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Chapter 1703

There was instant silence on the other side of the phone.

Larkin seemed to want to say, "Do you want to face a fight from me alone, or a joint attack from three sides?"

"Larkin, don't push it too far," Calvert retorted angrily. "Even a cornered rat will bite

Larkin's reply was ice-cold, "Go on, give it your best shot."

He's always been the type to live and let live.

But if someone messes with his loved ones, he won't pull punches

With that, he hung up

Then, he turned around and headed to the kitchen.

Enca Shields woke up.

Breakfast was already in her room.

She brushed her teeth happily, then sat down in front of Larkin and started eating her breakfast,

After breakfast, the couple prepared to say goodbye to Rosalynn and Paige, and set off to visit Larkin's teacher.

Paige and Erica were reluctant to part.

Rosalynn, however, pulled Larkin aside.

"I found something odd about the information leak yesterday, so I had someone look into it. Rosalynn said, handing Larkin some documents. Turns out it was Jack Shields who did it. Here's the proof. You decide whether to tell Erica."

Larkin was surprised, then deeply grateful,

He wasn't the only one looking out for Erica.

I found out too, Larkin replied politely. "Ms. Tesdal, thank you for caring for Erica"

Rosalynn was taken aback, then broke into a smile, "With you by her side, I can rest easy. Nobody can mess with her!"

Larkin nodded, smiling

"How do you plan to handle this?" Rosalynn asked curiously

"He's got a laundry list of crimes. Just a few of the serious ones would be enough to lock him up for decades" Larkin responded.

Jack's country didn't have the death penalty.

"Well done" Rosalynn nodded.

Then, they returned to the living room.

Rosalynn separated Paige and Erica, "You only have a few days left, stop being glued together Get going!"

Both of them made sad faces.

Then Erica and Larkin left

Once in the car.

Enca asked, "What did Rosalynn say to you?"

Larkin was a man of truth. If Erica asked, he had to answer honestly, "We found out who spread the rumors."

Enca was taken aback, then pursed her lips: "It was Jack, wasn't it?"

Larkin looked at Erica in surprise: "You checked too?"

"Not exactly, just a hunch, Enca shrugged, looking ahead. "The familiar and disgusting tone in the chat history, I knew it was that jerk the moment I saw it!"

Larkin's gaze deepened

Just by reading the text, she could tell it was him, showing she had seen plenty of his crazy rants before.

"I found some evidence of his crimes and have already submitted them without your permission, Larkin added.

Enca nodded, "Crimes? What kind of crimes? Are they serious?"

"Serious enough to get a long sentence," Larkin replied.

Why did he feel a vague sense of anticipation and excitement from Erica's tone and expression?

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After hearing this, Erica immediately slapped her thigh and said, "I knew he'd screw up big time. You know, he's been a jerk since he was a kid, pushing people into the water out of nowhere, even pushing their heads underwater! I've even seen him hurt people with a knife!"

Listening to this, Larkin felt a bit tom.

"Wait, he pushed people into the water and held their heads down?" Larkin asked.

Erica was slightly taken aback and after a silence, she replied helplessly. "Yeah..."

Actually, there was more.

When Jack was a kid, he would suddenly pop out of nowhere, kick Erica, or knock her down.

Seeing Erica cry would make him happy

Larkin's grip on the steering wheel tightened.

He glanced at Enca and gave a soft acknowledgment. Erica, with a smile on her face, took off her seat belt, leaned over to Larkin, gently stroked his face, and gave him a kiss, "Alright, let's hit the road!"

Seeing Erica's spirited demeanor made Larkin feel even more heartbroken.

All these years, how much pain had she endured, and how had she managed to heal herself..

Larkin started the car

His eyes were squinted, hiding the coldness in them.

The evidence against Jack was overwhelming, and after his arrest, facing a hefty bail Calvert chose not to bail him out.

Life in prison wasn't good for Jack

There was a heavy offender in the same prison who targeted him almost every day, arranging for different people to dunk him in a water barrel, over and over. They only pulled him out when he was about to drown.

As soon as he had regained his breath, they would dunk him again.

He was tortured like this for half a year.

Finally, one day, Jack got the chance to be transferred to another prison.

Before leaving Jack was overjoyed, thinking he would finally be free from this torment

However, that night, he was dunked in the water barrel again. As soon as his head was pulled out, the heavy offender came over

He looked at Jack mockingly. "Did you think that by leaving here, you'd be completely free?"

Jack was too scared to speak.

