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After hanging up the call, Linda hesitantly told Elisa about her feelings. "Elisa, you didn't know Mr. Wickam's attitude when I picked up the call just now. If you're not beside me, I'll surely become the main suspect."

"Sigh! I thought I could avoid him, but who knew he would call? Melinda, I'll contact you tomorrow to discuss the plan." Elisa deliberately heaved a sigh.

Linda nodded as she was interested in Elisa's proposal.

The banquet was held for 'Melinda.' When Linda and Elisa stepped out of the washroom, the Garners came to bring Linda away. Linda looked at Elisa apologetically and said, "I'm sorry, Elisa. I gotta go."

If the Garners didn't interrupt them, Linda intended to stay longer with Elisa.

"See you tomorrow then." Elisa waved at Linda with a smile.

As soon as Linda left, Gareth appeared beside Elisa. "You became friends with her?" He asked in perplexity.

Linda returned with this fake identity. Given the grudges between Elisa and her, how could they possibly become friends?

Elisa laughed, "If you don't believe it, do you think it could be real?" Her intention was clear. Both Linda and her were testing each other.

Just now, she purposely asked Linda to answer the call to stir up her anger and hatred.

After all, no one could remain calm in front of their love.

Linda had been living for Gareth her whole life!

Gareth pointed out an important point. "Aren't you guys tired of pretending?" He thought they didn't have to put on a show since both didn't genuinely intend to become friends.

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Elisa retorted instantly, "You can go and talk to Linda. If she's willing, both of you might be able to get back together." With that, Elisa walked away.

Gareth's face turned solemn as he cursed inwardly. He quickly caught up with Elisa and said, "I don't mean that. You should know that she..."

"What about her? Have you forgotten how she 'died'?" Elisa interrupted Gareth sternly before he could finish his sentence.

Gareth fell into silence. Of course, he knew Linda's 'death' caused a sensation in Bayswe and caused Elisa to be criticized. However, after the trip to Moranta and their close contact, he understood there must be a reason behind it all.

Nonetheless, he knew Elisa and Linda would never reconcile, so he didn't plan to persuade Elisa either.

Pressing his lips, Gareth regained his composure and said, "I have no comments about her. You're well aware of her motives."

Elisa nodded in agreement but remained sulky. "Yeah. Her motive is to snatch away all I have now. She wants me dead so that she can return to you. Mr. Wickam, you're the root of all problems. Why don't you fix everything?" She deliberately made a sarcastic remark.

Gareth's expression turned grim. He furrowed his brows and gazed at the petty woman. "Elisa, you don't have to provoke me with these words. Linda and I are not what you think."

Elisa refused to listen to Gareth as she clearly remembered the past. She sniggered and went straight to the point. "Don't tell me that what I witnessed in the past was a show put on by you and Linda to provoke me. I didn't lose my memory. I only attended the banquet today due to my identity and to show respect to the Garner family. As for you, you know best why you came. Don't pretend to be so dignified!"

Elisa didn't believe Gareth came because of her but thought he merely wanted to meet Linda.

In fact, even Elisa couldn't understand herself. She was aggrieved by what happened in the past and was tired of being entangled with Gareth. Yet, Gareth occasionally gave Elisa the illusion that he had fallen for her.

At that moment, the last thing she wanted was to be entangled with Gareth, so she turned to leave, but Gareth swiftly grasped her.

Elisa attempted to push Gareth away, but Gareth pinned her against the wall to prevent her from resisting. He stared at the sullen woman with his deep-set eyes. "Are you jealous?"

Elisa looked at Gareth in surprise and blurted, "Are you drunk?"

What nonsense is he talking about? He must be kidding me to think that I'm jealous!

Gareth replied firmly, "If you aren't jealous, why are you behaving strangely after meeting Linda? Elisa, since you still have feelings for me, why..."

"Excuse me. I have no feelings for you anymore. I loved you before, but now, I only want to focus on my career. I'm sorry for the misunderstanding caused by what I said earlier. But I need to remind you to get rid of your arrogant attitude!"

Elisa was indignant because she thought Gareth was concerned about Linda and hoped for her to reconcile with Linda!

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Wait a minute. Am I angry because Gareth is concerned about Linda? I shouldn't be bothered whether Gareth still cares about Linda. Why am I angry?

Elisa was speechless when she realized her frustration, and she despised herself. Gareth was right— she was indeed jealous.

Little did she know Gareth caught her subtle frown. He didn't believe Elisa. "Elisa, you can be true to yourself, just like me. It's not difficult."

Elisa was at a loss for words and simply couldn't accept it because Gareth made her sound like a coward.

