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| "Think about it. Don't make a scene." Dennis added. |
| Paige said nothing. She was stiff, her lips pressed tight together. |
| She was ashamed. |
| She hated to admit that she had acted on impulse. |
| Dennis didn't want to accept her as his younger sister at all. She was the only one who got excited. |
| Her lips were slightly open, and there were teeth marks on her lower lip. She said in a small voice, "Dennis, I thought that my mother was the victim." |
| Dennis sighed. "They are both victims in the matter. There is no need for you to be so aggressive." He put his hand on his nose. Paige's stubbornness made him tired. |
| "Dennis, want to go out and chill out." Paige was too ashamed to stay in Anya's ward. |
| "Okay." Dennis didn't want Paige to stay here either, in case Anya was bothered. |
| Paige left. |
| Dennis came to Anya's bed. "Anya, how is your health? Are you experiencing any discomfort?" Anya shook her head. "No. feel fine." |

Dennis was a little bit relieved. He nodded. "Paige has been spoiled by us, so she has a bad temper and

she can be blunt. Please forgive her."

| "She didn't know the truth. It's understandable for her to misunderstand. We just need to explain clearly." Anya didn't want to talk about this anymore. |
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| "Right," Dennis said. |
| "Dennis, Anya needs more rest." Evan, who hadn't spoken a word just now, walked up behind Dennis and said. Dennis got v |
| what she meant. He looked at Anya. "Take care." |
| "Okay," Anya replied. |
| "Dennis, let's talk outside," Evan said. |
| Dennis nodded and went out of the ward. Evan followed him. |
| They walked slowly and stopped on one side of the corridor. A conversation between them began. 05.00 |
| Evan said, "Anya mentioned that you planned to give her 20% of the equity." |
| Dennis glanced at Evan, who had an air of power. "Yes, do. It's a kind of reimbursement." |
| Evan smiled thinly. "Don't you think 20% is too much?" |
| "Evan, what do you mean?" Dennis asked. |
| "As far as know, the Ford Group is a family business whose share structure is complicated. The sudden step of giving Anya 20% of the equity will cause a stir." Evan's voice was flat. |

The Ford Group was worth a ton of money, 20% of which could make someone a super-rich man. But it was a family-owned enterprise whose power structure was complicated. Whereas Evan was in control of the Welton Group alone. If he wanted to give out some of the equity, nobody dared to oppose.

So he didn't want Anya to take the 20%, for it might cause controversy and scheming.

The wealth of the Welton family could make her super-rich, too. She didn't need the money of the Ford Group.

Dennis didn't know Evan was so familiar with the Ford Group. He started to

"Our share structure is a bit complicated. But it won't affect the shares | am. going to give her because the 20% belongs to my

father."

This meant that even there were objections, nobody could interfere. Those were Kyan's shares.

Nobody got to judge.

"With that said though, | don't want to put her through troubles. S ism needs "Instead of cared more about Anya's health..

"Don't worry. Anya is my sister, and | won't do anything that would Bur her,"

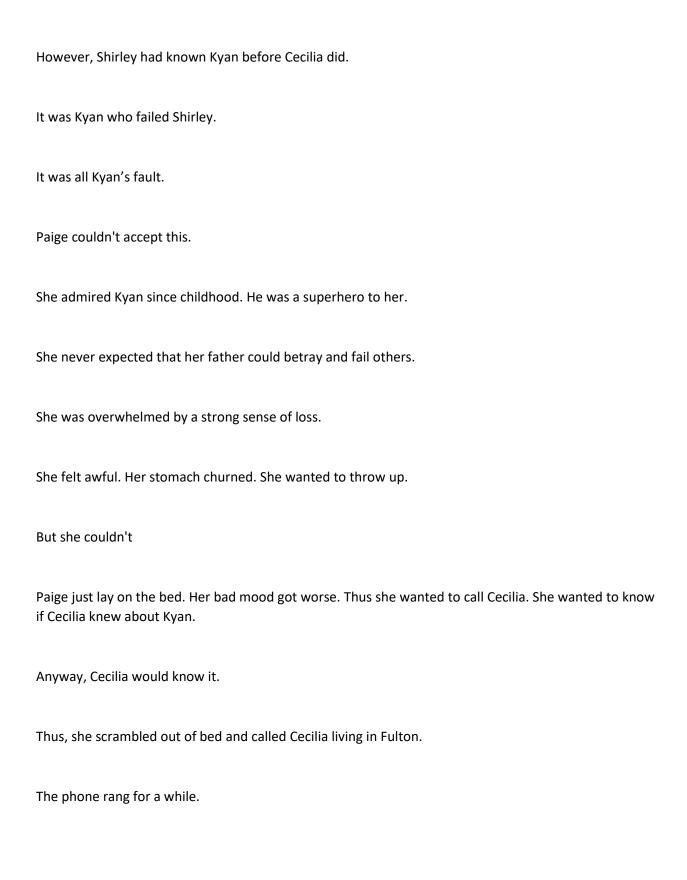
He would feel sorry until the day he died if he didn't make up for what he did.

