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"If anything happens to Joan, I will make sure you won't see the sunrise next day," he declared.

What a joke! Does he have any proof? Is he acting this indifferent to me because I like him? Gabriella scoffed inwardly.

How funny. My crush fell in love with the woman who used to be my best friend. Now, I'm trying to break them up so I can marry Larry myself.

What is the point getting myself in this mess? I know it's useless, but I refuse to back down. Why is Joan adored by many? Why is that b*tch so lucky?

"Larry, Joan isn't with me. Unless you have proof that she's with me, stop calling me." Gabriella hung up abruptly after saying that.

That was the first time she had ever spoken that harshly to Larry. It felt exhilarating. Gabriella had enough of putting up with Larry's temper.

Larry, I will never back down or admit defeat this time! Her nails dug deep into her palms, nearly drawing blood.

Ring! Ring!

"Hello? Where are you now?"

"Ms. Ward, she's still unconscious. Where shall we bring her? Where are you?" a young voice replied carefully.

"I'll send you the address. Bring her there." Gabriella cut the line after giving her orders.

Previously, she didn't show herself and only hired some hitmen to take Joan down. Yet, she didn't succeed. This time, she decided to see the woman herself. She was going to die soon, so it wouldn't take much time.

Gabriella put on her cap, mask, and scarf to cover herself so Joan wouldn't recognize her. Alas, she didn't know Joan would still recognize her no matter what. Gabriella was Joan's closest friend, so the latter knew her very well.

Shortly after, the vehicle stopped in front of a hotel.

"Where is she?" demanded Gabriella.

"In the room. She's still asleep," came the man's calm reply.

Oh? She's still asleep?

Slam! Gabriella shut the door and slowly made her way to the bed.

Joan, no matter how hard you fight back, you ended up being abducted by me.

If you had divorced Larry earlier, I wouldn't have to waste so much effort to abduct you. A scornful smile flitted across her lips.

Larry must be panicking now. That's right! He must be going crazy since you went missing!

Funny, right? I've been with him for years, but you're the person he loves.

Gabriella clenched her fists and ground her teeth angrily.

The sun slowly moved to shine directly on Joan's face. Perhaps the sunlight was too glaring, for she slowly opened her eyes.

Where am I? Finding herself in an unfamiliar environment, Joan stretched lazily.

She remembered she was eating pizza with Nancy. They also asked Caspian to come, then...

Wait, I'm not in the pizza joint anymore! Her eyes widened in surprise as she tried to figure out where she was. Finally, she realized something was not right.

"You're awake?" Suddenly, a woman wearing a mask and shades stood up beside her.

"You are..." Joan trailed off hesitantly.

She immediately recognized Gabriella's voice, but the latter was all covered up. What is she trying to do?

"Gabriella, what are you planning?" she voiced her doubts out loud.

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In response, the woman burst into laughter.

Huh? Why is she laughing? Kidnapping is a crime!

"Joan Watts, you better think carefully before speaking. Remember, a loose tongue leads to trouble," came Gabriella's reply as she tried to tamp down her feelings.

"Why did you drug and kidnap me?"

Gabriella found her question ironic for she had been after Larry for years. She should know what I'm after.

"I want to know what your choice is. When will you leave? Or will you enter jail?" Gabriella went straight to the point.

Only Gabriella would be interested in that.

"There are still three days left, right? I will leave it to God. It's either we get a divorce or I will be sent to jail. I didn't harm anyone, and my conscience is clear," Joan stated firmly.

Gabriella nearly burst out indignantly after hearing that Joan's conscience was clear. It has been years. Doesn't she feel bad at all? She took my man away from me and caused my family to kick me out.

"Joan, stop talking nonsense. You need to admit to your mistake." The woman sipped on her tea.

What did I do wrong? Joan shook her head and sighed.

It was scary to run into a crazy admirer who would scheme to harm everyone standing in her way.

"Do you think I wouldn't recognize you in your disguise?" sneered Joan.

Once she spoke, Joan immediately knew she was Gabriella though she kept denying it.

She kept alternating between a harmless woman and a vindictive woman. It must be tiring for her.

"Why are you laughing? You haven't answered my question yet?" Gabriella yelled loudly.

There was a menacing air about her, but Joan was no longer afraid.

If Gabriella took her life, it was fate. There was no need for her to be terrified right now.

"Say something!"

What? Does she want me to flatter her or beg for her forgiveness? Why should I? Joan was usually meek, but she could be imposing if needed.

"Gabriella Ward, stop pretending it isn't you. Whether or not Larry and I get a divorce is between us. It has nothing to do with you. Even if you love Larry and want to marry him, that's your business. Let me tell you. Larry will not marry you even after we get a divorce!" answered Joan loudly.

Slap! A tight slap landed on her cheek, causing her cheek to flare up promptly.

"Answer my questions instead of talking nonsense! You take back your words!" Gabriella finally showed her true colors and growled furiously.

She must be crazy!

"Why would I take back my words? Larry won't marry you! He won't!"

Slap! Slap!

After being slapped repeatedly, Joan's cheeks swelled up.

"Shut up! If you won't, I'll slash your face with a knife and destroy your face. That way, Larry will dump you!" Gabriella looked up and laughed maniacally.

Panic flickered across Joan's eyes.

She must be crazy. Otherwise, nothing would explain her reckless actions. Back then, she would just harm me and make things difficult for me, but right now, she's far more vicious!

"What's wrong? Are you afraid now? I'll give you some time to think about it. If you refuse, I'll throw you into the sea to feed the fish. I mean it. Just you wait and see." Having said that, Gabriella stormed out.