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Leah's voice was firm, and her eyes were confident.

Kate took a deep breath, clenched her fists, and started to tremble. As time passed, her trembling grew worse.

Benji wasn't much better off, but he took a deep breath to calm himself down. Then, he placed a hand on Kate's shoulder and said, "There's no need to get mad over the things she said.

She grew up with her mother and was educated the same way. Trust me-I may not be the brightest, but I'm definitely the best at telling right from wrong among everyone present."

Kate could tell he was trying his best to comfort her, but she could sense that he wasn't doing too well himself. She took a deep breath to calm herself, then turned to look at Darius with reddened eyes.

"I think you helped me to make the correct decision." Then, she looked away.

Calypso had already recovered from her earlier embarrassment. At Kate's words, she shot to her feet and dashed over to Darius, grabbing him by the collar again.

"It looks like William's disappearance has to do with the both of you! You two must've conspired to harm him. As long as you free him now, I can sweep this whole thing under the rug."

Kate scratched her ear, feeling like this sounded familiar. Then, an ugly look crept onto her face. She started to tremble again, and her voice was shaky with rage as she said, "What's that supposed to mean? What have I done to warrant you badmouthing me in front of the whole world? I want you to make things clear in the presence of everyone here!" She'd never been so enraged in her life.

This made Leah and Calypso smile victoriously, however. Leah walked up to her, her face streaked with tears, and her voice gentle yet hoarse as she said, "Kate, there's no need to hide the truth anymore. No matter what happened or

what you intend to do, the cat will be out of the bag once we investigate this man next to you.”

Kate paled. This was the first time in her life that she'd felt so helpless because she knew that Leah was right. If Darius didn't want to help her, Leah and Calypso could find out what had happened as long as they looked into the matter. Who cared whether it was the truth?

However, after spending some time with Darius, she'd come to understand him a little. The possibility of that happening was close to zero. She stood there, not knowing what to do. At this moment, she wanted nothing more than to look to Darius for help, but she knew she couldn't. She'd already caused too much trouble for him.

She had no choice but to hold herself back, stopping herself from turning her thoughts into actions. She clenched her fists tightly, took a deep breath, and looked at Leah. She knew she had to say something.

Otherwise, Leah would ensure the whole world knew about this. If that were to happen, people would think that Leah's fallacies were true.

Something unexpected happened when Kate opened her mouth. She was about to say something when Benji—who had been silent all this while—took a step forward and shielded her with his body.

She was filled with a sun-like warmth. She looked at his broad back, as she'd done countless times as a child, and her eyes turned red. Tears started to streak down her face.

Benji heard her weeping, and he frowned. He felt anxious, but he knew he couldn't show it. However, he didn't realize there was no way to hide his emotions from the smart people before him. He was like an open book to them, and they could tell exactly how he felt.

Benji said, "I find the fact that you're here odd. Darius was right; the moment I showed up here, it only made things worse for Kate. This reminds me of how you turned me down all those years ago when I wanted to use my connections to help your daughter when she was in trouble." His face was devoid of his usual gentleness, and his eyes were cold and complicated.

Calypso couldn't help but tremble. She'd never expected her perfect plan to fall through! Also, the brother that she'd been taking advantage of for years

had suddenly woken up and turned his back on her! This was all Darius' fault- he'd somehow gotten Benji on his team.

Thus, this led to Calypso reaching out to grab Darius by the collar once again, despite them being further apart because Kate had approached him earlier. This time, however, Darius didn't allow her to succeed. He took a step back to stand shoulder-to- shoulder with Kate, then stopped. Calypso couldn't touch him anymore.

He straightened his collar and said to Bridget, who was standing nearby, "Take down how much this shirt costs and have this woman compensate me for it. Her rough actions have ruined it, and I can't wear it anymore in the future."

Bridget put her hands behind her back and nodded calmly.

Calypso's face turned red with rage. She gritted her teeth and pointed at Darius, but her eyes were on Benji as she screeched, "I loathe having to tell people you're my brother, you know? Because I find it hard to believe that someone with whom I share the same blood is such an idiot! You've never had a mind of your own and never thought about the truth of the matter. You believe them all the same, whether it's Kate's words or mine. The only thing that's consistent about you is the fact that you keep wavering!"

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"If this were just between the two of us, I would still accept you as my brother. But that's not the case! You're accusing and hurting your sister because of Darius' words!" Calypso spat out. Her expression was twisted as she bent over and pounded herself on the chest.

A trace of pain flashed in Benji's eyes at the sound of her fists coming into contact with her chest, but he didn't waver this time. He shut his eyes, took a deep breath, and said,

"You're no longer the sister I remember, and you've become a completely different person. Or perhaps, you've been lying to me since we were children. It doesn't matter-not anymore. Too many things have happened for us to return to how things used to be."

Calypso gaped at him. Darius swept his gaze over everyone present, then raised an eyebrow and patted Kate on the shoulder.