The other guy was so big, he could kill him with one punch. How could he possibly fight back?

Tilbe honest with you. When you get to that prison, there will be someone like me waiting for you,” the heavy offender said nonchalantly. “There’s no shortage of guys like me in prison. No one can save you”

Jack was stunned, then asked subconsciously, “Why? I don’t even know you! Why are you doing this to me?”

The heavy offender sneered, “My son has a serious heart disease, and we don’t have money for a good doctor. Before you went to jail, someone came to me and offered to treat my son for free. All I had to do was take good care of you”

“Who is it?” Jack’s voice was distorted. After asking this question, he quickly found the answer in his mind.

Who else could use medical treatment as a bargaining chip other than the Carter family?

He remembered, at the time of the incident, Calvert had said that Larkin wouldn’t let this go

“I heard you used to abuse an important person’s wife. She was just a little girl at the time,” the heavy offender said with disdain.

He did have blood on his hands, but those were all domestic abusers!

In his mind, people who bullied women and children were beasts.

What’s wrong with getting rid of beasts?

“She’s my sister, we were just messing around, just joking!” Jack said emotionally.

To his surprise, the heavy offender grabbed him, slammed him against the wall, and said viciously, “How dare you call her your sister! Just messing around? Is this fun for you? Then enjoy your time hopping from prison to prison. Have fun!”

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After speaking, the felon tossed Jack onto the ground like a piece of garbage, then ordered his henchmen, "Since it's his last night, you guys can have your fun with him. He's just a piece of trash, as long as he doesn't die, you guys can do whatever you want."

That sentence had Jack going through a hellish night.

In the midst of the excruciating pain, he finally felt regret

If he had known that Erica had powerful backers, he wouldn't have messed with her.

But his remorse was useless now.

All that awaited Jack was endless pain and torment.

After a few hours' drive.

Enca and Larkin finally arrived at their destination.

Harmony Monastery, a place where Larkin had once stayed. Erica looked at it from a distance then turned to Larkin,

Larkin was staring at the entrance, lost in thought

Feeling Erica's gaze, he snapped back to reality. "Let's get some fruit and flowers first

"Okay!" Erica nodded.

Over the span of ten years, not much had changed outside the monastery

Larkin quickly found a fruit shop.

The shop owner was an old woman in her sixties.

Seeing customers walk in, she immediately greeted them with a smile, "Are you here to buy some fruit?"

"Yes." Larkin responded, then named a few fruits in season.

The old lady, however, was staring at him while he spoke, "Sir, you look familiar, Have you been to my shop before?"

Larkin looked at the old lady, "Mrs. Parsons, it's me, Larkin."

"Oh my gosh!"

Mrs. Parsons covered her mouth in shock

Then she quickly called out, "Parsons, Parsons come quick! Larkin's back!"

Erica was a bit confused.

Soon

An old man with white hair came out

Seeing Larkin, every wrinkle on his face was filled with astonishment.

"Larkin, where have you been all these years? You never came back to visit! Your teacher has been waiting for you!" Parsons scolded.

Larkin's eyes reddened in an instant.

"Parsons, watch your words. His teacher was the one who told him not to come back Who are you blaming?" Mrs. Parsons glared at her husband then tenderly looked at Larkin, and then her gaze fell on Enca, "And this is...?"

"She's Erica, my wife" Larkin introduced, then gently said to Erica, "Enca, these are Mr. and Mrs. Parsons. They watched me grow up."

"You are married? Mrs. Parsons was surprised

Parsons still looked unhappy and blurted out, "Didn't you give up being a monk for a woman? What she didn't want you back then? Took you ten years to get

married?"

Enca weakly responded, "Mr. Parsons, I'm that woman from ten years ago....."

Mr. And Mrs. Parsons were both shocked, "What?"

Parsons, who had been looking grumpy, was nearly choked by his own saliva.

He's quite something!

Mrs. Parsons asked in shock, "Is it really you?"

"Yes, it's her" Larkin answered sincerely

I knew it! You're a loyal one" Mrs. Parsons immediately clapped her hands, "That's wonderful, just wonderful!"

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"Quit yapping, sell him the fruit and let him hurry off to the monastery. He might still make it for lunch!" Parsons remained stone-faced, turning to pick out fruits. Even though he looked gloomy, Erica noticed that he took fruit picking seriously. He only picked the perfect ones.

After buying the fruits and flowers, Erica and Larkin said their goodbyes to Mr. and Mrs. Parsons.

