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Jasper stood there, unfazed by the words hurled at him. He was immune to the shaming as he had gone

through it many times.

Jonah approached him with a sour face and advised him, "Mr. Beckett, Lyse hasn't met Liam for a long

time. I think she'd prefer meeting him over you. Your presence will not help her recovery.

"You'll only be standing in the way of a family reunion. You don't have to worry now that she's with family.

There's no reason for you to stay. Please go home."

Jonah's eyes looked dead as he addressed Jasper in a flat tone. Despite that, Jasper felt the stabbing

pain from Jonah's words that froze his blood.

Outside the hospital, the outpour had stopped. The skies brightened, like a melancholic swath of blue

velvet.

Jasper walked out with heavy footsteps, gripping a wet coat in his hand. He seemed to feel Alyssa's

lingering warmth on the fabric. Feeling chilly, he clutched the coat tighter. 1

"Jasper, Lyse has given up too much for you."

"Did you know that she almost lost her life because of you? To go after you, she-"

To go after him? What for? What had she given up?

Jasper wondered what had happened before this. He was plagued by Liam's words. It was then he felt a

head-splitting headache creeping up.

"Jasper!"

"Mr. Beckett!"

Jasper lifted his gaze in difficulty as drops of sweat trickled down his chiseled face. In a blur, he saw

Landon and Xavier running toward him.

"Jasper, you look pale! Are you okay?"

'I'm fine." Jasper hung his head and stared listlessly at the coat in his hand.

"How about Madam? Did you manage to find her? How's she doing?" Xavier questioned anxiously.

Before Jasper had a chance to answer, a tall figure brushed past his shoulder and headed for the

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"Hey, Sean Lynch, watch where you're going!" Xavier bellowed at Sean while pointing a finger at the latter. The encounter left Jasper trembling like a leaf in the wind despite his tall, bulky frame.

Sean spun around and snickered at Jasper. "Hah."

"Fuck ... What's with that attitude? Mr. Beckett saved Ms. Alyssa, you know?" Xavier was enraged and

almost wanted to fight Sean.

"He owed her that much. I'll consider it as making amends. Don't ever dream that I'd thank him," Sean

hissed through gritted teeth and entered the hospital.

At that moment, Jasper felt his chest tighten and his forehead dotted by sweat. He dug his fingernails

deep and hard into his palm but couldn't feel the pain amid the agony that shot through his back and

tortured his spirit.

"Jasper, you don't look okay! Let's go to the hospital... Jasper-" Midway through Landon's persuasion,

Jasper could not hold back and coughed up a mouthful of blood.

"Mr. Beckett!" Xavier was on the brink of tears. Sean looked similarly shocked at Jasper, who was

vomiting blood out of the blue.

Following that, Jasper's body trembled as he collapsed onto the floor.

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Xavier, Sean, and Landon were shocked by Jasper's sudden fainting spell. Fortunately, they happened to

be just outside the hospital's entrance.

Without hesitation, Landon and Xavier rushed to assist the doctors and nurses in sending Jasper into the

emergency room.

Meanwhile, Sean found himself rooted to the spot at the far end of the corridor. He watched with concern

as they wheeled the pale Jasper with blood-stained lips into the emergency room.

Why did Jasper suddenly faint? Was it a ploy to gain sympathy?

None of it added up. Jasper had seemed perfectly fine throughout their journey to the hospital until this

sudden collapse.

"Mr. Landon, is Mr. Beckett going to be..." Xavier clenched his fists, tears welling up in his eyes.

"He'll be alright," Landon reassured him. He glanced fearfully at the emergency room sign and mumbled,

Jasper will pull through. He's the toughest, coolest, and bravest guy I've ever known. He'll be just fine."

At that moment, one of Jonah's bodyguards went up to Sean and informed him, "Mr. Lynch, I've been sent

to bring you up."

"Alright," Sean replied uneasily. Before he left, he leaned in and whispered to the bodyguard, "Mr. Beckett

from the Beckett Group is in the emergency room right now. Please arrange for two top-tier physicians to

attend to him."

Alyssa finally opened her eyes groggily on the evening of the second day. She felt more refreshed after

the long sleep.

"Mmph... Where ... am I ..." She could not move her body and felt that her bones were in disarray.

"Lyse, you're up! It's Liam here!" Liam yelped in excitement and hugged her. He had not slept at all.