"All right," Evan said.

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At the hotel.

Paige felt terrible. She abashedly went back to her room and lay on the bed. She thought that Anya was the daughter of a homewrecker.



| Cecilia answered. She said in a doting but strict voice, "Paige, why do you go back home? What are you doing there?" Her husband, son, and daughter were all weird recently. |
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| They all returned home. |
| And they didn't tell her why they went back. |
| Thus, she was angry. |
| "Nothing. For a vacation," Paige answered dispiritedly. |
| Paige was in low spirits. |
| Cecilia whined with a frown. "I just called Dennis. He gave me the same answer. called His assistant answered the phone and said he was engaged. What are you doing there?" |
| "Mom" Paige sniffed and wanted to tell her. |
| "What?" |
| "Mom, do you know anything about dad before you got married? |
| your dad. |
| Cecilia didn't get it at the moment. After all, it was about 20 years ago. She asked in perplexity, "What?" |
| "Mom, promise me that you won't get angry." Paige worried that Cecilia couldn't take this. |
| " promise." Cecilia was curious about what secrets Paige had found. |

| "Do you know that dad had a girlfriend before you about 20 years ago?" Paige said slowly. "Girlfriend?" Cecilia asked with a frown. Memories were coming back to her. |
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| "Yes. Shirley Stratford." |
| This was not a strange name to Cecilia. Instead, she was so familiar with the name that she froze when she heard it. How could Paige know the name? |
| Was this the reason why Kyan and Dennis went back home? Did they go back for Shirley? |
| Thinking of this, Cecilia trembled all over. She was in a state of panic. Did Shirley seek revenge for her after so many years? |
| Cecilia was terrified. She knew that |
| He would hate her. Shirley was the only one Kyan had ever loved. |
| If Cecilia hadn't talked to Shirley, |
| Cecilia wouldn't have |
| marry Ryan) |
| "Mom, are you there?" Cecilia's silence made Paige worried. Shewas afraid t tGecitla While get furious alidlaffected her health when Cecilia knew this. |
| " 'm here," Cecilia came to her senses and answered in a trembling voice. "Mom, don't worry. Dad could deal with this well." Paige tried to comfort her. |
| "So, your dad went back home for her?" Cecilia was shocked. Her heart was aching. They did return home for a reason. |