When she didn't react, he smiled and reached out to push her jaw back up.

Only then did she notice the warmth on her jaw. She backed away, then turned to look at him. Her lips moved, wanting to say something. However, in the end, she realized she was too nervous to say anything.

So, she turned back to look at Benji and Calypso. Then, her hair stood on end.

The expression on Calypso's face was one she'd never seen before-it was a mixture of hatred and relief! As she tried to figure this out, she saw Calypso point at herself while looking at Benji.

"You really are the world's best brother!" She gritted her teeth as she said this, and her eyes were practically spitting fire.

"Remember this-I'm the one who grew up with you, not Kate! Since she was born, none of you have paid attention to me, not even our parents. When I was a child, they told me they'd leave 30 percent of the company's shares for me, but they never brought this up again after Kate was born. In fact, they stipulated in their wills that I'd only be getting 5 percent!" The more she spoke, the shakier her voice became.

At the same time, the hatred in her eyes grew. "Do you know what made things worse? They clearly indicated that Kate would be getting 40 percent! How can you possibly expect me to accept that?"

Benji had an ugly look on his face. He didn't know when Calypso had become so twisted or how long she'd been lying to him, but he was sure that she hadn't started out like this. It took him a while to wrap his mind around this new discovery.

Earlier on, he couldn't understand why she'd changed so much; now that he did, he was shocked. He bit his lips and took a deep breath.

Calypso was vindicated when she saw him like this. At the same time, she found this whole situation hilarious. She continued to pound on her chest, saying, "My heart's right here, but it's numb with pain because of the way all of you have been ignoring me!"

Benji frowned. He opened his mouth to refute her. "None of us have ignored you. We've tried our best to treat you well; that's why we..." He thought this would help her see things from his perspective.

Unfortunately for him, Calypso didn't show any sign of softening. On the contrary, she became even angrier. She let out a disparaging laugh, the hatred in her eyes growing. "You know what? This is all my fault. I thought you guys would be able to understand me if I were to tell you the truth."

Benji didn't say anything, merely shaking his head. After a couple of minutes of silence, Calypso suddenly exploded. "Why are you shaking your head? Why didn't you finish your sentence? Is it

because you think there's no hope for me because I'm so ungrateful?"

She clenched her fists, gritted her teeth, and continued, "I Know exactly what you were going to say! You were going to say you guys did everything you could to find me the best husband, right?"

She suddenly lapsed into silence. Then, she looked at Benji again, her gaze frosty.

"You have no idea how hellish my life became from that moment on. Everything went downhill from there. I got stuck in an unhappy marriage because you guys forced me to get married! You guys were in a hurry to marry me off to someone I didn't love, so I got a random man to marry me. When things started going bad, I apologized to you guys countless times and asked for help, but neither of you did. All of you chose to believe that bastard, and none of you were on my side! Ultimately, I gave up hope and decided to take matters into my own hands-that's why I killed him. Otherwise, I'd be the one six feet under now! Either that or I'd be handicapped in some way."

She panted while staring into Benji's eyes. At this moment, she prayed that he'd give her a reaction to show that he cared about her. Unfortunately, she was destined for disappointment.

The light in her eyes slowly faded. Benji didn't notice this, though.

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He was caught up in his shock at Calypso's words. He opened his mouth a few times to say something but failed. It only made Calypso angrier. She panted loudly and turned away from him, her gaze landing on Darius.

Suddenly, she smiled, making a chill run down the spines of everyone present. This didn't include Darius, of course. He stood there with his hands in his pockets, looking exactly the same as normal.

This surprised Calypso. She walked over to him, wanting to touch his face. However, she'd only started reaching out when he grabbed her wrist. Then, a sharp pain shot through her arm. This was completely out of her expectations.

Her face twisted with pain. Darius looked at her, his face devoid of emotion and his voice calm. "It's been a while since I last came across someone with such nerve. Let me try to recall how the last person died."

He looked at her mildly, but it made her shudder. Despite this, she didn't look away from him. Her hatred was obvious, and she didn't back down. In fact, she spat at him.

Benji wanted to step forward to stop her but ended up not doing so. Calypso noticed this and laughed.

"Why aren't you getting him to let go of me? You shielded Kate when you thought Darius was going to hurt her. Do you know how many times I've experienced this? Ever since Kate was born, none of you have had eyes for me. It's as if she was the only person all of you could see. You guys would give her everything she wanted, regardless of who the thing belonged to."

She turned to look at Darius and continued,

"I know you're a wealthy man, but you should know that plenty of people are wealthier than you. In fact, one of them gave me a portion of his wealth in exchange for a small favor -to destroy you so that you wouldn't be able to inherit your father's fortune.

