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Chapter 81 Come and Get It

"Don't worry, Mommy," Hesperus said. "The nurse will take good care of me. I'll be okay."

"Mm. You should rest soon, so your body will recover quickly."

"Mm." Hesperus nodded. "You should rest too, so you have the energy to take care of us."

"I'll be going home then. Goodbye and good night, darling."

"Bye, Mommy. Good night, Mommy." Hesperus waved at Emmeline and delivered her a flying kiss.

Emmeline did not want to leave her son alone in the hospital, but if she did not leave, tears would start to fall.

Emmeline sniffled and left the room.

Earlier in the morning, Emmeline had taken her electric bicycle to the hospital.

She went to look for her electric bicycle in the bicycle parking lot.

It was already very late, and the night wind was chilly.

Tears started falling when she wore her helmet.

She wondered if it was because of the wind, or it was because she missed her dear little Star.

The electric bicycle went out of the hospital and traveled along the road.

It would be a half-hour ride back to the café.

In the morning, the electric bicycle would zip around the rush hour traffic. However, it was much lonelier at night, especially along this deserted patch.

In front of her was an intersection. She was just about to make a turn when a minivan went into the bicycle lane and blocked her way.

Emmeline was about to turn the bicycle when the door opened, and seven people stepped out.

She understood that she was about to be robbed.

She lifted the plastic visor of her helmet and said coldly, "I don't carry cash with me in this day and age, and it'll be easy to track you down if I wire the money to you. I only have a phone with me. You can have it, and leave me alone!"

The leader of the thugs said, "We're not interested in your money, but we want your body! Come with us and give us some entertainment!"

"That's a bit too much to ask for." Emmeline removed her helmet and rested it on her bicycle. She took a step aside and stretched her wrists.

"Oh, so you don't want to?" The men surrounded her.

"The heck I will!" Emmeline suddenly turned around and delivered a spinning kick.

Thud! Thud! The two men nearest to her got kicked in the face. They screamed in pain and fell to the ground.

"Not bad, chick!" the other men screamed rowdily.

"If you want some, come and get it!" Emmeline struck

a pose and beckoned at the thugs.

Before she could attack, a black cloth sack covered her head from behind.

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Chapter 82 Who Could Have Set Me Up

The man's deep voice rang next to Emmeline's ear.

"It's me, Abel!"

"Mm." Emmeline felt a twinge in her nose and tears welling up in her eyes. She leaned gently onto his chest.

"I told you I'd pick you up. Why did you leave on your own?" Abel grumbled.

"I..." Emmeline stammered. "Help me remove the bag

from my head."

Abel grabbed the bag and pulled it but did not manage to remove it. The other end of the bag was fastened with string.

The thugs split into two groups. Four of them fought against Luca while the other three surrounded Abel.

With no other choice, Abel hugged Emmeline close to him with one arm and used the other to fight with the thugs.

In an unfortunate coincidence, he did not order the bodyguards to follow him tonight because he did not want to create a spectacle.

"Put me down," Emmeline said. "You're fighting at a disadvantage."

"No," Abel said. "You'll become a hostage if they get their hands on you."

Emmeline thought it made sense. She hugged Abel's neck tightly with both her arms.

One of the thugs seized the opportunity and used a dagger to stab Emmeline's back.

"Emma!"

Abel turned around abruptly. The dagger missed Emmeline's back but drew a line across Abel's arm.

"Ugh!" Abel grunted softly.

Emmeline could smell blood. "Mr. Ryker! Are you hurt?"

"It's only skin-deep. Hug me tightly!"

As he spoke, the three thugs rushed up to him.

Emmeline discerned their locations from their voices. Supporting her body weight on Abel's body, she lifted herself up and kicked backward twice.

She hit the thugs accurately this time. The thugs yelped in pain and retreated.

At the same time, Abel knocked the other thug to the ground and stepped on his face with his shoe.

"Answer honestly! Who hired you?"

"No one hired us!" The thug spoke with his mouth facing the ground. "We followed her for some time because we thought she looked pretty."

