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Although Xavier's face darkened, he didn't utter a word and kept walking toward his office.

"Tell me why you want to meet me."

Fabian soon arrived at Xavier's office. Since there were only two of them in the office, Fabian asked straightforwardly so that he wouldn't waste any time.

"You're asking me? Why don't you ask yourself!" Xavier said harshly.

He didn't wish to dwell on what happened earlier.

But since Fabian pretended to be innocent, Xavier couldn't help but feel furious. He thought about Hannah, who was threatened by Fabian. I can let it pass even though you took the love of my life away from me. Now that you already have her, how could you treat her this way?

"Oh? Why should I?"

Fabian was a little bewildered. Did I do something wrong that I, myself, am not aware of it, yet Xavier knows? Is this... a joke?

"I don't understand what you're talking about. Just tell me, Mr. Jackson. There's no need to beat around the bush," Fabian said.

"Hah! Am I beating around the bush? Don't you know what you did? I really admire you for that. Have you forgotten about what happened to Vivian? Or are you that heartless to pretend that it didn't happen? Humph!" Since Fabian didn't admit to it, Xavier finally lost his temper and berated Fabian.

The incident was a scar engraved on Fabian's heart. Although it happened for quite some time ago, he didn't wish to bring it up again. However, Xavier mentioned it nevertheless and even accused him of being heartless.

"Mr. Jackson, it's none of your business to ascertain if I'm heartless. Besides, I don't have time to entertain those who only know half of the truth! You're wasting my time!" Fabian rebutted coldly.

Since we are from five prominent families, I didn't want to dwell on your mistakes. However, it is you who want to find fault with me now. Do you think I won't teach you a lesson? Don't forget that the Norton family ranks first among all five prominent families.

Fabian was boiling with rage as Xavier kept looking for trouble.

"Very well... Since you wanted me to be straightforward, I'll say it out loud right now!" With that said, Xavier took a step forward and stood in front of Fabian.

"We used to engage in a fair competition. But since Hannah had chosen to marry you because she loves you, I had given you both my blessing. However, how did you treat Hannah? By having men following her 24/7 and robbing her of her freedom? I have had enough of your nonsense! From now on, I'll win her over!"

Fabian snickered, "All that just to tell me that you're after my wife. Does the way I treat her concern you in any way? Win her over? Hahaha! I dare you to!"

At that, Fabian looked at Xavier coldly, thinking that Xavier had some misunderstanding about him. Nonetheless, he didn't wish to argue with him as he trusted Hannah with all his heart. Hannah might be a little silly at times, but she will never betray me. Fabian was confident about it.

Besides, Fabian felt that Xavier's reaction was ridiculous. This man still couldn't forget Hannah even after Hannah married him. The truth is that I simply assigned several subordinates to accompany and protect Hannah. How dare he make such a wild accusation, saying that I've robbed her of her freedom? Why would I do that? Does he think I'm a psychopath?

Since Fabian didn't deny the allegation, Xavier provoked him confidently and continued furiously, "Fabian, you don't deserve to be a man for making such a remark. I pity Hannah for marrying you. Besides, I can finally see through you. From today onward, I'll discuss with my family to terminate all partnerships between the two companies."

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Knitting his brows, Fabian retorted, "What? Do you think the Norton family will be afraid of you? If there's nothing else, I'll be leaving now."

Before Xavier could reply, Fabian turned around and walked towards the exit.

However, he stopped halfway and added with a sneer, "By the way, you're not the one who can decide whether you want to terminate our partnership. Don't think too highly of yourself."

Fabian was right. The partnership between the two companies couldn't terminate with merely a few words as it was established by their prior generation. Besides, the members of both families and the other prominent families would definitely voice their objections upon hearing this.

If they were to terminate their partnership, the Jackson family would suffer bigger losses than the Norton family. After all, the all-powerful Norton family could easily choose another partner and only make slightly less profit.

After that, Fabian left Xavier's company quickly. On his way back to the office, Fabian received a phone call. He was informed that Waylon wasn't in the company but was already murdered in a private room at a café.

Fabian massaged his temples to calm himself down. Then, he instructed his subordinates to rush to the airport to find William. He believed that William would board a flight if he wanted to leave earlier.

