Cinderella And Her Beautiful Octuplets

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"Brandon stop" Hannah muttered and pulled away from the kiss. She stared at the man who was a little bit drunk.

"I'm sorry, I didn't mean to, I'm sorry," he said and she stared at him and looked away. He sat up properly on the chair and wore his seatbelt himself. Hannah ignited the engine and zoomed off, throughout the ride, she kept stealing glances at Brandon who was so quiet and wasn't saying a word.

He looked so uncomfortable like he was in deep pain.

"Are you alright?" She asked with a concerned look on her face.

"Yeah, I'm fine," he said but his facial expression said something else. He wasn't okay as his stomach hurt and he felt like he was going to throw up. The drink he had taken was too much and he didn't have a strong stomach. "I'm taking you to the hospital now," Hannah said looking scared. She'd never seen Brandon this calm before and he was sweating profusely.

"No no, I'm fine. I just need to get home and rest" he said and Hannah stared at him for a few seconds and then faced the road.

She was so worried about him, it was getting dark and she needed to get home.

It wasn't long before her car came to a stop in front of Colby's mansion. She alighted the car and then rushed to the passenger side of the seat and opened the car door for Brandon. After which she helped him get out of the car.

"I'm fine I can walk alone," he said and Hannah frowned.

"You are drunk and you obviously cannot walk all by yourself, you are going to fall or probably hurt yourself," Hannah said, refusing to let him walk by himself.

She then helped him enter the house and luckily no one was downstairs. She was glad no one saw him drunk.

She then helped him upstairs to her room, after which she helped him sit on the couch.

"I need water," he said and Hannah quickly gave him a glass of water which he gulped down and then closed his eyes.

She sat beside him staring at him.

"Hey, are you still breathing?" She asked as he didn't move an inch.

"Yeah, I'm still breathing, I'm alive," he said as he opened his eyes and glared at the beautiful lady who was sitting beside him staring at him with love and care in her eyes.

"You are so pretty," he said and placed his hands on hers. She felt a cold shiver run down her spine. Hannah bit her lips and made to stand up when he spoke, making her stop. "Don't leave, I'm in great pain" he said as he stared at her.

"Oh my goodness! I don't know why you drank so much when you know your stomach isn't strong and cannot take all of that. I would go get you some drugs from the pharmacy close by" she said and was about standing up when he held her hands and pulled her back.

"I don't need drugs, I just need you to stay with me and I will be fine," he said and Hannah sighed softly and sat properly beside him.

This man is something else, he's in great pain and he wants me to stay with him instead of me getting him drugs. She rolled her eyes.

"I never thought I would love any woman the way I love you, Hannah. Why don't you give me a chance?

Don't you like me or don't I possess the qualities of the kind of man you like" Brandon asked as she sighed, and swallowed into nothing, then stood up and looked away from him.

The next minute she felt a hand wrapped around her waist. She felt shivers run down her spine as the rate of her heart beat increased at once.

She swallowed into nothing.

"Brandon please stop" she muttered as he made her turn and faced him. Both of their eyes locked together.

He stared at her charming eyes that drove him crazy anytime he stared at her.

She swallowed into nothing and then bit her inner lips as she stared at the handsome man in front of her.

He removed a strand of hair that was lying on her face.

"Brandon please stop," she said and looked away from him.

"I know you love me, Hannah. I know you feel the same thing I feel and you know but you don't wanna accept it" he said and she moved away from him.

"I don't know what you are talking about," she said, trying so hard to avoid his gaze.

"You are lying to me and most importantly you are lying to yourself that you feel nothing for me," Brandon said and Hannah sighed.

"I need some air, I will be outside," she said and was about to go out when he held her and pulled her towards him.

"Look me in the eyes and tell me you feel nothing for me, look me in my eyes and tell me you do not love me neither do you care then I will believe you," he said

"Stop Brandon, you are drunk, you should be resting," Hannah said trying so hard to pull away from his grip but he was just too strong.

"Look me in the eyes and tell me you feel nothing for me, Hannah and all those times we spent together you felt nothing, not even a tiny bit of love.

And once you say it I promise I would never disturb you nor get on your nerves, I would let you go and you would never see me again in this room, I would keep everything professional" he said and she took a deep breath and gathered the courage to look him in the eyes and then spoke.

"I feel nothing for you Brandon and all those times we spent together, I felt nothing," she said and he nodded and let go of her immediately.

She stared at him in the eyes and she could see he was hurt.

"Good night," he said

"Where are you going?" She asked but he didn't say a word to her, instead, he walked out of the room and closed the door behind him. TBC

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Meanwhile, Isabella is seen in her room looking so furious with her best friend sitting beside her.

"You wouldn't believe it when I tell you he doesn't even look at me or talk to me. He doesn't find me attractive, not even one bit.

I'm I not beautiful enough? A lot of men are dying to be with me and I keep turning them down because of Brandon yet he doesn't want to notice me.

My father said he would talk to him about marrying me but he's doing nothing" she said as tears gathered in her eyes.

"Isabella may be your father....."

"I'm trying Lena. I'm trying to get his attention. His grandma said he loves me and doesn't love his wife but anytime I'm with him, he doesn't show me any affection or love" she said, cutting off her best friend's speech.

"You are beautiful Isabella. Of course, you are. You are successful, you are rich and there are lots of good men out there who would treat you right, so why not go for one of them? It's not always gonna be Brandon because he obviously doesn't like you" Lena said and rolled her eyes and Isabella shot her a deadly glare.

"If it's not Brandon then I don't want anyone else, it must be Brandon and Brandon alone," she said as she stood up from the bed and then turned to lean, her arms akimbo.

"But Isabella...."

"Are you not my best friend? You are supposed to support me in anything I want" Isabella said, Lena sighed and stood up, then moved towards Isabella.

"I will always support you in anything you want or do but....." she paused and sighed.

"Okay fine, we will think of something, like a plan to get Brandon's attention and make sure you two are alone. Then you can seduce him, sleep with him, and get pregnant for him.

Once you are pregnant with his child he will not say no to you and he will be all over you" Lena said Isabella hummed and then gave out a small smile.