"I'll give you one more chance to tell me the truth!"

The thug weighed his options. If he kept his mouth shut, someone might bail him out. If he told Abel the truth, he would be dead for sure.

"No one hired us! We really acted on impulse!"

"You have a death wish!" Abel stomped the thug twice and drew blood.

The other two thugs wanted to run away, but Abel caught up to them and kicked each of them between their legs.

While he did that, he did not let go of Emmeline.

Meanwhile, Luca dealt with the four thugs. All seven of them lay sprawling on the ground.

Luca dusted his hands. "What should we do about them, Mr. Ryker?"

Abel's eyes were brimming with killing intent. "Break one of their arms and hand them to the police!"

"Yes, Mr. Ryker!"

Crack! Crack! In one swift motion, Luca broke the right arms of the two thugs closest to him.

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Chapter 83 The Punishment Is a Kiss

"Hey, let me go!" Emmeline whispered in embarrassment. "Luca is over there!"

Abel ignored her and continued lowering her head, intending to force his lips onto hers.

Before he could touch Emmeline's lips, he felt a cold

finger stop him.

"Thank you for saving me, but..." Emmeline said with a smile, "Let's skip this."

Abel lifted his head and said hoarsely, "Ahem. I was thinking of punishing you for your disobedience!"

Luca, standing outside the car, could not help but chuckle.

To Mr. Ryker, the idea of a "punishment" is a kiss!

Too bad, he didn't get what he wanted!"

"Go away!" Abel finally found an outlet to release his anger.

Luca shuddered and ran some distance away.

The police cars arrived and took the thugs away.

After that, Abel's Rolls-Royce left the scene.

In a corner, Alana's face was pale with anger as she sat in her car watching the incident develop.

As she rubbed her stomach, she felt like killing someone.

Not only had Abel not admitted to violating her, but he was also acting so intimately with Emmeline.

Most importantly, he had rescued that b*tch!

That was utter humiliation!

"Emmeline Louise and Abel Ryker! You two have gone too far this time!" Alana said through gritted teeth. She was about to start her car and leave when someone knocked on her window.

She turned around in shock and saw a familiar face standing outside the car.

"Adam?"

"Open the door." Adam's low yet authoritative voice was heard.

Alana hastily pressed a button on the control panel.

Adam opened the door and sat on the side passenger seat.

"I'll deal with the surveillance cameras. Don't worry," Adam said coldly.

Alana's heart skipped a beat. She said gingerly, "Adam, did... did you see everything?"

"You want to get rid of that woman, right?"

Alana gasped in shock.

Oh no, Adam saw what I wanted to do! I heard he's the cruelest character of the Ryker family!

"Don't worry," Adam said, "I won't sell you out."

Alana trembled slightly. "What are your conditions? I know you must want something in exchange."

Adam snorted coldly. "You're a smart one. I'll let you know when I think of something!"

"But I need your help now, Adam." Alana leaned toward Adam.

Adam grabbed her slender waist without hesitation.

"Heheh, is this your revenge toward Abel? Hugging

another man while bearing his child?"

"If you can help me get rid of Emmeline Louise, I'll do anything for you!" Alana showed Adam her bewitching side.

"Agreed!" Adam gripped the back of Alana's neck and shoved her away. "But I'm not interested in your body!"

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Back at the café, Emmeline took the first aid kit and treated Abel's wound.

As Abel gazed at Emmeline's pink cheeks and long eyelashes at a close distance, a thought suddenly appeared in his mind.

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Chapter 84 A Suitable Donor

Luca was pleasantly surprised. After watching Emmeline enter the kitchen, he snuck up to Abel's side.

"She's perfect, Mr. Ryker! Why don't you forget about you-know-who?"

"Shut up!"

Luca playfully slapped himself. "Right, you-know-who has your baby!"

"Must you mention her? I told you she has nothing to do with me!" Abel seemed angry.

Luca knew better than to taunt him again. If she has

nothing to do with you, why does she keep pestering you?

Emmeline whipped up some mushroom and egg carbonara and sprinkled fresh parsley on top. Abel and Luca wolfed down the food in no time.