Elisa rebuked crabbily, "What do you mean? If I were afraid, I wouldn't have lost myself and wasted three years with you. You're the one who initiated the divorce. I'm not cold-blooded like you. Of course, I had feelings for you during the three-years marriage."

Elisa reached out her hand to push Gareth, but Gareth stood motionless like a mountain.

"Since you still have feelings for me, and I've figured out my own feelings too, why don't you give me a chance? Is my intention lately not obvious enough?" Gareth questioned Elisa.

Sure enough, his intention couldn't be more obvious. He always cared for her, knew her preferences, and even shielded her from the gunshot. He did all he could to restore their relationship. However, Elisa had been desperate and deeply hurt, so she couldn't easily forget what had happened just because of Gareth's recent actions.

Elisa tightened her grip on Gareth's wrist, causing him to wince in pain, but he still stepped forward to Elisa relentlessly. Finally, Elisa jabbed a needle into his neck.

Gareth stared at Elisa in disbelief as he didn't expect her to harm him. Perceiving Gareth's expression, Elisa uttered aloofly, "I've told you we should keep a distance. Since you refused to listen, I'm not a pushover either."

Gareth didn't answer. Just as Elisa was about to leave, he covered his chest and frowned in agony. He didn't let out a cry, but his distorted expression said it all.

Elisa halted her step when she saw Gareth's condition. Recalling the scene when Gareth shielded her from the bullet, her heart softened, and she reached out her hand to feel his pulse. However, the next second, Gareth grabbed her waist, seized her hand, and pinned her to the wall once again.

Before Elisa could realize what was going on, Gareth pressed his lips against hers and forcefully restrained her hands above her head.

Elisa's heart jolted as she stared at the man in shock. She instinctively struggled to break away from him, but she was not as strong as Gareth.

"Let..." Elisa attempted to say something, but Gareth kissed her even more fervently.

Elisa's face turned gloomy. She couldn't break away from him no matter how she struggled, yet she couldn't bring herself to bite him. Suddenly, Gareth slumped onto the ground with his face turning pale as a sheet.

Elisa glared at him threateningly. "Gareth Wickam, you used the same trick twice. Am I that stupid to you?"

It was the first time Gareth forced himself upon Elisa, disregarding her feelings, which disgusted her.

Gareth didn't reply to her but collapsed onto the floor with his eyes closed. Elisa's heart skipped a beat. "Gareth?" She called out to him.

Perceiving no response from Gareth, she crouched down to nudge him, but Gareth remained motionless...

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Gareth wouldn't stoop to such extremes, even if he wanted to fake being ill.

Elisa checked Gareth's pulse and was alarmed by his irregular and erratic beats.

The poison inside his body was wreaking havoc, disrupting his system!

Fortunately, Elisa had her medical toolkit and emergency pills in her bag, which she had brought to the hospital.

Without them, she wouldn't have been able to save Gareth in this unfamiliar place with no available medication.

After giving Gareth the emergency pill, Elisa immediately called Thomas.

Thomas's instincts kicked in, sensing something was wrong as it was in the late hours of the night, "Is there something wrong, Ms. Benett?"

"The poison is acting up. We're at Garner Residence. Can you come and pick us up?"

Elisa wanted to find someone to help get Gareth into the car because his current condition wasn't safe for him to move around, even after taking the medication.

Gareth needed to stay still and lie down for at least an hour to avoid complications like blood flow disruption or severe bleeding.

Thomas was thrown into a frenzy when he heard about Gareth's poisoning incident at Garner Residence.

He promptly set aside the files he had been occupied with and raced to the location.

Just like what Elisa had anticipated, Thomas arrived at Garner Residence within slightly over an hour.

After examining Gareth's pulse and verifying its stability, Elisa joined Thomas in carefully transporting Gareth off the premises.

Meanwhile, Linda received an unexpected call from her enigmatic boss.

The person on the other end of the line interrogated, "What's going on between you and Elisa Benett? Gareth Wickam is now unconscious and being escorted out of Garner Residence. Did you have anything to do with it?"

"Elisa reached out to me, saying she wanted to be friends. Initially, I thought she had discovered something, but it became apparent that she had a motive. So, I decided to go along with it, trying to uncover her motives. As for Gareth being unconscious, I honestly have no clue."

Linda was equally clueless about Gareth's condition.

The fact that she was clueless about important developments like this explained it all.

Her boss warned, "You better watch out. You know what to do if Elisa exposes your identity. As for now, the plan isn't fully developed yet, so stick to the original one and don't make any reckless moves!"

