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When he said those words, it was barely audible even though he had done so when he reached over.

Victoria had been restless, but when she heard those words, she could only gently blink and look at Ethan.

Ethan took the initiative to wipe the beads of sweat that had gathered on Victoria's head and immediately retracted his hand.

She regained her composure after that. In actual fact, when Ethan informed her that Alaric was safe, she still couldn't help but be worried. Even though he had explained the situation in a soft voice, she was still worried.

After all, she had been greatly affected by that photo she saw.

She felt that it was all a dream because her heart still raced. Even though it might have been a dream, what if the events that occurred in the dream turned out to be a reality?

At this, she took a deep breath and asked in a manner that seemed unintentional. "Mr. Hudson, have you had nightmares before?"

As soon as she asked that, everyone looked at her.

Ethan never expected that Victoria would speak to him, so he was stunned. Then, he

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answered, "Yup."

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Victoria remained silent thereafter, which prompted Ethan to look at her as he comforted her, "Miss Selwyn, there's a reason why it's called a dream. It's the opposite of the reality. You're not in the best of health, so stop thinking about this. Why don't you rest for a while more? We should be arriving at any moment."

Those around them also listened to them attentively as they noticed Victoria's pale face earlier, which left them frightened.

When they heard that Ethan was merely comforting her, they did not object to his words and even echoed, "That's right, Miss Selwyn. Dreams are the opposite of reality. So, if you dream about bad things, then you'll have good news in reality."

"Yes, yes. I used to have nightmares all the time when I was younger. Maybe it's because I was nervous about my grades. It all went away once I relaxed. So, the dreams were merely scaring me only."

Everyone assisted Ethan in convincing Victoria, who then fell asleep again not long after.

They were all finally relieved to see her even breathing and whispered, "Thank heavens."

If something were to happen to Miss Selwyn, we'd be screwed, knowing Mr. Morison's temper."

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"Yeah. We're here to protect Miss Selwyn, but her emotions seem off. We'll need to keep an eye on her and try to make her happy."

Everyone chatted for a while as they brainstormed.

By the time Victoria woke up again, the plane was already preparing to land on the runway. Because of the nightmares that she had, she was still groggy but became much more energetic after learning about their landing.

Has the plane finally arrived?

Can I finally meet Alaric?

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At that, there was joy in Victoria's heart as her lips curled upward to reveal a faint smile.

It had not been long since they last met, but she already started to miss him deeply.

However, she needed to create an opportunity to inform Terrance and the others.

Unfortunately for her, the toilet on the plane was inaccessible at the time of the landing, so she could only search for opportunities once she had alighted.

After alighting from the plane, Victoria tried to excuse herself to the toilet when she

heard Ethan saying, "Miss Selwyn, before we leave, you must surrender your phone and

any electronic devices to me."

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At this, she glanced at him. "Surrender my phone?"

"Yup."

She had not even found an opportunity to text Terrance on top of not knowing where she was at the moment.

What is going on? Didn't Bane use Alaric to suppress me? So, why is he so scared that I'll inform the others? I mean, even if I do, doesn't he know that I won't escape?

Victoria was slightly unhappy upon thinking about this.

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When he saw that Victoria was standing still, Ethan reminded her, "Miss Selwyn, if you want to see Mr. Cadogan, please don't make our lives difficult and delay our time. If you

hand your

phone over earlier, we'll be there much sooner. Why don't we leave at one? Of

course, if you're unwilling to surrender your devices, we have the time to accompany you too."

Ethan seemed to be a different person now that he was off the plane.

It also looked like whatever communication that was blocked on the plane was now restored, which meant that they would be monitored. Judging from the situation at hand, Victoria had no choice but to surrender her phone.

At this thought, she could only take out her phone to pass it to Ethan, who then

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switched off her phone and removed the SIM card.

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*She was speechless at his action. Sure enough, it's the same modus operandi. Don't tel
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me you'll destroy the SIM card first before returning my phone?

However, she was wrong this time.

Ethan kept her phone with him instead of returning it to her. "Let's go."

After that, under Ethan's guidance, they all went to an underground parking garage.

However, as soon as they arrived, someone took out a pair of glasses and handed them

to Victoria. "Please wear this, Miss Selwyn."

"Glasses?" Victoria could not understand the other party's intention. "For what?"