It was hard work fighting the seven thugs. They were indeed starving.

The meal was very satisfying.

A little after their plates were cleared, Abel's phone started to ring.

Considering the time of the night, the call was unexpected.

Abel glanced at his phone screen. The call was from the landline of Levan Mansion.

Once he answered the call, he heard Rosaline's voice.

"Where are you, my son? Your father has been waiting for your return. Why haven't you come home?"

"Um... I just left the hospital. I was worried about Hesperus," Abel said.

"But Hesperus isn't your son, and Emmeline isn't your wife! They're Adrien's son and wife, so you should distance yourself from them and pay more attention to Alana and Timothy. Alana is bearing your child now, so you should put your attention on her instead of some outsider."

Abel frowned hard.

Ever since the first time he met them, he had never considered Emmeline and Hesperus to be outsiders.

Alana, on the other hand...

"You should go home." Emmeline overheard the conversation while cleaning the table. "If anything, you should spend more time with Timothy."

Abel stood up. "You're right. I should visit Timothy. He's probably still traumatized."

"Take good care of him and tell him Star is okay now," Emmeline said.

"Mm." Abel nodded.

At the door, he abruptly turned around. "Emma, I'm only worried about Timothy."

Emmeline nodded. "Mm. Me too."

After that, Abel left through the door.

Emmeline stood next to the window with the plates and cutlery in her hands and watched Abel walk to the parking lot across the road.

The Rolls-Royce roared to life, and the headlights lit up.

Inexplicably, Emmeline felt hollow inside.

She was about to bring the plates to the kitchen when her phone began to ring.

She put the plates down and saw that the call was from the pediatric department of the hospital.

Feeling something ominous, she answered the call.

"Ms. Louise? I'm the doctor on duty tonight. Your son suddenly has a high fever, and he's receiving emergency treatment now."

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Chapter 85 Does She Need Me?

The doctor continued, "I need to arrange an appointment with the child's father as soon as possible. The operation shouldn't wait."

Emmeline nodded. "Alright. I'll inform him right away."

She looked at the time. It was half past three in the morning.

Emmeline could not care less. She dialed Adrien's number on her phone.

However, she received a notification that Adrien's phone was switched off.

Adrien switches off his phone when he goes to bed? He's so carefree!

Emmeline knew that Abel's phone was switched on 24 hours a day.

It went without saying that the big boss of Ryker Group carried a different set of responsibilities.

Emmeline thought of contacting Abel so that he could reach Adrien.

Would it be appropriate for me to call Abel at this hour though? A few hours ago, Abel's parents had summoned him back to the house. Rosaline even told his son not to meddle in other people's affairs.

Heh, "Other people's affairs."

Emmeline sighed. She somehow felt disappointed.

Luckily, Hesperus fell asleep after taking the medicine she brought for him.

Emmeline waited at the hospital until seven o'clock. She called Adrien's number again and found that his phone remained switched off.

She was just about to call Abel when she received a phone call from him.

Emmeline quickly answered it. "Mr. Ryker."

Abel was surprised. "You sound like you have something urgent going on, Emma. Are you at the hospital?"

"Yes, I am." Emmeline's heart warmed when she heard his voice. "Star's condition worsened. I tried calling Adrien, but I couldn't reach him."

"Why are you looking for Adrien? What can he possibly do? He's probably sleeping in some motel."

"He's Star's father, and Star needs him now!"

Abel was speechless for a moment. "... I can help him too, Emma."

"Star needs a bone marrow transplant! You... You can't help him!" Emmeline was close to sobbing.

"A bone marrow transplant?" Abel was surprised.

"Yes. That's why I've been looking for the boys' father. I don't need that man for anything else!" Emmeline

said.

"I see," Abel answered. "I'll help you look for Adrien."

"Thank you, Mr. Ryker."

"Emma..." Abel hesitated for a while. "My name is Abel."

"A...bel."

"Mm." Abel's expression turned serious after ending the call.

So the cute little kid has a blood disorder, and that's why Emmeline insisted on searching for his biological father!