Soon, he received disappointing news from his subordinates at the airport. William indeed planned to board a flight to leave. However, when Fabian's subordinates found William, the two men beside William immediately drew their knives.

Fabian's subordinates weren't afraid and were ready to engage. Nonetheless, because they were far from William, the two men unexpectedly stabbed William's body with their knives five times. At that point, they weren't sure if William was already dead or still alive.

Miles away, Lyna, who was in her private villa, was relieved after receiving the news. "Fortunately, I was smart enough to send my men in advance, or William will be in Fabian's hands by now."

She was satisfied upon listening to her trusted aide's report. Since William was stabbed five times, there's no way he would survive! Hahaha!

In the office, Fabian was trying to figure out who wanted to target him. As he was deep in thought, he suddenly received a phone call from A Nation.

"Hello, Mr. Norton. I've found out the information you need."

Fabian had instructed him to find out news about Yvette after she arrived at A Nation. "How is it? Have you found her?" he asked.

"Yes, we found her. We stopped her at one of the streets at A Nation. She was timid and immediately confessed that she was merely a double," The man reported to Fabian thoroughly over the phone.

"A double? What do you mean?"

Fabian couldn't help but feel shocked.

"She told me that because she looked like Yvette, someone asked her to be Yvette's double and came to A Nation. In return, she would receive a hundred million. As such, she agreed to the offer. Also, the one who came to A Nation alongside Yvette was a double as well."

Fabian took a deep breath once he finished listening. What an elaborate trick! Even I fell for it! A moment later, he said over the phone, "Okay, I know it. Thanks for your help."

After hanging up the phone, he stood straight and looked out the window. Deep in his heart, he felt that there was a huge conspiracy behind everything.

He was certain that it wasn't Yvette's own idea to use a double to mislead him. After all, he knew her very well that under such circumstances, she couldn't come up with such an elaborate trick.

As such, there was definitely a mastermind behind Yvette who controlled everything and was careful in taking every step. In that case, her so-called cousin was undoubtedly a double. This was the reason that his subordinates were unable to find any information for quite some time.

"If I'm not mistaken, this incident was also planned by Yvette and her gang. The mastermind behind Yvette must hold a deep grudge against me, or else she wouldn't do so much to help Yvette."

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Fabian took a deep breath and was deep in thought again.

I'm surprised that someone in Baykeep wants to take me down. This is getting interesting! Since you're not afraid to die, let's see if you can take me down easily.

At this moment, he was boiling with rage. He didn't retaliate when Yvette and a mysterious woman wanted to crash into Hannah with a car during the wedding. Nevertheless, this bunch of people became even more audacious. In that case, he decided to strike back forcefully.

"Fortunately, they seemed to be targeting me for now and not Hannah. Also, she should be safe because I had assigned some men to protect her."

Meanwhile, he began to analyze who actually wanted to take him down.

Could it be... could it be the same mysterious woman who wanted to run over Hannah and me with the car during the wedding?

He believed that the mysterious woman continued playing her tricks with extreme care after the incident. As such, his subordinates couldn't find any news nor clues about him.

Meanwhile, Lyna was anxious and wished to execute her plan as soon as possible. She couldn't put her mind at ease if it dragged on.

If Fabian realized that there was a mastermind behind everything, he would eventually investigate his subordinates. Eventually, her efforts would go down the drain when he found some clues.

Besides, she was even more worried that Wayne would expose everything once Fabian found out something about him.

Therefore, she had no choice but to bring her plan forward.

"George."

Lyna went to the workplace that she prepared specifically for George and called his name.

"Yes?"

George was observing the stocks of Phoenix Group in front of the computer when Lyna came in. He turned around and looked at her curiously. What is it? Does she not trust me?

"I decided to bring forward our plan. When can you finish your preparation?"

Lyna had to admit that George was the key to her plan. If George couldn't force Fabian to use his liquid capital worth of five billion, she couldn't take Fabian down on her own.

"Huh? Didn't you say I have at least a week to prepare?"

George was helpless at this moment. After all, he wasn't a god who could make Fabian's stocks collapse at once but needed time to orchestrate it.

