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“Mom, are you jealous?”

How come this child knows everything! Without a word, Joan shrugged and gave Lucius a helpless smile.

As though he could sense it, Larry knew that the former had gotten angry. Hence, he kept urging Lucius to go to sleep. After that, Joan got back on the phone.

“What’s wrong? Are you mad?” asked Larry in a low voice.

Isn’t it obvious? It took us a long time to finally get a chance to chat, but he spent most of the time with Lucius.

“Next time, if you miss Lucius, just give Ms. Young a call,” Joan said with a pout.

“Why can’t I call you?” Larry deliberately inquired.

He’s doing this on purpose, isn’t he? There’s no way he doesn’t know the reason... Joan gripped the blanket and remained silent.

“Joan, do you want to come here so we can spend some time together?” Larry broke the silence.

Upon hearing that, Joan instantly blushed. He knows what I’m thinking!

Ugh... Forget it. We can spend our time together anywhere. There is no need for me to leave Ms. Young and Lucius at home and go all the way to meet him.

“No, I’ll wait for you at home,” replied Joan.

After conversing for a while more, they ended the call. Larry knew it was already past midnight there, so he couldn’t bear to disturb Joan.

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“Caspian, are you asleep?” Larry queried.

“What can I do for you, Larry?” The former immediately inquired.

“I need you to assign more people to protect Joan, Lucius, and Ms. Young. Someone had made their move,” Larry instructed.

“Got it. Don’t worry, Larry. I’ve already ordered my people to pay attention to this matter. Oh, by the way, I have an update on that thing you had me look into. I’ve found that person,” answered Caspian.

Caspian is as reliable as always, huh. He had arranged everything before I even give him the instruction, thought Larry.

The next morning, sunlight poured in through the gaps between the curtains and filled the room with warmth. Lying on the bed, Joan was still sleeping soundly.

Maybe because she had chatted with Larry until too late the night before, she was still asleep even though the sun was already high up in the sky. Delilah could see that Joan had been very tired recently. Thus, she didn’t knock on the latter’s door to wake her up.

“Mmm...” Joan extended her arms into a stretch and let out a big yawn before gradually opening her eyes.

That was the most satisfying sleep she had since recently. There were no nightmares nor any disturbances when she was sleeping. Instead, there was only Larry’s sexy voice and intoxicating scent accompanying her in her dreams.

“You’re awake? Come and have some food,” said Delilah while ironing the clothes in the living room.

“Oh my gosh! It’s nearly noon!” Joan blurted in surprise as she walked to the balcony.

This foolish girl... Did she just realize that she had slept for more than ten hours?

“Yep. So you’re having lunch now,” Delilah said.

“Ms. Young, why didn’t you wake me up?” Joan asked in a low voice.

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“Why should I? Besides, I thought that it’s better for you to wake up naturally. So, how is it? Do you feel refreshed now?” Delilah asked with a smile on her face.

Since everything in the garden was settled, Delilah and Joan could rest for a few days.

“Joan, do you think that there’s something fishy going around recently?” Delilah threw her a question out of the blue.

Hearing that, Joan turned around and looked at the older woman in front of her, feeling slightly unsettled.

Is she referring to the thing that Lucius said last night?

“What’s wrong, Ms. Young? Did anything happened?”

At that, Delilah stopped ironing, and she walked toward Joan with a worried look on her face.

“I keep feeling like there’s someone following me recently. Do you feel the same? Or am I just being paranoid?” Delilah tilted her head thoughtfully and plunged into deep contemplation.

It seemed like something was amiss, but Joan didn’t notice it.

“Ms. Young, can you tell me everything that has happened in detail?” Joan queried.

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Joan wanted to make aware of what happened so that she could tackle the matter at its roots. Since Larry was not with her now, she had to take preventative measures herself.

“I don’t have any solid evidence to back my suspicion. Let’s just say it’s my gut instinct,” Delilah answered.

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She didn't explain the situation clearly. Thus, Joan was left utterly baffled and confused. However, she still believed that woman's intuition was accurate, especially Delilah's.

"It's fine, maybe I'm just overthinking it." With that, Delilah walked toward the living room and continued to iron the clothes.

No. I must get to the bottom of this. Without any hesitation, Joan took out her phone and made a call.

"Hello, Caspian? I need a favor..."

"Don't worry, Joan. Larry had told us about this before he left. We are actually protecting you in secret," said Caspian determinedly.

Hearing that, Joan could feel a weight being lifted off her chest.

So he was already prepared for this. At that thought, the grin on Joan's face grew wider.

No wonder he chatted with Lucius for so long last night!

"Okay, I got it. I'm counting on you, then," she replied politely.

"No problem, Joan. And uh... I wanted to say sorry for the time I insulted you in the past. I hope you don't mind. I only did what I did because I was hoping that you could rekindle with Larry. Please forgive me if I have offended you in any way," said Caspian.

He remembered clearly that he looked for Joan back then because he hoped that the latter could understand Larry. However, their communication went awry, making Caspian angry and resulted in him insulting her.

