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George confessed that his act was because he thought Melanie would never give him more money. Kidnapping Albert was the only thing he could do to get what he wanted.

When Reny told Melanie about this, she could not stop herself from cursing, "What a bad and dumb man! Isn't he afraid he'll have to pay for everything he did?"

Melanie's face turned pale.

It sounded so dumb and ridiculous that George could even be taken as a fool.

However, such a dumb act had killed her grandpa.

Dylan and George were being interrogated in the police station. Stephen, Xander, and the others took turns to accompany Melanie.

Melanie had lost a lot of weight in just a few days. She was already slender to begin with, and losing more weight just made her look skinny and bony.

"Mel, I know you're sad, but you must eat something." Stephen held a thermos flask as he looked at Melanie, feeling sorry for her. "I brought some homemade stew. At least eat some of it."

Melanie said, "Put it on the table. I'll eat it later."

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She had brushed her friends off like this countless times for the past few days. She only sometimes had the food they brought her.

Stephen wanted to persuade her to eat, but his phone rang just then. A frown appeared on his face as soon as he glanced at his phone screen.

He quickly handed the thermos flask to Xander. "Watch her eat. I've got to answer this call."

Stephen left hastily, and Xander could only do as he was told. He scooped half a bowl of stew for Melanie.

Xander's charming eyes revealed a tint of complicated emotion. "Albert will be worried if he sees you starving yourself."

Melanie was startled and pondered for a minute before taking the bowl of stew.

However, she did not eat it. Instead, she asked, "Can he still see me?"

Xander's pupils quivered upon hearing her question, yet he answered her gently and firmly, "Yes, he can, and he misses you too."

Melanie held the bowl and said nothing more.

She lowered her head with her lips pursed tightly. Tiny ripples formed in the half bowl of stew as her shoulders shuddered slightly.

Albert's funeral was held two days later in the cemetery in the west part of the town.

Yesterday's weather report stated it might rain, but the sky was still clear.

Melanie wore a long black dress with two bouquets in her hands. She placed one before her grandfather's grave and the other on the grave beside his.

Albert's grave was bought when he was alive. It was right beside his wife's.

Melanie looked at the two photos expressionlessly. She pursed her lips, forcing a smile.

After calming herself down, she said, "Grandpa, rest in peace."

Stephen was behind her. He greeted Albert by saying, "Albert, I'll look after Melanie."

After the burial, all of them left. However, they bumped into someone unexpected at the cemetery's entrance.

Evelyn had exquisite makeup on and was holding a luxurious handbag as she followed behind Peyton.

Melanie did not notice her presence. It was she who greeted Melanie first, "Miss Smith?"

Hearing someone call out to her, Melanie was taken aback. She had been tired recently, and it took her some time to recall who this woman was. "Miss Shue."

Evelyn regarded her for a while before saying, "I heard LeapCo has fired you."

Then, she lifted her eyebrows and said, "That's surprising."

"There's nothing to be surprised about." Melanie felt tired and did not want to continue with the topic. She tried to leave.

Evelyn smiled. "Anyway, it's a good thing for me. That way, I won't have to concern myself with your presence after getting engaged to Eugene."

Melanie felt worse hearing that.

When they were in Prime City, Peyton had indeed revealed her intention of getting Eugene to marry her daughter.

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Moreover, Evelyn met all of Stella's conditions for Eugene's future bride.

However, all of this had nothing to do with her anymore.

Melanie said calmly, "Please accept my best wishes."

Evelyn sounded arrogant when she said, "With your family background, you'll never get a chance to marry Eugene."

Melanie did not want to waste time dealing with Evelyn. She walked away as if she had not heard what Evelyn said.

Reny, who was following behind her, was the one who snapped, "Marry him if you're good enough. Who cares?!"

Melanie's mood was down as she made her way to the parking lot. She stopped and said, "I want to return to the North district."

The house there had not been cleaned after being vandalized by those loan sharks.

Stephen blurted out, "That place isn't safe."

Melanie said, "I want to clean up the mess."

"I'll

go

with you.” Xander’s deep voice sounded.

He looked at Melanie. “I’ll go with you if you insist on going. We’re worried that something like last time might happen again.”