And that's why Kate appeared in your room. The video of you two together will soon be sent to her fiance. He's wealthier than you can imagine and comes from a powerful family. I was originally quite excited to see how things would play out, but it looks like I won't have the chance to anymore-I doubt you'll let me leave this place alive." Her eyes were dull as she said, "Do you feel wronged that I've dragged you into this mess just because of my own hatred?"

Darius found her question to be nonsensical. He raised an eyebrow, not intending to answer her. To his surprise, she didn't seem to expect one. She continued,

"Honestly, you're not blameless in this. You have so many women around you, and you seem to be involved with all of them. Someone took a photo of you with them and posted it online, so I decided to pick you for this."

Darius frowned and tightened his grip. Calypso was prepared for it this time, so she frowned without making a sound. She looked at Darius with a hint of contempt, but it didn't bother him. His voice was frosty as he said, "So, you were the one behind what happened at the airport?" He stared into her eyes.

Calypso didn't think she'd have the chance to see him mad, and a trace of delight appeared in her eyes. She shook her head and said, "No, I had nothing to do with that. I thought about it, but I didn't have the ability to do so. I'm thankful to whoever did, though."

This wasn't the answer Darius expected. Calypso kept her eyes trained on his face so that she wouldn't miss any of his expressions. She immediately caught the surprise and confusion in his eyes and smiled.

"If I were you, that'd be the least of my worries now. Kate's fiance. Holt Arnov, will be here in no time." Her expression turned gleeful. "It's too bad that I won't be able to witness you two getting into a fight, but you're not going to win.

Holt's a professional boxer, and he's internationally renowned. Don't worry-I'll be waiting for you in hell. I'm sure you'll join me in a second."

Benji took a deep breath at her words and said grimly, "Calypso, don't say that. I won't allow Darius to hurt you."

Calypso didn't expect to hear him say this. Despite her face paling from the pain of Darius' grip around her wrist, she still turned to look at Benji with

shock. She smiled when she met his calm gaze and said, "You can drop the act; it's not like I'll believe you. Also, I'm not a child. I won't fall for your lies."

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Almost instinctively, Benji wanted to deny this. He'd already opened his mouth to speak, but Darius beat him to it.

"Look, there's no need for you two to act this way because Calypso won't make it out of this alive. I won't allow someone who's plotted against me repeatedly and wants to use me to achieve her hidden agenda to remain in this world." His tone was devoid of warmth.

Benji frowned, feeling slightly anxious, but he didn't dare to do anything too out of place because of Darius' abilities. He took a deep breath before saying seriously, "I can apologize to you on her behalf."

Before he could continue, Calypso cut him off shrilly. "Benji Anderson, that's enough! I don't need you to put up such an act in front of me. Anyway, it's obvious that you two have your own issues to work out, so stop dragging me into your mess!"

Benji was shocked at her words, but he quickly regained his composure. He knew that once there was a misunderstanding between two people, it wouldn't be an easy feat to resolve it. In the end, he looked at Darius again, wanting to give it one last shot.

However, he didn't expect that Darius wouldn't even allow him the chance to speak.

Before he could say anything, Darius had already turned to leave. To Kate, Darius had always been steady and calm. This was her first time seeing him move so quickly, and her heart started to race.

She couldn't watch him leave without doing anything, so she ran after him, stopping only when he did.



She wanted to ask him what was happening and whether he needed her help, but she could only gasp for breath when she opened her mouth. Darius had heard her running after him, so he glanced at her and patted her on the back when he saw her coughing from the cold air.

"You can return to your room. Your fiance will be here at any moment."

Kate stiffened, then slowly straightened up and gazed into the distance. A few seconds later, a few cars appeared in her line of sight. Darius thought she cared about her fiance a lot, which explained why she'd dropped everything at the mention of his name.

However, he immediately changed his mind when he felt her tug on his sleeve-something she'd never done before. He turned to look at her questioningly, then saw the fear and pleading in her eyes.

"What's happened? Why are you looking at me like that?" Kate slowly calmed down as she listened to his steady voice. She took a few deep breaths, then said, "I hate him. Almost every time we saw each other, he'd find a reason to lay a hand on me. It's been that way for the past two decades."

This was out of Darius' expectations, and his expression froze. He wanted to ask her for more information to better understand the situation, but they were out of time. The cars were only fifty yards away from them.

Kate started trembling, and he could feel how stiff she was. She probably didn't even realize she was doing it.

He reached out and tugged her hand away from his sleeve, noticing that she was becoming stiffer by the second. He sighed and said, "Don't overthink things. Whatever you're imagining right now won't happen, so go to your room. Wilson will protect you."

Kate looked at Wilson doubtfully, but she didn't have the time to hesitate. She gritted her teeth and headed into the villa.

Calypso frowned. The situation was different from what the guy who'd come to her had described, and her doubt peaked when Kate successfully went into the villa. She couldn't stand still, so she

subconsciously lifted her hands to do something. She quickly stopped herself before putting her hands back down, not making a sound in the process

because she knew both the guy who'd sought her out and Wilson were of the same nature-she couldn't afford to offend either of them.