Instead, he held her hand tightly and cried through the night, as evident from his swollen eyes.

"Liam? Is that really you? You're back... Liam!" She widened her teary eyes. Her nose turned red from the

emotions.

He gave her a firm nod and a peck on the forehead. Her fever had gone down.

The previous day, the doctor had warned that if Alyssa had delayed treatment any longer, she could have

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"Is it okay for you to leave your military duties behind? Do you even have any leave days?" Alyssa was

more concerned about Liam than herself.

"It's not okay to do that, but you're my utmost priority," he answered.

"Liam ..." She wrapped her arms around his neck and pressed her cheek against his.

Liam hadn't seen her for a while. A bitter taste filled his mouth when he noticed her weight loss and the

dullness in her eyes.

"By the way, how did I get here?" Alyssa wondered. She sat up with Liam's help and leaned weakly against

the headboard.

Liam remained silent.

"Where's Jasper?" She spoke in a hoarse voice, her eyelashes fluttering.

"He came here in our helicopter. That fellow is doing just fine. Don't worry about him," Liam coldly

brushed off the topic.

Somehow, Alyssa had an ominous feeling. She pressed on, "Where is he now?"

The door to her room swung open. Jonah and Sean entered one after another. Their faces lit up with joy

upon seeing Alyssa awake.

"Ms. Alyssa!" Sean exclaimed with joyful tears in his eyes. He had wanted to rush up to Alyssa. But he

restrained himself in Liam's presence, choosing instead to kneel beside Alyssa's bed.

"You must have been so shocked last night, Sean..." muttered Alyssa. She looked sickly, but there was a

cheeky glimmer in her eyes. "I'm sorry for acting rashly, but I didn't have a choice. I had to save a life."

Sean gazed deeply into her eyes and shook his head as he choked on emotions. Based on what he had

heard, Alyssa had come dangerously close to falling off a cliff. It was Jasper who had risked his life to

rescue her at that critical moment.

"Ms. Alyssa, there's something I need to tell you," Sean blurted out after a moment of hesitation. "Jasper

Beckett suffered severe internal injuries. He coughed up blood earlier today."

"What?" She sat up abruptly, her eyes widening in shock. Her breathing grew heavier. "H-How did that

happen?

Jonah and Liam seemed equally taken aback by the sudden news.

His attending physician said that he sustained a major blow to his back, which impacted his internal

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wasn't a petty, jealous liar.

A flicker of realization crossed her mind. She recalled that he had slammed his back into a huge rock

when he grabbed her from the cliff's edge and rolled away from the rockslide.

But he assured her he was fine back then! What a liar!

Worried and frustrated, she flipped around and wanted to get out of bed. The three men around her were

concerned about her health and went up to stop her.

"Lyse, where are you going? Are you going to look for Jasper?" Liam pinned down her shoulders.

"He got hurt because of me. I can't just leave him alone!" she argued, her heart racing with worry. She was

determined to get to Jasper.

"Why would you want to see him? He deserves whatever happens to him! I don't care if he lives or dies!"

"Liam, I-"

Liam's eyes were sprouting fire. He forcefully pinned her down by the shoulders and schooled her, "You

wasted so many years on that guy. Can you just put him behind from now on, please? Can you put

yourself first for once?"

"Liam," she mumbled after taking a deep breath. "I can be harsh sometimes, but I can't abandon my

conscience. You have to admit that I'm still here, alive and kicking, only because of him."

In the end, Liam couldn't persuade Alyssa to stay. She found out Jasper's room number and went there with Sean's support.

As they pushed the door open, they were taken aback by what they saw. The room was empty, and the blanket was neatly folded on the bed.

Yet, Alyssa could still detect Jasper's distinct, manly scent lingering in the air, tugging at her heart.

*Excuse me, where's the patient in this room?" Alyssa stopped a nurse and questioned her.

"He was discharged earlier in the afternoon."

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Landon and Xavier transferred Jasper to another hospital under Jasper's persistent requests.

Jasper lay on a pristine white bedsheet in his room, hooked to an IV drip. The ordeal had taken its toll on

him, but he still appeared remarkably handsome, much to Landon's envy.

"You scoundrel. I bet you'll be a casanova even in the afterlife. Tsk tsk, you sinner," teased Landon with an

amused expression. He sat facing the back of his chair with his legs spread and his arms folded on the

backrest.