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Chapter 86 Imperial Palace

"Abel."

Alana had received information from the nanny that Abel had returned to Levan Mansion the night before.

Rosaline had allowed her to stay over at the mansion ever since she was pregnant. However, she was with Adam the night before, and she missed the chance to be alone with Abel.

That was why she went to Levan Mansion first thing in the morning.

"Mm," Abel replied coldly and walked past her without even glancing at her.

"Mrs. Ryker, where is Abel going? He looks like he's in a hurry." Alana felt dejected as she watched Abel leave.

Rosaline sighed and told her about Hesperus and his blood disorder.

"It looks like only Adrien can save Hesperus now. Abel is going to search for Adrien!"

"Hesperus needs a bone marrow donor?"

Alana was shocked to hear that. If Adrien's bone marrow were incompatible, they would find out that Adrien was not the father of the triplets!

If that were to be the case, Abel would do a DNA test. That would not do!

"Ouch!" Alana suddenly clutched her stomach.

"What's wrong?" Rosaline was shocked. The baby in Alana's womb was her grandchild.

"I got a little nervous, and my stomach began to hurt. I think I should go for a checkup," Alana said while rubbing her stomach.

"I'll go with you," Rosaline said. "I'll get the driver."

"You should stay at home. Timothy will look for his granny when he wakes up," Alana said.

"That's true," Rosaline said. "He's always been clingy with me."

"I don't know if Abel would be free to bring me to the hospital. I'm afraid Abel won't even have time for my baby after I give birth," Alana said shyly.

"Don't worry. Abel's grandfather has already issued the order for him to marry you. Timothy would be able to live with his mother too," Rosaline said.

"Mm." Alana pretended to nod shyly. "Thank you for your concern, Mrs. Ryker. I'll go to the hospital myself then."

"You should be careful. I want to have another grandchild!"

"Don't worry, I won't disappoint you. We'll eventually have more children than Meriwether Mansion!"

"That's right." Rosaline nodded in satisfaction.

Julianna had been very smug about her three new grandsons, and it made Rosaline angry whenever she saw her.

After leaving Levan Mansion, Alana sat in her car, drove half a mile away, and parked by the roadside before giving Adam a call.

"Didn't I tell you not to contact me?" Adam said impatiently.

"It's really urgent, Adam. I need to meet you."

"You have a death wish, you b*tch!"

"Please, Adam! This is about your younger brother Adrien. If you don't help me, it'll soon be too late!"

"Come over here then," Adam said. "I'm on the highest floor of the Imperial Palace."

"Imperial Palace?" Alana was shocked. "Isn't that where the owner lives?"

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Chapter 87 Tamper

The bodyguard did not say anything but opened the ornately carved wooden door behind him.

Alana stepped inside.

The room was spacious, and the furnishings were extravagant.

However, the atmosphere was tense, and Alana did not see anyone inside.

Alana was wondering what was going on when a hand grabbed her neck from behind.

"Ah!" Alana yelped in surprise, but the hand prevented her from making any more noises.

"Do you know why I let you come in here?" Adam's hoarse voice was heard from behind.

Alana shuddered. She shook her head while grasping Adam's hand.

Her face was turning purple, and her eyes were filled with panic.

"Because I want you to know the consequences of disturbing me!"

Alana blinked hard and forced a sound from her throat.

Adam tossed her on the floor and stepped on her face. "Why did you look for me?"

"Cough cough! Cough cough!" Alana coughed hard a

few times and clung onto Adam's shoe. "I need you to help me to stop Adrien from going to the hospital."

Adam narrowed his gaze. "What do you mean?"

Alana briefly explained the situation to him.

Adam smirked. "Heh. So the three whelps belong to Abel."

"That's right," Alana said, "But I don't want him to find out. What will I do if he ends up marrying Emmeline?"

"How do you want me to help you?" Adam thought it was very interesting.

Maybe he could use Alana to trigger Abel's downfall.

Abel snatched the position of the CEO of Ryker Group from him and humiliated him in front of the

whole family!