"If you want to depart, you have to wear this."

She was once again speechless.

After she wore the said glasses that they gave her and looked around, she realized that

it was not an ordinary pair of glasses, but rather the kind that blocked one's vision.

In short, once she wore the glasses, she was like a blind person.

On top of confiscating her cell phone, they did not even want her to know the road

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conditions to their final destination.

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Now that she was wearing the blindfold glasses, she couldn't help but laugh. "It's just a car ride. Do you have to gag me to prevent me from yelling?"

Her question was enough to cause total silence in the vehicle.

A second later, they saw her stretching her hands in their direction as she suggested, "Why don't you bind my hands too?"

When they saw how insistent she was, they retracted their necks and lost the courage to speak for a while as they took a step back.

Ethan merely stood there, partly because he never expected Victoria to be extremely displeased.

As he was hesitating on his next move, he heard Bane's voice coming from the earphones.

"Her temper..." Bane was helpless as he sighed and finally continued, "If you force her even more, I'm worried that it'll only make her angrier. Since the phone has been confiscated, if she doesn't want to wear the blindfold glasses, then she doesn't have to."

*After receiving Bane's instructions, Ethan turned to Victoria. "Miss Selwyn, since you
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don't want to wear the glasses, then you don't have to. Our car is in front. Let's go."*

She stood there and stared at Ethan as she twirled the glasses. "Are you sure? I can choose not to wear it if I don't want to?"

After saying that, Victoria threw the item onto the ground,

When Ethan saw her doing that, he nodded and responded with a muffled voice, "Let's go, Miss Selwyn."

It was only at that moment that Victoria was willing to follow Ethan.

Everyone else only dared to make a move after that.

At the sight of the blindfold glasses that she threw onto the ground, someone picked it up and kept it in the pocket of his pants.

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When Victoria entered the car, she noticed that the passenger seat was empty, so she decided to sit there without further ado. Initially, it was supposed to be Ethan's seat. So, when the driver saw her sitting there, he glanced at Ethan.

"Miss Selwyn, it's not safe to sit in the front seat. How about-"

"Do I not have the right to choose my own seat?" she interrupted.

"Let her sit there as long as she's happy." A voice came through the earpiece. It was Bane. Ethan remained silent, and everyone entered the car one by one.

Since Victoria had previously worn blindfold glasses, no precautions were taken inside the car. She could see the street view clearly from the car and even read license plates.

It didn't take her long to figure out their destination. So, she leisurely looked out the

window, observing the scenery and buildings. The journey lasted about an hour, and they finally arrived at their destination.

She followed Ethan as they exited the car, and the first thing she asked after getting out was, "Where is Alaric?"

Ethan didn't respond. Instead, a person who had approached from the house entrance took his place. After a brief conversation with that person, Ethan left, and he glanced at her before departing. Her heart sank at the sight of him leaving. Was his only task to
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escort her here and then leave?

As expected, Ethan got back in the car and quickly drove away. Once he disappeared from her sight, the person who replaced him approached Victoria. His gaze fixed on her like that of a venomous snake.

"Hello, Miss Selwyn. Please follow me," he said.

For some reason, she felt as if she had become the target of a venomous snake the moment she met his gaze. Instinctively, she furrowed her brows but had no choice but to follow him. She walked behind him as he led her inside. He brought her to a room, and as she stood by the doorway and took a quick glance inside, she asked, "Where is Alaric? Where is Bane?"

"We don't know, but Mr. Morison has instructed that this will be your room from now on."

She was rendered speechless upon hearing that, so she stared at him. "What do you mean? I didn't come here to stay. You promised that I could come and see-"

However, before she could finish her sentence, a high-pitched voice echoed from downstairs.

"What's with the fuss?" Victoria's gaze followed the voice and saw a girl in a pink dress

walking toward them. She had curly hair and vibrant nail polish, exuding the impression
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of a beautiful young girl.

As soon as the girl spotted Victoria, she narrowed her eyes and asked, "Are you the woman Bane loves but can't have?"

Victoria was taken aback by her words.

The girl scanned Victoria from head to toe, and a flicker of astonishment crossed her eyes but was quickly replaced by annoyance. She exclaimed, "What's this? I thought you would be far prettier. It turns out, you're just average."