"You're mean." Jasper slowly opened his eyes with rage. He couldn't breathe properly from the pain. "I

was puking blood, and here you are, talking about my looks. I've always been better-looking than you.

Does that annoy you?"

"Ah, come on now. I was just trying to lighten the mood in case you were getting bored," Landon

responded.

Landon was concerned for Jasper's health but hesitant to delve too deeply into that conversation, fearing

it might come across as cheesy.

"Don't worry, you're not going to die. I've arranged for the best experts to treat you. I even shelled out 100

thousand dollars for a one-time use of a lung machine.

"And if that doesn't work, I'll reach out to international experts. I can do anything with the money I have-

even negotiate with the Grim Reaper!"

Jasper furrowed his brows, annoyed by Landon's endless chatter.

Landon slapped his chest confidently and declared, "Even if you were paralyzed from head to toe, I will bring you everywhere by my side and make you my lucky charm!

"You might have lost a wife, but you still have a friend in me! I will never abandon my bro!"

Jasper went over Landon's words and couldn't help but wonder if his friend was subtly cursing and

mocking him.

"We can still be friends if you keep your mouth shut," replied Jasper.

Landon smiled sheepishly with a heavy feeling within. Still, he gathered himself and encouraged Jasper, Hang in there! If something happens to you, not only will your family lose their bloodline, but your grandpa

will not have anyone by his side!

'Your family is a group of devils. They would totally usurp your success and exploit your grandpa without

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Jasper felt his chest tighten. He had flashbacks of the moment he coughed up blood.

He had been gripped by despair then, and his life flashed across his mind. Two faces appeared in his

mind. One was Newton's, and the other was Alyssa's.

Jasper inhaled deeply to calm his nerves. He casually remarked, "If something bad happens to me, my

brother will be the one who takes over the presidency.

"To be fair, I took what was supposed to be his. I wouldn't have become the heir of Beckett Group if it

weren't for his health issues."

"Nonsense! Primogeniture has no place in the modern world! Your grandpa would have chosen you for

your talent and capability, even if Justin were in good health," objected Landon, who had been watching

too many family dramas with his mom.

Jasper smiled softly, feeling fortunate to have an optimistic friend in his otherwise dreary and boring life.

"Why did you request for a hospital transfer, though? You got hurt because of Lyse!" questioned Landon.

Still seated, he rowed himself to Jasper's bedside with his legs.

"Wasn't that a great chance to talk to her? I might even put on a little show at her doorstep if I were you.

Perhaps I'd pretend to vomit blood all over, just to show how much I've sacrificed for her! You should

evoke her maternal instincts by parading your misery!"

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"It's my duty to protect her. I would never ask for any reward or praise," Jasper remarked. He closed his eyes as a dull pain pulsed in his chest. "I am only making amends for wronging her in the last three years."

"With your life?"

"Well, I can't make amends with money, can I? Do you realize how wealthy her family is?" Jasper's temper flared.

Landon scratched his head. Right, Alyssa could afford anything with her wealth.

Jasper's thoughts drifted to the memory of her pale face in his arms, which only intensified his heartache.

He wondered if she was awake now and if her fever had subsided. He also couldn't help but worry if she suffered any fractures from hanging onto the cliff.

She was all he could think about.

Taking a deep breath, he clutched his bedsheet tightly as if trying to kill a budding urge.

Had he truly fallen for her? 2

His heart raced at the thought of it. His breaths grew heavy, and his cheeks flushed.

"Hm, why are your cheeks red? Do you have a fever?" Landon wanted to take Jasper's temperature by

touching the forehead, but Jasper swatted his hand away.

"Ouch! That fucking hurt!" Landon grinned while shaking his hand. "You've got quite the strength. Looks

like you're in good shape. Your combat skills are there."

They were interrupted by a series of urgent knocks on the door. Xavier barged in without waiting for

permission, his mouth hanging open in surprise.

Then, a melodious yet assertive female voice filled the room. "Jasper Beckett, how dare you switch

hospitals without informing me when you're seriously injured? You should have stayed put. What the hell were you doing?"

With that, Alyssa entered the room with Sean's assistance. Her presence was astonishingly captivating.

After a shower, she changed into an aqua-blue dress and a chic white cashmere coat. Her radiant

complexion left Jasper dazzled.