At this thought, her heart started to race. Everything that had happened since Wilson's appearance replayed in her mind like a movie, and she scrutinized it, not wanting to miss a single detail. Then, she paled. Perhaps it had been a mistake for her to come here in the first place-how Wilson treated Darius was different from how he treated everyone else.

Moreover, Wilson tried explaining something to them but stopped after glancing at Darius. This meant that Darius was someone who could control Wilson; no one had the power to do this in Almiron City, not for the past few decades.

Calypso's eyes started darting around, but she dispelled these thoughts after a few seconds. This was because she saw Kate's fiance, Holt, break into a smile the moment he got out of the car. His smile and words were enough to make Calypso relax. In fact, she looked at Darius with contempt.

Holt immediately saw Darius when he got out of the car. Then, he smiled and said, "I didn't expect the man having inappropriate relations with my fiancée to be the infamous pauper from my university!"

Darius met Holt's gaze, some memories surfacing in his mind at Holt's voice.

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He smiled. "Ah, it's you. I remember that you were expelled because of your bad record. Also, the university tested you psychologically and determined that you had a high propensity for violence."

As Darius spoke, he pulled his hands out of his pocket and allowed them to rest by his side. Though he didn't think Holt was a threat, there was no denying that Holt could launch a sudden attack on any of the people present.

Holt looked at Darius and laughed mockingly. He rolled his sleeves up and cracked his knuckles.

"It looks like the beatings you received back in university didn't leave much of an impression on you. You don't seem to remember what we rich people are capable of, but I suppose they're the ones to be blamed for not being able to teach you a lesson. It's okay—I'll teach you a lesson on their behalf." He turned to face Darius.

At his words, Calypso couldn't hold herself back anymore. This was mostly due to her stupidity—earlier, she'd suspected Darius was a wealthy person! Her suspicions humiliated her, even if no one knew what had gone through her mind. This infuriated her because she felt like Darius had tricked her.

She shot to her feet, pointed at Darius, and shrieked, "Holt, get him! Give him a good beating! Once he admits to his mistakes, I'll serve Kate to you on a silver platter. We can talk about everything else after that." Her insinuation was obvious.

Darius saw Holt's Adam's apple bob at Calypso's words, and everyone present heard her loud and clear. They all smiled meaningfully, wanting to see how Kate felt about this.

Unfortunately for them, Kate wasn't around to hear this, so there was no way for their wish to be granted.

They looked at Holt expectantly, and he didn't disappoint. He waved at them and said, "It looks like we'll be a family after today."

As everyone applauded, he walked toward Darius, a trace of victory in his eyes. It was as if Kate was already his, giving Darius a thorough understanding of how shameless he could be.

Holt stopped before Darius and frowned when Darius remained unmoved. "How can you be so rude? I'm your senior, aren't I? Shouldn't you be treating me with the respect I deserve? You're looking at me like I'm your nemesis even when I haven't done anything yet." He rolled his shoulders as he spoke.

Darius didn't even flinch. He didn't think there was any point saying anything to Holt. Calypso obviously agreed with Holt. She pointed at Darius and screeched, "You have no idea how unreasonable he is! He was unbelievably

rude to me, and you saw what he did to Kate. They were even staying at the same hotel!"

Darius frowned. He couldn't care less what people said about him, but Calypso had tested his patience for far too long. He didn't think he could stand her for much longer, and his expression became frosty. The people around him felt the temperature start to drop, and they subconsciously shivered.

Holt felt it as well, but he was confused by this sudden change in temperature. He looked up at the sky, not noticing anything unusual. So, he shook his head and pushed this to the back of his mind, going back to looking at Darius.

"So, you were rude to my future aunt-in-law, huh? I guess this means you have no objection to me teaching you a lesson, right? After all, you're my junior and involved with my fiancée in a way that you shouldn't have been." As he spoke, he reached out to Darius.

Darius remained unmoving with his hands behind his back. Everyone watched with bated breath because they'd all seen Holt in action before. They could already visualize how bad Darius would look

once Holt was through with him. This didn't include Benji and Darius himself.

In fact, Benji couldn't stop himself from letting out a chuckle. It stood out because of the silence, and it made everyone turn to look at him with looks of excitement and worry. He quickly composed himself, suddenly realizing that he'd made a huge mistake. He'd actually been mocking Darius! He resisted the urge to pull his hair out and smiled awkwardly at Darius, saying, 'Sorry, I shouldn't have laughed. I was just...' He trailed off, realizing that he couldn't think of anything to explain his behavior.

In fact, the reason why he'd laughed was that he'd never seen Darius speechless before. He knew that Darius would definitely be the one to come out on top, but he couldn't help feeling amused at Darius allowing Holt to make the first move. He didn't expect to laugh out loud, and he looked at Darius anxiously.