After pausing for a second, he said, “We’ll be less worried with me accompanying you.”

Recalling the knocking on the door and on the windows, Melanie pondered for a moment.

Just as she was about to nod, the window of the black Maybach beside them rolled down its window.

Melanie was in a daze as she walked, so she did not notice the car.

Eugene’s expression was cold as usual. His hand was on the steering wheel as he glanced casually at the group, looking displeased.

Melanie was startled when her eyes met his, but she retracted her gaze quickly.

Eugene squinted his eyes slightly as he tapped the steering wheel with his finger. His jawline looked perfect from Melanie’s angle. He had his head lifted slightly, seemingly pondering something.

Melanie recalled bumping into Evelyn when she saw Eugene. Evelyn had told her she was about to get engaged to Eugene.

It seemed that Eugene was here with Evelyn and Peyton.

Melanie did not look at him again.

Turning around, she asked Xander, "Can you accompany me to the North district?"

Xander naturally agreed. He helped Melanie get into the car beside the Maybach.

Stephen seemed busy lately. He left in his car after reminding Xander of a few things to be careful of.

Eugene sat in the car as his annoyance grew upon looking at those cars leaving one after another.

The phone he placed on the dashboard rang. It was from Cedric.

When Eugene answered the call, he heard Cedric asking, "Have you arrived?"

Eugene grunted casually in response.

Cedric snapped, "You know why Peyton is here. Your mom and I think Evelyn is a good choice. Go get to know her further."

Eugene scoffed and mocked, "Is Evelyn a good choice or is her family background a good choice?"

"Eugene! We're doing this for your sake. Don't be ungrateful."

As the roar came through the phone, Eugene rubbed his forehead. This move happened to cover his face.

"Do you have anything else you want to say?"

Melanie headed to the city's North district but did not return to her house.

Xander drove her to a church.

He got out of the car and walked toward Melanie's side to open her door. Leaning over, he said, "I'll take you to a place first."

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Candles were lit in the church. The white walls were clean and calming to look at.

They could hear the faint sound of hymns being played and the sound of a bell. Melanie looked at Xander. "Why did you bring me here?"

Xander said, "We're here to light a candle."

Many people were in the church, but it was surprisingly quiet.

It was as though everyone had come up with a tacit agreement to speak and do their things softly, afraid of disrupting the peaceful atmosphere in the church.

Xander looked at the floor, saying, "I came here to light a candle for my grandma when I was young."

The place to light the candles was in the backyard. The volunteer responsible for keeping the records muttered a blessing with his eyes closed before handing Melanie the candle.

Melanie pursed her lips and looked at the candles on the rack silently.

Only when the breeze swayed the fire on the candles did Xander speak, "My grandpa said lighting a candle here can help the ones we love find their way to heaven."

Melanie slowly lit up the candle.

As the wick caught on fire, Melanie placed the candle on the rack as she prayed earnestly and sincerely.

Back at her house with the red paint still on the door, Melanie looked at the sight for a while before opening the door. The house had been left empty for a few days. Shabby houses like this would get dusty easily. A gust of dust assailed them as she opened the door. Melanie stopped Xander from entering. She said, "It's messy inside."

Xander froze for a minute before saying, "Call me if you need me. I'll be around the area."

Melanie nodded. She closed the door only after Xander had left.

It was indeed messy in the house. She left in a hurry the last time and did not have the chance to clean the mess.

Melanie sat on the sofa for a while, looking at the furniture. She thought she could bring Albert back to his house and live with him soon enough.

She had everything planned.

However, she could no longer do what she had planned.

Melanie stayed in the house for two days, and Xander would bring her food. He even watched her finish it.

She was not starving herself. It was just because she had no strength and appetite.

All she did was look out of the window in a daze.

Xander did not come on the third day, and it was Yvonne who came instead.

She still wore her high heels as usual. She stepped into the house. Only when she saw Melanie did she stop from shock.

Melanie did not look well. Her face was pale, and she looked skinnier. The clothes look like a big rag on her.

Yvonne was only startled for a moment, though. She took Melanie to the sofa with a troubled expression. "I just came back from abroad. He threw me on a deserted island and made me live there for a few days. I heard about your grandpa from Xander."

