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Jessica got drunk last night and went to the washroom in the dark. She ended up tripping and fell to the ground. If it were not for Caspian's timely arrival, there was a high chance that she would still be lying on the floor.

"You should check on her more often. She's a girl after all."

"Am I not showing enough care for her? Larry, do you know that she's the one torturing me every day?" Caspian was having none of it.

Jessica had been making things difficult for him of late, and he was emotionally exhausted by it.

"Aren't all women like that? She's just trying to get your eyes on her." Is that so? She could've just told me, though!

"Mr. Norton, here is the document that you have requested!" The assistant came in.

"Leave it there," Larry ordered without raising his head.

"Women are very fickle animals," Caspian remarked.

"Just go to the hospital and send her my regards. I don't think I'll be able to head over. Things are getting busier recently."

Hearing that, Caspian instantly turned around and left the office.

"Where's Larry?" Jessica asked directly. "Why doesn't he come to visit me?"

"Larry's really busy, so he asked me to come in and check on you," Caspian explained as he placed the fruit basket on the table.

"How could he do this to me? I am hospitalized, for goodness sake! But is he busy?" Jessica pouted as she was discontent with Caspian's explanation.

"Stop it already. It's not that serious. You don't even have a broken rib nor a fractured leg." Caspian was very blunt.

Can't you be a tad bit more thoughtful? You je\*k! Jessica stared at Caspian without saying a word.

"So, how was it?" Jaden asked when he saw Caiden.

Truth be told, he knew about Yelena and how Olivia wanted Caiden to marry her from the start. From the outside, it might have looked like he was not on his sister's side, seeing that he was pushing Caiden towards Yelena. But the fact was that Jaden knew Noelle and Caiden would not work out and that the Owens family was way out of Noelle's league.

"Did you know that Yelena was going to be there?" Caiden questioned.

"Yes, I knew, Mr. Caiden Owens. Your mother asked me to convince you for your own good. What happens next is all up to the two of you to decide."

Jaden sighed. He was certain that Caiden only had Joan on his mind, so he knew that Yelena being there made would make no difference. Caiden would never pay her any heed.

"You knew that I love Joan, so why did you do something like that?" Caiden continued.

"Does it matter? If you really love Joan, things won't change no matter how many ladies you meet," Jaden answered.

He was absolutely right. Love was never such a fickle matter.

"Don't you ever do anything like this again. I hate it... "

Caiden's remark instantly softened Jaden's heart.

Throughout the years, Caiden only had Noelle and Jaden by his side. He knew how Noelle felt about him, so he naturally put some distance between them. Jaden, however, was like a brother to him at this point.

"Caiden, you shouldn't be afraid of going for those blind dates. Nothing will happen even if you go since love is not something one can force. So you might as well treat it as putting up with your parents."

He really knows his way around both parties. Caiden gave him a side-eye glare and said nothing.

Just then, the doorbell rang.

It's definitely not Noelle since she just left. Who could it be then? Both Caiden and Jaden looked towards the door alarmingly, bewildered.

"Is Caiden here?"

It was the sweet voice of a lady at the door. That voice was captivating enough that it made Jaden's heart raced for a bit.

"Who's looking for you?" Jaden asked.

"I think that's Yelena. Let me hide in the room, and you just tell her that I'm not here!" Caiden turned tail towards the stairs.

"No, don't you do this to me!" Jaden caught his arm just in time. "This is your problem, so you handle it. I'm not getting involved."

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"Come on, man. I think Yelena is actually quite beautiful. Her figure is superb, and she even has a nice personality. She's definitely up your alley." Caiden remarked as he flung Jaden's hand off, hurrying upstairs.

Seriously? I'll have to take a look then.

"Hi there. Caiden's not here right now," Jaden said while he opened the door. As soon as he did, he froze in place.

The woman in front of Jaden emanated a noble elegance—an exquisite face, pearly white skin, and hair as dark as night with a model-like figure. This is definitely up my alley!

"Hello," she greeted him with a smile.

"Hi! Come in and have a seat." he quickly welcomed her in. Yelena looked around and walked in bashfully.

"You're here looking for Owens, right?"

"Yes, is he not here?" Yelena look towards the second floor.

"Sorry to say. He had something going on today, so he's not here."

"Do you know when he will be back?" she probed.

"I'm not sure about that. He's usually quite busy. Can I know why you're looking for him?" Jaden asked in return.

"I just got back from abroad and was wondering whether he could show me around." Yelena lowered her head, blushing.

I see! Jaden looked at her and his lips slowly curled into a grin.

Maybe I should do that instead?

"Never mind him then. I can give you the tour too." Jaden spoke softly.

"Huh?" Yelena looked doubtfully at the man before her with an odd look on her face.

"It's okay if you don't feel like it," Jaden immediately added.

"That's not it. I'm just worried that I might be taking up your time," Yelena replied awkwardly.

He was Caiden's friend, after all. She did not want to get on his bad side.