Benji was worried that his actions would reflect badly on Kate, making it harder for her to win Darius' heart. He could tell how much she liked him.

Darius raised an eyebrow, not expecting Benji to apologize to him. He remained silent as he tried to think of an appropriate response, but it only made Benji's anxiety levels shoot up.

He lowered his head.

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Benji looked at the ground and said seriously, "Even if I've offended you, I hope this won't affect your relationship with Kate. She's very innocent, and even if she occasionally does things that are hard to fathom, it's only because she doesn't know it's wrong. Her mother left when she was very young, and none of us taught her about these things.

That's why she's so naive. So, please blame me for everything she's done wrong."

After saying these things, Benji seemed to regain his strength. He raised his head and looked at Darius, continuing, "I know you're a kind and reasonable man."

When he met Benji's eyes, Darius couldn't bring himself to shake his head, but he didn't want to let Benji off the hook so easily.

After a few seconds, he came up with the perfect response-he shrugged, then looked away and focused on Holt, who'd been waiting for him with his arms crossed.

When he met Darius' eyes, he put his arms down, his gaze mocking. "Are you ready to fight me?" He sized Darius up. You might be poor, but you're definitely brave enough to do anything for love. It's too bad that I'm your opponent, though."

Holt stretched his neck and said, "You know what you remind me of? A poor, defenseless little chick. I can send you flying with a single punch, so I'll give you a chance to back out of this."

Darius sighed, finally out of patience. He was about to make his move when he saw the pleased look on Holt's face.

"I remember you being very argumentative despite your poverty, especially when you were angry. It looks like you've learned to keep your mouth shut! I suppose plenty of people have taught you the

ways of the world, but it's a shame none of them taught you to respect others." He wiggled his wrists as he spoke.

"I guess that's a lesson that I'll have to teach you; remember to pay me when this is over, though!"

He immediately threw a punch at Darius' face after saying that, but Darius didn't even flinch. Kate watched them from the villa, feeling a cold sweat break out. She wanted to run out there to stop this, but she couldn't. She knew things would only become more chaotic if she showed up.

Holt's eyes lit up when he saw Darius standing there. He could already see what would happen, and he gulped with excitement. Then, he felt something brush against his face. After that, he lost his balance before crashing onto the ground, his eyes wide with shock.

He lay on the ground, feeling like every bone in his body was broken, and he couldn't get up.

He turned to look at Darius with a horrified gaze, and it was only then that he noticed a beautiful yet plainly dressed woman standing before Darius and looking down at him. Her gaze was so sharp that pain rocked through him when he met her eyes, so he quickly averted his gaze.

Then, something occurred to him, and he narrowed his eyes. Suddenly, he paled, remembering that someone had once told him Darius had become Kingston University's wealthiest person-he was actually from an affluent family but had grown up in poverty due to an accident.

That same person had also warned him not to offend Darius because they were no match for him now.

As this memory surfaced, Holt's pale face turned ashen, and he started to tremble with fear. Darius smiled at him.

"You know. I'm surprised by your sudden change in attitude." This was what he said, but there wasn't a trace of surprise in his eyes. He merely stood there calmly with his hands behind his back, saying, "It

looks like you know who I am now."

Holt quickly got up, but he didn't stand up. Instead, he knelt before Darius, not even daring to look at him. He nodded and said, "Yes, I do." He sounded like he was out of strength when he said this-he knew Darius wouldn't let him off the hook. He waited for Darius to sentence him to death.

Darius leaned back against the villa's door, feeling amused, and it creaked under his weight. Holt started to tremble; the sound was terrifying to him. Darius could take his life at any second.

The people that Holt had brought with him were stunned. They sized Darius up before turning back to Holt, and one of them said, "Boss, are you sure you don't have the wrong guy? We've never heard about him before, and there's no way we wouldn't know anything about him if he were rich or some powerful character."

He sounded so confident that the other men nodded. His words also made Holt-still kneeling on the ground-start to doubt himself. Had he misremembered?

However, he was careful, so he stood up and bowed in Darius' direction.

"Regardless of your identity, we were still wrong to act the way we did earlier."

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Darius knew that he was just in a rush to leave so that he could investigate him, so he didn't keep him waiting. He said calmly,

"You can leave if you want to, but there's a price to pay"

His calmness made Holt doubt himself more. However, he didn't want to ruin his credibility by changing his attitude again, so he met Darius' gaze, forcing himself to remain calm. Before he verified Darius' identity, he could only treat him as an equal.

"Name it—I'll give it to you as long as it's something I can afford."

"Kate." This was Darius' response.

Holt was momentarily shocked by this, but he soon smiled and waved a hand. "Your wish is my command." He watched Darius closely, wanting to see his joyous expression. To his disappointment, Darius's face remained devoid of emotion. Holt gulped, planning his next move.