She strutted in her iconic high heels, her head held high. She didn't look sick at all.

She was literally glowing from head to toe when she gave Jasper a frosty stare. Her actions made it seem

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kisses.

Jasper pressed his parched lips together and put on a look of dismay.

"I'm asking you. Answer me!" Though she appeared emotionless, she silently observed his pale

expression, which only fueled her anger.

Her irritation grew as she scolded him, "What's your plan? Keeping your injuries hidden from me and

avoiding me physically? Is this your way of grabbing my attention?"

Landon was caught off guard by Alyssa's domineering air. On the other hand, Jasper looked like a

disgruntled spouse as he weakly sat on the bed and shot a begrudging look at Alyssa.

Once the idea crossed Landon's mind, he suddenly saw the situation in a comical light. He couldn't help but guffaw.

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However, Landon obediently stumbled backward after Alyssa shot him a death glare, like one of

Cleopatra's many male lovers.

Xavier swiftly went up to her and said, "M-Madam-"

"Madam? What?" Alyssa frowned.

"Uh, Ms. Alyssa, Mr. Beckett switched hospitals because he didn't want you to worry about his injuries. He

wanted you to focus on your recovery," Xavier muttered meekly.

Xavier felt nervous every time he had to face Alyssa, who had grown assertive and abrasive. She had

become the complete opposite of her past acquiescent self.

"He's overthinking, then. I am not going to worry about him," replied Alyssa with a snicker and a lift of the

brow.

"But you wouldn't have quickly located him if you weren't worried about him, right?" Xavier bit the bullet

and retorted.

"You-" She glared at him.

Jasper secretly grinned as he rested against the headboard.

Xavier might be a little slow and clumsy and didn't always do his job right. However, he had redeemed

himself and pleased Jasper with his words just now.

Jasper secretly decided to increase Xavier's bonus pay.

"Leave, all of you," Alyssa instructed coldly.

Sean mumbled with a troubled expression, "But Ms. Alyssa-"

She promptly cut him off, "You too, Sean."

Nobody dared defy Alyssa's orders. Landon, Xavier, and Sean shuffled out of the room with their heads hung low.

When the door closed, Alyssa marched up to Jasper. Her face was a mix of anger and concern.

She began, "looked at your patient records. You've got a serious concussion. If you'd waited just one more minute for treatment, you could have risked a hemorrhage and your life."

"But I got help on time. And I'm still alive," he replied calmly with a hint of nasal voice.

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Jasper then cast a tender and heavy look at her. "Don't forget, I've served in wars. I endured all sorts of suffering and injuries. This is nothing."

His intense gaze burned into her, triggering memories of their time together on the Luminara battlefields.

Despite her composed demeanor, those memories tugged at her heartstrings. Her palms grew sweaty,

and her breaths became ragged.

"I'm thankful to you for saving my life, but you don't have to handle everything on your own. Just let me

know if you're hurt, and I'll get you help. Why hide it from me?" She looked squarely at him and said

shakily.

"Xavier just explained the reason," Jasper answered coolly. He seemed nonchalant about his injuries.

"You're hurt on your back, aren't you? Take off your clothes and turn around," she instructed, her tone cold

and authoritative, ignoring the meaning behind his words just now. "Hurry up! What's with the dilly-

dallying? Scared I'd take advantage of you?"

He smiled bitterly at her. "Of course not. You would have taken advantage of me three years ago if you'd

wanted."

"Well, I had the intention, but you never gave me a chance. You avoided me like the plague..." She trailed

off when she realized her words had come out wrong. An embarrassed blush crept onto her face.

Jasper was taken aback by the slip of her tongue. A heavy sense of guilt washed over him. The awkward

tension in the room grew palpable once more.

He silently unbuttoned his shirt and took it off, revealing his bare, muscular top with attention-catching

scars all over.

That wasn't the first time Alyssa had seen him half-naked, but she still found herself admiring his toned

physique. Swallowing hard, she ordered with an icy tone, "Lie face down."

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Jasper, who had always been prideful and rebellious, went along with Alyssa. He rolled over just as

instructed.

Alyssa pressed her lips, surprised by his lack of protest. The huge area of bruises on his wide and

muscular back now lay exposed before her eyes.

At that moment, her eyes wavered. Despite her best efforts to keep her emotions in check, she couldn't

help but feel extremely bad for him.

