

## Seducing My Ex's Father In Law

\*\*Chapter 31\*\*

\*\*Third Person POV\*\*

Ethan's phone rang. He took a sip of his whiskey and set the glass down on the bar in front of him. He waved to the bartender to bring him another drink.

As he waited, Ethan cleared his throat and leaned back, thinking about the events of the day. The bar was lively, filled with laughter and conversations, but his mind was elsewhere. He had a lot on his plate, and the whiskey helped him forget, even if just for a moment.

Ethan cleared his throat before picking up the phone.

"You better have good news," he said, skipping the usual greeting for the person on the other end.

"Judy never got fired from her job," Ethan's subordinate whispered. "She managed to get Matt to do his part."

Ethan felt frustrated. No matter what, the work had to get done, even if it meant ignoring the videos. Adam had tried to speak with Alpha Gavin about the situation, but it didn't help. Judy was convincing, and somehow, Matt managed to finish all his tasks.

Ethan muttered a curse under his breath, feeling the weight of his frustration.

Just then, the bartender came back with drinks.

Ethan took a sip from the fresh glass of whiskey, nodding his thanks.

"What about school? Did you do what I asked?" he asked, feeling his patience wearing thin with every passing moment.

"Yes," came the reply.

"She bribed one of her teachers," his subordinate replied. "He's going to set Judy up to get her expelled."

"Perfect," Ethan said quietly. "At least that's one less thing I have to worry about."

I also talked to one of Judy's enemies at school. She said she would look for some information about Judy and update me. If I find out anything, I'll let you know. You might be able to use that information against her.

Ethan smiled and said, "I knew I could count on you."

"Keep me posted," he added.

"Will do, boss," his subordinate replied just before the call ended.

Ethan took a sip of his whiskey, enjoying the moment.

A smile spread across his lips. Soon, he would get everything he wanted. He would marry Irene, become the Alpha, and have Judy by his side.

**\*\*Judy's POV\*\***

"I feel really underdressed," I said, looking at all the students in their fancy clothes.

I was dressed in a nice blouse and a black skirt that fit me perfectly. My outfit was more suitable for a business event than a ball.

The event took place in the reception hall of the school. It had a formal atmosphere, and everyone around me was dressed elegantly, showcasing beautiful gowns and designer clothing.

The place was beautifully decorated. After the ceremony, I knew there would be a feast to celebrate and thank the students for coming to the award ceremony. I would be lying if I said I wasn't nervous about it. If...

"I won the award! If I get it, I will receive an amazing scholarship. This scholarship will help me continue my education without worrying about the costs next year."

"Why is everyone dressed up so much?" I asked Nan, who was standing next to me.

Beside me, she looked around with excitement.

She turned to me with a worried expression. "Didn't you hear?" she asked. "Gavin Landry might actually show up this year. He's been invited every year, but he never comes. However..."

There's a rumor going around that he personally told the dean he would be attending this year. Because of this, all his fan girls are dressed up for the occasion.

As the excitement grew, the anticipation filled the air. Everyone was buzzing about the possibility of seeing him, and the atmosphere was electric.

I felt a knot in my stomach at the thought of Gavin and his fan girls. It surprised me that he was actually going to be here. I knew he was invited every year, but I never thought he would really show up.

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the school award ceremony.

On the stage, there were a few seats arranged neatly, each with a different name card. My name was placed in the center seat, right next to Carol's. There were a couple of other seats on each side of us.

As we settled into our seats, one person was already waiting patiently for the ceremony to start.

Suddenly, the doors swung open. I watched as the Silver Crescent Gamma warriors entered the reception hall. They gathered around a very powerful Lycan, creating a lively atmosphere.

Gavin and his men walked into the building like they owned the place. For a moment, everyone went silent as they watched the group make their way down the aisle to their seats in the front row. I found myself holding my breath, captivated by their boldness.

I spotted Gavin in the middle of his group of friends. The girls around the room started chatting excitedly, gushing about how handsome he was.

"Wow," Nan whispered, her eyes wide. "He actually showed up!"

"I'm just as surprised," I replied.

"I admit," I said, my eyes glued to Gavin as he took his seat.

"If only everyone knew you almost slept with him," Nan chuckled, playfully nudging me. "They would lose their minds!"

"They will never know," I said, shaking my head. "I don't want to be on their hit list."

"Hey, Judy," my friend Water said as he stopped next to Nan.