Then, he saw Darius wave a hand and say, "Get this straight- everything I said to you earlier has a time limit. If you're still standing there when I change my mind, you'll have to hold up your end of the bargain, but I won't allow you to leave anymore."

Holt's expression changed, feeling like he'd heard this somewhere before. He quickly turned and left without looking back. He'd brought plenty of men with him, and none of them had expected things to turn out like this. They remained rooted to the spot, unsure of what to do.

When Darius saw that they didn't show any signs of leaving, he stretched his neck and frowned. "It seems that you guys don't seem to trust your boss much. He's already gone, but you guys are still here." He was only making a simple statement, but the men ran away without another word.

When they were all gone, he turned to look at Calypso.

She'd made such a fool of herself earlier, and her shrill voice had hurt his ears time and time again. Darius was about to say something to her when he heard someone hurrying toward him. He turned to see Benji standing before him, and he frowned.

He thought Benji was here to plead on Calypso's behalf, but he was wrong. Benji said seriously, "Now that Holt's gone, we can continue with our earlier discussion."

"You mean when you wanted me to blame you for all the mistakes Kate's made? Because she didn't have any parents to educate her?"



Benji nodded. "Yes, that's exactly how things were. I watched her grow up, so I should be held accountable for everything she does correctly and wrongly. Also, she hasn't had many friends growing up, nor has she been exposed to much. She still has plenty of room to grow, and I'm sure she'll make many mistakes in this process. I can't watch over her forever, though." He looked at Darius calmly.

Kate stood at the villa's entrance, listening to their conversation. Tears rolled down her face; she cried for both Darius and Benji. She wanted to leave the villa, but Wilson blocked her every time she was close to succeeding.

This time, she decided to try something different. She was on the second floor and inched toward one of the windows.

Wilson didn't pay much attention to her since they weren't near the entrance. He concentrated on the computer before him, wanting to finish up the agreement on the stock rights transfer before Darius returned. That way, he could leave this place as soon as possible.

He was reluctant to leave but didn't want to face Darius a second longer than necessary. Also, he didn't want to bear the brunt of Darius' anger if anything were to happen.

Suddenly, he heard the sound of a loud thud. He whipped around to see that Kate was no longer standing by the window. He had a bad feeling about this and hurried over to the window to see Kate scrambling to her feet outside the villa.

She'd injured one of her legs when landing, dragging it behind her as she hurried over to Darius and Benji. Wilson placed a hand over his racing heart, thinking that he'd be the first person Darius would come after if he were in a bad mood. After thinking things over, he chose to remain where he was.

On the other hand, Kate had already caught Darius' attention. He looked at her with a frown, then turned back to Benji. Benji wasn't a martial artist, so he didn't have Darius' sensitive hearing.

But when Darius looked away from him, he instinctively followed his line of sight to see Kate hurrying toward them with an injured leg! He clenched his fists and ran over to her, pulling her behind him and looking into the distance. He didn't see anything unusual, though.

Benji turned to look at Kate in confusion, but he didn't say anything when he saw her crying. After a moment of silence, he asked carefully, "Do you want to tell me why you're crying? Perhaps I'll be able to help you resolve whatever problems you're facing."

Kate looked up at him. When he saw that she wasn't crying anymore, he sighed in relief. She looked at him carefully and asked in return, "Do you mean it?"

Benji's heart twisted when he saw her like this; he'd never seen her act so cautiously before. He nodded seriously and said, "Of course."

She broke into a smile.

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Kate said crisply, "If that's the case, I don't want you to get into a fight with Darius, nor do I want you to apologize to him."

Benji's eye twitched. He pursed his lips, eventually tapping her on the head without saying anything.

Kate continued to look at him. She couldn't tell whether Benji had agreed to her request. As she thought about this, Benji walked over to Darius. She watched him expectantly, but it quickly turned into disappointment because Benji didn't do as she'd hoped.

He sighed softly, then said, "Look at how innocent she's always been. It's all because of me..." He didn't get the chance to finish his sentence because Kate interrupted him. She stood between the two of them with her back to Benji, and he frowned, about to reprimand her.

However, he couldn't bring himself to do it because he knew that she was just worried about him.

Kate looked up at Darius and took in his confused expression. She smiled and said gently, "I Know Uncle Benji's probably done some things to offend you, as have I. I've never apologized to you properly nor thanked you for your help."

After saying this, she tried to bow to him. He subconsciously reached out to stop her, then sighed and made her stand up straight.

"Alright, alright. I'm not mad about what happened in the past because you two had your reasons for your actions. Also, you two didn't hurt anyone and were, in fact, the ones who'd gotten hurt."

He retracted his hands when she looked at him gratefully. He looked away from her and focused on Calypso. She was still standing there with her eyes darting around, and Darius smiled mockingly. He

couldn't read her mind, but he could already guess what she was thinking about based on her expression alone.

