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Savannah was stunned. Needless to say about the Quaker family, even Emmett himself alone would not spare her if he knew. Moreover, how far could she escape with a child? Even if she was willing to hide in a dark place for the rest of her life, her child was still too young. He deserved a normal life with proper education and a proper living environment. After a while, Savannah calmed herself down and let go of Freddie.

“Please have faith in Mommy. Mommy would never abandon you. I’ll visit you often and take you with me when the time is right.” Freddie dared not cause a nuisance as he was afraid of Sydney and Lily. When he saw Sydney hitting his Mommy, fear and hatred filled his heart. However, he understood that his Mommy was in a difficult situation and assured, “Okay. Mommy, I’ll be waiting for you.” After giving Freddie a tight hug,

Savannah left the room with Sydney reluctantly. The moment they returned to Sydney’s room, Sydney demanded, “Go and freshen yourself up. I don’t want Emmett and their chauffeur to notice anything.” The pain of being separated from her child was suffocating. She glared at Sydney as if she wanted to eat the latter up alive. Sydney was shocked as she had never seen Savannah behaving that way before. Hence, she became anxious and moved further away from Savannah while asking, “What are you trying to do? Nothing will change even if you kill me.”

“Freddie’s hair needs to be trimmed, and he needs a change of clothes. When I’m not around, is he properly taken care of? Do you make sure that he’s well-fed with all the nutrition which a growing child requires?” Savannah questioned. In a state of fear, Sydney stammered, “Lily w-was usually the one who t-took care of all these matters. As for his h-haircut and clothes, I’ll g-get someone to do it.” “If I ever find out that any one of you dares to neglect my child, I’ll be sure to take both your lives with me.

Trust me – I will do it!” “Alright, alright. I remember everything that you said, and I’ll inform Lily as well.” To vent her frustration, Savannah shoved a décor off the table onto the floor, smashing it into pieces. That scared Sydney even more. “H-hey... I’ve made my promise to inform Lily to take good care of that kid. What else do you want?” Nonetheless, Savannah ignored her and headed to the toilet to splash her face with some cold water.

After calming down, she headed downstairs. Sean and Nina were silently sipping tea in the living room while Emmett was soundly asleep on the sofa. “What took you so long upstairs?” Nina looked at Savannah as if she was her savior. She pointed her lips towards Emmett, hinting for Savannah to wake him up.

At the same time, Sydney had returned to the living room as well. She sat down beside Nina with her head on her mother’s shoulder and explained, “Mom, I was having a

casual chat with Savannah. I wanted to know how it feels like to be married.” “Silly child, you’ll know once you get married.” Nina smiled and patted her hand. She then realized that Savannah had changed her clothes and took off her accessories. Surprised, she asked Savannah, “

Your dress and accessories...” Even before Savannah had a chance to speak, Sydney interrupted, “Savannah knew I liked them, so she gifted them to me.” “Oh, you’re so generous now that you’ve become part of the Quaker family.” Nina did not doubt a single word that Sydney had said and was seemingly trying to insult Savannah. Savannah did not wish to explain herself and smiled bitterly in response. As it was getting late, she proceeded to wake Emmett up.

At that moment, the chauffeur of the Quaker family entered and saw Emmett, who was soundly asleep. Hence, he cleared his throat and reminded, “Mrs. Quaker, Old Mrs. Quaker had just called to inform that they’ve prepared some food. They’re waiting for both of you.” “Alright, I’ll wake him up now,” Savannah replied.

“Mom, Dad, Sydney, we’re leaving,” Savannah told the Averys. “Alright, then. It’s about time anyway. Don’t keep Agatha waiting.” Sean replied. Just as Savannah was about to place her hands on Emmett’s shoulder, he opened his eyes and said, “Honey, you’re done talking with Sydney? I fell asleep while waiting.” “Yup, I’m done. Let’s head back.

Grandma’s waiting for us at home.” Emmett stood up and held Savannah’s hand naturally. “Ah... Finally!” He said and waved goodbye to the Avery family. Sean, Nina, and Sydney all stood up and sent them to the door. When Savannah and Emmett got into the car, all of them retracted their smiles and turned back into the villa. From the rearview mirror, Emmett could clearly see the true faces of the Avery family. He smirked, and his face turned pale with rage.