Victoria was at a loss for words, and her eyebrows furrowed in response. Who was this random girl? She hadn't come here to engage with her. So, she turned to look at the person who was interacting with Ethan.

"I want to see Bane," she demanded. She had rushed over here overnight just to see Alaric.

Instead, the girl turned and asked, "What's going on, Leon?"

Leon replied, "Ms. Rainee, Mr. Morison wanted her to stay in her own room."

"Oh, then why is she still here? Let her go into the room," the girl retorted.

"Well, this young lady might have other demands and might not be willing-

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Before Leon

could finish his sentence, the girl suddenly reached out and pushed Victoria into the room, quickly closing the door. Although Leon disliked Victoria for influencing Bane, he didn't dare to touch her. Yet, he didn't expect Rainee to

suddenly push her into the room and shut the door.

"Ms. Rainee..."

Rainee tilted her chin and looked at him. "What's wrong? Didn't you say she didn't want

to go in? So, I used the most straightforward method to make her go in. Bane doesn't want her wandering around, right? So, hurry up and lock the door."

After a brief moment of confusion, he smiled. "You're right, Ms. Rainee. I'll lock the door right away."

They quickly came to an agreement and locked the door before leaving. As they departed, their footsteps were light and hurried, and they naturally didn't notice the person inside the room falling after being pushed.

Victoria never expected that the girl, who already appeared domineering, would suddenly make a move on her and push her inside. Her head hit the ground hard, causing sharp pain and making her see stars. She tried to prop herself up with her hand

and sit-up, but her vision became dizzy, and she felt too weak to support herself.

She reached back to touch the back of her head and felt it was wet. However, before she could look at her wet palm, she lost consciousness once again.

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Leon followed Rainee as they walked down the stairs. "Ms. Rainee, what you did might upset Mr. Morison," he said.

"What's there to be upset about? Doesn't he want to confine that woman? I was just helping him out since she wouldn't listen. Bane should be grateful to me," she replied.

"But... what if she gets hurt because you pushed her?"

"Come on, it was just a slight push. She's an adult, not a child. Do you think she's made

of sand that she gets injured from a mere push? Besides, she wants to compete with me for Bane. What's wrong with teaching her a lesson? Don't worry, it's nothing." She dismissed any guilt about pushing Victoria.

“A push might not be a big deal, but have you considered that she might complain to Bane about you? After all, Bane values her a great deal, so he will definitely care about what she says.”

*“She wouldn’t dare!” She gritted her teeth and seethed, “I’ll make her sorry *ss regret it if she dares to complain.” After she said that, she thought of something and turned to look at Leon. “I helped you today, so you shouldn’t tell anyone about this.”*

Leon smiled and nodded. “Don’t worry. I’ve always been on your side. If you don’t want me to say anything, I won’t. But you shouldn’t show off in front of Bane and admit it just

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out of loyalty.”

“Will you help me, then?”

“Of course.”

“Let’s just say that Victoria didn’t want to stay in the room, so she injured herself?”

“Yes.”

“Sounds good.”

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Rainee smiled contentedly. “Leon, you’re always good to me. I wouldn’t ask for anything

else if Bane treats me half as well as you do.”

As Leon looked at the fair-skinned and delicately dressed girl in front of him, he lowered

his gaze, concealing the sinister glint in his eyes. “Ms. Rainee, you’re beautiful. As long as you put some thought into it, most men won’t be able to resist you.”

“Is that so?” She didn’t notice his sinister gaze and got lost in her own thoughts after hearing his praises. After she thought his words over for a while, she smiled again,

revealing two sweet dimples. "You're right. In the past, I didn't have a chance to spend time with Bane. As long as I work hard in the future, he will definitely acknowledge me. By then, he won't want that woman anymore."

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After Rainee made up her mind, she felt her heart flutter with glee. Then, she turned and asked, "By the way, Leon, where is Bane now? When will he be back?"

"Mr. Morison is currently dealing with some urgent matters and will probably return in the evening. Ms. Rainee, how about staying for dinner?"

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She nodded. "Alright, I'll stay then." Afterward, she glanced at the room that had been tightly shut earlier and snorted, "It's been a long time since Bane was here, but now he's come back just for that woman."

The more she thought about it, the angrier she became. She regretted not pushing Victoria harder earlier. Well, whatever. As long as she stayed here frequently, she would have plenty of opportunities to teach Victoria a lesson.

