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Sean paused for a moment. "I think it's best that I take care of her instead."

Then, he strode over to the nurse's side and said, "I'm the patient's brother, so I'll go instead."

The nurse glanced at him dazedly, then at Bonnie, and finally stared at Luna. "Ms. Luna..." Luna fell silent for a moment, then lifted her head to glance at Bonnie. "Can you do this ?" "No problem." Bonnie smiled. "Sean was exaggerating when he said I almost died. I was just dehydrated because of the heat in the car, that's all. I'm feeling a lot better now."

Then, she flung Sean's arm away. "After all, it was my fault that this even happened to Nikki in the first place. Since she's willing to let me go in and take care of her, I'll do it."

She turned around to glance at Sean.."Besides helping me, you even put your sister in danger because of me... I don't mind doing this if it means being able to ease the awkwardness between you and Nikki."

Then, she smiled at the nurse and said, "Let's go." The nurse nodded and walked over to help her up. "Don't worry. We'll be keeping an eye on you outside the curtains, and if anything happens, we'll be there to help."

Bonnie curled her lips into a smile and nodded, then followed the nurse into the ward. Sean remained motionless, his brows knitted into a frown as he watched them leave.

He turned around to stare at Luna and asked her a question that seemed to be a consolation to himself, too, "Bonnie...will be fine, right?"

Luna, too, furrowed her brows at how confused he looked. "You and your sister...aren't related by blood, right?"

Sean paused when he heard this, then nodded in reply. "Yes. Nikki was adopted by my mother."

As he said this, he closed his eyes. "My birth father passed away due to an accident when my mother was pregnant, and she was so devastated that she miscarried the baby. "After that, she kept blaming herself for the miscarriage, so she adopted a baby to ease her

pain."

A small smile played on Sean's lips as he recalled these accounts, reminiscing about his mother. "Mother said that she had given birth to two sons but no daughter ...and she always wanted one...so she adopted Nikki."

Luna furrowed her brows when she heard this. "You have another brother ?"

Sean fell silent for a moment, then replied, "Not really; I just heard about him from my mother. She told me that he's the son she had with her ex-husband, and she had left him at his father's.

"He has a new mother now, and she treats him like her own. The three of them are now a happy little family, so neither Mother nor I want to disturb them." With that, he smiled at Luna and added, "That's why I've always pretended that this brother of mine didn't exist all these years."

Luna could not help feeling a little saddened when she heard this. She let out a sigh and was about to say something further when her phone rang.

It was a number she did not recognize.

She picked up the call, frowning, and Jim's cold voice rang out from the other end of the line." How's Bonnie now ?"

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Luna could not help sneering when she heard Jim's words.

She curled her lips into a smirk and retorted, "What's wrong, Mr. Jim Landry? Have you finally remembered that you have a person locked in your car? What is wrong with you? How can voi leave Bonnie alone in a locked car like that? Do you know you almost killed her?!"

Jim furrowed his brows when he heard Luna's shrieks. Sitting on a bench in the airport, he rubbed his brows in frustration and replied, "Judging from your reply, she's fine now, isn't she?"

Luna grew even more outraged to hear this. She could not believe that Jim only cared whether Bonnie was fine or not. Did he think that if she were okay, he would not need to take responsibility for his actions? Jim could tell that Luna was furious, but he was not in a good mood either. However, because he knew that this was indeed his fault, he patiently explained to her, "Luna, listen to me: I was honestly concerned about Bonnie's safety. The fact that you scolded me like this and even said that Bonnie almost died must mean that she's fine now, isn't she? I'm more than happy to hear that." Luna could not help sneering when she heard this. "Happy? Jim Landry, I can't hear a single hint of happiness in your tone at all. In fact, I feel that you're getting impatient with me.

"Let me tell you one thing; this shit isn't over yet. If anything were to happen to Bonnie after this, I'd make you pay for this!"

With that, she hung up the phone in a huff.

"Two hours," Sean, who had been sitting in silence on the chair, said impassively as soon as Luna hung up. "It's been two hours since Bonnie called me for help." There was a hint of contempt in Sean's eyes as he added, "I can't believe Mr. Landry was so busy during this time that he didn't even bother asking about his ex-girlfriend, much less coming to see her after almost killing her." Luna frowned upon hearing this.

She knew that Sean was telling the truth; Jim had indeed fucked up.