Meanwhile, Savannah was still feeling angry and hurt from seeing Freddie earlier. Back at the Quaker residence, they were greeted by the sight of Agatha and Mary, who were preparing dinner. Emmett, who was tired, explained, “Grandma, I’m still bloated from the dinner at the Averys’, and I just want to head back to my room to rest.” “

Alright, go and get some rest then. Let me know when you’re hungry later.” It was already out of Agatha’s expectation for Emmett to accompany Savannah back without causing any trouble. Hence, she made up her mind to let him have his way for the time being. Seeing that Emmett had rejected dinner,

Savannah followed suit and headed to the room as well. Savannah only realized that Emmett was in a bad mood when they were in the room as she was too occupied with her troubles to notice earlier. She was pretty certain of the cause for Emmett’s sudden mood change and explained, “Sydney really liked my dress and accessories, so I gave them to her. I’m fine with it since she’s my only sister. I’ll pay you back in the future...”

“And how are you going to do that?” Emmett pinched her chin, raised it, and stared at her face. “I don’t expect you to feed me. I’ll get a job for myself and return the money to you,” Savannah explained. “Your face looks swollen. Did Sydney hit you?” Emmett ignored her words and asked. Savannah tried to cover her face frantically.

“N-No. It’s probably because I put too much blush. I’ll remove my makeup now.” However, Emmett did not let go. “Stop this pretense! I know that you and Sydney are not blood-related sisters. Who exactly are you? Were you actually a helper that they sent to replace Sydney since she did not want to marry me?”

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Though Savannah knew that Emmett had already realized the truth when they went to the Avery residence, she was still startled. After all, the Avery family was so fake that it was too obvious not to notice. However, it was out of her expectations that Emmett thought that she might be the helper of the Avery family. It only went to prove that the Avery family treated her like a helper or maybe even worse. “You’re going overboard with your imagination!

Do you really think that any random girl could be paired up with a member of the Quaker family just because she labeled herself as being a part of a prestigious family?” Savannah smirked and continued, “I’ll make it clear once more to you that I am the true birth daughter of Sean, and Nina is my birth mother. Stop thinking otherwise!” Emmett was still in disbelief as Sydney looked more like their biological daughter than Savannah. From the interactions between Sydney and her parents, there was no doubt about it. Among the members of the Avery family, Ford was definitely the oddest.

The way he looked at Sydney was more than that of a loving brother. Also, he had no emotions when he looked at Savannah. Honestly, Savannah had some similarities in appearance with Nina. However, the feeling that they gave off during their interaction did not feel right. “Sean is not fit to be the head of the

Averys! What a disgrace to treat his daughter this way!” Emmett spat in disdain. “I agree that he’s a horrible person.” Savannah felt as if her jaw was about to be ripped apart by Emmett’s strong grasp. “But please release my chin. It hurts!” “You know what hurts more?” Emmett released her chin and exclaimed in anger, “You gave away my gifts to you without my approval! Savannah, how could you treat my gifts so casually?

You have to get those items back!” Savannah knew that the diamond on the dress costs a huge sum of money. However, she had no other choice but to offer those expensive gifts in exchange for Sydney to treat Freddie well. Thus, it was near impossible for her to retrieve the items back from Sydney, and it would be easier to return the money to Emmett instead. “I can’t take back something that I’ve already given out. I’ll earn back

the cost and get myself a new one, okay?" "No!" Emmett demanded. "You won't be able to repay that amount even if you work for the rest of your life!"

Right then, Savannah tiptoed, wrapped her arms around Emmett, and kissed him to stop him from talking. However, he froze for a moment when their lips touched and pushed her away immediately after. "Are you trying to tempt me?" "Could this count as repayment for the debt?" Savannah could no longer hold in her tears. "The only choices that I have is to either work hard to repay the cost or to repay using my body." Emmett sneered.

"Do you seriously think that your body is worth that much? You won't even let me touch you on good days! Yet you're giving me yourself all because of Sydney! Hah! How shameless!" Savannah felt her inner world crumble after hearing those hurtful words from him. "You're right. I did not give those to Sydney willingly. However, I had no other choice but to submit to her request." Nonetheless, she could not continue, as she was tearing up uncontrollably.

