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Luke nodded. "Kate is on her way to the airport to pick up the surgical specialist team now. It's going to happen tomorrow morning." For a brief moment, silence hung on both ends of the call until Joshua sighed." Let's meet and have a drink."

"No." Luke smiled. "The surgery is tomorrow. It's not good to have high alcohol content in my blood."

Joshua sighed helplessly. "You can drink water, you know."

"I don't have the time. I need to prepare for the aftermath," declined Luke indifferently. "Joshua, I'm happy to have made friends with you…but we're both men, and there's no need for remorse or sadness about one's departure. Let's not meet. When…"

He paused. "When the surgery is finished tomorrow, you and Jim can send me away one last time.

"I've had a bad life. I wasn't born into a good family, had one too many bad experiences, and was never blessed with a proper status or job. There's not a lot I can give Gwen, so hopefully, she won't meet me again in the next life." He took a deep breath and muttered solemnly, "I hope that you and Luna will be able to take care of her for me. Heck, it'll be better if...you can find a good man to take care of her. I trust whomever you'll choose."

Joshua grasped his phone tightly and sighed while listening to Luke's forlorn words. He knew Luke had always been very stubborn and persistent. Since it had reached this stage, no words would alter his decision, so Joshua kept his silence and nodded. "This is goodbye then, brother."

"Come on. You said it like I'm entering the operation theater now." Luke smiled faintly. "It's not too late to tell me this when I'm lying in the mortuary tomorrow.

After that, he sighed. "Joshua, let's be friends again in the next life. Goodbye."

With that, Luke hung up.

He then turned to see one of his men crying profusely, his tears wetting his face entirely.

"Pass the message. I'll be bringing several brothers to Sea City to settle the gang's issue at 12 tonight. Let them get ready. We'll leave tonight."

The myrmidon feebly nodded FeXh]){M stammered, "Sir..."

"Save your tears for the future." He looked to the far side as he narrowed his eves. "Don't tell Gwen the news yet when her surgery is done; I fear that she may just be devastated. Tell her only when the doctor says she's stable. Tell her I fought with the people in Sea City until my last breath, and they failed to resuscitate me. Can you remember this?".

The man wiped his tears and nodded. "I understand..." Luke shut his eyes and stayed silent for a long time. Finally, he curled up his lips into a smile. "Send me to the hospital. I want...to accompany her for the final hour."

At the airport

Kate had just gotten out of her car when a black Kayenne stopped in front of her, stopping her in her path. The window was rolled down, revealing Jim inside the car.

"Ms. Miller, are you free? Let's talk."

Kate's eyebrows furrowed at this and she turned away, wanting to walk past his car. "I have something to do. I don't have the time to talk to you."

Jim raised an eyebrow. "If you don't want me locking up your team of specialists, you better make some time for me."

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Kate furrowed her brow when she heard what Jim said and looked at Jim coldly." Mr. Landry, I think you know very well why the specialist team is here. Are you going to be responsible for delaying the surgery and Gwen's condition?" "Ten minutes won't affect anything," Jim looked at his watch. "If you get in the car and talk to me, we can settle it within ten minutes. If you don't..." Jim curled up his lip and smiled. "If the surgery is delayed and affects Gwen's condition, you'll bear half of the blame, too."

He then took out his phone and talked to the assistant at the airport. "Ms. Miller doesn't look like she's going to cooperate. Why don't you let the specialist team stay a bit longer to have some coffee? There's no need to rush."

Kate's expression faltered instantly upon realizing how serious Jim was. If she refused to cooperate, he would make use of his promise and stop the specialist team from leaving the terminal. If this delayed the surgery tomorrow... Kate did not dare to imagine what kind of consequences there would be!

Thus, Kate took a deep breath and took a step back unconsciously while taking out her phone. She wanted to call Luke and have Luke handle this situation for her. She rather delayed the time by waiting for Luke than talking to Jim. Needless to say, she was afraid. She knew Joshua and Jim had gone to look for Malcolm, and they neither killed

Malcolm nor threw him out of Merchant City after they found him. They even let Malcolm off.

That was not all. They even sent a car to send Malcolm back to Thomas' place. When Malcolm got out of the car, the driver even addressed Malcolm as Mr. Howard respectfully.

Kate knew all of these through her informer. In fact, she had been worried Joshua and Jim might obtain some information they were not supposed to know. She was afraid Luke would find out everything that she did. She was even more afraid Joshua and Jim would affect her plan! Thus, she no longer wanted to wait and gave the information about Joshua and Yannie's supposed 'affair' to Thomas to create chaos, all to urge Luke to move the plan forward. Everything had gone according to plan until Jim showed up in front of her, Eerd^. {J she did not want to spend a single second with Jim. She was afraid that he would expose her true identity to Luke, and worse still, she nearly killed Bonnie

to worsen Gwen's condition!

She knew how much Jim loved Bonnie and feared he would kill her to exact revenge...

"There's no signal." When Kate took out the phone and tried to make the call, Jim shifted into a more comfortable position as he gazed at her. "Since I dare to come to meet you at the airport, I'll let you have the chance to contact Luke."

Before Jim finished his sentence, there was a message from the network operator that the call could not get through. Kate looked at Jim in fury. "Even if we're not on good terms right now, can't we do this later? I—"

"I told you, ten minutes is all it takes." Jim's gaze hardened as he stared at Kate keenly.

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"Ten minutes, and I won't do anything to you. I'll settle the score with you sooner or later, Ms. Miller, but I know what takes priority. I won't cause you any trouble now."

Staring at Jim's stern expression, Kate took a deep breath and got into the car. "Well? Start talking," she scoffed impatiently once she sat down.