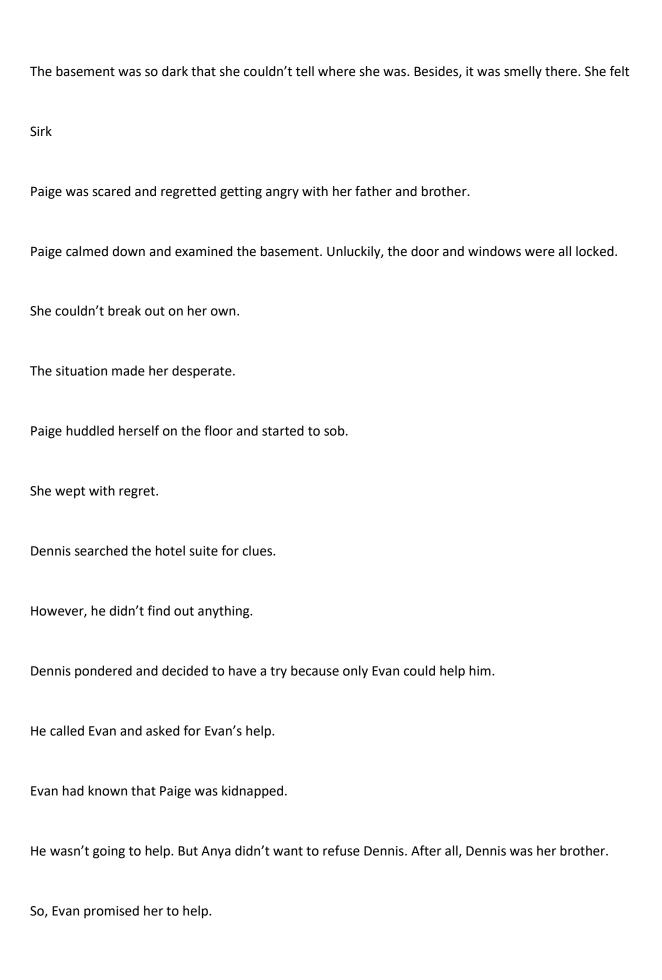
| "Yes. Mom, she has a daughter," Paige managed to say. |
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| Cecilia blacked out. She felt that the whole world was twirling. She tried to calm down and steady herself. "Okay, I sec. |
| Come back early." |
| Then she hurriedly hung up and slumped onto the expensive rug. |
| What should come would come eventually. |
| Shirley was seeking revenge on her. |
| After the call, Paige was ready to wash her face in the bathroom to calm down. |
| When she walked to the bathroom, the bell rang. |
| She thought it was Dennis and thus wore a long face. But she still opened the door. |
| It was a young man with a food cart in a hotel uniform. He said, "Miss Ford, your lunch is here." |
| "My lunch? I didn't order that." Paige had a look at the silver dishes and wanted to send him away. "You made a |
| mistake. |
| "Miss Ford, I didn't," the waiter said politely. |

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| She just couldn't let it go. |
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| She couldn't touch Anya but could deal with Paige. It was Kyan's fault for he refused to give her a hand. |
| She wanted to exchange Paige for Sydney. |
| Otherwise, she would kill Paige. |
| After the talk with Evan, Dennis stayed with Anya in the hospital for a while and then left for the hotel to see Paige. |
| Paige was a little stubborn. He worried she could do something out of line in anger. |
| Thus, he rushed to the hotel. |
| He swiped the card and got in Paige's suite. |
| But she was not there. |
| He wondered where she was. |
| Then he called her but her phone rang on the bed. |
| Dennis looked at the phone with sharp eyes. He had a premonition. |
| Then he asked the bodyguards standing at the door, "Did Paige go out?" |
| The bodyguards shook their heads. "No. Miss Ford has been in the room since she got back." |





| After hanging up the phone, Evan said with a sigh, "Paige Ford hit you. Why do you ask me to help. |
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| look for her?" |
| "I'm not being obsequious." Anya knew Evan might think she was too forgiving. She did that for a reason. If something happened to Paige, the media would condemn the Weltons again. She didn't |
| want to see that. |
| "There are two reasons. First, though she hit me, she doesn't deserve to die. Second, if she is hurt or killed, the media will dig up and know my relationship with her. The reporters may blame me, you, and your family then. I can't let this happen." |
| Evan hadn't thought that much. He smiled lovingly. "It's very thoughtful of you." |
| Anya paused and then said, "After going through so many things, I have grown up. By the way, who do you think might have kidnapped Paige?" |
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| Kyan was shocked. He couldn't believe it. "Cecilia, what did you do?" Kyan felt sorry for Shirley, but he hadn't ever blamed Cécilia. |
| Now Cecilia told him the truth. She broke Shirley and him up. |
| Shirley would have intended to come to Fulton with him. |
| But she married Cornelius because of Cecilia. |
| "How did you make it?" Kyan looked at Cecilia coldly. |