She tried her best to comfort Melanie. "I know this is a huge blow to you, but you shouldn't give up on yourself, right?"

Melanie nodded. Her voice sounded hoarse as she had not been talking much these few days. I know. I'm trying to gain the strength to move on from this."

Yvonne asked, "Have you taken a roller coaster ride before?"

Melanie was forcefully taken to the theme park by Yvonne. They headed straight to the roller coaster ride.

Before the ride started, the staff checked Melanie's condition repeatedly.

Melanie seldom played such thrilling rides. She wanted to play when she was young, but no one could accompany her and she was afraid of going alone.

When she started working, she did not get a chance to go to a theme park.

Yvonne held her hand and told her before the ride started, "When the ride gets to its highest point and rushes down, you can say whatever you want to because no one will hear what you say."

Melanie pursed her lips as she grabbed the handle tightly.

Yvonne was right. Only screams could be heard when the ride rushed down the highest point.

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Her heart, which had been beating lifelessly, seemed to have been revived. The thrilling experience brought her back to her old self.

Her heart hammered so wildly that even her chest felt the pain.

When the ride stopped, Melanie's pale face was already flushed.

Yvonne held her knees and asked, "How do you feel now?"

Melanie wiped the tears forced out by the wind as she said, "I want to ride it again."

Yvonne grinned and said, "Let's go!"

After the last ride, Yvonne shook her head and said, "I can't go for another round. I'm going to barf."

Melanie's gloominess had faded away, and her eyes were bright. Holding Yvonne's hand, she said, "Thank you!"

She knew Yvonne wanted to cheer her up by taking her here.

It worked as the trilling experience shattered the sorrow clumped in her.

When the strong wind blew on her face, all the sadness in her as well as the words she wanted to say flowed out along with her tears.

Yvonne hung herself on Melanie, sounding like she was tipsy. "Mel, you're the second person I've sacrificed so much for."

“Who’s the first?”

“My ex–boyfriend.” Yvonne panted as she continued, “I was young and naïve back then. I went bungee jumping with him. After three times, I felt he was unworthy to make me risk my life for him.”

Melanie laughed upon hearing that. She asked Yvonne, “Why did you come to my place today?”

“Xander was the one who called me as soon as I was back. He’s busy and couldn’t visit you today, so he asked me to do it instead.”

Melanie rubbed her forehead and said, “My bad. I’ve been emotionally down recently and couldn’t work.”

Yvonne did not mind. “It’s not a big deal. Your health is more important.”

Although Yvonne said so, Melanie got to work on time the following day.

When she entered, she happened to see Xander walking out.

Xander froze upon seeing Melanie. His calm eyes reflected Melanie’s figure.

She looked at him as she said, “Please deduct the past few days from my annual leave.”

Reny was the happiest among all to have Melanie back at work.

She held two contract documents. “Melanie, LeapCo has agreed to sign the contract,

and we

have to get the relevant department to sign it too.”

Melanie flipped across the pages of the contract. "Is Viola still in charge of this in LeapCo?"

"No. Lee is back, and he's in charge now."

Melanie nodded. "If the time has been arranged, we should get it signed quickly to prevent changes from happening."

Reny said, "We've arranged the time, and it's today, but..."

She looked at Melanie and hesitated to speak.

Melanie had put on her makeup and was dressed formally. Other than being skinnier, she looked just like before.

Calmly, she said, "You don't have to worry about me. I'm fine."

She just needed some time to get used to it.

Getting used to losing her grandfather would require a long, long time.

However, there seemed to be people who could adapt quickly.

For example, she saw Evelyn adapting well as Eugene's fiancée in LeapCo.

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Reny and Oliver had to go to the relevant department, and Xander was going to get the materials. Only Melanie was left, and she had to go to LeapCo.

Before leaving, Xander frowned and said, "Take Reny with you."

Melanie said calmly, "It's okay. Since an agreement has been made with LeapCo, I have to get the document signed."

Xander's brows were still knitted together. Melanie sighed. "Don't worry, I'm fine now."

Since Melanie had said so, Xander could only let her be.

Before Melanie arrived at LeapCo, she contacted Lee.

Lee told her to wait for him in the small meeting room.