He mistook her silence for shock and attempted to roll over again, but she pinned him down and ordered,

"Stop moving around. I need to take a better look."

"The doctor said the bruises would slowly go away as I heal," he remarked in a low voice. It was strange

how he seemed to be trying to console her when he was the one who was injured.

"Like I can't tell," she fired back, annoyed.

Her sharp retort caught him off guard, and he responded with a hint of amusement, "I didn't know you were such a firecracker when you were still with me. I am amazed by that sharp tongue of yours and your

guts."

"Yeah, I faked my personality to win you over," she admitted. Her fingertips gently traced the scars on his

back as she examined his wounds, her tone as cold as ice.

"I thought you might catch feelings for me one day if I were attentive and caring enough. After seeing the heartless side of you, I opted out of that marriage. I don't need to put on a front now.

"Thinking back, I was really an idiot. It wasn't worth losing myself for someone who'd never love me back."

He felt suffocated-a bitter taste spread in his mouth.

Back then, he was blind to her love. He grew up to be a sensitive and anxious person after being

subjected to unfair treatment.

He wanted to cling on to his possessions. He might be willing to accept defeat, but he couldn't stand

seeing people leave him.

He wasn't really infatuated with Liana. In reality, he had been with her to escape his inner demons.

"Alyssa..."

'Done checking. Roll over now." She patted him on the shoulder.

"But the doctor has looked at-"

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"I trust no one except myself. Roll over," Alyssa reiterated. She was in doctor mode with a stoic look in

her eyes. Confused, he followed her instructions and rolled over.

Their eyes met. Her heart skipped a beat at the sight of his perfect eight-pack. He might be a jerk, but he

was undeniably attractive.

She couldn't help but wonder if she was a pervert in her last life.

She collected herself and gently pressed on various areas of his legs, arms, and abdomen.

His eyes sparkled. Some unknown emotions stirred in his chest. He had an urge to confirm something

with her.

"You're stronger than the average person thanks to your military background, and you didn't sustain

severe injuries.

"But don't ignore the bruises on your back. Mandy's family's pharmaceutical company produces this really

effective medicine.

"I'll ask for it and have it sent to you," Alyssa informed him in a matter-of-fact tone as she ran her fingers

over his ribs.

Without warning, he grabbed her hand and pressed it against his chest. Her eyes widened, and her heart

raced, "What are you doing?"

That was crazy! For a second, she couldn't tell if he was taking advantage of her or the other way around.

"Don't you need to check me here?" He stared deep into his eyes. His breathing became heavier.

"No! Let go!" She started a tugging war with him in a panic.

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Jasper was strong despite being injured, much to Alyssa's surprise. With a glimmer in his eyes, he pulled

her toward him. She fell into his arms, and their bodies pressed against each other.

Jasper pinned her down by resting his left hand on the back of her waist. It was still hooked to the IV drip.

"Jasp-" Alyssa teared up from the anxiety. Her words were cut short by his sudden kiss.

His damp and warm lips brushed against her. Upon tasting her sweetness, he became a beast out of

control, kissing her aggressively and taking her in.

Meanwhile, Alyssa was dizzy from the kiss and unknowingly moaned. She tightened her grip on his chest,

leaving behind red marks.

She was going through a mix of emotions-shame, humiliation, grievance... Driven by those emotions,

she gave him a bite on the lip. Surprisingly, he did not flinch and only hugged her tighter as she bit him.

deeper.

The metallic taste of blood spread in their mouths. He endured the pain she inflicted on him but did not

let go until she was almost out of breath.

They panted heavily, foreheads dotted with sweat. His lips were bloodied from her attack just now.

"You can't do anything you want to me just because you've saved my life! You said that yourself!" Alyssa

growled, panting and blushing hard.

He gazed at her affectionately and ran his fingertip across the blood. He said, "You mentioned you'd

make it up to me as long as it's not an outrageous request."

"Wasn't that considered outrageous?" Alyssa spoke but was unaware of the tears streaming down her

face. She raged at him, "When will you let me live? I thought we were divorced. You wanted me gone!

"When will you stop bullying me? You have no right to touch me now that I don't have feelings for you

anymore!"

"I regretted it," he croaked with tears in his eyes.

Unlike her, he could not afford to display his emotions openly. In the two decades, he had kept his

feelings under strict control to the point that he was clueless about how to express himself.