However, she and Sean were talking about two different things entirely. As Jim's sister, she was allowed to scold and reprimand him for being an irresponsible asshole, but... When Sean said the same thing, Luna could not help feeling a little uncomfortable. Despite this, as Jim's sister, she did not have the right to argue with Sean over this, so she let out a sigh and glanced in the direction that Bonnie had left. "I'll go check on them." Then, she turned and strode away. The only person left in the lobby was Sean. He closed his eyes and had just let out a massive sigh of relief when his former boss called.

"This isn't cool, Sean. I can't believe you got yourself involved in an illegal gang.

"Terry is lying on my bed right now, howling in pain, saying that if I hadn't sent him to check on your sister, he wouldn't have ended up like this. "Don't you think you're being too cruel, Sean?"

Sean's heart sank when he heard this. He forced out a smile and replied, "Boss, who do you think is the cruel one, me or Terry?

"My sister is only nineteen, and she's not in the pink of health either. I asked Terry to send my sister to the hospital, but he took advantage of her because she's sick... Don't you think he deserved his punishment?" The man on the other end of the line fell silent.

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A split second later, Sean's former boss sneered and retorted, "Well, if it weren't for your wretched sister deliberately seducing him, he wouldn't have done this anyway! Terry's a good guy; I can vouch for this! "I can't believe that he helped you check on your sister out of kindness, who forced him into sleeping with her, and now, everyone is blaming him for it! Sean, haven't you thought of the possibility that this could be your sister's plan? Tell me, what do you want from us?"

Sean instinctively guffawed when he heard this. "How could my sister have possibly been able to force him into doing something like this?" Even if Terry wanted to lie, he should at least have thought of a better excuse.

"She drugged him."

With that, Sean's boss hung up the phone. Sean clutched his phone tightly, listening to the dial tone. Nikki...had drugged Terry into sleeping with her?

That was impossible!

This was probably the first time Nikki had ever met Terry in person, so how could she possibly have been able to drug a stranger? Besides, she was a pure and innocent child, so how could she possibly have gotten her hands on something like this?

Sean could not believe that his boss adamantly defended Terry even after the heinous crime he committed.

"Bonnie, I only have one piece of advice for you; you'd better back off while you can." Nikki sneered, glancing at Bonnie as soon as she entered the room and drew the curtains shut behind her. "Back off?" Bonnie shot her a cold look as she picked up Nikki's clothes, which were draped over the bed. "What did I even do? Why should I back off?"

Nikki could not help sneering once more when she heard this. "How can you have no idea what you did?"

She dodged Bonnie as soon as she reached out toward her and instead wrapped herself in a blanket as she fixed her cold, penetrating stare on Bonnie's face. "You barged into me and my brother's life and even pranced around our house like it was a museum. Not only that, but instead of finding your ex-husband or friends and family for help, you kept on pestering my brother!

"What's wrong? Are you so lonely that you can't even reach out to a single friend and instead have to rely on my brother to save you?" Nikki continued haughtily, "I know exactly what you're doing, Bonnie! After your failure to seduce Jim, you want to use my brother, who looks almost exactly like him, as a rebound! "Well, let me tell you this; you'd better give up right here and now! Sean is mine!"

Bonnie shot Nikki, who was stark naked and wrapped inside a blanket, a helpless look and said with a bitter smile, "I never wanted to take your brother away from you, so you don't have to be so defensive."

Then, she tossed Nikki's clothes onto her body and added, "Judging from how you look, I guess you're perfectly capable of taking care of yourself. Not only do you have the energy to argue with me about this, but you even know to cover yourself out of embarrassment. "That's enough now. Your brother is worried about you, so you'd better stop throwing a tantrum and put your clothes on." "He's worried about me?" Nikki let out a bitter smile, then recalled how she had swallowed the libido-enhancing pill and waited patiently for Sean to return home.

Initially, Nikki thought that after calling Sean about her fake attack, he would return home immediately to check on her. Therefore, she took a libido-enhancing pill and even put it in a pot of tea she had brewed specially for Sean.

However, to her surprise, the person who arrived to check on her was not Sean, but his ex coworker instead...

Everything after that had been out of her control. Nikki was unable to control the drug's effects, while Terry could not suppress his urges, which led to this unfortunate incident.

To Nikki, however, Bonnie was to blame for this entire mishap! If Bonnie had not called Sean for help, this would not have happened in the first place! As soon as she thought of this, Nikki sneered. "Bonnie, I heard you guys talking outside, and I overheard you saying that you feel responsible for what happened to you, didn't you? "Well, if you kneel right now and beg for my forgiveness, I might consider putting this behind us."