"I know."

Linda had no choice but to concur with her boss, whose identity remained a mystery.

However, there was no denying one fact. The makeup artist hired by Mrs. Garner was a true genius. And even if Elisa managed to catch a glimpse of their agenda, Linda would never give up her life just because her boss expected her to take that extreme route.

Linda's boss expected her to sacrifice herself rather than risk exposing her identity if their plan was uncovered. She had 'died' once and wouldn't let Elisa completely erase her existence!

With that in mind, Linda had formulated her own plan.

Meanwhile, Elisa had intended to send Gareth back to Wickam Manor. However, Thomas brought up Julia in his concern, "Ms. Benett, Old Mrs. Wickam still doesn't know about Mr. Wickam's poisoning and injuries. If we send Mr. Wickam back to Wickam Manor, Old Mrs. Wickam would find out..."

"Mr. Wickam has multiple properties and houses elsewhere. There's no need to go back there," Thomas remarked.

He was concerned about Gareth's injuries and simultaneously attempted to reconcile Gareth and Elisa.

Thomas furrowed and voiced his worry, "We can send Mr. Wickam back to Wickam Manor alone, but what if his condition worsens? Ms. Benett, I understand you no longer wish to revolve around Mr. Wickam. And it was his fault to have wronged you in the past. But we're dealing with a person's life here. You can't just stand by and let him die, can you?!"

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Returning to Wickam Manor was out of the question, and bringing Gareth to her place wasn't a viable option either.

Elisa considered Thomas and said, "Hey, Thomas, how about taking him to your place? Cause honestly, given the current state of our relationship, it's not good for me to be involved in his affair too much."

"I still have some emergency pills here. You still have the prescriptions I gave you last time, right? With your efficiency, you can prepare those medicines today. Then tomorrow, you can continue decocting and bathing him as per the previous instructions."

"Huh?!"

Thomas had expected Elisa to suggest bringing Gareth to her place, so he was taken aback when she refused and proposed going through the trouble instead. Had their relationship become so strained once again?

But didn't they attend the Garner family gathering earlier today? To everyone else, it looked like they had reconciled and remarried.

Noticing Thomas's surprise at her request, "What's wrong? Is it inconvenient to bring him to your place?"

"It's not about that. Considering Mr. Wickam's current condition, it would be better to have a professional by his side, don't you think? Ms. Benett, I'm just being practical. If I were to find another doctor for Mr. Wickam now and risk leaking his current health condition to his enemies. Then it would...

You know Mr. Wickam's condition the best, and it would be ideal if you stayed by his side to care for him."

"My house is tiny, and there might not be enough space if you come along," Thomas carried on voicing his objection.

Elisa paused for a moment, realizing that Thomas had a valid point.

She glanced at Gareth, who was sitting in the back seat. Despite lingering anger over his earlier actions, she couldn't deny that Gareth had shielded her from the bullet.

Elisa didn't want to give him any more ammunition to use against her!

Reluctantly, she brought Thomas and Gareth back to her own place.

Thomas followed the prescription she gave him and prepared the medicines. Throughout the night, he toiled between boiling the medicine and supervising Gareth's medicated bath while Elisa administered the medicine, staying by Gareth's side all night.

Gareth remained in an unconscious state throughout the night.

In the morning, Elisa checked Gareth's pulse. Although it wasn't as steady as before, it improved much compared to when the poison flared up the previous day.

Considering she had a meeting with the business partners, Elisa told Thomas, "You stay here and take care of him. Make sure he eats something when he wakes up. If there's anything unusual, just call me."

"Are you heading out, Ms. Benett?" Thomas marveled at Elisa's fresh appearance, impressed by how put together she looked despite not sleeping all night.

Elisa nodded and replied, "Yeah, you remember the car accident that Will and I were involved in? I am responsible for taking care of him, and I also have a meeting with our business partners today."

"I see. Don't worry, Ms. Benett. You go ahead and do what you need to do. I'll take care of Mr. Wickam here," Thomas assured her.

Elisa had matters to attend to, and Thomas understood that he shouldn't stop her.

However, during Elisa's meeting with the three business partners, they inquired about Gareth, "Mrs. Wickam, isn't Mr. Wickam here with you today?"

Despite the Benett family's prominence as a well-established company in Bayswe, Gareth's influence and authority convinced them to cooperate with Elisa.

They were displeased that Gareth was absent from the meeting.

Elisa could sense their chagrin and smiled in response, "Mr. Wickam might have had a little too much to drink at the Garner family's banquet yesterday. However, his presence or absence doesn't change anything about our collaboration."