"What did you just say?" she questioned, her eyes wide open in bewilderment.

"Alyssa, I regretted the divorce. I regretted letting you go. Would you give our relationship a second

Would you give our relationship a second chance?

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From where? He wanted a second chance when he had no idea what happened in the 13 years. He was even oblivious to her miscarriage. The audacity to ask for a second chance!

Her eyes clouded over. There wasn't a hint of joy. Jasper picked that up. His enthusiasm turned cold, and

his heart squeezed.

"Things have ended between us. Do you understand? There's nothing more between us beyond this point,"

she declared cold-bloodedly with tears in her eyes.

She added, "We didn't even start on the right foot. The journey from our marriage to divorce was filled with mistakes."

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"My dad once told me that a perfect relationship has to be smooth from the start. In our three years of

marriage, I gave up myself to prop you up. I kept the relationship by compromising. What's the point of

keeping this broken relationship? Why would I hurt myself by giving you a second chance?"

Alyssa's words were piercing and damning. Jasper refused to lose her and reached out to hold her hand,

but she dodged the move.

He panted heavily and declared, "I swear I will not treat you like I did in the past. You don't even have to

do anything. I'll pursue you."

Her heart raced as she went through a whirlwind of emotions. Her palms grew sweaty, her breathing

became erratic, and her heart raced in all directions.

She scoffed at his suggestion. "You once said I was a shameless and deceitful woman. I'm not a prim

and proper lady, unlike Liana Gardner. Why would you fall for me?"

She sniffled and added, "Besides, I'm no longer the gullible and weak Alice White. Men are lining up for

1. Do you think you stand any chance after being blacklisted as a massive jerk?"

"Alyssa, I really-"

"Stop it. I don't want to hear one more word," she interrupted, covering her ears and leaving the room

hastily. "I'll consider your words today as nonsense. I'm treating your wounds only because I feel bad for

you. We will part ways once you've recovered."

With that, she slammed the door shut.

Jasper's eyes were bloodshot. His hands, suspended in mid-air, finally dropped.

He mumbled, "But I truly love you."

After leaving Jasper's room, Alyssa met with Xavier instead of going home. She wanted to obtain more

information about Jasper's condition. She also took the body checkup reports and patient files to review

later at home.

She was concerned because she realized that Jasper was in a bad condition after performing a body

checkup on him just now. He might suffer from chronic side effects if his wounds were not taken care of.

Sean drove the Taylor siblings to Belbanks in their Rolls-Royce. Liam took the second passenger seat

while Jonah sat in the back with his arm draped around Alyssa's shoulder.

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Throughout the journey, Alyssa tightly clutched Jasper's patient profiles and scan results. She rested her head on Jonah's shoulder and repeatedly sighed, obviously in low spirits.

"What's going on, Lyse? You seem upset," Jonah inquired and gently caressed her cheek. "Is Jasper dying?

She was speechless at his speculation. Liam turned around with a frown and said, "Oh, that would be

good news. Why would you feel upset?"

Again, she was dumbfounded.

"Liam, Lyse is a thoughtful and kind soul. She'll feel bad if something happens to Jasper because he has

saved her life," Jonah remarked with a sigh.

Liam seethed but did not comment more.

"Jasper is severely injured, but he's no longer in critical condition because he received timely treatment."

"That's great news. Why are you upset, then?" Jonah sounded puzzled.

She replied, "It's not a big deal." After a pause, she admitted, "Jasper said he wanted to pursue me."

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A heavy silence enveloped the car.

Jonah, Liam, and Sean were baffled. Sean, who was driving, almost lost his grip on the steering wheel.

"Lyse, w-what did you just say?" Jonah stammered, losing his usual composure.

"Jasper told me he regretted the divorce. He wanted a second chance and even said he'd pursue me this

time," Alyssa recounted.

She raised her chin and fixed her crystal-clear eyes on Jonah. "Jonah, what does that mean? Is that a love

confession?"

Liam and Sean retorted at the same time, "Nonsense!"

Then, they again scolded Jasper in unison, "That shameless bastard!" Jonah blinked, his brows furrowing.

"Jonah, can you believe it? The man who destroyed my marriage now swears that he's going after me. He

almost had me convinced," Alyssa mused with a forced smile. 1

Her past self would have rejoiced. Now, she felt nothing but glum. It was like desiring a toy as a child but

losing interest when finally getting a better one as an adult.

