Chapter 49

~MAYA~

I'm biting on my nails while my legs shake with fear. Kane still hadn't returned, and I was close to biting my hands off. I thought he would at least try to make it back before Giselle woke up, but from the looks of it, I was wrong. Time was running out, and he was nowhere in sight. How could he do this? Does he not realize what she would do to him when she realized he'd left without telling her anything? I can see the horror in my mind.

I cover my face with my hands and try to remain calm. If Giselle woke up and saw me panicking like this, she would read straight through me. That would only make things worse for Kane. I didn't want that. I didn't want to see him in trouble especially knowing that he had helped me earlier today.

I walk over to the window and look out of it. It was a few hours ago that I jumped out of here and straight into Kane's arms. I still remember how wonderful it felt to be held by him. He was warm and big; I felt safe in his arms.

I want to scream at how stupid I was being right now. Why can't I stop thinking or worrying about him? He didn't want my help. He made it very clear to me already. If he didn't want me to worry about him, then why couldn't I stop?

My body goes stiff when Giselle opens her eyes. I've been checking out the window constantly; Kane had not returned yet. I'm terrified of what would happen when Giselle realizes that he's been gone for the entire day.

I walk over to her and try to act as unbothered as I could possibly be. I didn't want her to pick up on my fear; if she did, she would know that something was wrong.

Oh, why did Kane have to leave at a time like this? Why hasn't he returned yet? Was he possibly hurt while out? There were so many questions racing through my mind, and it was hard to act like I wasn't worried about his whereabouts when my heart was racing whenever I thought about him.

"What time is it?" She asks as she stares out her window at the darkness. "How long have I been sleeping for?"

"It's been a few hours," I inform her. "Do you need me to get anything for you to eat or drink? I had a doctor check on you earlier. Actually, Kane was the one to get the doctor to look after you."

Her eyes widen at my words, "Kane got a doctor to look after me?" She asks in disbelief. "I should get sick more often if it means that he will be so thoughtful and caring."

I force a smile on my face, "it's true. He cares for you deeply. You're fortunate, miss Giselle; he was very concerned about your health when he saw that you weren't waking up."

"But where is he now?" She asks as she looks around the room with hopes of finding him.

I'm not sure if I'm doing the right thing. I'm just trying to protect Kane after everything he did for me today. I wanted to repay him in whatever ways that I could find. I knew that I had to mention Kane since she would go looking for him. I knew I had to come up with a good reason why he wasn't here looking after her with me. This was the best excuse I could think about.

"He was the one that brought the doctor, so he's the one that followed the doctor back to the office. He wanted to thank him for coming to your aid on such short notice." I lie.

"Oh." She whispers. "I can't believe that he will do something like that for me. No one has ever willingly done something so sweet for me. Kane continues to prove why I've always had a soft spot for him all these years. If only my father could see how good a person he was."

I don't think I've ever seen her this happy before. What would she do if she learned that it was all a lie?

How long will it take before Kane shows up? If he's away from us any longer, Giselle will figure out that I was lying to her. Even worse, what if he returns and she mentions what I said? Will he play along with the lie or not?

She attempts to get up, and I help her even though it's the last thing I want to do.

"What else happened while I was asleep?" she asks me. "Did Kane really look worried about me?"

I sigh, "you can ask him for yourself when you see him. I'm sure he will explain how he felt about the entire thing better than I would."

We both stopped talking when we heard footsteps. I held my breath when I saw Kane walking through the door. Why does he always look so damn good? How can anyone not fall for him when he looks like that?

"You're finally awake," he says to Giselle without looking at me.

I'm disappointed that he didn't even look my way, not even once. His eyes are glued on Giselle, and I can tell she enjoys the attention he gives her. I'm sure that the attention is intentional; he wants to stop her from asking unnecessary questions.

"My maid tells me something interesting." She finally says to him.

His body goes still at her words, and he finally looks my way. He's curious or maybe even worried about what I told her. Did he think that I would sell him out? Is that why he thinks of me?

"And what did she tell you?" he asks hesitantly.

"She told me that you brought a doctor to look after me earlier today." She answers him. "Is that true?"