The Ruined Bride of Velvet Nights by Brick Moving Ant

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- For a moment, my ears seemed to lose all function—everything around me fell into deafening silence.
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- It felt as if a scalding giant hand had slammed me into the ground.
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- I coughed up a mouthful of blood, my internal organs seemingly displaced by the impact.
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- Thick smoke billowed into the air, obscuring everything in sight.
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- Something warm trickled down my face.
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- I reached up to touch it, and my palm came away smeared with blood.
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- Joseph had been thrown by the explosion, lying sprawled not far from me.
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- I tried to get up, but my legs refused to support me.
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- With trembling hands, I crawled toward him, my knees scraping against the rough ground.
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- Reaching him, I checked for breath, praying desperately.
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- Thankfully, he was still alive.
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- Gunshots echoed again, faint but approaching fast.
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- Fighting against panic, I hoisted Joseph onto my back, staggering to my feet.
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- I stumbled forward, but armed men were everywhere, their shadows looming menacingly.
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- Forced to change course, I turned and plunged deeper into the forest.
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- I had no idea how long I ran. My legs gradually numbed until I could no longer feel them.
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- Finally, my strength gave out, and I collapsed to the ground.
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- It was then that Joseph stirred.
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- He struggled weakly, attempting to rise but finding himself unable to move.
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- His voice was faint yet urgent.
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- "Zoey… leave me. Go!"
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- Tears streamed down my face as I sobbed uncontrollably, shaking my head violently.
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- "No! We leave together! Both of us!"
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- He grabbed my ankle, his grip weak but insistent.
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- "Go… get help. You can't carry us both out of here."
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- I broke down, crying so hard that my chest ached.
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- "Joseph! We promised each other! You can't lie to me!
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- "If you die, I will never forgive you!"
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- A faint smile tugged at his lips, only to be interrupted by a coughing fit that brought more blood to his lips.
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- "I'm not lying…
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- "Liars… are puppies…"
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- Choking back my tears, I forced myself to stand, dragging him to lean against a nearby tree.
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- Even as I wiped my face, the tears kept coming.
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- He gently squeezed my hand, his gaze steady but pleading.
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- "Go now… you won't let me die, right?"
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- I nodded fiercely, tears blurring my vision.
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- "Wait for me! I'll come back for you!
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- "You'll be okay–I promise!"
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- He smiled faintly again and waved me away.
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- "Alright."
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- I turned to flee, but before I could take more than a few steps, a thunderous gunshot shattered the
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- air.
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- A powerful force slammed into me, knocking me to the ground.
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- Agonizing pain spread across my shoulder, leaving me breathless.
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- I'd been shot.
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- Terrified, I turned my head, only to see Joseph collapsing onto me.
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- Blood gushed from a gaping wound in his chest, soaking his white coat a deep crimson.
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- My mind went blank. Ignoring the searing pain in my own shoulder, I flipped him over, hands shaking as I pressed down on his wound.

"Joseph! Joseph!"

My cries were desperate, my tears uncontrollable.

He weakly raised a hand, clasping mine with what little strength he had left.

That simple action seemed to drain him entirely.

In a hoarse whisper, he said:

"I'm sorry…

"I love you…

"In the next life… please be my little one again, okay?"

His eyes held a kaleidoscope of emotions–reluctance, tenderness, resignation–all fading into

stillness.

The light in them extinguished.

His hand slipped limply from mine.

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I froze, staring at him in disbelief as overwhelming terror and heartbreak consumed me.

It felt like my heart was being scorched alive.

I coughed violently, blood spilling from my lips as my vision blurred.

Sweat drenched me as pain from my shoulder wound surged through my body.

Even so, I reached out, trying desperately to grasp him, to pull him back.

"Joseph…" I called weakly, voice trembling with fear and grief.

But my body had reached its limit.

Darkness closed in as I collapsed backward, slipping into unconsciousness.

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