Besides, what was Jasper's reason to pursue her romantically? He did not even appreciate her efforts

when she was good to him. But now, he wanted a second chance when she treated him like scum.

"His love is worth nothing when it arrives late. His confession is nothing but garbage!" Liam seethed.

"Yeah. What did we really expect from him?" Sean agreed under his breath as he clutched the steering

wheel.

"Lyse, did you forget the pain from how he treated you when you gave your heart to him? He's now feeling

upset and indignant when you reveal yourself to be the well-loved Alyssa Taylor, in all your glory.

"He probably wants you back just because he finally realized he was a fool. All he wants is to have you by

his side to stroke his ego. As a man, I understand his psychology all too well!" Liam accused Jasper with

a sullen face.

"I don't think this has anything to do with his ego," intervened Alyssa. "But you got one thing right. He's

likely interested in me because he finds me more charming now. His attitude only changed after I

revealed my true identity."

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"Men can be quite shallow, seeking novelty," Sean hissed. "He's fallen for the new you after growing tired

of the 'ladylike' Liana. It's just a change in taste for him. He went from liking poop to liking durian. He may

be chasing you today, but who's to say he won't pursue someone else tomorrow."

Liam agreed with him, "Absolutely! Do not give a cheating man a second chance!"

Alyssa merely raised a brow in scrutiny. "I know you're comparing Liana to poop, but please explain who

you're drawing parallels to... the durian."

Sean coughed awkwardly and explained, "I-It was just an analogy. I didn't give it much thought."

"What's wrong with the durian? It's called the 'King of Fruits,' and it does match your personality," Jonah

interjected with a smile.

"But the durian is thorny and smelly!"

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"The durian is also soft inside and sweet in taste," Jonah disagreed. He playfully touched the tip of

Alyssa's nose "Doesn't that sound just like you?"

She looked away, adorably feigning anger and letting out a snort.

"Anyway, Lyse, you really shouldn't fall into Jasper's trap again. Men are all scumbags!" Liam advised

Alyssa, worried that his sibling might reignite her relationship with Jasper.

"Except for me, Liam," Sean timidly stood up for himself.

"Me too," Jonah chimed in.

"Right, right. The guys in our family are pretty decent," Liam hurriedly added.

"Well, not all. There's this one old man who tarnishes the reputation of Taylor men," joked Alyssa. She

crossed her legs.

The three men exchanged knowing glances. Winston Taylor immediately came to their minds.

"I don't give a damn!" Mandy scowled when she was being asked to help Jasper. She had always yielded

to Alyssa's wishes, but this time, she staunchly refused Alyssa's request for the medications.

"Mandy, listen to me..." Alyssa pleaded in desperation.

"There's nothing more to talk about." Mandy waved at her and reminded her coldly, "I'm well aware of how

he mistreated you in the past. Lyla and Colette would have remembered it, too. Isn't he the president of

the Beckett Group? Let him figure it out himself with the power he has!"

"Mandy-"

"Oh, right, doesn't he have a couple of lovers around him? I don't see them shedding tears for him, though,

Mandy's tone remained hostile and unrelenting when discussing Jasper.

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"He is a jerk, but he's saved my life this time," explained Alyssa. She took Mandy's hand and led the latter

to the couch, looking like the parent figure instead.

Mandy frowned. "What do you mean?"

Alyssa recounted her ordeal of getting into danger while saving someone at Crater Mountain. She also detailed how Jasper got hurt while rescuing her.

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Mandy's hand went cold as she heard about the harrowing experience. She scolded, "Lyse, if you were my

daughter, I would have grounded you and given you a good beating! You're quite the daredevil!"

"Only Jonah, Liam, and Sean knew about this. Winston is still in the dark." Alyssa placed a finger between

her lips and whispered, "Please keep this a secret from him. I'm scared his blood pressure might

skyrocket if he finds out."

"God, I'm tired of keeping secrets for you. We've gathered enough secrets to fill a dossier from your

marriage to Jasper Beckett," Mandy grumbled, poking Alyssa lightly on the temple.

She added, "I should have told your dad about the mountain incident and have him discipline you!"

"He-he! Even if you did, he wouldn't be able to do much. He would have disciplined me earlier if he could

have," Alyssa teased.

After some persuasion, Alyssa finally convinced Mandy to help.

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