No, Savannah. You can't cry... Not at this moment... But the thought of leaving Freddie alone for an uncertain amount of time felt like a knife that kept stabbing at Savannah's heart. She knew that the Avery family would not let them off so easily. Besides, Emmett would not be easily fooled either. At that moment, she felt suffocated as she was stuck between the two parties. Seeing that she was crying, Emmett felt frustrated and yelled, "Savannah!

Don't try to fool me with your tears to gain pity. It doesn't work! What did Sydney offer you in exchange for such expensive items?" Savannah kept silent and stifled her tears. "Stop crying!" Emmett demanded as it frustrated him further. Emmett took a mental note of what had happened at the Avery residence today.

He also noticed that Savannah could care less about the Avery family, like how Ford could care less about the both of them. In fact, it would be more believable to say that they were strangers. While the other members of the Avery family tried to be courteous, it was so pretentious that anyone could tell that they were insincere. "It's either they offered you cash, or they're holding on to something important. Is Sydney threatening you?"

Emmett had a sudden thought of that possibility and softened his voice. "Please tell me if you're facing any problems. I'll always be here for you." Instantly, Savannah stopped crying as that was the first time she heard such comforting words. She glanced at him with her puffy eyes as she pondered if she should let him know of the burden that she had kept hidden in her heart. But even if I tell him, would he be able to accept it and support me through it?No...

No guy would be able to accept that their wife went to jail and had a kid. He would only end up resenting me and treating me like trash. "I've told you multiple times that I'm the daughter of the Avery family. I'm telling you the truth! Sydney is the youngest in the

family, that's why everyone dotes on her. Moreover, I'm not close with the Averys because I didn't grow up under their care. Is it really that odd? You're not close to your father too.

It's pretty normal for that to happen within families like ours, so stop overthink—" Before she could even finish her sentence, Emmett's expression turned fiery. He then reached out his hand and held the swollen part of her face caused by Sydney and smirked. "Well, if you want to repay by your body, I'll take it!" He slammed her body onto the bed and pressed her down with his chest. Once again, he wanted to force himself onto her violently.

She tried to struggle, hoping for him to stop but to no avail. With a little bit of strength left, she let out, "Stop! You've promised me a request previously. Is it still valid?" "Yes," Emmett replied with his voice muffled as he was still kissing her passionately. "Please let me off tonight – just tonight." She pleaded with eyes filled with tears. "I'll use that request only for tonight. Please. I know you can do this."

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Marrying a Dumb Husband Chapter 33 The First Taste of Forbidden Fruit

Emmett took a deep breath to suppress his anger. There was a feeling welling up in his chest when he stared into Savannah's bloodshot eyes. It was unlike any other feeling he had ever had before. Actually, it wasn't hard for him to get a woman to vent his sexual desires, but he always lost control when it was with this woman. However, for some reason, he knew he didn't hold a special place in this woman's heart. His instincts told him that there was someone else.

Sydney must be using that person as the bargaining chip to threaten Savannah! When the thought crossed Emmett's mind, he was vexed. He straightened up and sneered, "Who is the person that owns your heart?"

Since you're married to me, you shouldn't think about anyone else! But... it's okay if you don't want to tell me because I will find it out sooner or later." At that, Emmett left her and went to the bathroom. So... does that mean he won't be touching me tonight? Laying on her side with her back hunched, Savannah clutched the bedsheet and broke down in tears.

Tears streamed down her face uncontrollably, but she tried hard not to make a sound. In the bathroom, Emmett finally kept his anger in check after he took a cold shower for half an hour. Savannah could've used the request earlier when I pursued the matter regarding her dress and accessories, but she didn't. Instead, she asked me to keep a distance from her. Why does she hate me that much? Does she feel disgusted even when I touched her? Damn this woman!

Meanwhile, at the Avery residence. Deep into the night, Sydney put on the dress that she got from Savannah and checked herself in the mirror while twirling around, trying to find any imperfection.

She was of the same height as Savannah, but she was a bit plumper than the latter, so the dress was too tight for her. Sydney's body was squeezed so tightly into the dress that the zipper was going to burst any moment. Knock, knock! Suddenly, someone knocked on the door.