After Rainee decided to stay, she had Leon order the staff to clean up the room for her and bring her luggage over. She settled into the room right next to Bane's room. Three hours had passed by the time everything was settled. She lay on her large bed for a while before getting up and approaching Leon with a question. "By the way, did that woman Bane brought back cause any trouble?"

Leon had been busy assisting Rainee, so he hadn't paid attention to Victoria. When he heard her question, he finally remembered Victoria and shook his head. "No."

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Rainee was surprised by his response and raised an eyebrow. "Didn't she say she didn't want to be with Bane at all? But she didn't make any noise or cause any trouble after being locked in the room. Don't you think it's strange?"

Leon seemed to realize something was off upon hearing that. However, his thoughts and Rainee's were completely different.

"Are the rumors even accurate? It seems like she doesn't mind at all. Maybe she couldn't wait to come here?"

Leon felt a bit worried. After all, he knew some things. Victoria's reluctance to come over was not an act, but genuine. Yet, given the current situation... His expression changed as he thought of something—what if Rainee hurt Victoria with that push earlier? After all, she used quite a bit of force. What if...

Unfortunately, Rainee had a completely different mindset. She still believed that Victoria was just pretending. "She's playing hard to get with Bane, and she's quite good at it. This woman is truly cunning."

He sighed. Well, he'd better go back and check on her himself.

Just as Leon was about to leave, Rainee called out, "Oh, Leon, could you please make a

phone call to ask when Bane will be back? I really miss him."

He hesitated and said, "Well... I'm afraid I have to attend to Miss Selwyn first."

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"Why do you need to? Let her pretend if she wants to. We don't need to bother with her," Rainee replied nonchalantly. Then, she took matters into her own hands and grabbed

Leon's arm, pulling him away. Regardless, as soon as they reached the downstairs area ,

they heard a voice from outside.

"Ah!" Instantly, her excitement grew upon recognizing the voice. "It sounds like Bane is back!"

She released Leon's arm and ran toward the main door. "Bane! You're back!"

As Bane entered the house, he handed his coat to a servant and noticed her rushing toward him. He narrowed his eyes. "Rainee? What are you doing here?"

His cold demeanor made her stop in her tracks when she neared him. She stood in front of him, feeling uncertain. Her heart sank as she heard his cold tone while speaking to her, and she became somewhat timid. She spoke softly, "I... I missed you, so I came to see you."

Unfortunately, Bane looked at her as if she were a stranger. After she finished explaining herself, he ordered coldly, "Someone send her home."

Leon, who had been following them, reluctantly nodded. "Alright, Mr. Morison."

"No!" She immediately resisted. "Bane, it's been so long since we've seen each other. I finally managed to take some time off to come and see you. Do you really dislike me so

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terribly?"

Clearly, Bane's attention was not focused on her at all. He remained indifferent even after hearing her words. Instead, he replied coldly, "I don't have time to entertain you right now. Leave and come back another time."

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After he finished speaking, he walked upstairs without paying any further attention to her. He had more important things to attend to. It had been almost a day since Victoria

arrived, and if it weren't for the matters he needed to handle, he would have returned earlier.

Yet, at that moment, Rainee stopped him once more. "Why don't you have time to entertain me? Is it because of the woman upstairs?"

Bane, who was originally walking toward the stairs, paused and turned to look at her. His gaze instantly turned icy cold. "What did you say?" In the next moment, his gaze shifted toward Leon standing beside her. "Leon!"

Leon immediately tensed up, his body stiffening as he nervously explained, "I'm sorry, Mr. Morison. When I brought Miss Selwyn back, Ms. Rainee happened to come over."

"Bane, I heard that you put in a lot of effort to find that woman, but I want to tell you, don't let that woman deceive you. Her saying that she doesn't want to stay by your side is all a lie. She's just playing games, acting 'hard to get'," Rainee interjected.

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Bane dangerously narrowed his eyes upon hearing that. "What nonsense are you spouting?"

"It's true, Bane. If you don't believe me, ask Leon!" She even pulled Leon into the conversation. "She has been in the room ever since she arrived and hasn't come out even once."

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"She hasn't come out?" As Bane heard these words, he instantly sensed something was amiss. "What's going on?"

