

## Nuisance

"Doll?" Cole raised his eyebrows. "Since when are you and Beau on terms of endearment-level friendship?"

"Since yesterday." She sighed and pointed at the benches by the end of the building. They walked down to sit, Cole, watching her carefully.

"What happened?"

"Aaron told me he was on a job with Beau, Susan told Beau she was on a job with Nissa. Aaron told Beau he and I were going out of town for the weekend. Beau had to come to Sloane and ran into Nissa, and then he ran into me at the coffee shop."

Cole closed his eyes. "Please tell me I'm not about to go take out Aaron Denton." he said quietly.

"Beau activated their trackers. They were in Maine, in Winter Harbor, together." Evie's eyes filled with tears as the pain of that betrayal hit her all over again.

"Evie, I'm so sorry." He pulled her into his arms and held her while she cried. "I'm going to take my time with him." He snarled. He couldn't believe Aaron would be so cruel to her and Beau.

"Please, Cole, don't. We have a plan, but I'm struggling right now. Aaron tried to hug me today, and I had a panic attack followed by a full meltdown, and Beau had to come to get me out of there."

"Do you need a place to stay? Lana and the kids would love to see you, and Aaron will never find you there."

"I'm staying with Beau. Susan accused Beau of cheating on her with me and asked for a separation. They don't know we know they're cheating right now; they think we found out they've been doing jobs together for the last ten months, and they hid it from us. Aaron has been treating me like dirt for the last two, and it came to a head on Friday when I asked Aaron for a divorce, but he asked for a chance to fix our marriage. Between that and finding out he's been cheating and using the house my parents let me to do it in, I can't be near him."

"I thought you and Beau hated each other." Cole frowned. "What do you need from me?"

"Aaron told me and Beau that we hated one another so that we wouldn't talk, but we get along really well, and Susan needs proof Beau is cheating. They have a prenup which means Beau needs proof too. I want proof that Aaron is cheating. We need your help."

"Not a problem, Nuisance. I'll get it for you. Won't staying with Beau give Susan the proof she needs?"

"We're just friends; there's no way to get into the condo without an access card. Beau never gave one to her; the condo is his place from before, and he kept it to have his own space. Besides, even if we were to get together, she asked for a separation, so it wouldn't count." <sup>d</sup>

"Alright. I'm guessing you don't want anyone here to know?"

"I think Beau is going to tell Tommy he wants some time off, but he'll have to keep it to himself as Beau's employer." She was sitting in Cole's arms with her head on his shoulder and looked up at him seriously. "No one can know, Cole. We don't know who is covering for them. We knew you and Thorn wouldn't because you love me so much. Beau doesn't think Sean would hide it from him, but everyone else prefers Aaron over Beau and me."

"Thorn definitely can't know." Cole shook his head. "He'll tear Aaron apart and put him back together so he can do it again."

"That's why I need your help Bubs. I know you really want to go play avenger, but you won't because I need you."

"Let me work out a plan, and I'll be in touch in a few days." He hugged her tightly. "If you need anything, even if it's just a hug, call me, okay? I'll be there as fast as I can."

"Thanks, Bubs."