"Now wipe your tears, you're gonna ruin your beauty. Pretty girls don't cry" Lena said, wiping Isabella's face and pulling her into a hug.

Even though she's not in support of Isabella forcing herself on Brandon she has no choice but to help her, Isabella is he her only friend and since she's not from a rich background, Isabella is the one who supports her in everything, now she's got to support her too.

"First of all, you need to eat dinner and then come up with a good plan on how to get you and Brandon alone," Lena said and Isabella nodded and smiled.

They both held each other's hands, walked out of the room and went to the dining room to eat dinner.

Meanwhile, A red car came to a stop in front of the Mikealsons's mansion.

Jeff alighted the car and walked inside the house. There he met Rosa sitting in the sitting room with David sitting beside her with his eyes still open.

"Why are you guys still awake?" he asked as he walked towards the dining area and dropped his car key on the table.

"We were waiting for you Daddy, grandma said we should wait for you so we can eat dinner together. It's been a long time since we ate together as a family" David said as he and Rosa stood up and walked toward Jeff.

Is he drunk again? Rosa thought as she perceived the smell of alcohol.

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"I'm not hungry, you should eat and go back to bed, it's late," Jeff said with a straight face and just then he heard his phone ring. "But daddy......"

"Go to your room David" Jeff yelled and the little boy flinched and nodded. Tears gathered in his eyes and then he ran upstairs to his room. "David...." Rosa called and then signed.

"Why would you do that? He's a child, Jeff. Whatever anger you feel towards me it's high time you stop projecting it towards David.

He's still growing up, don't ruin his childhood" Rosa said but Jeff stared at her and didn't say a word. Instead, he picked up his phone and checked the caller's ID and saw it was Dave, his friend. He had just left Dave's bar, he wondered why he was calling.

"Hey buddy," he said as he answered the phone call.

"You forgot your work file here," Dave said and Jeff touched his forehead and then sighed. He must have drank too much, that's the reason he must have forgotten it.

"I will come to get it tomorrow," Jeff said and with that, he hung up. He turned to Rosa who was staring at him and was about to walk past him when she held his hand.

"I'm talking to you Jeff, you shouldn't walk out on me, I am your mother, I gave birth to you" Rosa yelled and Jeff scoffed. His mother was really angry today to stand up to him.

"I doubt if you are my mom. would a mother ruin their son's life?" he asked and Rosa became calm and let go of his hands.

He chucked and was about to walk away when he paused and turned to Rosa.

"I hope you've heard Wilson is dead. I know you knew he was dead and you were never going to tell me and guess what I found out" He said and Rosa stared at him confused. "Wilson is dead? What are you talking about?" she asked, looking clueless.

"Oh, guess I was wrong. Well he's dead, the rumor is everywhere and guess what my evil Brother, Brandon Colby, and my ex-wife killed him" he said and with that, he walked upstairs to his room leaving Rosa speechless.

He walked inside the room and closed the door behind him. And sat on the bed, lots of thoughts going through his mind.

He has been waiting for days for Wilson to reach out to him but unfortunately, he didn't hear from him.

He had been waiting and hoping since the day he left the hospital that maybe he would call and ask them to meet up but all of a sudden the news that he was dead got to him.

He heard Wilson had an issue with Brandon as they've never been on good terms for years so Brandon killed him.

He killed Wilson. Brandon had always been the cause of his problems, he took his wife, ruined his life, and now ruined the opportunity to know his father, he was going to make him pay for all of it and they wouldn't see it coming, he thought angrily.

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Meanwhile, the moment Jeff left, Rosa became numb, Wilson is dead!

She couldn't believe what she had just heard.

When she thought everything was going to get better and maybe Jeff would give her a chance and also have the chance to talk to Wilson, now everything has come crumbling

down on her. Maybe this is karma trying to get back at me for every bad thing I have done, she thought as she sat on the ground and burst into tears.

Meanwhile, David is seen in his room crying.

He's never felt so sad in his life, since the death of his mom, he's felt so lonely. His daddy never pays attention to him, nor treats him like his son, all he does is shout at him to go to his room.

He misses his mom so much, he wished she was still alive, he thought as tears slipped down his cheeks.

He wiped his tears and then decided to change into his pajamas. He needed to go to sleep.

He stood up and walked towards his wardrobe, he opened it and took his blue pajamas when suddenly a piece of paper fell on the ground.

He wondered what paper it was, so he picked it up. He then saw a number written on it, then he recalled the day Hannah had written her number and gave it to him to call her anytime he needed someone to talk to. He stared at the number and then decided to call Hannah. He quickly changed into his pajamas and then locked his door.

He picked up his phone and then dialed Hannah's number and then sat on the bed. It wasn't long before Hannah answered the phone call.

"Hello, who's this?" Hannah's voice sounded from the other side of the phone.

"Hello, Mrs Colby," David said in his little voice, and Hannah, who was on the other end of the phone, was surprised when she heard David's voice. "David, is that you?" she asked to be sure.

"Yes ma'am," David said and Hannah smiled.

"How are you, sweetheart?" Hannah asked in a motherly concerned voice, David felt tears gather in his eyes. He sniffed and then wiped his tears.

"David, what's wrong? Are you okay? Did something happen?" Hannah asked in a worried tone when she heard the little boy crying.

"It's daddy, he always shouts at me, he doesn't love me, anytime I try to talk to him he shuts me off," David said and Hannah sighed knowing fully well what kind of pain the little boy would be going through. As a child growing up, David needs his parent's attention and when he's being neglected, it affects him all round.

"Calm down David. I understand how you feel but you don't have to cry.

I'm sure Daddy loves you so much, more than you can imagine, he's probably going through some emotional stress and all, that's why he's this way.

With time, he would come around, just give him time okay?" Hannah said and David nodded.

"Okay Mrs Colby, thank you" he said and Hannah smiled.

"So, what are you doing now?" Hannah asked.

"Nothing Mrs Colby, I'm sitting down," David said in response.

"It's late David, you should be sleeping. Now, I want you to go under your duvet and lie on it, close your eyes while I tell you a bedtime story" Hannah said and David lay down on the bed and did as Hannah said.