Before she could answer, the door was pushed open, and a person entered her bedroom. Sydney popped her head out from her wardrobe and saw Ford. Then, she asked, "Ford, what brings you here?" The latter looked at her dress and inquired curiously, "Why did you have to take Savannah's dress and accessories? What for? You've got your own clothes and jewelry as well." Upon hearing that, Sydney put on a scarf, stood in front of Ford, and smirked,

"She is just a country bumpkin. Would she be wearing in such expensive dresses and accessories if it wasn't for moi?" Actually, Ford didn't care about the conflict between Sydney and Savannah. He was just simply asking a question. After all, he would definitely take Sydney's side. To him, Sydney was the prettiest woman no matter what she wore. Suddenly, silence ensued as Ford didn't know what to say. But soon, he tried to create a conversation with her,

"Sydney, did you realize that the kid looks like Emmett? I mean, what are the odds, huh?" Hearing his words, Sydney was slightly stunned. She compared Frederick's face with Emmett's face in her mind and realized that they did look alike. In fact, too much alike. How could this be? It is impossible that Savannah had come into contact with Emmett before.

That night, three years ago, Sydney brought Savannah into the hotel and even guarded outside the room to prevent the latter from escaping. However, an unexpected situation happened all of a sudden, and Savannah managed to escape from the room. If Savannah didn't wreck my plan, those horrific things wouldn't happen! Did she meet Emmett or anyone from the Quaker family at the hotel after she escaped? Is Frederick related to the Quakers? Sydney stiffened when that thought crossed her mind. At that moment, Ford turned to lock the door and walked toward her. "I think the dress suits you better..

. Anyway, do you regret not marrying Emmett?" Sydney understood what the former meant. Then, she took a step backward and chuckled in ridicule, "Puh-lease! Who would want to marry that fool!" "To be honest, although Emmett is a fool, the family's still rich, and he is quite a good-looking guy. I think Savannah has gotten more than she deserves in Emmett." Upon hearing Ford's words, Sydney's grin grew wide, and she even burst out laughing

. Then she replied, "Yeah, a country bumpkin and an idiot. What a perfect match!" Suddenly, Ford grabbed her wrist and pulled her into his arms. "They are a perfect match, then what about us? Sydney, I want to tell dad and mom the truth and ask for their blessings." "Ford, are you crazy? No! It definitely can't happen!" Sydney panicked and tried to wriggle out of his grip. "Why not? We are not blood-related, and we love each other! Why can't we make our relationship public?"

"No! We can't let dad and mom know about this!" Sydney looked at Ford and replied in fear, "You are Ford Avery, and I'm Sydney Avery. All this while, everyone knew that we are siblings. Only we know that we're not actually biological related, so we won't be able to explain ourselves out of this mess! Ford, why don't you get this?"

It's impossible between us! We can never be together!" "B-But... you told me that you like me. What's the meaning of this life if you can't be together with the person you love?" At that, Ford wrapped her waist tighter and started to kiss her passionately. Ford couldn't suppress himself anymore. Although they were under the same roof, they couldn't make their relationship public. Thus, he decided that he had had enough of this.

On the other hand, never had Sydney thought that Ford would be so stubborn. Since young, she had only been treating Ford as her brother. Even after knowing that they weren't blood-related, she never actually fell in love with Ford. When she was eighteen, she received a piece of earth-shattering news.

She was dumbstruck when she knew that she wasn't a biological kid of the Avery family. This meant that she would lose everything she'd acquired. At that time, she appeared calm on the surface, but secretly, she felt frightened and helpless. Soon after, the so-called biological daughter of the Avery family came home.

The hard truth was bared before Sydney's eyes. Savannah's facial features looked so much like Nina's. Moreover, several DNA test results proved that Savannah really belonged to the Averys. At that moment, Sydney was afraid that she would no longer be the most treasured child in the family.

She was scared that her life would change drastically once Savannah came. Indeed, what she feared had come true. When Savannah first arrived at the Avery Residence, Sean and Nina welcomed and adored her. After all, she was their biological daughter. Thus, if the situation persisted,

Sydney would definitely lose her status in this family. When Sydney realized that she couldn't let it carry on this way, she decided to figure out a way to let everyone in the Avery family hate Savannah. She had to try all she could to get rid of the Avery's biological daughter. As such, she began to formulate a plan to set that sheltered bumpkin,

Savannah, up. She noticed that Ford didn't ostracize her after the latter found out she schemed against Savannah. Instead, he treated her much better, and that was slightly

beyond the need to care for a sister. Hence, a plan formed in Sydney's mind. She wanted to take advantage of Ford's feelings for her to get him on her side all the time.

