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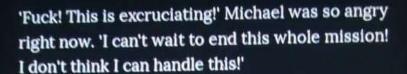
'What happened to her? Is she really okay?'
Michael wondered. 'She was trembling like a
scared bunny. Her reaction is definitely
unnatural since I didn't even hurt her, I think. I'm
not sure either, I might accidentally crushed her
petite body with my hug...'

He worried that something might actually happen to Mai. He wanted to find her just to ascertain that Mai was safe, but before he could leave and follow her, Erin quickly hugged his arm and yelled, "Mr. Eckermann, I'm so upset!"

Michael gritted his teeth in silence. He was actually worried that something might happen to Mai, but this bitch was trying to stop him from going after Mai.

He couldn't wait to push her away and find Mai, but then he realized he still had a duty to carry.

He had to keep this wench by his side, so he could keep her satisfied and feed her with misinformation enough to make a fool out of her. She needed to be satisfied enough so she wouldn't call her mother just to threaten Mrs. Woods.



Michael was cursing Henry, Erin, and even Kate in his mind for a good minute. Then his mind became occupied by that little bunny that looked so scared as he stared longingly towards the direction she had left.

But in the end, he calmed his chaotic mind and heart. He knew that this mission for Henry was his priority. He couldn't abandon a mission given by his boss just because he was worried about a woman.

'Besides, I shouldn't be worrying about that girl. She's a fully functioning 23-year-old adult. She's also been so harsh and disrespectful to me,' Michael thought as he tried to convince himself to calm down. 'Why do I have to worry about her anyway? We are just coworkers at best, and I'm just playing pretend in this office.'

It took a while until Michael managed to calm down, then forced a smile on his face as he looked at Erin who was still hugging his arm, "Didn't I tell you that I don't want your hand to get dirty?"

been slandering me!" 2

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"But you told me that you will punish that Chink in my stead!" Erin yelled. "Why don't you beat her already! If it's you who did it, of course, nobody would dare to apprehend you, right? Just tell Mr. Grant that you slapped that bitch because she's

'Slander? Heh, I'm pretty sure Mai is right,'
Michael sneered in his heart. 'Do you think I
don't know about all the men you've slept with?
At least four of them have a history of cheating
with many women, and they were regulars in the
red light district. Who knows what kind of STD
you're carrying right now?'

But of course, he had to assure her, "Even with Mr. Grant's help, the parent company will not tolerate it if I hit a co-worker. I will get fired immediately. Do you want me to get fired?"

"Well, no..." Erin lowered her head. She looked meek, but her nails were digging into Michael's skin, not wanting to let go until she got what she wanted. "But I still want you to punish her, Mr. Eckermann. I don't want her to get away without any repercussions!"

Michael couldn't help but swallow his disgust over Erin as he watched her act like a meek doe.

"Mr. Eckermann, if you really like me, you should be by my side!" Erin demanded. "Show everyone that you're interested in me and that you will protect me. Go do something to that Chink!"

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"... I am interested in you, Miss Ross," Michael lied through his teeth. At this point, he was doing all this just to protect Mai from this bitch. "But that doesn't mean I have to hurt her to show my interest to you, right?"

"But that's what I want from you!" Erin began to demand even more. "Mr. Eckermann, you're a man, A MAN! Men are supposed to protect their women! If your woman told you to slap a bitch, then YOU SHOULD DO AS SHE ASKS! A man is supposed to do everything that his woman wants him to do!"

"You NEED to treat me like a queen, to prove that you're actually serious about me!" Erin said. Her screechy voice filled the room, pushing Michael's patience to its limits. 2

'Why would I treat an ungrateful whore like you like a princess? Do you think I don't know how horrible you are to your own mother and sister? You are blackmailing her even at her lowest with your sickly mother as you push the poor old woman closer to death with every call,' Michael

mocked her in his heart. 'You are truly a heartless bitch, Erina Ross.' 1

Erin noticed that Michael went silent as he stared at her. She thought Michael was stunned by her demand, probably realizing she wanted to be pampered and protected like a princess.

'He must feel guilty because he can't fulfill my demand!' Erin thought. She squeezed Michael's arm between her breasts and said, "I'm sorry, Mr. Eckermann, I'm usually a very sweet and meek girl."

"But that woman hurt me so much. How dare she call me a bitch, whore, slut, or whatever. You know, I'm actually still a virgin!" Erin claimed. "I kept my virginity all this time because I want to give it to a handsome and strong man who can treasure me."

"So..." Erin tiptoed and pulled Michael's shoulder to ensure she could whisper at him, "If you want to take my virginity, why don't you go there and teach that girl something. If you don't want to beat her, then at least yell at her, scold her, or even just pour a hot tea on that stupid chink's face. You're a man, right? So be a man, Mr. Eckermann, don't worry, I will make it worthwhile for you."