"I'm lying on the bed Mrs Colby," he said in response and Hannah smiled and told him the story. Suddenly, he didn't hear the sound of his voice again, she thought he was probably asleep. "David?" She called calmly and he hummed.

"Can I call you mommy?" The child asked in a sleepy tone and Hannah went silent for a few seconds and then spoke.

"Of course sweetheart, you can always call me mommy. Now go to sleep. Good night David" she said and hung up. The moment she hung up David drifted to a deep sleep at once.

Meanwhile, Hannah, who is seen in her room, held the phone in her hands the moment she ended the call.

She wished she could talk to Jeff about David so he would change but he's an asshole. He doesn't care about the little boy.

She wished Rhoda was still alive and was never blinded by her greed, she would have been here to make sure her son was okay.

She sighed softly and then turned to the door, hoping maybe Brandon would come back into the room but he didn't.

Maybe you should go look for him and apologize to him. No, can you stop thinking about Brandon and go to sleep, she thought and lay on the bed.

She tried forcing herself to sleep but the thoughts of Brandon kept coming into her head preventing her from sleeping.

Can you just stop thinking about Brandon, please, she said out loud as she buried her head in the pillow.

She sighed and then sat up properly on the bed.

"Fine, I will go look for him and......" she paused and heaved a sigh of relief and then stood up from the bed.

"I don't know, I will just look for him and when I find him, I will apologize and..... oh god, I'm going crazy. What the hell is wrong with me, she thought and then sighed deeply.

What will I tell him if he asks me why I'm looking for him? I don't know what to say, I should find him first before thinking of what to say, she said in her head and then walked towards the door and opened it.

She walked out of her room and went to his study room but he wasn't there, then she went downstairs to see if he was there but he wasn't.

"Where are you, Brandon?" She thought and just then she saw Arianna walked out of the kitchen holding a cup of water in her hands. "Why are you still up?" Arianna asked.

"Uhm, I came to...." She paused and saw a file lying on the dining table.

"I came to get this file. I was just going back to my room" she said as she smiled and picked up the file before walking upstairs back to her room.

The moment she closed the door behind her, she bit her lips, collapsed on the bed, and closed her eyes.

Hannah, you are going crazy, she thought.

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It was morning and Hannah had woken up so early so she could get the kids ready for school and go to the company.

She took her bath and did her normal morning routine before going downstairs to prepare breakfast. After she was done, she went to her kid's room. Woke them up and helped them get dressed for school. After which they went downstairs for breakfast.

After breakfast, Hannah asked the chauffeur to drop them off at school and promised to come pick them up herself when it was closing time.

She stood outside and waved them as the chauffeur drove up.

She walked back inside the house and walked towards the dining table. She needed to finish her cup of coffee before going upstairs to get dressed for work.

She took a sip from her coffee and then turned when she heard someone climbing down the stairs. She thought it was Brandon but when she saw it was Jessica she sighed. "Hey," she muttered as Jessica walked towards her and sat on the chair.

"Hey," she said calmly in response.

"How are you? We haven't got the chance to speak alone. How are you coping with everything?" Hannah asked with a concerned look on her face and Jessica smiled.

"I'm okay, At least I'm going to be fine," Jessica said and Hannah nodded. They both went silent for a few seconds and then Hannah finally spoke, breaking the silence between them.

"I understand how you feel Jessica, I do. My father abandoned me and my mother when I was little, so trust me when I say I understand how you feel. With time you will heal and you will be fine" Hannah said and she smiled. "I'm not sure I will heal, the pain will always be there, I just have to learn to live with it," she said and they both sighed.

Just then Brandon is seen climbing down the stairs all dressed up for work. He looked better than last night.

He walked towards the dining table and then asked the maid to make him coffee.

"Hey" Jessica muttered

"Hey," he said in response and then turned to Hannah who was staring at him but the moment their eyes came in contact they both looked away from each other.

Hannah felt guilty from last night and didn't know what to say or how to start up a conversation with him.

She wondered if he was angry at her, they both kept stealing glances at each other as there was lots of tension between them.

Jessica on the other hand had noticed the way they were both acting, she wondered what was wrong with the both of them.

"I dropped a file here yesterday. Who took it?" Brandon asked, staring at both Hannah and Jessica.

"I didn't see any file," Jessica said and Brandon turned to Hannah, who bit her inner lips and looked away from him.

"I took it last night," she said and swallowed into nothing as she felt her heartbeat increase at once.

"I was about giving it to you, go through what is in it, review and sign and you would be meeting up with a client today at noon and another client by 7 pm and another by 9pm. Everything you need to know is in the file," he said and Hannah opened her eyes wide in shock and stood up.

"What? That's too much for me, I need to pick the kids up from school" Hannah said and Brandon sighed.

"I will go pick them up myself," he said and Hannah gritted her teeth.

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"They want me to pick them up from school" Banana said

"I'm sure they would be so happy to see me pick them up from school," Brandon said and was about to leave when Hannah, who was furious, turned to him swiftly and yelled his name. "Brandon" she yelled and he turned to her.

"You're gonna do all of that and I will go pick the kids up from school," Hannah said and just then Arianna was seen climbing down the Stairs.

"What is going on here?" Arianna asked as she walked towards Brandon and Hannah who were staring at each other with a weird expression on their faces without saying a word. Arianna turned to Jessica and gave her the look of what was going on.

"I don't know, I think they both slept on the wrong side of the bed.

Brandon, you love her and she loves you....." Jessica speech was cut off by Hannah.

"No, I......"

"Don't you dare say a word" Brandon said, cutting off Hannah's speech knowing fully well she was about to say she didn't love him.

"You know what, the both of you should just kiss, hug, go in your room have sex, and make up and stop this silly argument, " Jessica said and then smiled and moved towards Hannah and Brandon and pushed the two of them together and walked away.

"Silly couples" Arianna laughed and walked inside the kitchen leaving the both of them alone.

Brandon stared at Hannah who was in her arms with her heart beating fast. She swallowed and then suddenly moved away from his arms and frowned deeply.

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"What are you staring at?" She asked and was about to walk away when she missed her leg and slipped.

Just as she was about to fall, Brandon moved toward her in a rush and caught her, preventing her from falling to the ground.