Once they were a bit away, Larkin explained to Erica, "They've been selling fruits here since they were young. They met my teacher early on. As a kid, I didn't like the meals at the monastery, so Mr. and Mrs. Parsons would sneak me lots of fruits,"

"No wonder you're so cute. It's because you were cute since you were a kid, huh?" Erica said with a beaming smile.

Larkin immediately laughed.

After climbing a long flight of stairs, they arrived at the entrance of the monastery.

Upon hearing they were there for the old monk, the other party became somewhat guarded, "What business do you have with the him?"

Larkin replied gently, "I used to be his student. I heard he hasn't been well lately, so I came to visit."

I've never heard of him having any living students! The nun instantly got on high alert.

"What's the matter?"

At this point, a monk emerged from inside

Larkin heard the voice, paused for a moment, then looked over.

The other party's gaze landed on him.

Larkin gave a slight nod

"Larkin?" The other party paused for a moment.

"Long time no see, everything alright?"

"You... you're here to see your teacher?" The monk's gaze fell on Erica.

"Hello," Erica greeted.

She. The monk glanced at Larkin with a complex look.

Larkin gave a slight nod

The monk sighed deeply, "Wait here, I'll go tell your teacher"

"Thank you"

The monk turned and left

The nun beside them looked bewildered, "You're really a monk here before?"

Larkin nodded

"You haven't been here in a while, have you? I've been here for seven or eight years, and I've never seen you!"

"It's been ten years," Larkin answered.

"Ten years? That's been quite a while The nun said, then suddenly seemed to remember something. She looked at Larkin with a drastically different

expression, "Larkin? The one who was infatuated with a woman and left the monastery for a woman?"

"Yes"

Larkin answered calmly

The nun stared in shock, then turned to look at Erica

Is this the woman who allegedly lured away Larkin, who was once the most promising successor of the monastery.

"Yes, that's me," Enca seemed to read the nun's thoughts and answered quietly.

Caught off guard by Enca's comment, the nun blushed and quickly made up an excuse to leave.

"She's pretty shy," Erica muttered.

Half an hour passed after the monk left.

Just as Enca was worrying that the Larkin's teacher wouldn't want to see Larkin.

She saw the monk returning.

"My friends, your teacher says he won't see you"

Larkin heard this, an answer he had anticipated

"Is it because I'm here? I can leave, Larkin really misses him, please..." Erica pleaded hurriedly

Larkin held her hand tightly, stopping her mid-sentence

"Okay" Larkin nodded, "Please give the fruit and flowers to him for us

Erica looked at Larkin with a pained expression

"I will," the monk said.

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Chapter 1707

“Sorry for the bother” Larkin said

The monk wore a complex expression on his face.

After a moment of silence, he asked, “How’ve you been?”

“Thanks for asking. I’m great. Larkin paused slightly. “How about my teacher...?”

“Much better.”

“That’s good.” Larkin smiled, letting out a soft sigh. “You should go on with your stuff, we’ll be taking off.”

“But meals will be served soon in the cafeteria. Why not stay and eat before you go?” The monk stopped them as they were about to leave. “Oh yeah, I’m starving” Erica quickly chimed in

So there they went, Larkin and Erica, heading off to the cafeteria.

Along the way, they ran into a few visitors and some very cheerful nuns.

Looking at them, Erica could almost picture the carefree days Larkin had spent here

“I must’ve owed you something in my past life, you saved me and brought trouble upon yourself.” Erica murmured.

if Larkin hadn’t left the monastery, if he was still here living a monastic life, he wouldn’t have so many troubles now. “Nonsense.” Larkin squeezed her hand, “Leaving the monastery was my own choice. Don’t put that on yourself” Erica didn’t respond

Upon reaching the cafeteria, both Erica and Larkin got some food.

They found a corner and started eating.

To be honest, Erica now understood why Larkin didn't like the cafeteria food when he was a kid.

It was pretty dreadful.

"Looks like they still haven't changed the cook" Larkin took a bite and chuckled helplessly

Seeing Larkin laugh, Enca felt a bit happier.

"So, I'm tasting your childhood, huh?" she asked,

Larkin laughed even harder

"What's with all these weird thoughts in your head?"

"Don't you like them?" Enca blinked her big eyes.

Larkin doted on her, nodding. "I do"

Larkin seemed to have anticipated the situation, he got very little food

They chatted while eating, and soon finished off their meals.

Erica noticed volunteers cleaning up and washing dishes

She volunteered to help

Larkin didn't stop her but joined in.