One afternoon, she sneaked into Ford's room while nobody was at home and lay beside him. He was taking a nap at that time, so she took the opportunity to hug him tightly. "I... like you, Ford." Hearing that, Ford jolted awake. He felt that he was dreaming. Her eyelashes fluttered coyly as he gazed deeply into her eyes.

But before he could respond, Sydney had run her fingers across his lips gently, causing goosebumps to form on his skin. After that, she hooked her arms around his neck and took the lead to kiss him. Ford was thrilled by her actions, and finally, he lost all the self-control that he had. That was also the first time they gave themselves to each other.

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From then on, Ford only had eyes for Sydney. It did not matter if it was Sydney or Savannah who made a mistake, he always took Sydney's side and ignored his biological sister. At that moment, Sydney put her hand on Ford's chest and tried to push him away. "Ford, we can't let this carry on.

You should start thinking about having a girlfriend. Then, you can settle down with her and start a family." Ford froze when he heard that. He could not believe the words coming out of her mouth. Staring at her flushed face, he found that her eyes were calm and were no longer glistening as brightly as before. It was then when he also realized that Sydney began to avoid him and was no longer close to him at some point.

He felt that she wasn't the same person she used to be. However, he was reluctant to accept the fact. Then, he forcefully took hold of her chin and aimed to press a kiss on her lips. "I just want to marry you!" "Ford, can you please stop doing this?" Sydney regained her composure and broke free from him impatiently. Instantly, Ford reached out his hands and tried to hug her. In the midst of their struggle, her scarf was removed.

Since she was wearing a strapless dress, her shoulders were exposed. Ford realized that there were some obvious bruises on her shoulders. Obviously, she just got them recently. Are those love-bites? The veins on his forehead popped out when he stared at them while saying hoarsely, "Who? Who is it?" Seeing as Ford had called her out, Sydney decided to open up to him. Anyway, she didn't need his help to go against Savannah anymore.

To her, Savannah was nothing but a lowly piece of crap which was nothing compared to her. "Ford, I found a boyfriend, and I don't want to continue our inappropriate relationship anymore. Please, I beg you. Stop pestering me! I want to have a normal life, get a normal boyfriend, and get married..." At that moment, Ford had reached the

peak of his fury. He stared at Sydney in disbelief, "A normal boyfriend? Osborn?" "Yes." Sydney nodded in response.

Hearing that, Ford grabbed her arm and queried loudly, "Are you sure Osborn is a normal boyfriend? Do you know what kind of person he is? A notorious playboy! He always hooks up with celebrities and models. He won't appreciate girls and will only play with their feelings! Are you sure you want to get together with him and marry him? You are landing yourself in a fire pit! He will ruin your life!" "He is the eldest son of the Quaker family.

It is only natural for someone of his appearance, status, and family background to have many girlfriends before he gets married. A man like him will be very loyal after he turns over a new leaf. He only loves me now, and he promised me that he would take care of me..." "No," said Ford with an icy glare on his face. "You don't love him at all. I know you have your eyes on his wealthy family background and status. You wanted to gain a foothold in the Quaker family, but not through Emmett. Initially,

I thought that you did it because of me! But now, I realize that you did it because you wanted to marry Osborn instead. Just because he's not a fool like his brother, so you thought that he's most likely to take over the family business. Am I right?" Seeing that Ford had seen through her little game, Sydney lowered her head, not daring to make eye contact with him. She replied, "Ford, since you know about that, I need not say more.

" At that moment, Ford felt that his heart had shattered into pieces. The pain managed to bring clarity to his mind. Then, he inquired, "So you are just making use of me from the start? Have you ever loved me? Just one bit?" "I did," Sydney answered with her teary eyes. "Ford, I love you, but I know our love is fruitless. I don't want to burden you and waste your time, so I decided to date Osborn..." Infuriated by her words, Ford grabbed her shoulders and stripped off her dress. Then, he scooped Sydney up and sneered, "You love me, but you had to date another man?

If that's the case, go ahead and marry him! But you can still sleep with me." Sydney had never seen Ford so angry, so she did not dare to resist him as she was afraid that the latter would lose control of his emotions. At that time, she could only let him do as he wanted. I can't allow Ford to be my stumbling block! When Savannah woke up in the morning, Emmett was no longer in the room. She then got into the washroom and started to wash up.