"Find some way to stop Adrien from going to the hospital." Alana got up from the floor and leaned coyly on Adam's chest. "I cannot let the truth be exposed."

"You want the child to die?" Adam smirked. "You're a heartless one!"

"If he dies, tough luck," Alana said, "But don't forget that they'll check the boy's uncles for a match too. I'll think of something when it's Abel's turn."

"You're saying that they might ask me for my bone marrow," Adam said with a smirk.

"You are the boy's uncle. Your parents will definitely ask you to go to the hospital."

"If they don't find a match with me, there's also Abel.

Does it make sense if the boy's uncle is compatible?"

"It's not entirely impossible. It's at least more plausible than Adrien being incompatible."

"That's easy," Adam said. "The Imperial Palace is Adrien's regular haunt. I'll get someone to do something to him."

In the meantime, Abel and his bodyguards arrived at the Fragrant Court of the Imperial Palace.

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Chapter 88 Are You In Love?

"Get lost!" Adrien tossed the two women aside. They got up from the floor and left the room sheepishly.

A waiter at the door said, "Mr. Adrien, someone wants

to give you a gift."

"What?" Adrien turned around impatiently.

A syringe filled with dark red liquid appeared in the waiter's hand, and he stabbed it toward Adrien.

"Ahh!"

Adrien stumbled backward and fell onto the table.

Abel and the bodyguards tried to stop the waiter, but it was too late. The tip of the syringe plunged into Adrien's body.

Adrien felt his limbs turn cold all of a sudden. His life had just turned into a living hell.

"F*ck! Is that... AIDS?"

Abel was shocked too. Adrien's blood might have been fatally contaminated!

"Abel! I need a PEP injection!" Adrien roared in panic. He had not put on his clothes yet.

"Take him away!" Abel roared at the bodyguards.

The bodyguards tossed the waiter aside, grabbed Adrien, and ran out of the room.

Adam was on the top floor smoking a cigar. He smirked when he saw Abel leave the establishment hastily with Adrien.

"Don't worry, Adrien. It's only chicken blood, but you'll be out of commission for a month. Hahaha! Only the owner of the Imperial Palace will think of something like this!" Adrien was brought to Ryker's Hospital. He received a PEP injection and was quarantined for observation.

Emmeline sank into despair.

She had found Hesperus' father to save his life, but why was Adrien so unreliable?

She would not have been so mad if Adrien turned out to be incompatible, but Adrien could not be tested at all!

If that were the case, she had no use for the children's father.

But what should she do about Star?

She had been developing a complete treatment with Robert, her master, but it was not close to done yet.

Tears streamed down Emmeline's face.

Oh god, must you take my child away from me? Are you jealous that I have three adorable sons?

Abel hugged Emmeline, who was about to teeter and fall. "Don't worry, Emma. There's another way."

Emmeline lifted her head weakly. "What other way? I can't even rely on the child's father."

"We can find the Wonder Doctor. Maybe she knows what to do."

Emmeline was speechless. If she knew what to do, she would not have placed her hope on Adrien.

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Chapter 89 You Should Be the Father

As soon as Emmeline put away her phone, Abel received a call from Benjamin.

"The Wonder Doctor has accepted your invitation, but she can't guarantee she'll be able to do anything about the blood disorder."

"As long as she's willing to try," Abel said. "I won't give up any hope. You can name your price!"

"Don't worry about the consultation fee."

"No. I'll give up my entire fortune if it means the boy can be saved!"

Benjamin was moved. "Alright, Mr. Ryker. I'll make arrangements."

When Emmeline saw Abel put his phone away, she

discreetly pinched a certain spot on her body.

She covered her forehead and said weakly, "Abel, I'm feeling dizzy."

"What happened, Emma?" Abel was worried.

"I..." Emmeline's eyes glazed over and passed out in Abel's arms.

Daisy said hastily, "She must be exhausted. Take her to the doctor."

"We're in the pediatric department," Luca reminded him.

Abel carried Emmeline in his arms and rushed to the outpatient department.