He said coldly, "I know what you're thinking."

Calypso froze and turned to look at him expectantly. She felt that since he was willing to take the initiative to speak to her, she probably still stood a chance of leaving this place alive. Soon, however, she realized how wrong she was.

Darius said calmly, "You can stop trying. No matter what you say or do, I won't let you off the hook."

Calypso widened her eyes in shock. She was sure that Darius was deadly serious, but she also felt that he was pulling her leg. She couldn't help thinking about how weirdly Holt had reacted to him, so she gave him a once-over.

None of the things he was wearing cost more than a hundred dollars, so he couldn't possibly be wealthy. In fact, he couldn't even compare to an ordinary person. Yet here he was, acting so cocky with her.

This infuriated her, so she put her hands on her hips and held her head up high, saying firmly, "That's impossible! You must be lying. After all, you look so sly that there's no way you can be telling the truth."

Darius stroked his face. He didn't check his appearance often, but he was sure that he looked upstanding and handsome. He knew that Calypso wouldn't agree with him, though. Not that he cared. Instead of responding to her, he said loudly, "Bridget!"

She'd been standing in an obscure corner all this while, and she immediately showed herself when she heard Darius calling her.

Kate's eyes widened in horror when she saw Bridget-Bridget wasn't walking toward Darius, but toward Calypso instead!

She'd never expected this to happen, and she wanted to say something to put a stop to this. However, she was so shocked that she failed to make a sound. Also, she didn't really want to plead on Calypso's behalf. The only thing that made her want to do so was the fact that Benji cared for Calypso and wanted to help her.

In fact, he dashed over to Darius as quickly as possible and dropped to his knees before him. Everyone was shocked by this, including Darius. He shuffled away from Benji, not too happy with what was happening. He wanted to stop this debacle, but before he could say anything, Kate burst into tears.

"Uncle Benji, I really don't understand what you're doing! Darius hasn't done anything wrong, but you're asking him to forgive Calypso unconditionally. Don't you see how unreasonable you're being?"

Benji lowered his head, looking distressed. After a moment, he looked back up at Darius and said, "I can't deny that Kate is right, and I agree with her. However, I still have to apologize for wanting to see a different result. Calypso's my sister, and no matter how huge a mistake she's made, I still want to do everything I can to protect her from harm!"

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Benji thought that Darius would at least consider it. To his disappointment, Darius shook his head firmly. "I might have a slightly better impression of you now, but it's not enough to stop me from going after someone who has repeatedly tried to harm me."

His face and tone were devoid of emotion, making it clear to everyone that Benji's wish would never come true. Benji paled. He put his hands on his knees, seemingly wanting to get to his feet, but he failed.

Calypso stood nearby, watching them. She didn't expect Benji to go this far for her, especially when he usually acted like he couldn't care less about her. Her heart skipped a beat, and she placed a hand on her chest as she walked toward him.

The moment she started moving, Darius heard her footsteps. He frowned deeply and turned to look at her with dissatisfaction, but he didn't stop her. She stopped before Benji and looked down at him.

All Benji knew was that a pair of expensive-looking heels had appeared within his line of sight. He subconsciously looked up to see Calypso standing before him. He frowned and bowed his head again.

Calypso had felt the slightest bit moved by his earlier actions, but it now dissipated. She said shrilly, "You know how dumb you are, yet you're still not thinking before you act. This will only make you dumber and make me hate you more!"

She thought this would anger Benji, but she was wrong—he didn't even blink an eye. She stomped her foot as she listened to his steady breathing and took in his calm expression. "You really are an idiot, and I can't believe you're my brother! Darius isn't wealthy at all; he's just putting on a show. In fact, I've already given you my reasons for coming to this conclusion."

Benji's eyes widened at her words. He opened his mouth to speak but ultimately remained silent. He didn't expect his sister to be so stupid-it was

clear as day that Darius was extremely wealthy, but Calypso still insisted that she was right.

He wanted to say a few things on Darius' behalf but chose not to. He knew that nothing would change Calypso's mind. She would only accept what she believed to be the truth.

Calypso had put her hands on her hips when she'd spoken earlier. When she didn't receive a reply, she put them down and glared at Benji, who was still kneeling on the ground. She screamed, "Are you deaf? I'm talking to you!" Her face was filled with contempt as she pointed in Darius' direction.

"I've told you this repeatedly, but you've chosen to believe him over me. Am I your flesh and blood, or is he?"

Her gaze was trained on Benji as she said this, and her chest heaved. Unfortunately, Darius was the only one who caught the look on her face. He thought, "So, she still cares about her family."

Kate had just recovered from her shock when she heard Calypso's words. She frowned and said, "Things aren't like what you think. Darius is extremely wealthy; I can vouch for him. Also, he has everything that a wealthy person should have!"