After finishing her morning routine, the latter still didn't appear. Savannah sat in front of the dressing table and tried to figure out a way to repay the cost of the clothes and accessories to Emmett. I must figure out the cost of that dress and those accessories! Hmm... In that case, I think I should head back to my place and get my laptop. It's time to get back in business...No matter how huge the amount of the debt, I must try my best to repay it! After thinking of an excuse to go out,

Savannah left the room and got downstairs. In the dining room, the table was already laden with food. Agatha was sitting there and reading the newspaper with her reading glasses on. In this digital age where information could be easily obtained from the Internet, very few would still read the newspaper. Nonetheless, Agatha had this habit because she wasn't used to reading the news on her phone. "Good morning, Grandma."

Savannah walked toward the dining table and found that the breakfast remained untouched. Seeing Savannah, Agatha put down the newspaper in her hand and turned to the former. "Nolan took Emmett out early this morning. He said a well-known neurologist was in the hospital today, so he made the earliest appointment for Emmett." Hearing that, Savannah hummed in response. Emmett head out with Nolan, huh? But that won't fool me. I know that going to the neurologist was just a cover. Who knows where they went...Besides, does that smart-a*

* need to go to see a brain specialist? "Grandma, have you had breakfast?" "Not yet. I'm waiting for you," Agatha offered her a smile and replied. Seeing as Mary was not there, Savannah served Agatha a bowl of oatmeal and placed a few pieces of blondies in front of the latter. "Okay, okay, that's enough for me."

"Take a seat and have your breakfast," Agatha gestured for her to sit down. After Savannah sat down, she let Agatha began eating first before she started helping herself with some food. "Javon told me that you did very well at the office that day. He said you are bold and cautious."

"Those tenured employees at Mashion were impressed with your performance. From now on, I want you to go with Emmett to the office every day. I'll pay you according to the wager of a Deputy Managing Director. What do you think?" said Agatha. "At your disposal, Grandma. I have nothing to do either."

"Thank you for trusting me and allowing me to help Emmett. It'll be my pleasure." "You're such a sweet talker," Agatha replied with a smile on her face. "Well, that's settled then!" "Okay." As a matter of fact, Savannah wanted to ask the former the exact amount, but she felt that it was inappropriate to ask Agatha about that, so she kept silent and continued eating.

Seeing that Agatha had finish eating, Savannah queried, "Grandma, Emmett is not home today. Can I head to the gym to work out? Upon hearing that, Agatha said nothing."

She put on her glasses and looked the former up and down. Just when Savannah thought that Agatha wouldn't agree to it, the latter said, "You should exercise more, but don't go for the weight loss plan. Ask the coach if there is any workout plan for weight gaining since you're too skinny. You'll have to gain weight so you can have a greater chance to get pregnant."

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Marrying a Dumb Husband Chapter 35 I Cannot Help You

Savannah blushed and lowered her head, saying, "Old Mrs. Quaker, you're pulling my leg. Anyway, I'll be heading out for my workout after breakfast." "I look forward to having a great-grandchild." Agatha winked at her. "Alright then, I won't hold you back. I'll get the chauffeur to give you a lift. After you finish your workout, please drop by the office.

Javon said he has some things to discuss with you." "Since Emmett is busy today, why don't I drop by the office together with him on another day?" said Savannah. "It's alright. Just go and meet Javon by yourself first. You can pass the message to Emmett later on." Agatha insisted. Hence, Savannah had no choice but to agree politely before heading to the gym. Upon reaching the gym, she instructed the chauffeur to pick her up in two hours.

Not long after Savannah was released from prison, she had registered for the kickboxing class at this gym. She wanted to learn some self-defense techniques to protect herself and her son. However, she hadn't attended classes for the past month because of her wedding plans with Emmett, but she intended on attending classes whenever she was free. As a matter of fact, there were no scheduled classes for kickboxing that afternoon.

Hence when Savannah got there, she went in and told the instructor she had come to pick up some things from her locker. Without even changing her clothes, she circled the locker room and left using another door. When she exited the gym, she quickly hailed a cab and headed to the apartment that she was renting.