Leon didn't know how to respond to the question and stood there in a daze. His reaction made Bane feel uneasy, and he didn't have time to bother about Rainee's comings and goings. Instead, he turned and headed upstairs in long strides, taking

three steps at a time.

“Bane!” Rainee exclaimed. She and Leon quickly caught up with his pace.

Before Rainee appeared, Bane had already arranged the room for Victoria to stay in, so

he naturally knew which room she was in. He pushed open the door and saw Victoria lying unconscious on the ground.

“Victoria!”

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Rainee and Leon, who had followed Bane in, looked at the scene before them in shock, and the two exchanged a glance.

“How did this happen?”

Bane had already wrapped his arms around Victoria’s waist and picked her up from the ground, his expression icy as he ordered, “Get a doctor here now.”

Although he had not a single clue as to what happened here, all of his emotions were instantaneously taken over by worry the moment he saw her sprawled on the ground.

He did not feel anything other than concern, terrified that she was hurt.

Hence, his first reaction was to carry her and instruct Leon to call a doctor over. Then, with Victoria in his arms, he carefully placed her on the soft and large bed.

While Leon left to look for a doctor, Rainee stayed behind. Then, she watched as Bane carried Victoria to bed, and how tenderly he treated her, as if he were handling something precious and fragile.

Her heart was filled to the brim with envy at the sight. In all the time she had known

Bane, she had never seen him treat a woman with this much care. What did this

woman do to deserve special treatment from him? Did he genuinely have feelings for her?

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that, Rainee couldn't help but raise her head to look at him, biting her lip as she asked, "Bane, do you like her?"

However, it was as if Bane didn't hear a single word she uttered, and he acted as if she wasn't even in the room. This angered Rainee; how could he pretend to not see her?

In the midst of her fury, she lashed out, "Bane, you must not trust this woman. She was perfectly fine during the day, so why did she faint out of nowhere? Don't fall for her lies."

Most likely annoyed by her constant rambling, Bane finally lifted his gaze to shoot her an impatient glance.

"Get out."

His voice was icy and heartless, and Rainee's face fell when she heard his tone.

"Are you chasing me out, Bane? It took a lot of effort for me to find the time to see you. I don't want to go."

At that, she squeezed a few tears out of the corners of her eyes and said, "Don't chase me away, Bane, okay?"

Bane was planning to check if Victoria had any wounds on her, and when he lifted her hair up and saw the injury on her forehead, his gaze immediately turned cold as he asked icily, "Why is there a wound on her forehead?"

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At that, Rainee jolted. Her previously haughty attitude instantly vanished, and she became as silent as a quail, too afraid to say another word.

There's a wound on her forehead? How? Is it when I pushed her? But, I didn't even use much strength, so why would her forehead be injured?

Although Rainee's heart was drumming with fear, she did not voice it out loud. After all, she had already agreed with Leon that neither of them would admit that it was their doing.

At that thought, she replied in a small voice, "I'm not too sure about that. Maybe she wanted to protest being locked up in the room?"

At first, Rainee was still attempting to accuse Victoria of playing hard to get with Bane, but she was now forced to come up with a different excuse.

After Bane examined the wound on Victoria's forehead and connected the dots with what Rainee had said when he first entered, his eyes darkened. He suddenly lifted his head and trained his cold gaze on her. "Did you do something to her?"

Rainee was immediately startled by the look in his eyes, stammering, "B-Bane, what are

you saying? How could I ever do anything to her? I only met her for a moment!"

Bane's eyes were completely devoid of any warmth. "Do you think I don't know what kind of person you are?"

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"Bane, I..."

"Get out!"

Bane had always been as gentle as a lamb no matter the occasion, and he was the textbook definition of a gentleman in Rainee's eyes. Hence, his sudden change in

demeanor and his fierce tone as he talked to her completely frightened her. She froze in

place, staring at him in shock before she eventually regained her senses and ran out of the room.

As she left, she coincidentally ran into Leon who had returned with a doctor. Upon

seeing her disheveled and hasty departure, he deduced that she hadn't been able to gain a favorable reaction from Bane, and he began to grow nervous as well.

After entering the room, he was too afraid to say anything unnecessary and only reported the main point. "Mr. Morison, the doctor is here."

"Come and take a look at where she's hurt."

The doctor hurried over to examine Victoria's body, and upon seeing the wound on her forehead, he hastily disinfected the wound and took care of it before saying, "It seems like it's been quite a while since she got this injury."

