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"Emma, are you hungry? Do you want to eat something?" Adam said in another voice.

"I just ate. Is eating all I'm allowed to do now?" Emmeline looked into the distance, despite her lack of eyesight.

"Let's do something. What do you want to do?" said Adam gently.

"I want to go home. Bring me home, please." Emmeline looked in Adam's direction.

"I can fulfill all your requests except that."

"You can't keep me here, Mr. Green. Feelings cannot be forced," said Emmeline.

Abel shook his head. "The moment I saw you, I knew I had to own you. And I won't let you go now that you're all mine. Don't ever think about leaving."

"You can't win my heart like this."

"I don't care." Adam sighed. "I won't let you leave me. Even if you don't love me."

"You disgust me," Emmeline scowled. "If you touch me, I'll fight you. If I can't kill you, I'll kill myself."

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"It's so dark here. I'm so scared. Where am I?" Emmeline pretended to be afraid.

"But that's no reason to eat grass." Adam shook off the sand and dirt on Emmeline's shirt.

"I was so scared. I guess I had a panic attack."

"It's okay. I'm here. You're safe now." Adam held Emmeline's hand. "Let's go back, shall we?"

"Where's Nightsky? I can ride on my own." Emmeline didn't want to ride with Adam. "You're not doing that. God knows where you'll wander off next time." Adam didn't leave Emmeline any choice. He carried her in his arms and put her on the horseback. On their way back, Adam didn't touch where he shouldn't touch. He knew very well that to win Emmeline over, he needed to be patient. Meanwhile, Emmeline felt discomfort in her stomach. But she acted like there was nothing. Once they were back in the mansion, Adam had his servants help Emmeline get changed. All of a sudden, Adam's assistant came with a message. "Mr. Anthony, the doctor ran away." "Henry escaped?" Adam stood up. "Before we could kill him, he had already disappeared."

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[Chapter 717](#)

A Bite

"Mr. Green, can you leave and let me sleep here?"

"No, I'll be staying here to watch over you," Adam declined gently.

"I can shout your name if I need you."

Adam didn't want to leave Emmeline's side, but he didn't want to cross her either. Before he left, he caressed Emmeline's cheek. Almost instinctively, Emmeline tried to grab hold of Adam's wrist. But Adam was quick enough to withdraw his hand.

"Emma!"

"Don't call me that, pervert!" Now that Emmeline regained some of her vigor, she decided to defend herself.

"Dammit!" Adam dodged but did not retaliate, even though Emmeline would never stand a chance against him. As Emmeline lurched forward, she tripped over.

"Ah!"

Adam caught Emmeline in his embrace. But the next thing he knew, Emmeline had already dug her teeth into his shoulder.

"Ouch!" Adam raised his palm to slap Emmeline, but he decided against it. He allowed Emmeline to bite him.

“Emma, do you feel better now?” Emmeline only let go after she tasted blood in her mouth. “You bit me. But I don’t mind it. As long as you didn’t hurt yourself.”

If Emmeline could see, she would notice that Adam was trying his best to be the sweetest person there was. Adam left Emmeline alone after the short brawl. He couldn’t take another tantrum anymore.

“Are you all right, Mr. Anthony?” asked a servant when she saw the blood on Adam’s shirt.

“Find me a doctor now.”

“Yes, Mr. Anthony.”

“And let me know once the soup is ready. I will feed her myself.”

“Yes, sir.”

The doctor came and treated Adam’s wound. As Adam changed his bloodied shirt, he suddenly recalled something. Moments ago, when Emmeline fell into his embrace, she was mere inches away from his beard. Fortunately, he had turned his head away. Otherwise, Emmeline would have easily guessed who he was through his voice and beard. After this realization, Adam shaved his beard. His clean-shaven face made him look younger. Now maybe that would be enough to impress Emmeline

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Abel is Visiting

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“Where are you, Adam?” asked Abel tersely.

“Avalan, why?”

“You’re lying. Because I’m in front of Avalan now.”

“I’m in a hotel for private business. Get it?” continued Adam.

“What private business?” Abel quizzed.

“What do you think? Either way, why did you call me?”

“I’m waiting for you in Avalan. Come when you’re done.”

“Urgh. You already ruined my mood,” grumbled Adam.

Adam was stuck in a pickle. He didn’t want to see Abel but doing so will only

rouse Abel's suspicion. As he descended downstairs to get ready to leave, his barren chin posed a problem. Adam had always kept his beard because he liked how it made him look manlier. But now that he shaved it, he needed an excuse. Or Abel would question him. If only he didn't shave it earlier.

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"Buy me a fake beard. Now." Adam commanded his assistant.

Adam's assistant and servants were befuddled by Adam's new look. Where did the beard Adam was so proud of go? Wait, was this because of Emmeline?

First, Adam changed into a kind and patient persona. And now, he even shaved his beard? What was happening?

After his assistant bought the fake beard, Adam put it on and drove to Avalan.