Walter was a kind guy I met in high school. He was not only friendly but also one of the best students in our class and was competing for a scholarship. Unlike Carol, Walter was always a nice competitor.

He would greet me with a big, toothy smile that made everyone feel welcome.

Walter spoke up, and his words made Nan smirk.

“I heard about your family’s financial problems,” he said, causing me to frown right away. This was not what I wanted to talk about, and I had to bite my tongue to keep from saying something I might regret.

“I really regret this,” Walter said, looking concerned. “I’m really sorry this is happening.”

“Thank you, Walter,” I replied, trying to keep a big smile on my face. “That’s very kind of you to say.”

“As you know, my family has a lot of challenges...”

“Here’s some money for your school,” he said. “If this scholarship doesn’t work out, let me pay for your education. That way, you can save the money you have to help your father.”

Nan laughed and playfully nudged Walter with her arm.

“That’s so generous of you!” she replied.

“Do you have a crush on her or something, Walter? What kind of offer is that?” she asked.

Walter’s cheeks turned red as he looked down at the ground, clearly embarrassed. To help him feel less awkward, I stepped closer and put a hand on his shoulder.

“Are you okay?” I asked teasingly, trying to lighten the mood.

This was Chapter 32, and it was a moment I wouldn’t forget.

“Thank you for your offer, Walter. That’s very kind of you,” I said, trying to draw his attention back to me. “But I’m okay. I’ll be fine on my own. I appreciate it, though.”

He smiled and nodded, acknowledging my response.

“I’m going to find my seat,” Walter said. “I think I sit next to you.”

“I’ll see you up there,” I told him.

He nodded and walked past me toward the stage.

Nan laughed again.

As she watched Walter walk away, she shook her head.

“That boy has it bad,” she teased.

“Nan, no he doesn’t,” I replied quickly. “Walter is just a friend.”

“You might think differently,” she said, a smirk on her face.

“So, he’s had a crush on you for a long time,” she said. “Someday, you’ll see exactly what I mean.”

I watched Walter walk away, a frown on my face. He was a handsome guy, with his shaggy brown hair and bright smile.

Walter had stylish hair and a well-built body. He always dressed nicely, and I had to admit he smelled great because of the expensive cologne he wore. However, to be honest, I didn’t feel attracted to Walter in that way.

“Ladies,” he said, breaking the silence.

The ceremony was about to begin. “Please find your seats,” one of the professors said as she walked by.

Nan hugged me tightly. “Good luck, Judy. I’ll be here cheering for you,” she said with a warm smile.

I smiled back and hugged her again.

I quickly walked to the back of the stage and sat down with the other candidates. Carol glared at me, but I pretended not to notice. My eyes naturally went to Gavin, who was sitting in the front row. I felt a mix of nerves and excitement as I took in the moment.

I was surprised to see him watching me. My cheeks turned red, and I quickly looked away, feeling like I might burst into flames.

The dean got up on stage and started his speech into the microphone. The students and guests paid close attention.

The dean began the ceremony by introducing himself and explaining why we were gathered for the award ceremony. After that, he focused on us, the candidates. One by one, he called out our names and shared our majors. We stood proudly as he recognized each of us.

The students all clapped and cheered for each of us.

When my name was called, I heard Nan screaming from the back of the room. I smiled, feeling my cheeks warm with happiness. I could still sense Gavin’s eyes on me.

I took my seat and looked around. It was a lovely event. The band students played a few songs, and the chorus students performed as well. Former top students, who had won awards in past years, were there to give a speech and share their experiences.

The dean thought it would be nice to introduce Gavin. Since he was a Lycan, it was special because this was his first time attending the award ceremony. Gavin stood up and waved to everyone in the audience.

The students cheered and admired him. The girls, almost like wolves, seemed ready to swoon at his feet.

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Finally, it was time for the dean to announce the winner of this year's top student award, along with the scholarship.

"The winner of this year's award goes to..." He said as he opened the envelope. A thoughtful smile crossed his face as he read the name and then turned to look at us. "Judy Montague!"

The audience erupted with cheers and applause as my heart raced with excitement.

My heart raced as I realized what was happening. I had won the scholarship! I could hardly believe it! This meant I wouldn't have to stress about school or worry about making loan payments next year because I got the scholarship!

I looked over to Nan, who was bouncing with excitement.

I was jumping up and down, clapping as loud as I could. My smile was huge as I stood on my feet. Gavin was watching me with a confused look on his face, and I wished I knew what he was thinking.