After they were done, Erica sat down with the volunteers-drinking water and inquiring about how to stay on as a long term volunteer.

Upon hearing this, Larkin politely greeted the volunteers and pulled Erica aside.

"Do you want to volunteer?"

"Why not stay a few more days? The monastery isn't that big, we might run into him" Enca whispered to him, her eyes downcast

Larkin didn't want to force his teacher to meet him.

Yet he felt he owed the old man.

If he left with regrets, Erica wouldn't be content, even if Larkin didn't mind.

"We won't only come this once" Larkin gently stroked Erica's cheek, "We'll visit often, until the my teacher is ready to see me?"

"Really?"

Enca's eyes lit up instantly

"Men hmm "Larkin nodded, "So, do you still want to volunteer?"

"Of course!" Erica agreed instantly, "I don't have anywhere particular to go in the next few days anyway, so I'll stay here. You can show me around, share some of your childhood stories with me. How does that sound?"

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Chapter 1708

Just like that, Enca nagged her way into it.

Larkin agreed to stay and volunteer at the monastery before heading to Norhaven.

There were quite a few volunteers at the monastery,

The work assigned to each person wasn't much.

In his spare time, Larkin would take Erica for walks around the monastery

In the past decade, everything in the world had changed, but everything in the monastery had pretty much stayed the same.

Only some small trees had grown bigger, and some flowers and plants had changed.

After two days, Erica got to know the nun she first met a bit better

The nun was a little unpredictable and spoke her mind.

Erica bought her ice cream, and they ate it in the secluded backyard.

The nun suddenly sighed, "Actually, the old monk really misses Larkin."

Erica, halfway through her ice cream, felt her good mood drop by half, "Who told you that?"

"When he was seriously ill, we heard him muttering Larkin's name while we were sitting with him in the hospital," the nun sighed again.

if that's the case, why doesn't he want to see Larkin?" Erica mumbled, puzzled, as she ate her ice cream.

"Adults' world is always filled with complications we don't understand," the young nun said, shaking her head with an air of wisdom beyond her years.

Erica pondered while finishing her ice cream

"Where does the old monk live? I've been here for a few days and haven't seen him even once," Erica asked

The nun suddenly became alert. "You're not thinking of barging into the old monk's room, are you? You've got guts!"

"Do I look like the kind of person who would do that?" Erica said, a little speechless

The nun looked at her warily, as if she was thing whether Erica would do anything unpredictable

You managed to get Larkin to leave the monastery, and you are saying you are good and well-behaved?" the nun retorted.

Erica was about to respond when her phone rang

It was Larkin.

He should be chatting with the monks at this time.

Erica found it boring, so she went out to hang out with the nun

Feeling guilty, Erica hid her ice cream behind her and answered Larkin's call, "Larkin, are you done chatting?"

“Yeah, where are you?” Larkin asked softly

“I’m hanging out with a nun. Stay where you are, I’ll come find you!” Erica said, and after hanging up, quickly finished her ice cream.

“Don’t tell anyone about the ice cream!” Erica threw away the wrapper and exhaled a few times to get rid of the coldness in her mouth

The nun was speechless.

They say men are afraid of their wives, but in Erica’s case, it seemed like she was the one scared of Larkin.

“You look just like a husband who’s been caught smoking by his wife and is trying to put out the cigarette in a hurry”

“You’re really good at sarcasm!” Erica said, exasperated.

She thought of the nun’s words and couldn’t help but smile wryly

Erica didn’t waste time chatting with the nun, and went back to find Larkin right away

The nun sat on the steps, leisurely finishing her ice cream before picking up a broom and continuing to sweep the ground.

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Chapter 1709

What neither Erica nor the young nun saw coming was the veteran monk was supporting the old monk, and they had watched their whole ice cream sneaking operation

The old monk chuckled all of a sudden.

“Yes.”

The veteran monk had a deep respect for the old monk, ready to respond to his every move.

The old monk's gaze followed the direction Erica had left in.

When his eyes returned, he seemed even more silent.

Then he turned, rather shakily, and started towards the stairs.

Erica had no idea she was such a thorn in the veteran monk's side

She happily found Larkin, who was being dragged into a conversation.

Seeing Erica, Larkin excused himself and joined her

"What have you been doing with the young nun? You look so happy," Larkin said, plucking a stray twig from her hair

Erica laughed sweetly. "I'm not happy playing with the young nun, it's seeing you that makes me happy!"

Larkin's eyes crinkled into crescents.

"Did you sneak some ice cream?"