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The entire room fell silent. The nurse and doctor, who were poised outside the curtains, waiting to help, exchanged nervous glances. Even though they did not know the full story of what happened between this patient named Nikki and this woman named Bonnie, they could piece together some clues from their conversation. It was probably because Bonnie had gotten into trouble and called Nikki's brother for help, which brought him out of their house and ultimately led to her incident. Even though they pitiéd Nikki for this tragedy, it was...unreasonable of her to force Bonnie to kneel and beg for her forgiveness.

After all, Bonnie was not the one who had assaulted her.

Besides, she had no relation to the man who had done this to Nikki, either.

Bonnie was neither an accomplice nor the mastermind, and she had just asked Nikki's brother for help when she was caught in trouble.

The nurse sighed and said in a low voice, "I guess we still have to ask Nikki's brother to come in... Judging from Bonnie's clothing and looks, she's not an ordinary folk...so how can we expect her to kneel to Nikki for forgiveness ?" The doctor nodded in agreement, then replied in a tone that was only audible to the two of them, "You'd better get out there and find Sean. I'm worried that these two will get into a fight."

The nurse nodded and left the room.

"What's wrong? Don't want to do that?" Nikki sneered, seeing that Bonnie did not respond." How can you say you're sorry for what happened to me when you're unwilling to beg for my forgiveness? You're just a two-faced, manipulative woman, Bonnie Craig! You..."

Before Nikki could even finish her sentence, Bonnie sighed, gently lifted the hem of her skirt, and got to her knees slowly. "I'm sorry, Ms. Wheeler." Then, she lifted her pale face to smile at Nikki, who was utterly shocked by this. "I've done as you asked, so you should probably stick to your word and put on your clothes now." Then, she gave Nikki a once-over and added, "You shouldn't be talking to me naked, you know, especially since your body isn't that great anyway. "I'm not used to talking with naked women, especially those whose figures aren't even as good as mine." "You...!" Nikki's face turned scarlet in anger. Finally, she shot Bonnie a murderous glare but picked up her clothes anyway. As she put on her shirt, she glared once more at Bonnie, who was still kneeling on the ground, and said, "My guesses were right; you were trying to steal my brother after all!

"When you called my brother for help, you made it sound as if you were in a dire situation, as though you'd die at any minute, but it turns out not only were you well enough to come to see me, but you could kneel, too. "You don't even look that sick, Bonnie. Even if you wanted to lie, you could at least have put in a little more effort!"

Bonnie could not help smirking when she heard this. Then, she glanced at Nikki and replied, ". Whatever helps you sleep at night."

Truth be told, the reason Bonnie had so willingly kneeled for Nikki without even putting up a fight was that she had no energy to argue with Nikki anymore.

At this moment, kneeling was far less exhausting than physically forcing Nikki to put on her clothes.

Besides, kneeling for her would make Nikki feel that she had won this battle and speed up the otherwise long, excruciating process of convincing Nikki to relent.

Because of this, Bonnie would rather choose the easier, albeit more undignified, way out. "What the hell do you mean by that?"

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Nikki scowled at Bonnie. "Tell me; which part of that was a lie? The fact is, you're trying to steal my brother away from me, Bonnie!" Nikki, who was already dressed, stood up and stared at a pale-faced Bonnie from her great height. "Let me tell you this, Ms. Craig, Sean belongs to me and only me! "From the first time we met, I've already told you that he's not my real brother. Even though the two of us grew up together and claimed to be siblings, he and I aren't blood-related at all!

"I thought that as a woman, you'd be able to understand what I was trying to say about me and my brother's relationship!

"I don't know if it's because you're too dumb to understand what I meant, or if you were deliberately ignoring me so that you can steal my brother away from me!

"No matter what, Bonnie, my brother still cares about me more than you. After choosing to save you over me, he's guilt-ridden by his actions, so you'd better give up right now!"

Kneeling on the floor, Bonnie could feel the energy draining out of her body little by little.

Truth be told, she had not yet fully recovered from her dehydration and heatstroke after being locked in Jim's car.

