.

"Let go of my woman!" the old man retorted.

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Suddenly, Jane struggled to turn around a t Lenny and shouted, "Lenny, you... You need to go! Don't get yourself involved in this mess. You don't know this, but this man is Master Alex from Kidon City. You are no match for him. He could have your head on a spike with just one stomp of his foot. Run, now!"

"..." Both Lenny and Alex were silenced.

Alex set Jane down, his eyes calm. "
What's going on? He's helped you before?
"

Jane did not bother with Alex. Now that she was standing, she could see Lenny's face clearly. "Lenny, run! Don't get yourself killed alongside me. I don't want to harm the life of another innocent."

Lenny looked to be roughly seventy years old. He had appeared to be extremely confident just a few moments ago, but as soon as he heard Jane mention that the man who was carrying her was Master Alex from Kidon City, Lenny was instantly shocked to the point that he seemed to have aged ten years in a split second and he looked as though he was

second and he looked as though he was eighty.

It was precisely at that moment that
Lenny realized what gave Cindy the
courage to run from him and into
Huron's arms so blatantly; he had also
realized why Huron had agreed to take
Cindy this time. It was because both
Cindy and Huron knew that Master Alex o
f Kidon City was coming to White Ocean
City. Lenny was the only one who did not
know.

Huron and Cindy were planning on getting him killed at the hands of Alex!

At that moment, Lenny suddenly felt grateful toward the little pregnant lady. He had truly been interested in her, but it was not something of import. He simply felt like it was not easy for a man in his seventies like him to find a woman he liked, so he could not put up with the fact that Huron had taken her away. On top of that, he had put up with Huron for his entire life and no longer wanted to tolerate him, and therefore wanted to fight Huron over the pregnant lady. Never

that Huron had taken her away. On top of that, he had put up with Huron for his entire life and no longer wanted to tolerate him, and therefore wanted to fight Huron over the pregnant lady. Never had Lenny imagined that Huron and Cindy secretly kidnapped Jane and brought her there with the sole purpose of luring him there and getting him killed a she faced the power of Alex Poole.

"Hurry! Go!" Jane shouted.

Without hesitation, Lenny turned around and got into his car before fleeing hastily.