"It's okay, don't worry. I understand. And, I'm happy for Larry. He is lucky to have a great friend like you."

Hearing her words, Caspian felt much more at ease.

In actuality, Joan had forgotten about this. After all, she wasn't a petty person, so she wouldn't care about such a trivial matter.

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"Alright, Ms. Young. There's no need for you to worry. Turns out, Larry had already made the necessary arrangements," said Joan to offer Delilah some comfort.

Despite that, Delilah still felt that something was off, but she couldn't tell exactly what was wrong.

Perhaps I'm thinking too much...

"Okay," Delilah replied.

Little did they know, a catastrophe would soon befall them.

"Hey kid, stop right there!" In an alley, a man shouted at Lucius, who was on the way home from school.

Looking at the fierce-looking men in front of him, Lucius felt terrified.

"Who are you? What do you guys want?" He hugged his bag tightly and inquired in fear.

"Don't be afraid. We just want to play a game with you," one of the men answered.

"Let go of me! Help!" Lucius screamed loudly and pinched the man's thigh.

"You brat! How dare you pinch me!" The man landed a slap on Lucius's face.

Lucius went silent, and his eyes closed.

Meanwhile, Joan was waiting for Lucius anxiously in the living room because it was getting late, and he was nowhere to be seen.

"Ms. Young, why hasn't Lucius returned?" Joan ran toward the kitchen and asked Delilah.

"Maybe he stayed back at school to do his homework," Delilah replied calmly.

This wasn't the first time Lucius reached home late. Sometimes, the teachers would overrun the lesson, and some would even keep the students after the bell and ask them to complete

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their homework before going back. But usually, the teachers would only do this when the examination was around the corner.

“Joan, why don’t you give the homeroom teacher a call to ask about the situation?” Delilah reminded.

Joan immediately whipped out her phone and made a call, looking panicked.

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“Hello, Ms. Lee? Is Lucius still in the school?” Joan asked anxiously.

“No. The class had ended long ago,” came Ms. Lee’s hurried reply.

“He didn’t stay at school to do his homework?”

“Mrs. Norton, please try not to mention this anymore. It was our fault to keep students after class previously. The principal has already warned us not to do so. Rest assured that we won’t keep students in school to have cram sessions anymore,” Ms. Lee explained.

This is bad...

“Ms. Young, something’s off. Lucius is not at school,” said Joan with a trembling voice.

Thud! The spatula in Delilah’s hand fell to the ground.

Could this be why I have been feeling so unsettled recently? At that, she immediately left the kitchen, took her jacket, and walked toward the door.

“Where are you going?” Joan immediately ran past her to block her way.

“Don’t try to stop me. I’m going to look for Lucius,” said Delilah as she flung Joan’s arm to the side, striding past her.

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“Ms. Young, please calm down. Listen to me first, okay? Let’s just wait here and let Caspian go and find Lucius. I’m afraid you might get caught again if you go out,” said Joan with fear in her voice.

I still have no idea who the mastermind is, what their goal is, or what would happen should we get caught...

“Then, what do you suggest we should do?” Delilah growled at Joan.

She was full blown panicking by then. She had taken care of Lucius since young. As such, the boy was the apple of her eye. Now that he had gone missing, it was only natural that she would be anxious.

“Hello? Caspian, quick, find... L-Lucius... H-He’s missing...”

At that moment, Joan was so frightened that she failed to speak well.

“Joan, calm down and tell me what happened,” Caspian consoled.

“What? Lucius has gone missing? When did this happen?” He sprung to his feet immediately upon hearing that and darted out of the office.

“Okay, I got it. Don’t worry, Joan. I’ll head over right away!”

After hanging up the phone, Caspian scrolled through his contact list, found another person’s number, and made a call.

“Hello, Jessica. Come over quickly. Larry’s child is missing. Yes, come here, right now!”

He chose to keep this matter from Larry for the time being and decided to settle it by himself because he knew that Larry was extremely busy with the matter overseas recently.

“What happened? How can Lucius just disappear? Joan, are you okay?” Jessica rushed over to console Joan.

“I’m fine. Please hurry and look for Lucius. My dear boy...” said Joan as her body shivered.

Like her, Delilah was also dismayed at that moment.

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Jessica knew how important Lucius was to them, so she didn't dare to make any jokes.

"Don't worry, Joan. Caspian has sent his men to look for Lucius. They'll find him soon. Besides, maybe Lucius is just playing around somewhere and got lost..." Jessica muttered.

"That's impossible. Lucius has never been a playful boy. Even if he wants to go and play, he'll come home and inform us first," Delilah yelled suddenly.

It was obvious that this incident was related to Joan.

"Ms. Young, don't worry. Caspian will find Lucius soon," said Jessica.

"How can I not worry? Lucius is not your child, so of course you're not worried about him! Joan Watts, this is all your fault! Why can't you just live your own life? Ever since you came into our life, your presence has brought a lot of problems to us. Now that we can finally have a peaceful life, you still can't let things be. I really don't understand why you're so stubborn!"

That was the first time Delilah had thrown a tantrum at Joan and also the first time she couldn't control her anger.

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