Their eyes came in contact and they stared at each other for a few seconds.

Brandon, who was almost lost in her beautiful eyes, had wanted to kiss her but she quickly pulled away and stood up at once.

"Why would you touch me?" She asked as she frowned.

"What? I just saved your life, I saved you from falling on the ground" Brandon said as he stared at the woman who was angry over nothing.

"I never asked you to save my life or help me, don't you dare touch me again," she said and then turned to leave when she slipped again and this time she fell on the ground thereby hitting her butt on the ground. "Ouch" she cried in pain and Brandon rushed towards her with a concerned look on his face.

"Are you alright? Are you hurt?" He asked

"Don't touch me, why didn't you hold me from falling? It's your fault" She said and Brandon stared at him with a confused expression on his face.

Isn't this the woman who just told me not to touch her or save her and now she's blaming me, what does she really want? he thought and then sighed deeply.

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He sighed deeply and carried her in his arms ignoring her tantrums. He carried her upstairs to her room and placed her on the bed.

"Next time, you should watch where you are heading, stop being clumsy" he said and she rolled her eyes.

"You should rest and not come to the company, I would go see the client myself," he said in the calmest and sweetest tone ever. Hannah became silent as she didn't say a word.

He stared at her waiting for her to say something, probably anything but she didn't.

He then decided to leave but just as he was about to leave, Hannah called him, making him pause.

"Brandon" she called and he turned to her.

"How are you feeling? Does your stomach hurt? Where did you sleep last night? I came to check on you in your study room last night but you weren't there" Hannah said and he glanced at her for a few seconds before he finally spoke. "I'm okay, at least I'm better than last night," he said, ignoring the other questions she asked.

"I'll be on my way now," he said and then walked out of the room. The moment he stepped out of the room, a smile crept onto his lips.

The fact that she tried looking for him last night means she cares, she just doesn't want to accept what she feels.

He wasn't going to give up on her or the love he had for her and he believes one day she would probably admit what she feels, he thought as he walked out of the house and went to his car.

He entered the car, ignited the engine, and zoomed off.

The moment he walked out of the room Hannah stood up from the bed and walked inside the bathroom, took her bath, and walked out.

After which, she got dressed for work, walked out of the house, hopped in her car, and zoomed off to the company.

Meanwhile, Hannah who had just got to the company walked inside her office and began work immediately.

A board meeting was held by Brandon and he was surprised to see Hannah come to the company.

He had told her to rest and she still came, this woman is so stubborn, he thought.

After the board meeting was over, Hannah went to her office and continued her work when suddenly the door opened revealing Brandon.

"What do you want?" She asked as she raised her head and saw him staring at her.

"I thought I asked you to rest at home? Why are you here?" He asked

"Nothing, I'm fine. I just need to finish some work" she said and he hummed. Just then Brandon heard his phone ring, he stared at the caller's ID and with that he walked out of the office.

After Hannah was done doing her work for the day, she checked her time and saw it was time for her to go pick up the kids from school.

She took her bag and with that, she walked out of the company.

Meanwhile, The octuplets are seen sitting outside the school compound with David sitting beside them.

They had been discussing and playing while laughing out loud. David was so happy, whenever he was with the octuplets, he forgot how he'd been treated at home, instead, he felt so happy and felt like they were all family. Just then a black car came to a stop in the school compound and Rosa alighted the car.

The moment they saw Rosa walking towards them, they all went silent.

"Bye David" they waved at David who was now looking sad, now he was going back to the lonely house where he didn't feel loved by his father and where he was all alone, he wished he had another sibling to play with, he thought. "Hey kids, how are you?" Rosa smiled at the octuplets and they stared at her surprised and waved at her in return.

This was the first time in history Rosa had seen them and said hi them. Before if she had seen them, she would frown but now she was smiling at them.

Just then another car came to a stop in front of the school compound and it was Hannah who alighted the car.

"Mommy," the kids called and rushed towards Hannah and hugged her.

"Oh sweethearts, how was school today?" She asked with a smile on her face.

"It was fine Mommy" they all echoed at once and she smiled.

Just then she heard a familiar voice spoke, she raised her head and saw Rosa staring at her.

"Hey" Rosa muttered calmly with a small smile on her face and Hannah stared at her wondering if she had seen a ghost or something and why the hell was Rosa talking to her.

"Hi, ma'am," David said and Hannah looked away from Rosa and turned to David.

"Oh sweetheart, how are you?" He asked and David smiled as he felt his heart leap in joy.

"I'm fine ma'am," he said and smiled as he remembered last night, how Hannah had put him to sleep. He had wanted to thank her but he didn't say a word as he didn't want his grandma to know about it.

"David, go wait for me in the car, I would love to speak with Mrs Colby alone," Rosa said and David nodded in response.

Hannah then turned to her kids and beckoned for them to wait in the car, which they did obediently.

She then turned to Rosa, waiting for her to speak.

"Hannah, I don't know where to start.

I know we didn't start on good terms, I know I did a lot of bad things to you in the past, I.... I wanted to apologize for everything....." she said as she paused waiting for Hannah's response.

"You are kidding, right? Apologize for everything after you killed my children and almost killed me? You must be crazy to think I will even forgive you" she said and with that, she walked away leaving her standing alone. She hopped inside her car and drove off.

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The moment Hannah got home, she and the kids alighted the car and walked inside the house.

"Go to your room, I need to prepare dinner," she said to the kids who nodded and went to their room.

She sighed, as the thought of Rosa apologizing to her came into her head.

Rosa would never apologize to her no matter what, she was shocked at the same time, and she wondered what came over her.

And how could she expect her to forgive her after everything she's done, never, she thought angrily.

And just then the sound of the front door opening jolted her out of her thoughts. She turned and to her surprise, she saw a strange man walk into the house.

It wasn't just any strange man, it was the man from the grocery store who had been stalking her.

"You! What are you doing here? Are you following me?" She yelled and the strange man smiled. "Hey calm down pretty, I mean no harm," he said in a calm tone scrutinizing the whole house.

"How did you even get in here?" Hannah asked, still surprised.