Melanie was familiar with LeapCo's office building and knew the meeting room was just right beside the president's office.

However, she did not expect to bump into Evelyn as soon as she walked out of the elevator.

Evelyn was wearing almost the same type of suit as when she was in Prime City. Her chin was slightly lifted when she walked.

Melanie stood aside. Evelyn and her were unfamiliar, and Melanie felt it was unnecessary for her to greet Evelyn.

However, Evelyn still bumped into Melanie's shoulder on purpose when she walked past her.

Evelyn's hostility was obvious. Melanie stopped, and Evelyn stared at her as she asked indifferently, "Are you here to look for Eugene?"

Her words sounded a little disdainful. Melanie was sensitive and knew Evelyn had always disliked her since the day they met.

She seemed more hostile toward her than Viola.

That was something Melanie had not figured out yet. After all, Viola and Eugene seemed more intimate than she and Eugene.

However, that thought merely flashed across her mind. Melanie looked at Evelyn and answered, "I'm here to get a contract signed."

Evelyn's brows were furrowed. She was still as elegant as ever as she sneered. "I don't care why you're here, but I think as an employee who was fired by the company, you should come here less. Don't you think so?"

She brushed her hand through her hair and continued, "To be honest, it isn't appropriate for someone like you to be here!"

Melanie naturally understood what she meant.

However, she said, "Miss Shue, you don't have to tell me this. I have nothing to do with Mr. Scott. If you want to warn anyone, I think you should look for Viola.

"After all, she's known as Mr. Scott's girlfriend." Melanie paused for a while before adding

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calmly, "At least I haven't heard news of them breaking up yet."

A cheeky glimpse flashed across Evelyn's eyes. "You have nothing to do with Eugene?"

Melanie was frank. "If there's any association between us, at most, he's just my former boss. I'm not working here anymore, after all."

A malicious smile appeared on Evelyn's face as she looked at Melanie. Then, she looked behind Melanie with a laugh. "Did you hear that? She said you're just her former boss."

Melanie was taken aback and turned around, only to see Eugene standing a few steps away.

He happened to be at a turn, and the tall flower pot blocked him. Melanie had no idea how much he heard.

Evelyn lifted her chin. "Hey, former boss, you came too early. I just wanted to ask her about what she thought of you."

Eugene drooped his eyelashes as he said in his deep voice, "Didn't I ask you to wait for me in my office?"

He was asking Evelyn. Melanie, beside her, pursed her lips and looked away.

Evelyn smiled and said, "It's boring waiting in the office, so I walked around the office. My mom has always said you're good at managing your company and told me to learn from you."

if Eugene nodded and said, "Alright. Get Julie to help you you need anything."

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Evelyn had been spoiled since she was a kid. Naturally, she was arrogant even when she spoke, but she did not sound annoying. Instead, it was as if she was acting coquettishly.

Melanie looked at Lee behind Eugene and parted her lips, but she did not know what to say.

Lee saw her and smiled. "Melanie, follow me."

Nodding, Melanie followed Lee to the small meeting room.

Evelyn watched her leave as her lips curled up slightly. She looked at Eugene playfully.

“My mom called me, saying she wants to meet you tonight. Madam Scott will also be there.”

Eugene froze and looked at Evelyn thoughtfully.

That gaze took Evelyn aback, but she continued calmly. “Eugene, my mother has always said you’re smart. Other than being a little dense in Prime City, you’re intelligent.

“Marrying me will be a win–win solution for us. I don’t think there’s a reason for you to reject this offer.”

Then, she said, “Wouldn’t it be nice for us to benefit from each other?”

Eugene looked away, seemingly pondering something. He showed no emotion.

Suddenly, his gaze turned cold as he walked past Evelyn. “Send me the location.”

Evelyn said, “There’s no need for that. I’ll wait for you to get off work.”

Melanie followed Lee to the meeting room and took out the contract. “Reny told me you’ve confirmed the details with her, so we only require a signature now.”

Lee looked at Melanie as a complicated feeling surged through him.

When Melanie was in LeapCo, she had been swift and decisive, appearing as if she could deal with anything.

She could deal with any challenging task.

However, in just the blink of an eye, she had to make several trips to LeapCo just because of an unimportant contract that LeapCo did not even care about.