Next to him, Bane's eyes narrowed dangerously at his words, and the air around him turned icy.

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Leon couldn't stop the tremor that coursed through his body. He expected Bane to berate him, but instead, Bane only reminded the doctor to conduct a thorough examination of Victoria before he turned his gaze toward him.

"What exactly happened?"

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After hearing that, Leon immediately explained without any hesitation, "Mr. Morison, Mr. Hudson did indeed send Miss Selwyn over as per your instructions. I was planning to take her back to her room as well, but she insisted on seeing you... Hence, we stayed at the door for a while, but Ms. Rainee showed up at this moment. She lost her temper after seeing Miss Selwyn and said that she wanted to teach her a lesson on your behalf, so they got into an argument."

Bane quietly listened as he spoke, and it was only after he ended his speech that the corners of Bane's lips curled up as he let out a chortle.

“Got into... an argument?”

Leon nodded. “Yes, Mr. Morison.”

“Do you think I’ll believe that nonsense?”

When Victoria arrived, both her heart and soul were completely devoted to Alaric, and there were only two people she was here to see—one was Alaric, and the other was Bane himself. Moreover, Alaric was the reason why she wanted to meet him.

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*He understood her too well and knew that she would not allow herself to waste any of
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her time, much less start an argument with someone else. Besides, the argument Leon spoke of was most likely one-sided.

Seeing that he was unable to hide the truth from Bane, Leon hurriedly corrected himself, “I made a mistake, Mr. Morison. The conflict was actually single-handedly started by Ms. Rainee.”

“What did she do?”

“She pushed Miss Selwyn.”

Bane’s eyes widened.

“Miss Selwyn was unwilling to enter the room, so Ms. Rainee pushed her in and told me to lock the door.”

At his words, things instantly became clear to Bane. In other words, Rainee had suddenly pushed Victoria, and as the latter had not expected her to make a move at all, she was completely caught off guard and failed to defend herself, falling to the ground as a result. Then, Leon was instructed by Rainee to lock the door. Just from his deductions alone, Bane was able to piece together what had happened then.

He turned to Leon, his eyes as cold as frost. "Did you see her fall?"

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Leon stammered, "I..."

"You saw it, but you didn't help her up, nor did you check if she was hurt. Am I right?"

"I apologize, Mr. Morison."

After realizing his mistake, Leon, who was still acting like a big shot just a while ago, could barely straighten his knees which had gone weak from fear.

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However, after Leon had admitted his mistake, Bane only remained frozen in place as if he hadn't heard his apology, his eyes glued on Victoria's body.

Meanwhile, the doctor continued his assessment. Once he finished, he removed his glasses and reported, "Mr. Morison, it seems that this lady only has some external wounds, and she should be fine everywhere else."

Next to them, Leon instantly heaved a sigh of relief upon hearing that Victoria only sustained some minor injuries. It was a relief that she was only slightly hurt. If she had been severely injured in any way, he feared that Bane would not let him off easily. At first, he had assumed that a simple push was no big deal, considering that Rainee had been the one to do so. However, he never expected this woman to be so fragile that she fainted even after a small push.

All of a sudden, the doctor said, "But..."

Bane, who had had his heart in his mouth this entire time, immediately frowned. "But what?"

"I can only assess her external wounds here, but as this lady has hurt her head, it's best to take her to the hospital after she awakens for further examination and rule out any other risks."

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Hearing that, Bane instantly understood and asked, "Can we go now?"

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The doctor hesitated for a moment before saying, "It's not like you can't, but... Since we don't know how long she's been unconscious, you should be careful if you take her to the hospital now."

As soon as the doctor finished speaking, Bane had already lifted her in his arms, coldly instructing Leon, "Get the car ready."

Leon immediately heeded his orders and left.

Thinking that his work was done, the doctor was just about to leave after informing Bane when the latter suddenly said, "You come with us. In case something happens on the way there."

Hearing that, he found Bane's words reasonable and nodded before handing his first aid kit to an assistant.

The assistant soon caught up with them with the first aid kit in hand. The car they had prepared was spacious, and the seats were already reclined by the time they arrived.

After entering the car, Bane carefully placed Victoria on one of the seats. Then, recalling something, he removed his jacket and spread it over her unconscious body.