"Don't worry about it," Jaden assured. "Shall we leave now?"

Yelena hesitated for a brief moment and took a look around one more time before nodding. Why is he so persistent? She secretly let out a sigh, unhappy.

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"I heard that the Owens family and the Slone family are forming a tie through marriage." Caspian was on the sofa.

"I know," Larry responded.

There were only a few companies that were well-known in the industry. The Norton Corporation, being at the top, had the most resources and was the fastest-growing corporation. The companies owned by the Owens and the Slone family were next on the list. Thus, it would be a massive hindrance if they came together.

"Larry, what are you planning to do about it?" Caspian asked.

"Let's wait and see."

Is he not the least bit worried? Caspian was guite puzzled.

However, Larry was certain that Caiden would never marry the daughter of the Slone family. Even though he and Caiden had little chance to get to know each other, Larry could tell that Caiden only had eyes for Joan. And that he would not give up so easily. Hence, they formed an agreement over a dinner they had to compete on equal terms.

Having said that, their friendship still persisted.

That was why Larry was very confident, even after hearing the so-called surprise. He was certain that Joan would definitely choose him.

"Hello? What do you have in mind?" Larry asked through the phone.

Caiden, on the other end of the call, instinctively knew what he was talking about. He grinned as though he was amused by the chemistry they had.

"I have rejected it." I knew it. Larry smiled as Caiden's answer reassured him even further.

"Why would I marry someone and let you have Joan so easily?" Caiden added.

"I thought you were about to give up," Larry said deliberately.

That's impossible! I'd never hand over a girl I like as easy as that! Caiden gritted his teeth, upset with Larry's statement.

"Alright then, that's all. I just wanted to know whether you gave in." With that, Larry ended the call. He got his answer.

"Where did Caiden go? It's already this late. He should be back by now, right?" Yelena asked anxiously.

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Why is she so eager to see him? Jaden's face darkened.

"He should be back, I think. He has been really busy, though," he answered Yelena.

"Let's go back to check on him," she responded immediately.

Jaden was reluctant, but Yelena was surprisingly stubborn even though she looked nice and thoughtful.

After they reached, Yelena quickly asked, "Is he back yet?"

"Doesn't seem like it." Jaden went upstairs to check.

She's a stubborn one, for sure! It doesn't seem like she'll leave without seeing Caiden.

"Where is his room?" Yelena's question came out of the left field.

Huh? What's she up to? Is she going to go in? You're kidding me. This is way too awkward!

"Umm... It's that one." He pointed to a room upstairs.

"But mind you, Caiden doesn't like others going into his room without his permission," Jaden added.

But he was ignored as Yelena sneered and went up the stairs.

Is this woman crazy? Jaden immediately cut her off.

"What are you doing?"

"I'm going to his room!" Yelena said it as clearly as possible.

Her tone indicated that she had already assumed ownership of the place. Jaden was absolutely puzzled. Where did she get the gall to answer like that?

"Caiden is not here. Maybe you should try your luck next time," Jaden was getting agitated.

"It's okay. He doesn't need to be here. I only wanted to see how his room looked like," Yelena answered with a smile.

Just what kind of oddball is she? Who would ever go into someone's room on the first visit?

"But he really hates it when people go into his room. Even me." Jaden was doing all he could to hold her off.

"But we're different. I'm his future wife!"

What! Caiden has never agreed to go out with her, to begin with! So Jaden took in a deep breath and tried to talk some sense into the lady in front of him.

"Miss. Please. Caiden would be upset if he found out what you're doing right now."

"No, he won't. He's going to be really happy, for sure," Yelena said as she pushed Jaden aside and marched forward.

"What are you guys going on about?" Caiden opened the door all of a sudden.

"You're home!" Yelena shouted excitedly as soon as she saw him.

"Can I help you with anything?" Caiden grunted.

Why is he suddenly so cold? Yelena was a little disappointed.

"I just wanted to come and see you," she responded in a soft tone.

"Alright then. You saw me. Now you can leave."

Bam!

Caiden slammed the door as soon as he finished, leaving Yelena rooted in place with an indescribable expression on her face.

She was at a loss all of a sudden. Meanwhile, Jaden was surprised to bear witness to what went on. He did not expect Caiden to be this ruthless.

"I'll take my leave then!" Yelena's voice was trembling, and she left.

For some reason, Jaden's heart ached a little as he watched the girl leave.

It looks like she really likes Caiden... Jaden let out a sigh and shook his head.

Back with Joan at her house. She was relieved to see that Jake had been caught up with his work after he moved in.

"Joan, who's that man?" Delilah, in the garden, asked.

"Which man?" Joan did not quite understand.

"The handsome man who came and looked for you the other day. Who is he?" Delilah pressed on.

In an instant, Jake popped into Joan's head.

"He's a friend I met during my travels," she answered softly.

However, Delilah had a hunch that Jake was hiding something.