| He thought that Cecilia didn't know about Shirley. After Shirley married Cornelius, Kyan broke un with her and went back to Fulton. He turned to |
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| drink for solace. |
| He was drunk every day. Cecilia came to his place and took care of him. She helped him get over the breakup. |
| Kyan married Cecilia because he was grateful. |
| He loved Shirley, but he chose to marry Cecilia. Kyan felt bad about it, so he had been nice to Cecilia all these years. |
| But it turned out that Cecilia was to blame. |
| She broke Kyan and Shirley up. |
| Kyan couldn't accept it. |
| He got |
| furious. Cecilia would never know that Shirley was mistreated by the MacMillans. |
| "I told her that I was pregnant," Cecilia said slowly, "And that we were engaged." |
| Cecilia had no choice but to tell Kyan everything |
| Kyan felt anger mounting up within him. He could imagine how desperate and sad Shirley was at |





that, Evan whispered to

Evan raised his hand and looked at his watch. It was almost half past one in the afternoon. It would be more difficult for them to look for Paige at night. Evan's frown grew deeper. "Mr. Ford, why don't you hold a press conference now? I think Melissa is waiting for this.

"We should give her what she wants to keep Ms. Ford safe."

Dennis nodded. "This is the only way."

He paused before continuing. "The police will respond soon. What should we do then?"

Evan looked serious. Dennis trusted him and went to prepare for the press conference.

Suddenly, a bodyguard ran out of the kitchen. "Mr. Welton, Mdm MacMillan is in the freezer. She is dead."

Evan and Dennis looked at each other in shock. It must be Melissa.

"Don't worry. I'll find Ms. Ford before the police get involved."

She was crazy. She killed her mother-in-law.

Melissa was a danger to Paige.

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"Mr. Ford, go to the press conference. I'll keep looking for them. Melissa is crazy," Evan said to Dennis with a frown after coming to his senses.