Indeed, Abel was waiting for him there

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Abel was already waiting in the living room. Adam pursed his lips, wondering if his men in the guard post should die because they let Abel in without his permission. Anyhow, Abel didn't look very happy. Something was about to happen.

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Adam gasped. Did Abel know that he abducted Emmeline? No. Impossible. Abel would have come with weapons in that case.

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"I am not interested in Alana. She disgusts me."

"Then why are you looking for her?"

"You don't need to know, Adam. Just tell me where she is," said Abel.

"I don't like her either. So I don't know where she is." Adam shrugged.

"Oh? Is that so?"

"Why would I lie to you? She's just a used goods. I can help you look for her. But you need to tell me why you're doing this."

"I suspect that she kidnapped Emma. If she is guilty of it, I won't just be chopping off two fingers this time."

Adam shuddered. It sounded like that statement was directed toward him.

"I see. I'm sorry about what happened to Emmeline. I'll help you look for Alana then."

"No secrets between us, Adam," said Abel.

"Of course."

"By the way," Abel added. "I have terminated all business partnerships with the Murphy Group. She's going to be disowned sooner or later."

"Evelyn Murphy? Why are you doing this to her?" asked Adam.

"She tried to harm Emma multiple times. She won't get away with it."

Adam was also mad at Evelyn too.

"Alana or Evelyn, whoever harmed Emma would be punished. By me." Abel was so furious that his grip shattered the wine glass. Blood dripped on the floor. He then left.

After Abel exited the room, Adam tossed the wine glass against the wall. "Only one of us can live, Abel," said Adam vehemently

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Janie. You Finally Show up.

The following day, Benjamin was at the Aldemar Group headquarters, listening to Eric's update on the search for Emmeline. There was a knock on the door. "Come in," Benjamin said.

Jory, his secretary, opened the door and informed him that Alondra, Emmeline's mother, was there to see him. Benjamin raised an eyebrow at the unexpected visit. He wondered why she was here at the

same time he also hoped that she might have some information about her daughter's whereabouts. Thanks, Jocy. Please let her in," Benjamin said.

Alondra entered, dressed up and wearing heavy makeup. Eric reported that they had no new information and that he planned to gather more intel. "Thank you, Eric. You can go now. Benjamin said, waving his hand.

Alondra asked if there was any news about Emmeline. Benjamin assured her. "Abel and I are still looking for her, Benjamin said. "From what we can tell, Emma is at least safe. There have been no bad reports from the police stations throughout the capital."

Alondra expressed her worry, "That's good," Alondra shed two tears. "I'm always worried about Emma. I can't sleep at night. Benjamin comforted her and promised that they would find Emmeline. Then Alondra brought up Waylon, "Also, that Mr. Waylon prepared such a generous dowry for Emma the other day, we haven't thanked him yet. She wanted to thank him and had even booked a hotel to invite him to dinner.

Benjamin hesitated, as he knew Waylon didn't need any gratitude from the Lane family and Benjamin didn't want to speak on his behalf. But Alondra insisted that it was a matter of gratitude from the Lane family.

Alondra said. "Can you help me make an appointment with Mr. Aldemar?" Benjamin found himself unable to refuse on Waylon's behalf. "Waylon isn't here," Benjamin informed Alondra. "He's at the Nightfall."

"In the Nightfall? Then I'll go find him, Alondra exclaimed happily. "I've already booked the hotel and will wait for our honored guest."

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"Alright, go ahead," Benjamin replied, leaning forward in his large armchair to indicate he was seeing her

ft Aldemar and headed to Nightfall Cafe. Benjamin was about to reach for his bout the search for Emmeline, but he received an unfamiliar call. He didn't have time to answer, so he rejected the call. However, the unknown number called again before he could retrieve Abel's number. Impatiently, Benjamin swiped to answer. "Who's this?"

"Mr. Benjamin, it's me, Janie," a soft voice spoke from the other end.

Janie Eastwood!

Benjamin froze, then stood up from his chair and let out a low roar. "Janic, you finally showed up! Emma had an accident. I hope you are satisfied now." Though Janie was sobbing, there was no response.

"Where are you? Tell me! I'll come to you!" Benjamin insisted on meeting her personally.

Janie spoke, "I'm in the private room at the end of the tea house opposite Aldemar Group."

Benjamin hung up the call and rushed out of the CEO's office, grabbing his coat. The receptionist, Joey, was startled and quickly informed Eric through the internal line. "Eric, hurry up! Mr. Benjamin just rushed out in a hurry." Without hesitation, Eric called the bodyguards to follow.

In just a few minutes, Benjamin arrived at the private room opposite Aldemar and saw Janie, who wore a black casual dress and looked tired. Benjamin was furious, but seeing her like this, he suppressed his anger. "You're back?"

"I'm sorry." Janie replied in a low voice. "I didn't expect things to turn out this way."

Benjamin furrowed his brow and asked in a hoarse voice, "Do you know that Emma had an accident?"