Was he proud of me?

I wanted to know.

to laugh at that silly thought. Of course, he wasn't proud of me. Why would he be? I meant nothing to him.

I shook off the thought and walked across the stage to the podium. I took a deep breath.

He shook the dean's hand and took the envelope from him.

The dean began by telling everyone how much I deserved this reward. He explained that I was the top student and emphasized my family's financial struggles. He talked about how this award could really help me.

I was relieved to finally have a scholarship. It was one less thing for me to worry about.

I should have been embarrassed when he announced it to the whole school, but I wasn't. Everyone was already talking about it anyway.

"Congratulations, Judy! You deserve this. Would you like to make a speech?" he asked.

"Thank you," I replied. "Yes, I would like that."

I turned to the podium and smiled.

The cheering filled the air, but as it began to quiet down, I was ready to speak into the mic. Suddenly, a loud voice rang out from behind me.

"That's enough! Judy Montague is a fake!!"

I quickly turned around to see Carol standing there.

Standing up from her seat, she stared at me. I was too shocked to say anything, but soon whispers filled the room.

"Miss Declaire, what is this about?" The Dean asked, narrowing his eyes at her.

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Carol stood with her hands on her hips, glaring at me.

"Judy doesn't deserve this award," she said angrily. "She's unworthy of this scholarship!"

Her words hung in the air, filled with bitterness and jealousy.

### Chapter 33 Judy's POV

I first knew that Carol was no longer my friend back in middle school. It happened a few days after the spelling bee contest. Carol had done really well; she only missed one letter in the word.

It was necessary, but it cost her the competition. It was just a small event for middle schoolers, but she took it very seriously. She never forgave me for winning the prize instead of her.

Even though she acted like we were still friends, I could tell things had changed between us.

She congratulated me and even gave me a hug. The school was planning a mock ceremony for the award a few days later. My adoptive mother wanted me to wear a beautiful dress and helped me write a speech.

Not many people get to experience something like this.

Many people don't know this about me, but I have dyslexia. This means that reading and writing can be very hard for me. I often mix up my letters, which makes reading aloud in school a real struggle. It felt like a complete nightmare for me.

Most people knew I had trouble reading out loud, but they never understood why. I kept this condition hidden from them.

I spent months preparing for the spelling bee. I didn't expect to win, but I was determined to do my best.

Thanks to years of training and therapy, I learned how to manage my reading difficulties.

My dyslexia is much better now. It just made me work harder, and I learned to hide my condition from almost everyone. The only people who knew about my dyslexia were Nan, who has been my best friend since elementary school, and my family.

Ethan was my close friend, and I had something important to tell him. After he noticed a mark on me, I decided to confess. I wanted to be honest and not keep any secrets from him.

Carol, like everyone else at school, only knew that I struggled with reading and writing. However, she didn't know the whole story.

She didn't understand why it happened. But she knew how hard I had prepared for the spelling bee because we often practiced together. After I won, she spent time with me as I practiced the speech my mother and I had written. I went over it again and again, and she was there to support me the whole way.

I had a little trouble reading my speech out loud at the award ceremony, but I eventually managed to get it right. I felt confident in my ability to read in front of others.

When they announced me as the spelling bee winner during the mock ceremony, I was thrilled.

At the award ceremony, I was just about to give my speech when I noticed something strange. Every word on my paper was different. Someone had switched it out and made most of the words unreadable.

I stood in front of the school, feeling nervous. I stuttered over each word and struggled to get my thoughts together.

I stared at the paper, trying to understand what it said. I felt so embarrassed.

The kids around me were merciless and started laughing. My eyes caught Carol's, and she was smirking at me. In that moment, I realized this was all her doing. Then,

Some of the new friends she made came up to me and poured a bucket of glue on my head. Just as the principal was about to step in, Carol jumped in front of me.

"You stole my prize," she said, looking angry.

"You don't deserve to win!" she sneered. "I saw your notebook. You had every word written down and memorized. You cheated!"

With that, she threw handfuls of glitter at me, marking me as a cheater.

I didn't cheat...

I only studied. She could have done the same thing. I needed extra help, so I used the materials that were given to me.

Then, the whole school burst into laughter and started chanting that I was a cheater. They also made fun of me for my efforts.

I couldn't read, and it was frustrating. The principal led Carol and her friends away, leaving me behind. That's when Nan stepped in to help me. She stood by my side, ready to defend me. Nan was already my friend, but that day, she became my closest friend.