"I hired most of the security men here," he said in response as he put his hands in his pocket staring around. Hannah stared at him with a confused expression on her face.

"What's going on here?" Jessica, who had heard Hannah's voice from downstairs, asked as she, Arianna and Matthew climbed down the stairs.

They had heard Hannah's scream from their rooms and decided to come see what was going on.

"I don't know who this stranger is and how he got past the front gate," Hannah said, staring at the strange man who kept staring around.

She noticed there was a scar on the side of his ear, she didn't notice it the first time they had seen each other.

"Hey, who are you?" Arianna asked and just then the strange man turned around and both Arianna and Jessica paused the moment they saw who it was.

"Lucas" Arianna and Jessica called at once and Hannah raised her eyebrows.

Lucas?, she remembered that name. She remembered Brandon said his brother Lucas had died with some engineers in the fields because of a faulty machine signed off by him.

I thought he said he died, how come he's alive? she thought as she stared at him.

"Hello Sister, hello Mother, Surprised to see me alive?" he asked as he smirked devilishly.

"Oh, my goodness!!" Arianna muttered still in shock. Even though she wasn't with them, she had heard the news of Lucas's death and how it had happened.

It pained her so much that she blamed herself for his death. She wished she was with them and they were a family he wouldn't have died and now he's fucking alive. It was a miracle.

"Oh Lucas my boy, you are alive, you are alive" Arianna muttered, as she moved towards him and tried hugging him but he raised his hands signifying she shouldn't come close to him. "Who is he?" Matthew asked Jessica who was still in shock.

"He's my dead brother," she said and Matthew raised his eyebrows.

"Dead brother? I didn't know you had another brother"

"I did, but he died," Jessica said and Matthew sighed.

Jessica couldn't believe her eyes, Lucas was still alive. It was impossible... the machine had caught fire and he had burnt to ashes, they saw his body, how come he's alive, she thought.

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"Oh little sister, I hope you didn't miss me that much," he said and Jessica stared at him without saying a word.

Just then the front door burst open revealing Brandon.

He paused as he saw everyone in the sitting room.

"What's going on?" He asked and everyone turned to him and just then Lucas turned to him, Brandon's face fell immediately when he saw Lucas.

Lucas smiled as he saw the look on his face. He put his hands in his pocket and moved towards him.

"Hello Brother," he smirked and Brandon blinked twice, staring at him with a surprised look on his face.

"Lucas, you are alive," he said and Lucas chuckled.

"Surprised? That even after you tried to kill me, I'm still alive. You shouldn't be brother," Lucas said and Brandon scoffed.

"What the hell are you talking about? I never tried to kill you. And that machine burnt to the ground and I saw your body, how come you are alive?" He asked and Lucas sighed "I guess miracles still happen and it happened to be someone else's body you saw, not mine.

I know what you did Brandon, don't even try to hide it.

I know you signed those papers even though you knew the machines were faulty just because you wanted to get rid of me.

But guess what brother? I am so back and this time to ruin your perfect little life... your biggest nightmare is back" he paused and then turned to Hannah.

"I have been watching you and your wife all this while. Especially your wife. I have been stalking her" he said and Brandon gave him a confused look.

Just a heads up: is the only place to read the complete version of this book for free. Don't miss out on the next chapter-visit us now and continue your journey! "Stalking my wife?" He asked to be sure of what he had just heard and Lucas turned to him.

"Yeah, she knew I was stalking her, she just didn't know who I was. Anyways, damn, your wife is pretty and sexy" he said as he stared at Hannah with lust in his eyes and the frown on Brandon's face deepened. "If you are angry at me, face me, but stay the hell away from my wife," he said between gritted teeth.

"Same way you stayed away from my fiancée and......" Brandon interrupted him with a punch to his nose. "Brandon," Arianna called

"Oh Jesus, you haven't changed brother. I'm gonna let this slide but don't you dare hit me again " he said and Brandon scoffed.

"What are you going to do?" he said as he punched him again in his nose making him bleed.

Lucas touched his nose and then saw blood. He raised his head and stared at Brandon angrily and then he punched him back in return on his nose and Brandon punched him again and they started fighting. "Brandon stop," Hannah yelled as they started fighting.

She moved towards Brandon and pulled him away from Lucas, while Arianna held Lucas.

"Let go of me," Lucas said as he shrugged himself away from Arianna's hands.

"If you know what is good for you Lucas, you would stay away from my wife, because history is not gonna repeat itself again on this one," he said Lucas smirked and smiled at Hannah who was staring at them wondering what was going on and what they were talking about.

"Well, we will see to that, Brother. I need to find my room" he said and with that he walked upstairs leaving everyone all alone.

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The moment he climbed upstairs to his room, everyone turned and stared at each other.

Brandon, who was looking furious, walked upstairs to his study room. Arianna went after him.

Hannah sighed and decided to go prepare dinner for her kids as they would be hungry and waiting for her.

"This doesn't seem like a good one," Matthew said and Jessica nodded.

"My brother, Lucas, is a psychopath. We didn't talk about him more often because of how he died, rather how we thought he died.

And Brandon had been feeling guilty about it, So, not to bring up memories, Everyone had decided not to talk about it" Jessica said as she and Matthew both walked back upstairs to her room and Matthew hummed. "He's going to ask questions about you, please do your best to avoid him, while you are here," Jessica said and Matthew nodded in response.

"Jessica, I will be going to see my aunt today and will be spending the night there, she's been calling and saying she misses me," Matthew said

"Oh, it's okay. I can come with you if you want me to" she said as they entered the room.

"No no, it's fine. I will be back by tomorrow" Matthew said and Jessica smiled. Matthew closed the door behind him, moved closer to her, and kissed her.

Jessica felt this tingling sensation rush through her veins as he kissed her. She closed her eyes as she let the feelings wash over her.

Matthew pulled away from the kiss and pulled her into a hug. She felt so much at peace at the way Matthew was treating her and right now, she had already fallen in love with him.

Meanwhile, Brandon is seen in his study room pacing to and fro when Arianna walks in.

"Brandon" she called and he turned to her.

"He's your brother, please, you just have to calm down, " Arianna said and Brandon scoffed.

"Calm down? He's been stalking my wife" he said and Arianna sighed softly.

