

CAN'T WIN ME BACK

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The once lively and fashion-loving Julien now seemed like a star that had lost its light. The radiance that once defined him had vanished. Julien walked past Jonah without stopping.

The short distance between them gave Jonah a painfully clear view of the cross-shaped scar on Julien's cheek.

His heart wrenched, the pain so intense that his vision blurred. He staggered.

"Jonah, are you alright?"

Fortunately, Landon was beside him and caught him just in time.

Staring at Julien's slim figure, Jonah parted his dry lips, but no words came out.

Bitterness filled the back of his throat, and his longing for Julien sent sharp, stabbing pains through his body.

Julien stopped beside Jasper, offering him a small smile and a nod as a greeting.

Then, his gaze turned fierce as he locked eyes with Justin's hypocritical expression.

"My name is Julien Lovelace. I was once Mr. Jasper's primary physician. Approximately six months ago, Mr. Jasper made a deal with Jameson to rescue Ms. Alyssa when she was being held captive on an island.

"The deal was simple-Mr. Jasper had to consume poison in exchange for Ms. Alyssa's safe return to her family." The revelation sent shockwaves through the crowd.

"I remember this! Jameson, the chairman of Schmidt Group, kidnapped Ms. Alyssa and took her to an island. Some say it was due to his unrequited love, while others claim he was desperate and used her as leverage for his freedom. Either way, it happened!"

The reporters murmured among themselves.

"That's right! Ms. Alyssa was rescued, but Mr. Jasper was rushed to the ER. The Becketts tried to keep it quiet, but in this day and age, nothing stays a secret forever. Many of us have heard whispers about this."

"If that's the case, then what Dr. Lovelace just said makes perfect sense!"

Alyssa closed her reddened eyes momentarily. The harrowing memories of her captivity on the island resurfaced. She had been unconscious when Jasper arrived to save her.

She had no idea how he struck a deal with the devil, but she knew one thing-Jasper had risked his life without hesitation to bring her back.

She didn't know if she would ever have the chance to give him her all in return.

Julien pulled out an examination report from his pocket. His gaze was unwavering as he presented it to the room.

"This is Mr. Jasper's earliest brain scan and blood test results. These documents were issued by Solana City's most reputable medical center, and I personally signed off on them.

"The stamp on the document proves their authenticity, and these reports are legally recognized by the authorities. They are the only copies, eliminating any possibility of forgery.

"Due to the consumption of a potent drug, Mr. Jasper suffered brain damage, and many of his bodily functions were severely impaired. I conducted a blood test at the time, and the results match his current condition.

"Traces of narcotics remain in his system, proving just how pure the drugs Jameson gave him were."

The crowd gasped.

"Oh, my goodness! How cruel!"

"Though I wasn't directly involved in the rescue, Interpol's Kontinian team and armed forces participated in Jameson's arrest when they rescued Ms. Alyssa and Mr. Jasper. They can testify to Mr. Jasper's condition at the time."

Julien's words were firm and resolute. No one could refute him.

A dark expression settled on Justin's face as he stood on stage.

Threats, murder, manipulation... He had always believed that with enough cunning, he could control the world. But this time, he had miscalculated.

He thought that driving a wedge between Julien and Jonah would be enough to break Julien's spirit, making him abandon both the Taylor family and Jasper.

He assumed Julien would disappear from their lives forever.

For a while, he even believed he had won.

But now, Julien's public testimony was like a slap across his face. He had underestimated human nature.

Without friends or loved ones, Justin had always been ruthless and indifferent. He could never comprehend the true weight of friendships.

Not all friendships were born from shared ideals.

Even those who stood on opposite sides—light and dark, justice and corruption—could still seek the light.

"I was absent due to personal reasons and had to recuperate overseas. It has been less than half a year since I left.

"Yet, in that short time, a certain self-righteous, ill-intentioned individual made a spectacle of Mr. Jasper's condition, attempting to brand him a drug addict and bring him down all to seize power."

Julien narrowed his eyes slightly as he descended from the stage, stopping right in front of Justin. "Mr. Justin, your scripted tale is quite entertaining, but it's riddled with holes.

"According to your story, Mr. Jasper brought this upon himself by becoming a drug addict. But what about you?

"Aren't you nothing more than a sewer rat crawling onto the table to steal someone else's champagne and cheese?"