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Vivian had not dared to enter the room then. Although she did not see it for herself, she was convinced that Finnick was cheating on her.

If what Noah said was right, it could explain everything.

"Yes."

He continued, "She threatened Mrs. Filder and had kidnapped my parents. I had to do as she said."

As he recalled what he had done, Noah felt terrible. Both Finnick and Vivian had always treated him so kindly.

"She eventually ordered me to tell you that Mr. Norton wanted you to abort the child. I had no choice."

"The first attempt wasn't successful. The second time, Mr. Morrison saved you. When Mr. Norton was about to go to the airport to stop you from leaving, Evelyn pretended to fall and break her leg, hindering him."

As Noah recounted the past events, his voice became increasingly constrained. However, he did not understand what exactly he was afraid of.

For the past five years, his actions had haunted him daily, reminding himself of how he had betrayed Mr. Norton.

His conscience constantly nagged at him and he suffered from insomnia every night.

He could finally come clean about everything today. Although he eventually had to face Finnick's punishment, Noah felt unusually relaxed as a huge burden of guilt had been lifted off him.

It was unprecedented.

"That was exactly what happened back then. Please punish me for my mistakes." Noah then bowed in apology.

Since he had betrayed Finnick, it was unlikely that Noah could continue working for him.

"This kick is because you kept things from me."

"This kick is for you being ungrateful."

"This kick is for betraying your own morality."

Noah fell to the ground, enduring his punishment in silence.

However, he did not have any hatred for Finnick. Instead, he thought that he deserved those three kicks.

At the very least, he now felt less guilty.

"Vivian, did you hear that? I was kept in the dark the whole time."

When Finnick was done with Noah, he walked over to Vivian.

Vivian froze. It was Evelyn who had orchestrated the entire scene back then, causing her year of suffering and heartache. Finnick had been unaware of anything the whole time.

Vivian was full of shock and remorse.

She was shocked that she did not know the full story this whole time and blamed Finnick wrongly for everything.

Thinking back, he had indeed lost a lot of weight compared to before. Vivian could not help but feel sorry for him.

Now, they finally knew the truth behind everything that had happened back then.

Evelyn's scheme and wickedness was certainly impressive. How did that rich, pampered little princess come to have such a cruel heart?

However, it was perhaps human nature when we were cornered and fighting to protect our self-interest. It would drive us to carry out the most unimaginable tasks and wicked plans.

Like how Evelyn could remain indifferent as she watched her biological mother struggling for her life in front of her.

Or how she could easily kidnap someone else's parents, completely ignoring the safety of others.

Now that Vivian realized Finnick had always loved her, she felt that everything she had gone through was worthwhile.

She stared at Finnick but did not know what to say.

They had been separated for the past five years. They had a lot to say and many questions to ask.

Their eyes met and the pair could not help but feel awkward.

Finnick had no clue that the very things that had been kept from him were the cause of Vivian's pain.

Finnick hated himself. If he had waited outside the Morrison residence when Vivian brought up the divorce back then, he could have cleared things up with her then. They would not have to go through so much suffering.

He was the cause of most of their difficulties. If only he had broken off all ties with Evelyn. If only he had not listened to her or believed her words.

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None of this would have ever happened, let alone the five-year separation.

Moreover, he had mistakenly thought that Vivian had been raped then and even wanted her to abort their own child. Even though he had given in to her, Finnick had still felt very uneasy.

Thinking back on it now, the whole fiesta was just ridiculous. He had actually believed the word of another woman and doubted his own wife.

As Finnick thought about the past, he wanted to slap himself as a punishment for being silly.

He knew he had been wrong. However, what was important now was the future.

He would never compromise on Vivian's needs ever again, nor would he let her leave him.

Never again.

This was both his promise to Vivian and an encouragement for himself.

When he came to terms with everything, all Finnick wanted to do was to go home with Vivian. He'd have to admit his wrongdoings and ask for forgiveness.

Since Vivian's mood seemed to be fine. Finnick called out to her.

"Vivian?"

"What's is it?"

Vivian was neither a hypocritical nor a petty person. As soon as she found out that it was all a misunderstanding, she no longer blamed Finnick for anything.

She simply stared at him, wondering what he wanted to say.

"Vivian, let's go home." Finnick was unsure of what else to say. He just held her hand and waited for her response.

"Okay." The couple then walked hand in hand across the field, both feeling at ease while enjoying the beautiful scenery.

When Finnick realized that Noah did not follow them, he turned and said, "Go back yourself."

Without waiting for a reply, the couple then continued their way.

They strolled along the field with their hands joined together. The couple had finally reunited and had many things to say to each other.

"Vivian, I'm sorry. I should have looked into the matter instead of simply trusting Evelyn's words"

Finnick still felt guilty that his failure to investigate back then had caused such a huge mistake.

Although Evelyn was the mastermind behind everything, Noah was still an accomplice. As Vivian's husband, how could I have fallen so easily into their trap?

This was a terrible oversight and also the main cause of their five-year separation.

"Actually... it's not your fault alone. I also didn't handle a lot of things properly."

Vivian was all ready to forgive Finnick. As soon as she heard his words, she had forgiven him completely.

Despite being unaware of everything that had happened, Finnick was still willing to apologize even though he was essentially a victim too. Vivian felt gratified.

"Oh? Tell me about it." Finnick could not hide his interest upon hearing that Vivian also wanted to apologize.

"If I'd trusted you then, I wouldn't have believed that you were in the room with... Then, Evelyn's plans would never have been successful."

As she thought back on it, Vivian realized that it was Evelyn's voice in the room that had caused her to believe that Finnick was cheating on her.

If she had not misunderstood then, things would not have come so far.

"Well, women love to overthink. You're a woman too, so it's understandable." Finnick chuckled as he patted her on the head then took her hand again and continued walking.

"No, we have to confront Evelyn about this. Otherwise, I won't feel at ease." Vivian had always been someone who remained civil unless provoked. Since Evelyn had offended her first, she would not hesitate to retaliate now.

However, Evelyn was Finnick's first love after all. Regardless of how he felt about her now, Vivian felt that it was better to talk things out before Evelyn.

After all, one's first love was always the most memorable.

Finnick understood Vivian's intentions and laughed. "You're not the only one that wants to confront her."