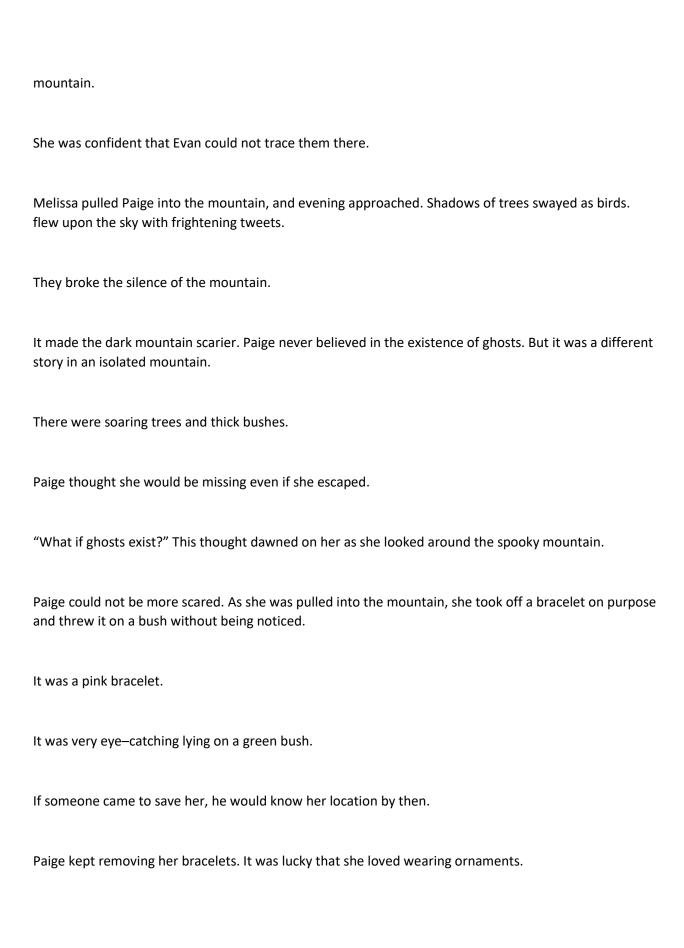


| Hayden nodded. He typed something and opened a roadmap of Nordeny. |
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| His fingers moved on the touch screen. |
| He blew up the picture and stopped when he saw the road that Melissa had taken. |
| Melissa had a choice of paths up ahead, one to the Wonder Mountain and the other one to the |
| suburb. |
| Melissa was more likely to go to the suburb. |
| But the mountain was a good place to hide. Or, Melissa took neither of them. She might be waiting around. |
| Evan looked serious when he stared at the roadmap. After a while, he said to Hayden, Take some people to the suburb." |
| Hayden was confused. "Do you think that Melissa went to the suburb?* |
| "I don't have time to guess. You go to the suburb, and I will go up into the mountain." Evan turned. |
| the laptop off and threw it to Hayden. |
| Hayden held the laptop and went to the suburb with some bodyguards. |
| Evan and the others went up into the mountain. |
| It was half past two in the afternoon. |

| Evan drove to the top of the mountain. There was an old church and some trees. |
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| There was nothing else. |
| Evan got out of the car. He looked around and saw nobody. The church closed, which was weird. He remembered that it closed at 5 PM. |
| Why did it close so early today? |
| Evan walked to the church. Suddenly, he saw the tire marks on the ground. |
| The marks went all the way to the left of the church. |
| There was a path to a forest in the mountain. |
| Melissa might drive into the forest. |
| Evan turned to his bodyguard and signaled him to knock on the door. |
| The bodyguard tapped on the door with his knuckles. |
| A nun opened the door soon. She asked softly, "Sir, what can I do for you?" |
| The bodyguard stepped back and showed her a picture of Paige. "Have you seen the girl?" |
| The nun got panicky when she saw the photo. However, the bodyguard didn't notice it as he kept his distance from her. |

| "No." |
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| "Thank you." The bodyguard turned around. |
| The nun closed the door quickly, but Evan walked over and pushed it open again. The nun staggered and stepped back. She looked flustered. "Sir, what are you doing?" |
| Evan smiled meaningfully. "Are you sure that you are going to hide a criminal in your church?" Chapter 686 |
| The nun didn't experience enough to stay calm in front of a man like Evan who possessed a strong aura. She got kind of nervous, |
| She shrank her neck and blinked anxiously as she stared at him. |
| This church had enjoyed a good reputation for several hundred |
| years. |
| Yet its influence decreased in the past few years. Guests were getting fewer and fewer. Without donations from the MacMillan family, this church would have to close, |
| The nun knew it. |
| So she would not give Evan any |
| information. |
| The nun stood aside shivering, making her mind not to say a word. |

| She said. "Sir, we know nothing about the person you want. And there is no one here." |
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| Evan said. "It's okay. May I look around here?" |
| The nun did not know what she should do after hearing that. |
| She |
| put on a nervous look, having no idea about how to refuse him. |
| A while later, she finally figured out an excuse. "Sorry, sir. We don't welcome male visitors." |
| "Really? I remember that all visitors can have meals here. Am I the only one unwelcomed?" With that. Evan strode into the church without hesitation. |
| The guards followed him behind. |
| The nun was too scared to stop him as she had never met such things by living in the mountain. |
| She turned around and rushed to the pastor and asked for her help. |
| The nun knew that she could not handle it on her own |
| Evan searched around the church with the guards when the nun left. Melissa did not anticipate that Evan could find this place within such a short time. |
| It almost drove her crazy. She knew she could not be caught by Evan, or her daughter would be in danger. |
| Melissa pulled Paige out of a small room in the backyard and brought her to the inner of the |



She would always wear several bracelets.

Paige walked and threw her bracelets as a mark, hoping that her father and brother came to her ast soon as possible before she died here.

Half an hour later, Melissa stopped by a tree. She was too exhausted to take a step forward.

Melissa lay against a tree and rested with Paige beside her.

At this time, Evan was still searching the church. He did not want to waste any words with the pastor, knowing she would not help..

After all, this church was backed by the MacMillans.

He decided to ask no questions and ordered the guards to keep searching.

Evan had several words with the pastor before a guard who was searching the backyard reported, "Mr. Welton, we found Melissa's car in the backyard. But she is not there."