"The plan has changed. Since Fabian begins to be suspicious, he could finish us off if we don't act now," Lyna explained to George.

George frowned as he explained to Lyna, "After observing the company's stock trend, I can see that the stock price is steady and doesn't fluctuate much. This isn't the best time for us to strike."

Lyna was a little frustrated after listening to him. Although she understood that the timing wasn't right, she couldn't afford to sit and wait. In other words, she was forced to act now.

Lyna gave it some thought but finally said, "We must act!"

She paused for a while and continued, "Tell me how much money and time you need. Also, please estimate how much money Phoenix Group would lose."

After all, it was a race against time now, and she would lose everything if she was slower.

"Hmm..."

George pondered over it for a while and answered, "Certainly, the more money you can provide, the better the outcome will be. Give me five hundred million, and I'm confident that Fabian will lose four billion of his capital in two days. If I have three days, he will lose four billion and five hundred million. Nevertheless, Fabian will lose his capital only for a certain period of time. A week later, his capital will recover eventually. As such, you've to act swiftly."

"Alright, I'll give you five hundred million."

The next moment, Lyna barked, "The plan starts tomorrow. Please make your preparations."

She exited George's workplace after giving the instruction. Then, she thought about it for a while and decided to call Yvette.

Since five hundred million was a lot of money, Lyna thought that she had to inform Yvette. Although she had made preparations in advance, she still couldn't withdraw such a large chunk of money at one go.

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"Yvette, we have to bring forward our plan as something happened. Wait for me. I'm going to meet you now."

After that, she rushed to where Yvette stayed.

As soon as Lyna entered the villa, Yvette came up to her. Yvette was a bundle of nerves once she heard that something happened. After all, if Fabian found out everything, not only would she lose Fabian, but she would even get sentenced to life.

"Lyna, what happened?" Yvette asked nervously.

On the other hand, Lyna was delighted to see that Yvette was nervous. The more nervous Yvette was, the more money she would give to Lyna. This was exactly what Lyna wanted.

"The two men from Fabian's company whom I bribed earlier were exposed. Although I've plugged the leak now, I'm worried that Fabian would try to get information from other subordinates. In that case, he will likely find out that we're behind this," Lyna said to Yvette.

Yvette got even more anxious and knitted her brows. After a while, she lowered her gaze and whispered, "What should we do? If Fabian discovers the truth, both of us are screwed."

As Yvette was at a loss, she lifted her head suddenly and asked, "Lyna, what should we do now?"

Apparently, Yvette treated Lyna as her savior. Since Lyna was resourceful, she gazed at Lyna expectantly, waiting for her to propose a solution to salvage both of them.

"Don't worry. I've already thought about the way out. So, we don't have to be afraid of Fabian."

Lyna couldn't help but squint. If her plan worked, she would survive this and even replaced Fabian. Although Phoenix Group wouldn't be as strong as it was now, it would still be one of the top ten companies in the country.

"Oh? What do we have to do? I'll do anything you say."

At this moment, Yvette was obviously at a loss. As such, she was willing to heed Lyna's instructions once she heard that Lyna could save her.

"Okay. Actually, you don't have to worry too much. We only have to proceed with our original plan."

Apart from comforting Yvette, Lyna was also trying to pluck up her own courage.

"Alright, come with me. I'll bring you somewhere."

Lyna decided to tell Yvette about the entire plan. After all, she didn't worry that the plan would get exposed because it would start within two days. Also, since Yvette had completely become her comrade of sorts, there was no reason whatsoever to report Lyna's deeds to the authorities.

"Okay. Where are we going?"

Yvette was a little bewildered. Since this villa is safe and no one knows that I'm here, why should we go to another place?

"You'll understand when you arrive."

Lyna didn't explain too much to her for now.

"Mr. Norton, our men have brought William to the hospital. The doctors are now trying their best to save him. However, because one of the five stab wounds was directed at his lung, the doctors said that his chance of survival is low." Fabian's trusted aide reported to him.

Fabian frowned upon hearing it. Would I lose the only clue if William dies?

"Did you tell the doctors that I want to save him?" Fabian said in a deep voice.

"Yes, I did. The director got the best doctor and prepared the best medicine and equipment for the surgery," his trusted aide answered truthfully.