"I will talk to him please just calm down," she said and just then she heard her phone ring. She gave Brandon one last glance before going outside to answer the call.

Meanwhile, Hannah who was in the kitchen was done preparing dinner and was dishing it out on the dining table with the help of the maids.

After which she went upstairs to call her kids to come eat. They all rushed out of their room and went downstairs to eat.

They sat in the dining room and began to devour their food.

"Mommy, it's so delicious," they all said at once, and Hannah smiled.

Just then Hannah saw Lucas climbing down the stairs. She sighed as he walked towards them, joined them at the dining table and asked the maid to serve him some food. The kids stared at him wondering who he was.

"Mommy, who is he?" Allison asked and Hannah turned to Lucas who was staring at her.

"Uhm, he's......"

"I'm your uncle. My name is Lucas" he said, cutting off Hannah's speech with a smile on his face and the kids hummed.

"It's nice meeting you, Uncle Lucas," Jayden said and Lucas raised his eyebrows and hummed.

"The pleasure is mine," he said and the kids looked away from him and focused on their food. It wasn't long before the maid brought Lucas his food.

He gave the maid a seductive smile and kissed her hands. Hannah stared at him disgustingly and then turned to her kids, thankfully they were focused on their food and didn't see what Lucas was doing. "Brenda, could you please finish the dishes in the kitchen?" Hannah said to the maid who nodded and quickly rushed to the kitchen.

Lucas scoffed and started eating his food while stealing glances at Hannah.

Hannah had noticed the look he was giving her and she felt so uncomfortable.

It wasn't long before the kids were done eating and Hannah had asked them to go upstairs to their room which they did without any hesitation.

Hannah stood up and packed the dishes to the kitchen and Lucas also stood up and walked inside the kitchen.

"I know you must be wondering where you had seen me before aside from the grocery store," Lucas said like he had read Hannah's mind.

Hannah turned to look at him and then looked away without saying a word and Lucas rolled his eyes.

"I'm not your enemy Hannah," he said and she sighed.

"Why have you been stalking me?" Hannah, who had been quiet the whole time, asked and he sighed.

"Nothing, I just like stalking you, it's fun," he said and Hannah stared at him weirdly.

Stalking is fun, he must be crazy, she thought, and then turned to leave when Lucas stood in his way.

"Get out of my way, Lucas," she said and he bit his lips seductively. Hannah felt so irritated with the way he was acting.

He squinted his eyes as he stared at her and suddenly he moved away from her.

She walked past him and walked out of the kitchen before going upstairs to her room.

The moment she entered her room she was welcomed with the sight of Brandon sitting on the couch, his face looking soured.

She stared at him, wondering what he was doing in her room. She thought he had said he wouldn't come to her room after she told him how she felt about him,

"Why didn't you tell me my brother was stalking you?" Brandon asked

"I didn't know he was your brother, I thought it was some sort of stranger and I didn't feel the need to tell you," Hannah said and the frown on Brandon's face deepened.

He then stood up and moved towards her, and she took a step backward. With every step he takes forward, she takes a step backward.

"I'm your husband and you are supposed to tell me every fucking thing," he said as a cold and possessive look flashed through his eyes.

She swallowed into nothing as she trembled at his looks.

"I can take care of myself, Brandon" She trembled at his touch as she swallowed into nothing. She could feel her heart running a marathon race and her breath becoming intense.

"You are my responsibility, Hannah. I am supposed to protect you. How do you expect me to protect you when you tell me nothing" he said and she stared into his eyes.

Their eyes locked together for some seconds but Hannah quickly looked away but then Brandon placed his hands on her chin and made her look into his eyes. Suddenly, he placed his lips on hers and kissed her.

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He suddenly pulled away from the kiss and stared at her eyes.

His eyes moved to her lips which were looking red and wet from the kiss.

"I want you to stay away from my Brother, Lucas" he said and with that, he walked out of the room

Leaving Hannah all alone.

She placed her hands on her chest which was beating so fast, she then touched her lips and suddenly found herself smiling as the thought of Brandon filled her heart.

She suddenly frowned as she realized she was smiling over nothing.

The moment Brandon kissed her, she forgot everything she had wanted to do, she needed to take her bath and reply to some emails before going to sleep but now, she'd forgotten all she had wanted to do. "What is wrong with me?" She thought as the scene of Brandon kissing her filled her mind.

The moment Brandon walked out of Hannah's room, he went to his study room and surprisedly saw Lucas sitting on his chair.

"Lucas" he called as he walked fully inside the study room.

"Hello Brother," he said as he hung his leg on the table while smiling.

"What do you want?" Brandon asked

"Nothing," he said and Brandon stared at him without saying a word.

"Well, I know you set me up, Brandon. You fucking wanted to have me killed" he said as he removed his leg from the table and stood up.

"I didn't set you up and I never knew the machine was faulty in the first place, if I had known it was faulty I wouldn't have signed it off," he said and Lucas scoffed.

He had just returned from a business meeting when he was told the machine had been fixed and signed off by Brandon, and work needed to begin in the Colby field.

He took his friend, Adriel and they both went to the field. He had told Adriel to start up the machine when it suddenly caught fire and burnt him to ash.

It was supposed to be him but his friend died in his place, after that he left the field because he had also sustained some injuries and everyone believed he was the one who had died.

They thought it was his body they saw not knowing it was Adriel's.

It pained Lucas so much that Adriel had died. He had sworn on his life to get justice for him, and now that he was back, he was going to make Brandon's life miserable and make him pay for everything. "Okay, well keep lying to yourself, I'm back now. And I promise I'm going to make your life as miserable as hell" he said and was about to leave when he paused and turned to Brandon.

"I will be resuming my position back at the company tomorrow, it's not a request, whoever is now at my office, should be prepared to leave," He said and with that, he walked out of the room. Brandon sighed and went to sit on the chair, lots of thoughts going through her mind.

It was morning and Hannah had woken up, did her normal routine, and went to drop off the kids at school.

After she came back home to get some documents from her room before going to the company, she saw Lucas making out with one of the househelp in the living room.

What the fuck! Can't you get yourself a room, she thought as she stared at them.