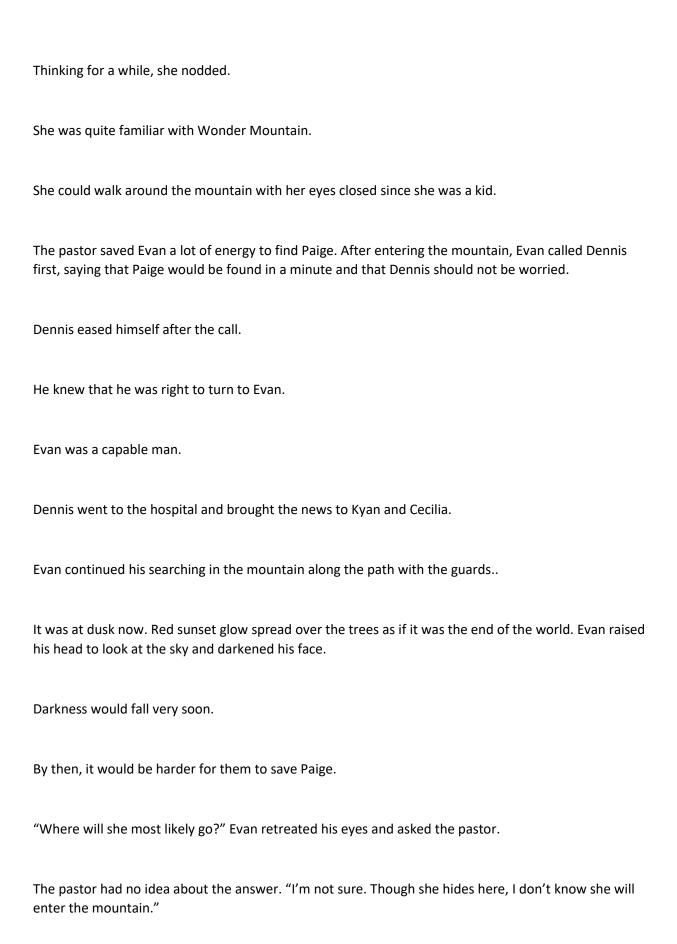
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"So, you lied to me." Evan retreated his eyes from the guard and put on a warning look. "You do know the result if I call the police now."

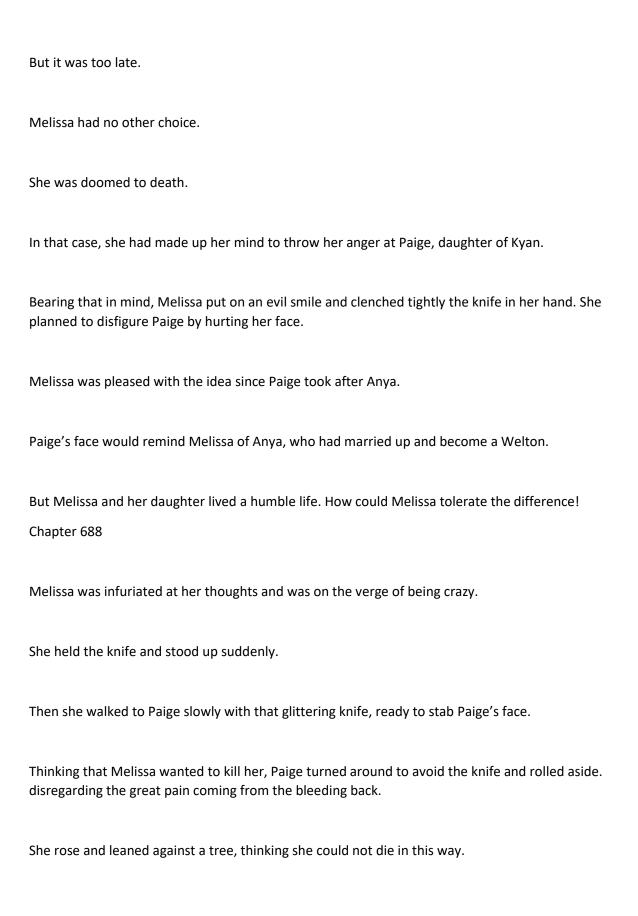
The pastor understood his words, her face pale. After tightening her lips for a while, she said, "She should enter the mountain."