"Okay, I understand." Fabian nodded

Then, he added, "Investigate the call history between William and Waylon all over again to find out if there are any links between them. Also, investigate every staff in Phoenix Group who holds the position of at least a director. Report to me once you've found something suspicious. If someone realizes that you guys are conducting investigating and do anything suspicious in response, restrain him and don't let him escape!" Fabian instructed his trusted aide.

Deep down, he believed that William and Waylon were related to the incident. I believe there must be a high-ranking individual behind them. Also, given that the two men apparently followed his instructions, he must be one of the higher-ups of Phoenix Group.

"Yes, sir!"

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Fabian's trusted aide walked out without much of a word.

By this time, Lyna had already brought Yvette to her secret workplace.

The moment after they arrived, Yvette could not help but gasp at the sight. So this is what Lyna has been building all this while secretly. There were all sorts of delicate devices monitoring Fabian's people, of which most of them Yvette had never seen before. Whereas on the other hand, George and his team were busy spying on Phoenix Group.

Before Yvette could finish observing the place, Lyna led her into a deserted room. Lyna opened her mouth right after they sat down. "Now, those people you saw out there are hired by me to deal with Fabian. A majority of Phoenix Group is already working for us. But there is still a group of stubborn people, which we are now monitoring for twenty-four hours. If any of them dare to expose our secret, we will act on them immediately."

Lyna paused for a while to give Yvette some time to digest the information. "I have also specially hired a finance genius from A Nation to deal with Fabian. This guy has looked into all Phoenix Group's resources, and he is confident that he can get control over all Fabian's current assets within two days."

After hearing all these, Yvette let out a long sigh and asked, "Well, is there anything I could help with?"

Even though Yvette was not as much a genius as Lyna was, she thought her intelligence might still be able to provide some assistance.

Lyna tried so hard to find a way to rescue me, so there must be something she needs from me. Although Yvette felt a little unpleasant being used, she knew she could not ask for more. After all, if it was not for Lyna, Yvette would still be in prison.

"Haha, since you already knew I rescued you for a purpose, I will be honest with you. Indeed, I cannot accomplish this without you. There is something that only you can help."

Lyna gazed sincerely at Yvette and expressed her wish. "George is planning to manipulate Phoenix Group's stock market, but we're going to need some money. Around five hundred million."

Five hundred million? Is she kidding me? It would be my entire net worth. Is she really expecting me to give everything to her just like that? What if something happens to me along the way? Who is going to help me then?

Looking at Yvette's astonished face, Lyna let out a chuckle. "Of course, I don't mean to ask you to provide the five hundred million all by yourself. But as you can see, I have spent a huge amount on the devices and the team. So right now, I am only left with two hundred million. I need your help with the remaining three hundred."

Yvette raised a brow at her demand. Three hundred million is also a big number. It's not that I don't want to help, but will it really be worth it? If this amount of money can defeat Fabian and make me the savior of the Norton family, I am willing to do it. Because then Fabian will be forever in debt to me. But what are the chances?

"Lyna, how much confidence do you have in this?" Yvette had to know for sure the risk she was about to take.

"There is an eighty percent chance of success."

Lyna gave her an estimation and started to elaborate, "Wayne, the general manager of Phoenix Group, has already given in. With him at our side, a lot of upper management will be taking the same stand. Besides, we have our people in nearly all the industries of Phoenix Group. Therefore, technically it will not be difficult to defeat Fabian. The key lies in the stock market. George has figured out that Phoenix Group possesses around five billion worth of current assets. He said that with five hundred million, he would be able to control all the current assets. So right now, you play a crucial part in this."

Carefully analyzing the whole strategy, Yvette asked with doubt, "Can we trust George in this? Is he really capable of achieving what he said with five hundred million?"

Lyna's lips curled into a smile. "You'll be putting in three hundred million, that is, if you agreed to. But for me – I'm going all in, including putting my own life on the line. If I have the slightest doubt, do you think I will tell you this? Besides, since William and Waylon have been exposed, I believe Fabian will take his next move soon. If he does, I'm afraid the whole situation will turn against us, and we will be sitting ducks by then."