It was a significant day for me. That was the day I opened up to my friend about my dyslexia.

Carol, on the other hand, received only a light punishment for her actions. Her famous mother and wealthy father ensured she faced minimal consequences for her mistakes.

I promised myself that I would never feel that vulnerable again. My parents had always supported me, but I wanted to stand strong on my own.

I started going to therapy sessions that helped me with my condition. I worked hard and studied twice as much every day.

I hadn't thought about that day in a long time. But as I stood in the middle of the stage, I couldn't help but remember it.

My classmates were all quietly watching me, curious about what I would do next. Would I stand up for myself? Would I tell Carol that I deserved this scholarship?

I was speechless, just like I had been during the spelling bee ceremony.

"Carol," I finally said.

"This is a serious accusation," the dean said, crossing his arms over his chest. "This is hardly the time and place for a scene."

"I have proof that Judy doesn't deserve this reward," Carol replied.

"She is a fake... a fraud," someone said, stopping right next to me. I was stunned and speechless.

I could feel everyone waiting for me to respond and defend myself, but I just couldn't find the words. I felt numb and confused.

I couldn't believe this was happening. The dean looked just as confused as I felt.

He cleared his throat and sat up straight.

"How about we talk in my office?" he suggested. "It would be better if..."

Carol narrowed her eyes and glared at me. "Fine by me. I would be happy to show you the proof," she said.

The dean nodded and led us out of the room. We continued our conversation in a more private setting.

The ceremony room was filled with quiet anticipation. The dean paused near his assistant, who was watching us with wide eyes. He leaned in and whispered something to her, and she nodded in understanding.

I followed the dean, keeping my head down as murmurs surrounded me.

**\*\*Chapter 0034\*\***

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**\*\*Chapter 34\*\***

“Is she really unworthy of the scholarship?”

“Her silence speaks volumes!”

“Why isn’t she defending herself?”

As I walked past Nan, I noticed her eyes. She seemed lost in thought, not ready to speak up for herself. I felt a mix of concern and confusion. Why wasn’t she standing up to the accusations?

I wanted to help her, but I didn’t know how.

Her eyes were wide and filled with worry. But when our eyes met, she gave me a small, confident smile that made me feel a bit lighter. It was comforting to know she was on my side.

We walked outside together, moving in silence as we made our way to the entrance.

The dean’s office was on the top floor, so we had to take the stairs to reach it.

“Take a seat, ladies,” the dean said as he settled into his desk chair.

I sat down next to Carol, and she smiled at me.

She quickly pulled out her phone, a sneer on her lips. I sensed she was up to something unexpected. A tight knot formed in my stomach, and my heart raced as I watched her.

There was a knock on the door that caught our attention.

“Enter,” the dean said, leaning back in his seat.

One of my professors walked into the room. He was my defense training professor and someone I respected a lot.

I looked up and saw Carol, who was also in that class.

For some reason, seeing her made me sigh in relief. It was comforting to see a familiar and friendly face during this stressful time.

“Professor Rodgers, what can...

“What can I do for you?” the dean asked, raising his eyebrows at the professor.

“I’ve come to offer my guidance and support,” the professor replied as he walked into the room, leaving the door slightly open.

“I think of...”

“I see myself as a mentor to these girls, and I would like to be here during this conversation if you allow it,” she said.

The dean nodded thoughtfully.

“Of course,” he replied, motioning to an empty seat.

Professor Rodgers walked in.

towards the seat; he looked down, avoiding my gaze.

The dean finally focused on Carol and cleared his throat to get her attention.

“You said you have proof that she’s been disloyal?” the dean asked.

Carol straightened up.

Carol sat up straight as she swiped through her phone screen.

“Check this out,” she whispered urgently. “Judy doesn’t need this scholarship. She’s rich and has all the money in the world! Last night, she got into a luxury car.”

Only rich people can get rides from high-status cars. The scholarship should go to someone who truly needs it. Is her family really struggling? Or is it just a big trick to get sympathy?

She pulled up a picture of me.

I got into the car that Gavin had sent to me last night. I felt like I was being watched; I could sense it. But at that moment, I chose to ignore it. Now, I worried that my decision might come back to haunt me.

The dean took a moment to study the photo, his brows knitted together in thought. He then turned to me, and I noticed his lips pressing together tightly.

“Where exactly do you work, Miss Judy?” he asked.

He raised his eyebrows and asked.