"Can you lead the way? We're new here." Evan added.

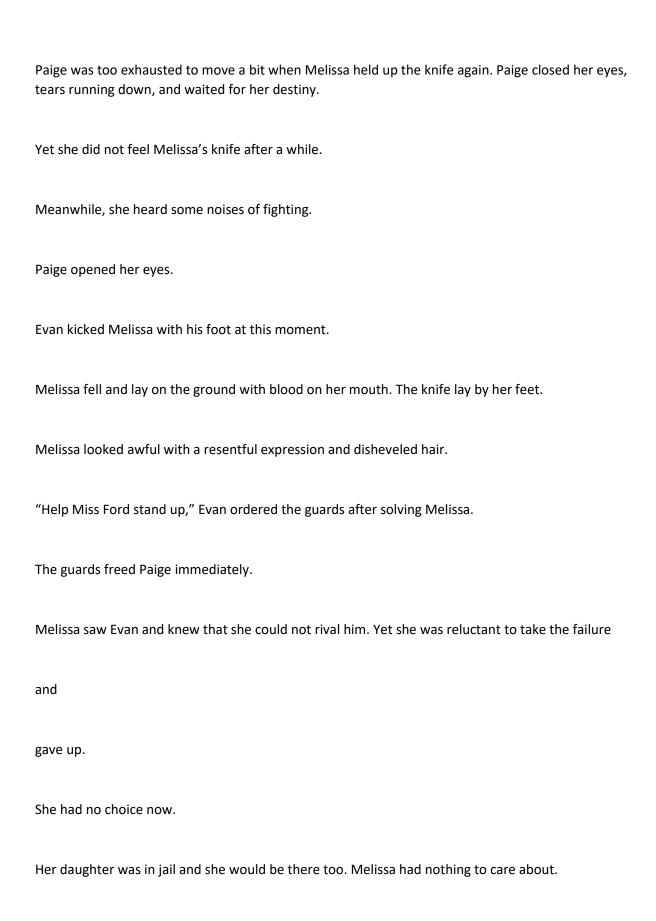
The pastor wanted to refuse at first. But since she had helped Melissa and violated the law, she knew she should agree to protect the church.



| "Then lead the way with your instinct, please Evan had to trust the pastor anyway. |
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| The pastor sighed in her heart and nodded. 'Sure. It's about life. I know what I should do." She had tried to stop Melissa at the beginning. |
| But Melissa said she would free Paige after asking Paige's father for a little help. |
| The pastor was convinced. |
| Now she realized that Melissa lied. |
| "Good." Evan followed the pastor. |
| After searching for another ten minutes or so, they entered the inner of the mountain. Suddenly Evan noticed something glittering on the bush. |
| He strode forward, took the bracelet from the bush, and looked at it |
| He thought Paige must leave it to inform them. |
| Evan said to the pastor and the guards, "This way." |
| He was sure that Melissa and Paige were ahead. |
| The team continued their way. |
| Melissa, who had rested under a tree, now glared at Paige, thinking Paige's father was the one to blame. If he had agreed to save her daughter, she would not have to kill Mdm MacMillan and kidnap Paige. |



| Melissa sneered at Paige's action. "Do you think you can escape from me in the isolated mountain? |
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| "Don't worry. I won't kill you. All I want is to leave a tiny scar on your |
| face. |
| "Of course, don't hate me. Anya is the one to blame. You look like her. What a pity! I want to ruin your face when I see that." |
| Melissa said that while laughing crazily. |
| She stood in the shadow of the trees, seeming to be a horrible ghost. |
| Paige shivered with fear, and yet she could not cry out for help as her mouth was sealed. |
| All she could do was to move slightly. |
| Melissa looked at Paige as if Paige was a dying lamb who could not escape. |
| Melissa held |
| up the knife and stabbed it in Paige's face. |
| Dim lights reflected on the knife. |
| Paige was scared with her eyes wide. She could not walk with her feet tied. She had to roll again towards the path nearby. |
| Melissa followed behind Paige. |