About fifteen minutes later, Emmeline woke up in the

outpatient department's observation room.

"I'm fine now. You should go and check on Star," she said to Abel.

"Uncle Landen and Aunt Julianna are there. I'm more worried about you," Abel said while fondling Emmeline's fingers.

"I'm worried about Star!" Tears started to stream down Emmeline's face. "Why must Star suffer? It's not enough that he has a blood disorder, he also has an unreliable father!"

"Don't worry. I'm here for you," Abel comforted her while wiping her tears. "The Wonder Doctor will be here soon. Maybe she has a way to save Star."

"You should wait for her at the pediatric department then." Emmeline gently shoved him away. "I'll go over

there once I feel better."

"I'll be here to take care of Ms. Louise," Daisy said.
"You should go to the child."

"Okay then." Abel's fingers stroked Emmeline's cheek.
"Rest well, and leave Star to me!"

"Mm." Emmeline pressed her lips together and nodded. Tears flooded her eyes once more.

After Abel left, Emmeline removed the intravenous drip, went out of the back window, and met with Benjamin at the parking lot.

"I say, Ms. Louise, don't you find this tiring? You might as well reveal your face," Benjamin said with a frown.

"You must be joking! If everyone knows who I am, it'll be even more tiring! I wouldn't have time to research

my medicine!"

"That's right. Without revealing your identity, at least you can focus when you need to."

"Also, the Wonder Doctor is only a title," Emmeline added. "Who knows if Master Robert might have to take the helm one day? If I reveal my face, Master Robert won't be able to show himself in public."

"Is that why Master Robert made it so?"

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Chapter 90 I'm Here for You

When Emmeline, dressed in a protective suit, came into the ward, she was stunned by what she saw.

Abel... looks just like the boys' father!

But...

Julianna, behind her, said nonchalantly, "Abel, you might only be the boys' uncle, but we're grateful for your help. I wish Adrien hadn't gotten himself into such trouble. He should've been more responsible."

Abel stood up and gazed intently at Julianna. "Aunt Julianna, I'm doing this for Star and not for Adrien. He shouldn't have gone to the Imperial Palace!"

"What's done is done. We're also very worried for him! Fortunately, he received the PEP injection in time. Who knows what might happen if he hadn't?"

"If he insists on going there, it's only a matter of time before he gets attacked. He might be lucky this time, but it better not happen again!" "I'll take care of my own son! You don't have to worry about him!" Julianna snorted coldly and stood up. "All of this wouldn't have happened to Adrien if Adam was the CEO of Ryker Group! He would've been a capable worker."

Abel noticed that the "Wonder Doctor" had arrived. He escorted her into the ward.

"Mm," Emmeline answered and stole a glance at him from the corner of her eye.

She went up to Hesperus' bed and turned her head away so that her son did not see her eyes.

Even though a visor shielded her face, she believed Hesperus could recognize her if he saw her eyes.

She took the boy's pulse and inserted several Five-Elements needles at certain points. "How is the boy, Ms. Wonder Doctor?" Abel asked in a low voice.

"I can only stabilize his condition. He'll be fine in the short term," Emmeline spoke in a hoarse voice. "But there isn't anything that can completely cure his symptoms for now."

"What should we do?" Abel asked worriedly. "Please find a way to save him!"

"Your best option for now is a bone marrow transplant," Emmeline said. "Every time the boy's blood disorder is triggered, it'll be a life-and-death experience for him. He might not be so lucky the next time, and I might not be able to give you the medicine before the inevitable happens."

"I..." Abel was feeling hopeless.

"It's not the end yet. Now that the boy's condition is stabilized, you should take the opportunity to find a suitable donor."

"I know," Abel said. "I'll find a way. Thank you!"

"Don't mention it." Emmeline felt a lump in her throat.

Benjamin quickly took her arm, and they left the ward hurriedly.

After seeing the "Wonder Doctor" off, Abel felt something was amiss. He quickly rushed over to the outpatient department.

He opened the door to the observation room.

Emmeline was lying on the bed facing away from him.

The saline bottle was almost empty.

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