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"Your father tried to contact you but couldn't, so he reached out to me instead."

"What?" Hannah's brows furrowed.

"Did he make you uncomfortable?"

"No."

Lydia sounded defeated over the phone.

"He was hell-bent on having dinner with me and seeing you tonight. I declined! He even contemplated visiting me at Phillips Group. So I ran away quickly!"

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Hannah hopped into her car and started it.

"Where are you? I'll come get you."

"I've taken refuge at Brayden's office. Don't bother picking me up.

Wyatt is likely in Valmere by now. I fear he'll discover your home and become a nuisance. The Moore family has been searching for you for ages. Now that he's got wind of your whereabouts, he won't Leave you alone."

Gripping the steering wheel, Hannah spoke in a frosty tone.

"I doubt he'll have time to search for me anytime soon. I just had his daughter arrested."

"You did what?"

Lydia sounded incredulous.

"Fill me in. What did I miss?"

Hannah relayed the full story to Lydia, who remained silent for a considerable time.

"Why on Earth would Valery resort to such behavior, especially when the Moore family is loaded? Has she lost her mind?"

"I suspect the Moore family has been struggling lately, hence their visit. Valery has been splurging. Probably their family funds are running low."

After a pause, Lydia said, "Hold on, I'll get Brayden to dig up some info on the Moore family. Be cautious, they might retaliate."

"I'm aware. No need to worry."

For the next few days, all appeared well; the Moore family didn't locate Hannah.

One afternoon, returning to her office post-class, Hannah found Bryson awaiting her.

"What brings you here, Bryson?"

Setting down her book, Hannah glanced at her watch.