| It would not a bad idea to die with Evan. |
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| Melissa wiped the blood on her mouth and took up the knife when Evan focused on Paige. Then Melissa stabbed Evan with all her strength. |
| Evan did not notice her attack and was hurt on the leg. |
| Soon blood ran down his leg. |
| The guards hurried to stop Melissa, who was now crazy. A guard supported Evan and brought him |
| to treatment. |
| Melissa was a smart woman good at fooling people. She pretended to be faint when the guards came to her. When the guards tried to pick her up from the ground, she bit the guard swiftly. |
| The guard freed her due to the pain in his hand. |
| Melissa took the chance and ran towards the inner of the mountain. The guards were irritated and strode to catch her before controlling her and tying her waists. |
| Then they hit on her head so that she would be unconscious. They went back by pulling her. |
| Since Evan's safety mattered most, they went back to the church before driving directly to the city and sending Evan to the hospital. |
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| Evan got exhausted at the ward and soon fell asleep. |

| Anya stayed beside him with tearing eyes when she saw his tired face. She held out her hand and took him gently. |
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| She wanted him to know that she would be with him. |
| "Evan, I will be able to protect |
| Just take a good rest. I'll handself in the future. You don't have to be so tired," she murmured, |
| everything." |
| With that, her eyes were blurred with tears. |
| She knew that she was not that capable and always needed his help. |
| However, she knew she could learn to be capable. |
| Instead of relying on him, she would be able to fight together with him. |
| Anya stayed with Evan for half an hour, yet Evan did not wake up. She decided to let him sleep, thinking he must be exhausted. She put his hand down gently. |
| She wanted to have a glass of water. |
| A guard knocked gently before entered the ward. He greeted respectfully after seeing Anya, "Mrs. Welton, Melissa is locked in the repository. What should we do?" |
| Anya put down the glass and repeated his words. |
| The guard nodded. "Yes, she is locked there. |

| "Lead the way," Anya put on a resolute look./"She can't hurt Mr. Welton without being punished." |
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| The guard nodded. |
| Anya turned around to look at the sleeping man before leaving the ward with the guard noiselessly. |
| Anya would not mind Melissa's tricks before, yet Evan was hurt by Melissa this time |
| Anya would not be softhearted anymore. |
| Inside the repository. |
| Melissa sat on the cold and damp cement floor of the repository, her stomach aching, her mouth bleeding. She knew she was toast after hurting Evan, kidnapping Paige, and killed Mdm MacMillan. |
| No one could save her now. |
| Yet she was reluctant to take the result. Never in her life had she been in such circumstance. She |
| was too proud to give up even if there was no hope. |
| She knew that Anya was the daughter of the Fords and would live a luxurious life and inherit millions of dollars. |
| Melissa's heart was burned with anger as well as jealousy and was almost turned to ashes by that angry fire. |
| Melissa was so tortured by that feeling and cried with pain like a beast when she lay on the floor. alone. |

| "Anya, curse you! You will rot in hell! |
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| "You are the same bitch as your mother! You got a kid and defamed the MacMillan family. |
| "I'm gonna kill you!" |
| Melissa shouted as loud as she could. Yet it was quiet in the repository and no one heard her. |
| Anya and the guards opened the door and entered when Melissa was about to shout again. |
| Melissa laughed like a beast after seeing Anya's face. "I cursed you just now. Now you are here to |
| hear me." |
| Melissa could not stop laughing after saying that. |
| She was on the verge of collapse. |
| Since no one could save her now, she gave up struggling and stopped disguising herself. |
| Anya looked at Melissa coldly and approached. The guards stayed close to Anya in case that Melissa might hurt Anya. "Mrs. Welton, she is kind of crazy. Don't get too close to her." |
| Anya knew it and turned to the guard beside her. "Bring me the whip." |
| The guard nodded and handed Anya a black whip he had prepared. |
| Anya took the whip and whipped Melissa with all her strength after waving it slightly. In the next second, Melissa's clothes were broken. |

Then her clothes were soaked with blood.

Melissa screamed with great pain. She was surprised by Anya's cruelty.

She didn't expect that Anya would whip her.