Once they had hastily completed the necessary preparations, the driver inquired, "Mr. Morison, can we leave now?"

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Bane nodded, ordering in a cold voice, "Yes."

Finally, they began to make their way to their destination. On the path to the hospital, Bane's gaze did not stray from Victoria for a single second.

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She truly appeared serene and meek as she lay unconscious, and her fair complexion and supple, rosy cheeks made her seem so delicate that she might break from the gentlest breeze. Hence, in her current state, the wound on her forehead appeared even more frightening.

As Bane recalled the reason behind her wound, the air around him turned cold.

However, he could only hold himself back for now from settling the score. Now, the most important task at hand was to treat Victoria's wound.

After arriving at the hospital, they were hastily arranging for the necessary checkup procedures when Victoria suddenly regained consciousness.

Although she was set to undergo an examination, when the person who was waiting by

her side noticed that she had woken up, they excitedly informed the rest. "She's awake."

At first, Bane had been going through a list of procedures, not expecting her to wake up right after he placed her down. Immediately, he abandoned his current task and placed the list down before striding toward her in large steps.

When Victoria opened her eyes, she was immediately faced with many unfamiliar faces

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that were staring at her.

She furrowed her brows slightly and tried to speak. "You..."

"Victoria, you're awake."

As soon as Bane's voice emerged, the people surrounding her tactfully moved away to make way for him. Once he walked over, he helped Victoria up.

"It's good that you're awake. Do you feel uncomfortable anywhere?"

Looking at the man in front of her, Victoria only felt as if she were looking at a stranger.

However, he was holding her, and his tone as well as his gaze were filled with concern.

And yet, she did not recognize him at all.

"You are?"

Her first question caused Bane to freeze in place. "Hm?"

He thought that he had misheard. Why else would she ask him who he was? However,

Victoria's next words made him thoroughly realize that he had not heard her wrongly at all.

“Who are you?” Victoria asked once more. This time, her words were clearer, and the look in her eyes slowly became dubious as she stared at Bane.

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Not only that, she looked at the people around her and asked, “Who are all of you?”

The crowd fell silent. It was not an issue if she didn’t know who they were as they hadn’t

met prior to this incident, and all they had to know about her was that she was the woman Bane had feelings for. However, why did it seem like she didn’t even recognize Bane?

Seeing the wound on her forehead, one of them subconsciously asked, “Did she hurt her head from the fall and forget Mr. Morison?”

“No way. How could she lose her memory just from a bump? Is that possible?”

People falling and hurting their heads was not uncommon, but it was very rare for someone to lose their memory just from hitting their head.

As Bane listened to their conversation, he furrowed his brow. She lost her memory?

“Victoria, it’s me.” A moment of silence later, he ultimately chose not to reveal his name.

“You don’t recognize me anymore?”

Hearing that, Victoria turned toward him. Her clear eyes swept across his face, and finally, with a confused look, she shook her head to show that she did, in fact, not recognize him.

Bane's frown deepened at the sight. How could she forget him from just a fall? How

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was that possible?

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Just as he was deep in thought, Victoria began struggling to sit up, inadvertently tugging on her wound in the process, and the sudden pain caused her to inhale sharply.

"Hiss..."

"Don't move." Returning to his senses, Bane hurriedly held her floundering body down.

"You're hurt, so just stay still until the examination is complete."

"Examination?" Although she did not recognize the man before her, Victoria could sense his concern toward her, and she still had her wits about her.

From their earlier conversation and her current surroundings, it appeared that something must have happened to her for her to not remember the man before her.

At that thought, she asked, "What is the examination for? Did something happen to me before this?"

At first, Bane was only suspicious of her memory loss, but her question practically confirmed that she had genuinely forgotten everything.

However, Bane did not fully believe that yet. He pursed his lips. Instead of giving her an explanation for her question, he stared at her nonchalantly before finally asking, "Do you remember the reason why you came looking for me?"

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"... was looking for you?" Victoria stared at him, repeating his question softly.

Bane nodded. "Yeah, you came here to look for me. Do you still remember why?"

Why? Victoria stared at him, her gaze a little lost. She did not know this man at all, so why would she want to meet him?

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She racked her brains for an answer, but to no avail. In fact, her head would ache with severe pain when certain thoughts crossed her mind, causing her to let out a cry uncontrollably.

"Ouch!"

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