He would sometimes hear the employees gossip about it.

However, Lee was professional at work and showed none of his emotions.

When Melanie handed him the contract, he said, "Wait here for a while. Mr. Scott will be here soon."

Melanie looked at him, surprised. "Is Eugene going to sign this?"

Not every contract had to go through Eugene's hands. A small project like this only needed the signature of the person in charge.

Just as she asked, a deep voice came from behind her. "I won't sign if you don't want me to sign this."

Eugene pushed open the door and walked in. His suit was tidy and clean as always. He looked

at Melanie indifferently.

After sitting opposite her, he tapped the table. "You're the first business partner I've met who can be picky."

Melanie looked at the table and said, "I'm sorry. I'm just a little taken aback. I thought Mr. Lee could deal with this. After all, such a small project doesn't need to be approved by you."

It was a formal response, yet Eugene's displeasure grew. He frowned and took the contract. Then, he signed it.

His signature was clear and simple.

Melanie watched as he signed the last page and was relieved.

However, just as she thought she could leave, Eugene asked, "When are you free?"

Melanie lifted her head. She did not see that coming. "What?"

Eugene put down his pen as he looked at her. "Arrange a date to go to Hearth City with me."

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Melanie's brows were knitted together. "Are you going to Hearth City?"

Hearth City reminded her of George and Dylan, which disgusted her.

Eugene looked at Lee, who understood Eugene's intention and left with his things.

Only then did Eugene look at Melanie and say, "Your stepfather surprised me. He exposed all my information in Hearth City and brought me trouble."

He tapped the table lightly and leaned backward, saying, "Melanie, don't you think you should deal with this matter?"

Melanie frowned. "Why would George have your information?"

"Shouldn't I be asking you that?" Eugene scoffed before adding, "I returned the 1.5 million dollars he borrowed. Now, I'm the one being pestered. Melanie, you've been enjoying a peaceful life for quite some time without being disturbed, haven't you?"

Melanie's expression changed. She did owe Eugene 1.5 million.

It was the money George borrowed from the loan sharks.

Melanie's expression turned gloomy. She took a deep breath before saying, "Okay, I'll go with you."

Eugene lifted his eyebrow.

"And..." Melanie continued after a deep breath, "I'll think of a way to return the 1.5 million to you."

"Think of a way?" Eugene looked at Melanie disdainfully. "With your salary now? How much can Xander pay you?"

Melanie bit her lip. "You don't have to concern yourself with how I'll return your money. I'll come up with something."

Her expression was tense. Yvonne had told her before she was too stubborn and that it might

harm her.

However, Melanie had no other choice. She did not want to owe Eugene anything more.

It would be better to clear things up between them.

Not to mention 1.5 million, she had to return the money to Eugene even if it was ten million.

She could owe anyone money but not Eugene.

Her relationship with Eugene should be made clear.

It would be better if there was nothing more between her and Eugene.

She was firm and did not hesitate.

Eugene looked at her, and his expression grew colder. Smirking, he said, "Well then, let's make this official. After all, it's just your words now."

Melanie's expression was complicated. She looked at Eugene, who looked expressionless as he

said, "It'd be inappropriate if I don't take the money if you insist on returning it

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Melanie felt her heart sinking when she signed her name on the document.

However, she still signed it.

Eugene took the document and scoffed coldly. "It seems like you've found a better life since you've chosen to clear things up between us so quickly."

He had already left the meeting room before Melanie could understand what he meant.

Melanie embraced herself before leaving the meeting room. It was the toughest contract she had signed so far.

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It was just something that flashed across her mind, and she soon snapped out of it. No matter if it was Viola or Evelyn, they had nothing to do with her.

She was just standing by and watching the show.

After leaving LeapCo, Melanie received a call as soon as she got into a taxi.

Melanie had been receiving calls from unknown numbers, so she declined it subconsciously.

However, her phone rang again. This time, it was from Theodore.

Theodore was only someone she knew but was not familiar with. When she answered, she heard Theodore's hesitant voice. "Melanie?"

Melanie greeted him. Then, Theodore asked, "You didn't answer the call from the hospital. Can you come over to Hearth City in the next few days?"