Jim could not bother to waste any time with her and threw a file her way. "Joshua and I want you to sign this."

Kate's eyebrows furrowed at the file. When she opened it and read its content, she guffawed. "All for this?"

The file contained an agreement document that stated Kate Miller must guarantee the specialist team from the medical organization sent by the Miller family would treat and portray a professional attitude during Gwen's surgery.

Not only did they want the surgery to be filmed, but they also demanded that if Kate or her specialists did anything suspicious to Gwen or even kill her...she would have to bring the specialist team to the police and confess their crimes on their own. The Miller family would have to give all of their wealth to Gwen's father for his future expenses.

All in all, Joshua and Jim demanded that Kate swore Gwen would not die on the operating table, placing her future, the future of the specialist team, and also the wealth from the Miller family at stake.

"What's your take?" Jim felt disgusted by Kate's laughter and eyed her coldly." We can't change Luke's decision, but we could at least ensure that his sacrifice is worth it."

They did not trust Kate, especially when Kate had been suspicious of her attitude. What if she was jealous of Gwen since she had Luke's love and decided to wreck Gwen's surgery, leaving her to die? By then, they could not resuscitate Luke, while Gwen would be dead. Everything would be a waste of effort. "I'll sign this." Kate, not hesitating, took the pen and signed her name on the agreement. "Ah, but you have to promise me that you'll destroy the surgery video once Gwen recovers. After all, it's a secret that belongs to my family's medical organization."

Jim sneered, "Don't worry. We're not interested in those." Kate smiled faintly CaTb(\$|N passed the signed agreement to Jim. "If you don't

have any more questions, I'll leave now." Jim looked baffled, possibly in shock that Kate so quickly agreed to their conditions and signed the agreement.

He looked at the agreement in detail to make sure Kate did not do anything to it. Then, he could not help but look at Kate, who was sitting in the back. "I have one more question. "All the things you did was to move Luke and Gwen's surgery forward, wasn't it? I thought you liked Luke."

How could any person have the heart to hope for their beloved to die?

Kate curled up her lips and looked at Jim remotely. "Because I have an agreement with Luke."

She took a deep breath and looked at Jim indifferently. "I'm sure you and Joshua had done a background check on me. Both of you should know I was betrothed when I was still in my mother's womb."

Jim furrowed his eyebrows at this and nodded. A few years ago, Kate's fiance had an accident, rendering him in a vegetative state with only machines to keep him alive.

Kate smiled. "There's one thing none of you know. That's..."

She gazed at Jim's face. "Some of Luke's organs are compatible with Gwen, while some are compatible with my fiance."

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Silence fell within the car. Jim's eyebrows furrowed as he looked at Kate from the rearview mirror, his gaze whirling with doubt. "You... You stayed for over a year with Luke because of that?" This was out of his expectation. What a coincidence this whole thing was! However, after thinking deeply about it, it made sense. More than a year ago, Luke did seek help from the Miller family because of Gwen's illness. He needed help from the Miller family's medical organization.

Before that, the Miller family and Luke had never been in contact. Luke was a gang leader of Merchant City and Sea City, and the Miller family was a large family dominating Europa. There was no benefit involved in their relationship at

all.

If Luke did not promise the Miller family something, why would the family help him? The Miller family even entrusted Kate to Luke and sent out the most powerful specialist team to do the surgery for Luke and Gwen.

This was what Joshua and Jim could not understand, but with Kate's confession, the dots were connected. Indeed, Luke could not give the Miller family the thing they want through wealth or power. However... Luke's body was his token.

Therefore, the reason why Kate had stayed with Luke was valid, as well as the reason why Kate wanted Luke and Gwen to do the surgery as soon as possible.

"What else did you think was the reason?" Kate raised her head plainly and looked at Jim's face from the rearview mirror. She nonchalantly added, "I stayed with him to remind him to take care of his body. My fiance can't possibly receive damaged organs." She curled up her lips and sneered, "Heh. Did you think I stayed because I like him?"

Kate made herself comfortable as she leaned back on the car seat lazily. "Am I that crazy to like someone who's about to die?" Jim furrowed his brow. Maybe Kate would think what she said sounded very reasonable and calm, but from Jim's perspective, it sounded awfully sarcastic.

This woman...said she was not crazy, but all the things she did was to get close to Luke deliberately. When she said she did not like Luke, Jim did not believe it.

She probably said that because Luke was about to die. Internalizing this, Jim felt like Kate was a liar.

He did not want to say anything further, though. His purpose was to make Kate sign the agreement today. Since Kate had signed it, there was no reason for Jim to continue talking to her. Even if they were at odds, it would have to wait until Luke GcSf]+}J Gwen finished their surgery.

"Is that all?" Since Jim said nothing more, Kate raised an eyebrow and looked at him. "Can I go now?" Jim shut his eyes and ignored her.

Looking at how Jim refused to communicate with her, Kate shrugged and opened the door to get out of the car. Before she left, she could not help but look at Jim again. "I heard you and Joshua went to capture someone. Did you find out who had hurt Bonnie?"

Since Kate asked about this, Jim curled up his lips into a stern smile. "We did."

He gazed at Kate meaningfully. "Of course, I'll let the person off the hook for now. We just need some more time."

Jim's frigid gaze nearly made Kate's heart skip a beat. Although she was not close to Jim, it was the first time she saw such a terrifying look from him.

That look...seemed to be telling her if she said one more word, he would tear her into pieces.

The hatred in his eyes made Kate's heart lurch painfully. At that moment, she had a hunch that she was watched carefully, unable to walk away from prying eyes.