The moment Lucas and the maid saw her, they both pulled away from each other. The maid who felt embarrassed quickly walked away.

"What do you think you are doing? You are taking advantage of that young girl" Hannah said and Lucas rolled his eyes.

"I didn't force her into doing it, she likes me and couldn't resist my good looks," he winked and Hannah rolled her eyes and hissed.

Just as she was about walking away Lucas held her hands and pulled her back.

She pulled her hands away from his with full force.

"Don't you dare touch me again and just so you know, I do not like you.

I don't know what is going on between you and your Brother, Brandon.

I don't know what happened in both of your past but please keep me out of it" she said and with that, she walked upstairs to her room, took the files, and came back downstairs. Lucas was no longer there, she sighed and walked out of the house. She hopped inside her car and zoomed off to the company.

Meanwhile, Lucas on the other hand didn't say a word when Hannah had hit him, he knew what he was going to do to her. He already planned all of it just to get back to Brandon. He was going to make her fall in love with him.

The moment Hannah walked upstairs to her room, he walked out of the house, hopped inside his car, and zoomed off to the company.

His car came to a stop in front of the company, he hopped out of the car and walked inside the company, and everyone was shocked to see him.

They all knew Lucas in the past as he was the hot and sexy Brother of Brandon Colby, they thought he was dead but no he wasn't and here he was at the company.

All the girls kept drooling as they stared at him, he kept waving at them and winked at them. He smiled and entered the elevator that led to the last floor Which Brandon's

office was in. Liam on the other hand had heard Lucas was in the company, so he quickly rushed to Brandon's office to inform him.

Brandon had already told Liam everything that Lucas was back and that he was alive. And he had promised to ruin his life.

He opened the door and walked in there he met Brandon who was busy going through some files in his office.

"Lucas is in the company," he said at once and Brandon sighed and raised his head.

suddenly, the door burst open revealing Lucas.

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"What are you doing here Lucas?" He asked and Lucas stared at him without saying a word and then turned to Liam.

"Excuse us, I would love to speak to my brother alone," He said and Liam turned to Brandon who nodded and gave him the look *it is okay, you can leave*.

Liam glared at Lucas one more time before walking out of the office.

"What are you doing here Lucas?" Brandon asked again as he stood up and put his hands in his pocket while staring at his brother who had this devilish smile on his face.

"I'm here to take my position in this company and steal your woman," Lucas said and Brandon scoffed.

"Don't start with me, Lucas" Brandon said and he chuckled.

"Oh, you started with me Brandon with the whole Stay away from my wife speech. I'm still relishing that" Lucas said and Brandon smiled.

"As long as you heard it, Lucas," he said and he rolled his eyes.

"You know those times I have been stalking your woman, trust me I came to realize she was really pretty and well endowed" Lucas paused as he noticed the look on Brandon's face. He was trying to get on his nerves and it was working. Lucas smiled.

He was gonna enjoy all of this. He thought as he continued.

"So, this day she went to the mall, I followed her and intentionally came in contact with her.

And then I felt this strange feeling surge through me. Same thing we both felt for Lisa. I think I like her" Lucas said and the frown on Brandon's face deepened. The smile on Lucas's face widened.

"Damn!! I wonder how good she tastes in......" Brandon, who couldn't hold his anger, didn't let him finish his statement as he moved towards him and punched him so hard on his nose. Lucas laughed.

"I definitely cannot wait to have her too, same way you had my fiancee," Lucas said and Brandon punched him again on his nose, this time blood streamed down his nose.

"I never did anything with your girlfriend, she's was the one who's all over me" Brandon yelled angrily.

"Really? She was the one all over you and you fucking slept with her even when you knew she was my woman" Lucas said.

Lucas frowned the moment he saw blood streamed down his nose and then punched Brandon in his mouth.

Suddenly, they began exchanging punches with each other and the next minute, Lucas was on the ground with Brandon on top of him punching him so hard on his face. Meanwhile, Hannah, who had gotten to her office not quite long, decided to go inform Brandon concerning the client they were supposed to meet by noon today. She walked towards the office, opened the door, and shockingly, she was welcomed with the sight of Brandon and Lucas fighting.

"Brandon" she yelled and tried pulling him away from Lucas but instead he pushed her making her fall to the ground.

Hannah groaned in pain and when Brandon realized what he had done, he quickly let go of Lucas who was on the ground.

"Are you alright? I'm sorry I didn't mean to push you" he said as he helped her stand up from the ground.

"It's fine," she said as she stared at Lucas who was on the ground, with blood on his mouth and nose.

She glared at Brandon too, there was blood on his mouth too.

She wondered what had come over them and why they were fighting.

"What's wrong with you Brandon? Do you want to kill your Brother?" she asked as she watched Lucas stand up and laugh.

"I promise you Brandon, I'm going to make you pay for everything," he said and Brandon wanted to hit him again but Hannah held him making him stop.

"Lucas, please go out and treat those injuries," Hannah said to Lucas who stared at her and then walked out of the office without saying a word.

Hannah moved towards the door and closed it.

"What's wrong with you? That's your brother for goodness sake, why are you both fighting?" she asked, looking worried, wondering why both brothers were at each other's throats. "It's nothing" he said and turned to leave but Hannah held his hands and he paused.

"You are bleeding," she said as she used the handkerchief in her hands to wipe out the blood and then touched his face while staring deeper into his eyes like dhe was searching for something. The moment she touched his face, he felt all the anger inside of him disappear at once.

She swallowed into nothing and quickly removed her hands from his face.

"You should stop fighting Lucas, he's your only Brother," Hannah said as she looked away from him.

She knew there was more to the reason Brandon and his Brother were at each other's throats, but Brandon was hiding it from her and wouldn't tell her anything.

"I'm sorry I pushed you, I... It was a mistake," he said calmly. Hannah nodded, took the first aid box, and helped him sit down, then cleaned the injury on his mouth. "He thinks I set him up, he thinks I wanted him dead" Brandon finally spoke and Hannah signed.

"That is not true. I can help you talk to him if you want me to" Hannah said

"No, no, don't. You have to stay away from him, Hannah, please promise me you will stay away from him" Brandon said as he grasped Hannah's hands tightly. "You are hurting my hands, Brandon," she said as she winced in pain.