"Peachie was sent back the day before. You're aware of her parents' situation, and they won't be back in a short while. However, the hospital wants a guardian of Peachie to be around. Moreover, she might suffer another leukemia attack again. They only have your phone number, so they have no choice but to reach out to you."

Melanie realized something seemed off and quickly asked Theodore, "How did you know about Peachie?"

Theodore was taken aback by that question and pondered before saying, "My family owns a charity group, and Peachie is one of the people we're helping. Moreover, didn't you ask me to keep an eye on her? By the way, will you be free to come over lately? Peachie needs a guardian."

Theodore was brushing her off and only reminded her to go to Hearth City again.

Melanie recalled Dylan telling her she did not need any money anymore when Melanie called.

It seemed that Theodore's charity group was helping Peachie.

However, Theodore was not a friend or relative. His motive was easy to guess.

Melanie rubbed her forehead, feeling her heart sink.

As soon as the contract was signed, Burning Star Studio was busy again preparing for the project.

Even a layman like Melanie was forced to join in. Xander was worried her shoulder might have not healed and only arranged simple stuff for her to do.

However, the job was still complicated.

Yvonne would visit once in a while, saying she was there to check on them.

Reny and she were now friends. She quipped, "Why aren't you going on blind dates anymore?"

Everyone knew Yvonne was often forced to go on blind dates. She shook her head and put on a sad expression. "If you stop asking me this, we can still be friends."

Xander interrupted the laughter. "Stephen told me Carlisle is coming back from abroad and

his family has arranged a blind date for him."

Then, Melanie saw the smile on Yvonne's face disappear. "What does his blind date have to do with me? Is he going to ask me for advice?"

She hid her emotions well and laughed again though it was just her disguise.

Melanie guessed Carlisle might be the ex-boyfriend Yvonne mentioned who had asked her to bungee jump three times.

Eugene texted her the date they would head to Hearth City. It was this weekend.

Melanie wanted to get a few days off from Xander when he asked her, "Have you recovered?"

The wound was quite serious, and Melanie could barely move her shoulder. All she could do was the usual daily movements.

Xander wanted to accompany her to Hearth City, but Melanie rejected. She said, "It's a personal matter, and I'll be back in a few days as soon as I finish dealing with it."

However, Xander's brows were still knitted together. He looked at Melanie as he asked in displeasure, "Am I so untrustworthy to you?"

Melanie froze, not knowing how to answer him.

She could still deceive herself that Xander's concern was just because he was her friend, but she could not do so now as he was going overboard. It would be a lie if she said she did not know what was on his mind.

Her eyelashes fluttered as she looked at Xander.

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To be honest, Xander was a handsome lad.

He was different from Eugene, who had a cold and noble temperament. Xander's skin was paler, and his facial features were charming. His eyes were seductive, but his tall nose bridge made him look more masculine.

However, Melanie would not take long glances at him. All that did not matter to her.

She said softly, "I trust you, but I don't think I should trouble you more.

"Xander, as a friend, you've helped me enough."

Xander froze. Summer was a dry season, and he bit his lip before looking at Melanie again. "I don't want to..."

"Xander," Melanie interrupted as she looked afar. "I have a plane to catch tomorrow morning. I gotta go pack my luggage. I'll try to return by Monday."

Without waiting for Xander's response, she left.

When Yvonne walked out, she saw Melanie leaving and patted Xander's shoulder, trying to comfort him. "Don't be so anxious. Give her some time. She just lost her grandfather and wouldn't be in the mood to talk about this."

Xander looked at Yvonne gloomily.

Yvonne was startled and quickly said, "I heard nothing. I was just passing by."

With an awkward chuckle, she strode away but soon turned around and sighed as she looked at Xander.

After pondering, she said, "Although you're brave, it isn't good timing. Be more patient. Since you could keep your feelings hidden before this, why can't you now?"

"Winning a girl's heart is a slow process. Take it slow..."

Xander lifted his eyebrow and said, "Just like you and Carlisle? Everything ended before you could even start, no?"

Yvonne chose to shut up and quickly headed back to the villa.

Melanie had nothing to pack. She only took a few clothes, toiletries, and some medicines.