The only reason she had forced herself to come to take care of Nikki was out of guilt toward her. Bonnie curled her lips into a smile as she watched Nikki pull on her pants. Her only aim of coming in here was to stop Nikki's tantrum, and she had achieved her goal, but

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Nikki's attitude was entirely different from how she was on the phone with Sean, claiming that she wanted to take her life after being humiliated. Bonnie did not know whether Nikki had been faking it or if...she was capable of adjusting herself that quickly. "Say something, Bonnie!" Nikki narrowed her eyes when she saw Bonnie staring at her silently. She strode over and kicked Bonnie harshly at the side of her abdomen. "I'm talking to you! Have you gone deaf?" Bonnie's body was still weak from her incident, and with Nikki's kick, she could not stop herself from falling to the ground

Just as she was about to hit the ground, a shadow darted into the room and caught her just in time.

Sean was half-kneeled on the ground as he pulled Bonnie's weak, limp body into his arms, then lifted his head to stare coldly at Nikki. "What were you thinking, Nikki?"

Sean's sudden appearance stunned Nikki entirely. She stared dazedly at him, wanting to say something in defense, but no words came out.

Finally, she gulped and feigned innocence. "Sean, I..."

She bit her lip nervously and stared at him with tear-rimmed eyes. "I was just joking around with Ms. Craig. I…" "Joking around?" Sean sneered and gazed back at Nikki's face. "How can you let her kneel and apologize to you as a joke? What does she even owe you? Why did you have to force her to kneel for you?

"How many times have I told you that this had nothing to do with Bonnie? It's my and Terry Simmons' fault! How dare you even force her to kneel?" Then, he shot Bonnie a sympathetic glance and said, "Why did you give in to her? didn't I tell you that it wasn't your fault at all?" Sean's tone was gentle and reassuring when he said this to Bonnie, and as soon as Nikki heard this, she clenched her fists as hatred flashed through her eyes.

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117'm fine. "Bonnie slumped against Sean and said weakly, "I just need to rest for a while. You should take care of Nikki..." With that, she propped herself up, trying to stand. However, she had overestimated her strength.

Not only did she fail to get up, but because of the gravity, her body quivered and slumped back into Sean's arms.

Sean managed to grab hold of her once more. "Stop trying to push yourself. You were unconscious when I brought you to the hospital just now, so I know how your condition is now!"

Then, he let out a sigh of regret and added, "I shouldn't have let you come in to see her!"

A surge of emotions spread through Nikki's heart at the sound of Sean's concerned voice. She bit her lip, staring at Sean as he carried Bonnie to the door, and suddenly felt as though an invisible hand was squeezing her heart.

Just as Sean was about to reach the door, Nikki chased after him and grabbed his arm. "Sean! Why do you only care about Bonnie? What about me? I'm your sister, and I....I was just-"

Sean sneered without even turning around to look at her. "Nikki, I had indeed pitied and worried about you before this, but..." He closed his eyes. "I heard what you said to Bonnie just now." Nikki's entire body froze when she heard this. She could feel the blood rush to her head. "Sean, you,"

"Don't." Sean paused in his steps and let out a bitter chuckle. "Nikki, I had always thought that even though we're not blood-related, our relationship is as strong as true siblings. Your disease...

"I've known since the start that you've been faking your terminal illness. All you had was just a chronic disease that required medication to maintain it, and you're not dying at all.

"I know everything, but I kept pretending as though I didn't because I thought there must be a reason you kept putting up this show. If lying to everyone would allow you to receive even more love and care, why would I ruin it for you?" Nikki's entire body was frozen as though she had been struck by lightning. She could feel all the joints in her body stiffen, unable to move. She bit her lip and stared at Sean's retreating figure. "But...didn't you save up hundreds of thousands of dollars for me..." "I have indeed been saving up money for you, but it's not for your medical treatment." Sean let out a bitter chuckle. "You're grown up now, Nikki, and one day, you're going to get married. "Even though we've always lived in poverty, I can't allow you to get married without any money for your wedding. Otherwise, your husband's family might look down on you for being poor, so..

Sean paused in his tracks before continuing, "I saved up this money for your wedding, not to pay for your medical treatment." He never thought that...he had been living paycheck to paycheck just to ensure Nikki's wellbeing in the future, but in reality, she had been after him all this while.

As soon as he thought of this, Sean sighed and added, "Nikki, I will still give this money to you when you get married in the future, but...from today onward, I want you to give up those crazy ideas of yours. I'm your brother, and nothing else." Then, he flung Nikki's arm away and strode out of the room. Nikki remained motionless, clenching her fists as she watched him leave. She thought that after what happened that day, Sean would surely be overwhelmed by his guilt and regret and would swear to take care of her for the rest of their lives, but never did she expect...