Calypso merely crossed her arms at Kate's words, but Kate knew that she didn't believe her. Her chest started to heave with rage, but she couldn't find the words to convince Calypso. As the seconds ticked by, Calypso started looking more and more pleased with herself. When Kate saw this, she blurted out without thinking,

"I know that you're doubting me because I can't give you the answer that you want to hear, but all I can say is I was telling you the truth! Nothing can change that!"

Darius watched them and reached up to rub his temples.' Look, there's no point in arguing about this. As I said earlier, Calypso's already dead to me."

Kate fell silent and looked at the ground hesitantly. Darius could tell what she was thinking, so he said, "I don't think you need to keep getting upset over this. The fact that Calypso could do this proves that someone's backing her up. I suspect that the mastermind's someone from the Gillette family, but I

don't have any proof. Not that it matters anymore-she already admitted to getting someone to come after me."

Kate gaped at him and asked, "What? When? Why didn't I hear anything about that?"

Darius' gaze swept over her. He didn't want to answer her, but after a moment's hesitation, he said, "Before I boarded the plane to Almiron City."

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Darius didn't allow them to ask more questions after saying that. He looked at Calypso's waist and said calmly, 'You have a blade tucked into your waistband now, don't you? You must've put in a lot of effort to pick it up amidst the chaos earlier."

Calypso paled, not expecting Darius to know about this. Earlier, when she was doing this, she'd kept an eye on Darius to ensure he wasn't paying attention to her. She stiffened, at a loss for what to do.

Benji suddenly looked up at Darius with a resolute gaze." Darius, I'm sure there's a misunderstanding somewhere. Calypso might've made many wrong choices, but I'm positive she wouldn't stab someone."

Darius opened his mouth, then shut it again and massaged his temples. "I don't think there's anything further to discuss. If you have something to say about this, I don't mind dealing with the both of you together."

Everyone's expression changed at his words. Calypso looked expectant, and Kate looked worried, but Benji merely nodded. "If you can prove that you're right, I have no reason to go against you." He was still kneeling on the ground, but his back was straight. It was a touching scene.

While everyone's eyes were on Benji, Calypso's gaze was trained on Darius. Benji's words had pulled her out of her reverie, and she looked doubtful. She found it hard to believe that Darius could withstand an attack from her blade.

At first, she'd felt slightly worried because he was already aware of the blade tucked into her waistband, which meant that he would have his guard up. So, she pulled the blade out and threw it onto the ground in front of everyone. Then, she started walking toward Darius.

When Darius saw the scheming look in her eyes, he knew what she was up to. He took in the gleeful looks coming from the other members of the Anderson family, raised an eyebrow, then turned to look at the computer screen.

Calypso couldn't be happier about this—she didn't expect him to underestimate her so much! So, as she walked over to him, she put a hand into her bag, preparing to pull out the other blade hidden in there.

Darius narrowed his eyes without saying a word, merely standing there with his hands still in his pockets. Benji watched Calypso trustingly.

Darius sighed softly and shook his head. Benji was going to be disappointed this time. Suddenly, a white light flashed before him, which was followed by Kate and Benji's terrified shouts.

They were so loud that no one heard the sound of the blade landing on Darius' body—it was one of metal clashing against metal. Calypso's arm was still stretched out, and her eyes were wide with horror. She'd never been in this situation before and didn't know what to do next.

On the other hand, Darius was surprised to see that she was still standing before him despite her plan failing. She hadn't chosen to flee. He didn't expect this, so he smiled.

Wilson felt like he'd been waiting for Darius for ages and was running out of patience. He'd already prepared all the necessary documents, so he printed them out and signed them before walking out into the garden.

He was greeted by the scene of Calypso's failed ambush, and his jaw dropped. "It looks like I've missed out on the fun. Can someone bring me up to speed on what's happening here?"

He didn't receive an answer because the only people present were Darius and members of the Anderson family. Wilson rubbed his nose awkwardly and continued, "Uh, maybe I can just guess. Did



Calypso try and fail to stab Darius?" He looked around at the people present, but no one answered him.

Calypso had already calmed down. Things couldn't get any worse from here, and she was out of alternatives. She retracted her arm and allowed the blade to fall to the ground. Her expression remained calm as she looked at Wilson.

"Are you sure you haven't been lied to? This Darius character honestly doesn't look like a wealthy person."

She kept her eyes trained on Wilson, and what happened next made her feel truly terrified-Wilson looked at her like she was an idiot, then burst into laughter. "I never would've expected you to have the guts to say that about Darius! I don't know whether to praise your courage or mock you for your ignorance."

Calypso understood every word he said, but she didn't understand what he meant. She asked in a small voice, "Is he really a wealthy person?"

Wilson glanced at Darius. He hadn't forgotten that Darius didn't want people to know about his true identity. However, to his surprise, Darius nodded at him.

He grinned and turned back to Calypso, saying, "I have to be honest and say that you're not completely correct."

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