She had paid half a year's worth of rent earlier, and though the unit was currently empty, she did not have the time to talk to her landlord about terminating her lease yet. The rental unit was located on the third floor of an old apartment block. As soon as she arrived, she unlocked the door and immediately went to the bedroom to grab her laptop. Just as she was about to leave the apartment, she spotted Cole standing outside her place.

It seemed like he was about to knock on the door. "Cole, what are you doing here?" she asked. Cole gave her a look of surprise and said, "Oh, you're home. I've dropped by a few times, but there was always no one around. I'm guessing you've been away for quite some time?" "... probably won't be staying here anymore. I just came by to pick up some things." Savannah didn't know how to explain the recent events in her life.

Cole was her senior back in college. During her freshman year, he had helped her move all her stuff into the girls' dormitory. Later on, they often bumped into each other on campus and gradually became friends. While in college, Savannah never told anyone about her family background, besides the fact that she came from a rural town. Coming from a small town in the north, Cole was not from a privileged background either.

The fact that he was able to get into college was all because of his own effort, and he would often take up part-time jobs during his free time. Back then, Savannah was also on the lookout for part-time jobs to support herself in college. After asking Cole for favors on two separate occasions, they became good friends. However, when she was imprisoned and expelled from college, she lost contact with him for a while.

After she was released from prison, their paths crossed again unexpectedly when she applied for a job in an advertising company. Fresh from college, Cole was working as an intern in that company, and he had planned on making a living in the city. Even though she didn't get the job, they still exchanged contacts and met up for coffee. Savannah told him frankly that she had dropped out of college because she was involved in a murder case.

Though she was an ex-convict with a baby, she had managed to own an online business doing fashion design work to support herself. When Cole heard that, he was surprised to learn what happened to her over the past few years, but he believed she was innocent. Her past didn't bother him at all, and he even helped her tide through her difficult times back then. Initially,

Savannah declined his favors as she only saw him as a college mate and nothing more. However, Cole regarded her as his best friend and insisted on helping her, so she quietly accepted his help. Savannah's first few years out of prison were indeed tough, especially since she had a son to take care of.

At that time, she could barely find a stable job, and even filling their stomachs was a challenge at times. Fortunately, Cole referred a lot of customers for her online business, allowing her to make a decent living. After building a stable customer base, her life finally improved. He would often drop by her apartment and bring her son food.

Besides that, he would also help out with handiwork such as repairing her electricity meter, making her feel like she needed a man in her life. On top of that, Freddie was always exceptionally happy to see him. Once, Freddie even secretly asked Savannah if Cole was his father. She immediately told him that Cole was only a good friend, but she could sense the disappointment in his eyes when he found out that Cole wasn't his father. It was then that she realized her son needed a father figure in his life.

The thought of getting together with Cole persisted in her mind every night, but she couldn't bring herself to be with someone she didn't like. Although Savannah knew that her past would hinder her from having a normal love life, she still hoped to be with someone she had feelings for. Nevertheless, her current marriage to Emmett did not involve love nor family; it was simply a marriage of convenience. Right now, she definitely would not accept Cole as a partner.

Cole looked into the apartment and asked, "Where's Freddie? You didn't bring him here?" As soon as Savannah heard her son's name, her eyes welled up with tears, and

she stuttered, "He... uh... he's doing well. Someone else is looking after him now."
"Savannah, did something happen? Is anything wrong?"

"Is Freddie really alright?" Cole could sense the sadness in her voice. Savannah tried her best to hold back her tears as she forced a smile and said, "Nothing's wrong. Freddie is in the pink of health, and we are both well. You don't need to worry about us anymore. Don't waste your time worrying about me, okay?"

"You're doing so well, and I believe you will become the chief designer of your company one day." "No, you're lying." Cole glared at her. "I can sense that the two of you are not doing well at all. Stop hiding from me and tell me what happened. I can help you." Savannah glanced at her watch and saw that it was getting late. If she did not head back to the gym now for the chauffeur to pick her up, Agatha and Emmett would get suspicious.

"Cole, I'm afraid there's nothing you can help me with. Just let me be, alright? I've told you before that I'm not a good person. I've been imprisoned before, and things are not as simple as you think. Whatever I've been through in this life is way more complicated than you can imagine. It's best if you stay away from me, or you will only end up getting hurt," said Savannah. Cole's heart ached as he recalled the first time he saw her from a distance in college.