Erica asked, "how do you know that?"

She touched her lips, no longer cold.

"How did you know?" Not denying it, Erica twiddled her fingers, asking in a small voice like a little kid caught doing something wrong.

Larkin tapped her nose lightly. "You've got some on your nose

Cheap ice cream always had food coloring

Erica touched her nose. "That little nun, she didn't even warn me! I'm going to talk to her teacher later!"

Larkin laughed at her antics "Leave the poor girl alone, don't do this again."

"Okay"" Erica tried to loop her arm through Larkin's, but remembering they were in a monastery, and she pulled her hand back.

Larkin noticed her subtle reaction.

He took her hand 'Mrs Silverman and the others are leaving for Norhaven tomorrow shall we follow?

"It's okay, we don't have to leave at the same time, we can stay a few more days!" Erica said quickly.

One more day meant one more chance to run into the old monk!

"My teacher rarely leaves his room now, bumping into him is unlikely." Larkin gently burst Enca's bubble. It's okay, we'll be back regularly, right?"

"Alright."

Enca sighed softly

"Since we're leaving, let me do something"

What Enca meant by 'do something' was to get some people to bring a truckload of watermelons

The veteran monk was stunned.

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"Sir, the weather's going to get hot soon, watermelons can help beat the heat!" Erica said seriously to the veteran monk. "Larkin and I are leaving tomorrow, we've caused you guys a lot of trouble these past few days, consider this our apology!"

"You're leaving tomorrow?" The veteran monk was slightly taken aback.

"Yep, a good friend of mine is about to give birth, we've promised to be there." Erica answered, then handed over a piece of paper with her and Larkin's contact information "Sir, this is our contact information. If the Larkin's teacher misses him, just let us know, wherever we are, we'll come straight to him!"

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Chapter 1710

The monk pondered for a moment, then silently took the piece of paper.

That night

There were some new and tasty watermelon chunks in the cafeteria.

The volunteers were all chowing down happily.

Erica watched and felt very happy as well.

“It’s strange” Erica looked at her plate of food, “I’ve been eating this for a few days now, and I kinda started to find it tasty!”

Larkin looked at Erica like she was a well-behaved kid.

He used to hear people talk about Erica, saying she was spoiled and affected.

But do they really know her?

Erica was actually easy to get along with

“Let’s go out later and buy some local snacks to take back for them.” Larkin said, gently removing a fallen leaf from Erica’s hair.

“Are they good?” Erica’s eyes immediately lit up.

Larkin nodded, “Not bad.”

“Then I’ll buy some more for that nun!” Erica really liked that nun who was sometimes clueless but oddly mature

“Okay” Larkin nodded

After dinner, they helped wash dishes, and tidied up the cafeteria

Erica and Larkin then left through the side door.

The snack shop was just outside the monastery, in the same alley as Mr. and Mrs. Parsons fruit stand.

Word of Larkin’s return had spread.

So when Larkin and Erica arrived, the owner of the snack shop was only slightly surprised.

Larkin chatted with the owner while handing the snack list to the clerk

After the small talk, Larkin immediately introduced his newlywed wife.

Enca ignored the curious looks and greeted them politely

The snacks filled several large boxes.

The owner even packed an extra box, "This is for you two, congratulations on your marriage!

Erica's eyes immediately welled up.

She took the box with both hands, Thanks, Mr. Mason!"

"Larkin is getting on in age, you two better hurry up. I hope the next time you come, rll have some snacks for your children." The owner said happily

Erica blushed, but nodded generously. "We will try our best!"

Larkin couldn't help but laugh.

The owner also burst into laughter.

After buying the snacks, the two of them took them to the car

By then, the sun was setting, forming a beautiful scene above the monastery.

"It feels like the monastery is bidding us a gentle farewell Erica said romantically

Larkin looked at her, smiled and nodded, "But are you really planning on having children?"

"You're not?" Erica asked in surprise.

Larkin was originally just trying to tease Erica.

But he didn't expect Enca to take it so seriously, which left him a bit stunned, "I respect your wishes."

"There's no rush though, what couple in love would want children during their honeymoon phase? Erica swung Larkin's hand, "Let's enjoy our love first!"

Honeymoon sounds good

Honeymoon phase is really good!!

In the monastery, men and women live separately.

Back at the monastery, just as they were about to part ways, they bumped into the nun, she looked tired.

“You come just in time” Enca was holding a small pack of snacks, one of each of the most popular flavors, for the nun.

“Hello” The nun came over looking quite listless.

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