She did not want to have anything to do with Peachie's matter. However, Theodore told her they couldn't contact Peachie's relatives.

Moreover, Peachie was not to be blamed for what Dylan and George did.

Melanie packed her things and headed to the airport early next morning.

She did not speak to Eugene until they landed at Hearth City Airport.

Melanie saw a few figures when she walked out of the arrival hall.

It was Theodore...

Beside him was Viola.

Viola had said she was on a business trip, yet Melanie did not expect her to be in Hearth City.

It seemed that Viola did not know Melanie would come either. Her smile faded a little, but she did not forget to approach Eugene and hug his arm as she stared at Melanie.

"Melanie, why are you at Hearth City? Aren't your parents in Jepton now?"

She knew what Dylan and George did and said this to mock Melanie.

Melanie did not want to waste time arguing with her and looked at Theodore instead. "Mr.

Cain, please help me contact the hospital. I want to ask them about Peachie's situation now."

"I've talked to the doctor and admitted Peachie. However, you have to talk to the doctor yourself about the other procedures. After all, I'm not the guardian."

Melanie nodded seriously.

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Viola grabbed Eugene's arm, seemingly minding the fact that Eugene had arrived at the airport with Melanie. She seemed to be declaring her relationship with him.

"Eugene, why didn't you tell me she'd be here with you? If I had known, I would've booked her a room in the hotel. It's the weekend, and most of the rooms are occupied. It'll be difficult to book a room now."

Before Eugene could answer, Melanie said, "I'm not staying in the same hotel as you two. I have something else to deal with."

Eugene looked at her, and Melanie seemed to sense his gaze. She said, "Send me a text if you need me. I'll do as you say."

Viola frowned as she interrupted, "Are you guys talking about something confidential? What are you going to do?"

Eugene answered calmly, "We're just dealing with some trouble."

Viola nodded and asked Melanie, "Melanie, is your family in trouble again?"

Her tone made Melanie feel uncomfortable. Melanie had no idea if Viola was saying this intentionally.

However, Melanie couldn't retort. It was indeed a trouble caused by Dylan and George.

Viola looked as if she had just realized what she said and smiled as she explained, "Melanie, please don't mind. I didn't mean that. I just feel sorry for you."

“I would’ve broken down mentally if I were you. I heard your grandpa passed away too. Please accept my condolences.”

Melanie did not want to hear more from Viola and said, “I’ll excuse myself first.”

Theodore left with her, saying he would drive her to the hospital.

Viola held onto Eugene and watched the two leave. She sighed on purpose. “I feel sorry for Melanie. Anyone with a family like that is plagued with bad luck.”

She hugged Eugene’s arm and said, “Eugene, don’t worry. My family is ordinary and would never bring you trouble.”

Eugene looked at her expressionlessly as he nodded. Viola was not sure which statement he was agreeing with.

On the way to the hospital, Theodore told her everything.

After Dylan and George were caught, Peachie spent a few days in the police station.

She wanted to go back to Hearth City and refused to stay, so they could only send her back.

Melanie said after a moment of silence, “No one in Jepton has the time to take care of her.”

Dylan and George were arrested. Melanie had also been busy with Albert’s funeral and forgot about Peachie.

If Theodore had not called her, she would not have known that Peachie had gone back to

Hearth City.

However, Melanie did not blame herself for it. She and Melanie were not close, and Melanie had done enough by providing the money for her treatment.

George killed her grandfather, and Melanie could not forget that. However, Peachie was just a kid, so she could not be heartless toward her.

Peachie stayed in a six-person ward. She was on her drip when she entered, lying on the bed in a daze.

When she heard footsteps, she turned around. Her eyes turned red and tears welled up when she saw Melanie.

Melanie did not comfort her. Instead, she sat by the bed and looked at her silently.

Melanie did not know what she could say to Peachie. They were stepsisters, and Dylan favored her ill daughter more. She even taught Peachie all kinds of insane stuff. Melanie could not be friendly to Peachie anymore.

Before she could speak, Peachie cried.

As she wept, she apologized, "Melanie, I'm sorry. It's all because I've been a coward.

"I should've called the nurse. I'm sorry, Melanie. It's all because of me."

Melanie's expression changed. "What did you say?"