"Sorry, I didn't mean to. I.... I'm sorry" he said and let go of her hands immediately.

"Is there something else you are not telling me, Brandon?" Hannah asked and Brandon stared at her. He couldn't tell her the truth, he couldn't.

"No, there's nothing," he said and Hannah, who was done cleaning his wound, nodded and stood up.

"I'll be in my office," she says as she closes the box and gives Brandon one last glance before walking out of the office.

She didn't bother telling Brandon the reason she had gone to his office, she wondered why Lucas and Brandon hated each other so much.

There was something more to all of this that she didn't know about, she thought as she walked inside her office and was surprisedly welcomed by the sight of Lucas sitting on the couch in her office.

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Hannah sighed the moment she saw him, wondering what he was doing at her office.

How did he even know my office?, of course, I'm the COO everyone knows my office, she thought as she walked in fully.

"What are you doing here, Lucas?" she asked as she stood in front of him, watching him clean the blood off his nose with a handkerchief in his hands. Brandon had hit him so hard, Hannah thought.

"I wanted to apologize for earlier on, for touching your hands and uhm for stalking you all this while. I'm sorry" he said with a guilty look on his face. Hannah immediately felt pity for him.

She sighed and nodded. She moved towards her desk, took the first aid box, and decided to help Lucas clean his injury so it wouldn't get infected.

She cleaned the blood and after she was done, she dumped the cotton wool in the dustbin, she turned to Lucas standing hands akimbo.

"Lucas, I know you are angry and you must hate your brother, I just wanted to let you know Brandon didn't know the machine was faulty before he signed it. He didn't try to kill you" Hannah said and Lucas sighed. "I know he didn't," he said and Hannah raised her eyebrows.

"You know? if you know then why are the both of you always at each other's throat?" Hannah asked, looking confused.

She knows Brandon said she shouldn't talk to Lucas but she needed to know what had happened between the both of them.

"Doesn't it always come to the love of a woman?" Lucas asked with a smile on his face.

"Woman? What woman?" she asked looking pretty confused.

"Your eyes sparkle when you look confused," Lucas said and Hannah frowned.

"Why don't you ask your husband about his Ex, and his missing daughter, Mellisa, and the mother of Mellisa," Lucas said as he managed to stand up.

Hannah kept staring at him and then she finally spoke.

"See, I'm sorry that... you and Brandon have this thing between you, but I can't get in the middle of it, Lucas. I just... I hope you two can work it out" Hannah said and Lucas smiled and nodded in response.

"I hope so too" he replied with a smile on his face and with that he walked out of the office leaving Hannah alone.

Hannah sighed and walked to her chair then sat on it.

Just then she heard her phone ring, it was a call from the client they were supposed to meet. It was his PA calling.

"Hey I'm sorry but I think we should reschedule the meeting to another day, something came up and we won't be able to make it, my apologies, " Hannah said

"Sure, Thank you," The PA said over the phone and hung up immediately.

Hannah sighed.

It was evening and Hannah had wanted to go pick up the kids.

She took her bag and walked out of the company, she didn't see Brandon's car in the parking lots, she wondered when he had left the company and where he had gone.

She entered her car and zoomed off, when she got to the kid's school, she didn't meet the kids there and the teacher had said their father had come to pick them up not quite long. She sighed and brought out her phone to call Brandon. She was looking furious.

He should at least tell me whenever he wants to go pick up my kids from school so she would know, she thought as she dialed his number, and to her surprise, his phone was switched off. She was surely gonna kill him when she laid eyes on him, she thought as she angrily hopped in her car, zoomed off, and went home.

Lucas, who had left the company earlier, is seen in the sitting room, going through his phone when the front door opens revealing Matthew.

He raised his head and saw Matthew walk in, he had seen him yesterday close to Jessica. he wondered who he was.

All this while he's been stalking just Hannah and didn't pay attention to what was going on in Jessica's life.

"Who are you?" Lucas asked and Matthew paused and turned to him.

"Hey, Brother-in-law," Matthew says, and Lucas raises his eyebrows.

Brother-in-law? He had only one sister and that was Jessica, so when did Jessica get married? He had missed a lot, he thought.

"Matthew you are back," Jessica, who was seen climbing down the stairs, said with a smile on her face as she moved towards Matthew and kissed him.

Lucas hummed and they both turned to look at him.

"I thought the both of you were married, why is there no ring on his finger," Lucas said and rolled her eyes.

"Mind your Business, Lucas," she said and Lucas scoffed.

"I forgot my ring in my bedroom," Matthew said and Lucas rolled his eyes for the second time.

"I hope he's your husband and not some gigolo, he looks poor to me. Do you even know about his background? I can help you run a check if you want" Lucas said and Matthew smiled.

"I don't know what else to say to you but stay the fuck away from me and my husband, " Jessica said and held Matthews's hands as they both walked outside the house.

The moment they walked outside the house, Hannah's car drove inside the compound.

She alighted the car and walked towards Matthew and Jessica wondering what they were doing outside the house.

"Are you okay?" Hannah asked as she noticed the looks on her face.

"I hate Lucas so much, I wish he would go back to where he came from so everywhere could be peaceful again," Jessica said Hannah was about to speak when a black car drove inside the compound, it was Brandon's car. She sighed the moment the kids and Brandon alighted the car, they were all holding a plate of ice cream each in their hands.

"Mommy" the kids called and rushed towards her and hugged her.

"Sweethearts, where did y'all go?" Hannah asked.

"Daddy took us to play in the park and also bought us ice cream. Daddy bought it for you too, it's with him" Jayden said Hannah raised her head and stared at Brandon who was holding a pack that contained ice cream in his hands. "Okay sweethearts, let's go inside," Hannah said and the kids nodded and entered the house and Hannah walked towards Brandon.

"Do not dare take the kids away again without my permission " she said with a frown on her face as she walked inside the house.

The moment Hannah walked inside the house, she met Lucas and the kids talking and they were laughing.

She was surprised because she knew her kids so much that they hardly got along with anyone but it was different with Lucas. TBC