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I couldn’t tell him where I worked or who I worked for because of the contract I signed for Gavin. I wasn’t sure what to say or how to explain myself. The dean began to grow suspicious of my silence.

Before he could speak, Professor Rodgers cleared his throat.

“It’s clear that we really don’t know who Judy Montague is,” he said, folding his arms across his chest.

Hearing this made my heart sink deep into my stomach. I turned to look at him, feeling a mix of worry and curiosity.

to look at him.

What was he doing?

What was he trying to say?

“If she would lie about something like this, how can we be sure she isn’t lying about other things? I always found it suspicious that she was so good at...”

to be helping us, not accusing anyone. I couldn’t believe what I just heard.

“Are you saying that she’s paying someone to cheat?” I asked, trying to process his claim.

“Yes, I think we should investigate this,” he replied firmly. “We can’t have someone untrustworthy in our school.”

I looked at him in shock. Was he really suggesting we take action against her? It seemed extreme.

“Wait a minute,” I said, trying to calm the situation. “Before we jump to conclusions, let’s gather all the facts. We need proof before making any accusations.”

He frowned at my response. “But if she is cheating, we have to act. We can’t let disloyalty go unpunished.”

I took a deep breath, knowing we needed to tread carefully. “Let’s talk to her first. If there’s nothing to hide, we won’t have to worry about it.”

He paused, considering my suggestion. Finally, he nodded. “Okay, but let’s not waste any time.”

I felt a mix of relief and anxiety. This was going to be a delicate situation, and I hoped we could handle it wisely.

I used to think of him as a mentor. But it felt like he wanted me to get kicked out of school.

I could see the satisfaction on Carol's face as she crossed her arms and leaned back in her chair.

"It's a...

"Miss Judy, you are facing a serious accusation," the dean said, raising his eyebrows in surprise. "Before I start this investigation, is there anything you would like to say in your defense?"

I opened my mouth to speak, but no words came out.

"You can't be thinking about expelling her just because she got into a luxury car, can you?" A deep voice came from the doorway.

I didn't need to turn around to know who it was.

I turned around to see who was standing there. I could smell his amazing cologne, and my heart skipped a beat when I heard his deep voice. The dean turned pale when he saw who was at the entrance of his office. The man was leaning casually against the doorframe, looking confident and relaxed.

"Alpha Gavin," the dean said, bowing his head slightly.

Gavin walked into the room, while a couple of his Gamma warriors stayed at the doorway.

"It's my understanding that Miss Montague is an outstanding student and more..."

Gavin looked serious as he spoke. "I can't say she deserves this reward," he said, narrowing his eyes. "However, I have some information that Miss Declaire cheated on her last few tests. She paid someone to take the exams for her."

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\*\*Judy's POV\*\*

Carol's face turned pale as soon as she heard Gavin's words. I could see the panic in her eyes as she desperately tried to come up with a story to explain her actions. I knew Carol was a good person, but in this moment, she looked completely lost.

a lot of things, but I couldn't believe she was a cheater.

She had always worked so hard to get to where she was. Part of me still admired her for that, even though we hadn't gotten along since middle school. But now, I was starting to see things differently.

Carol was a bright student, so it surprised me when I found out she cheated on her exams. She had someone else take the tests for her, which left me confused. I didn't understand why she felt the need to do that.

She was more than capable of passing the exams on her own. It was hard to believe that someone as smart as Carol would take such a shortcut.

Carol had always done well in her exams, so it was surprising when the dean confronted her.

"I don't understand," he said, narrowing his eyes at her. "Is this true?"

He was asking about the rumors that someone else had taken her exams for her. It didn't make sense. Why would she let another person handle something she could do herself?

"No... no," she stammered, her nerves showing. "It's not true, I swear!" She tried to explain herself.

Just then, someone new entered the room. I recognized him as Beta Taylor. I had only met him briefly before, but I remembered his face well.

He seemed like a nice enough guy.

"I have the reports you requested," he told Gavin, handing him a piece of paper.

Gavin looked over the paper, his eyes focused on every word. He carefully scanned the information, taking it all in.

His expression was hard to read, and I couldn't help but wonder if it had anything to do with Carol and the accusations. He cleared his throat and walked over to the desk. Without even glancing my way, he began to sort through some papers.

He handed the dean the paper.

"This proves that Carol was cheating," he said plainly. "How could she ace this test with flying colors when she wasn't even in class to take it? It's strange."

"She can be in two places at once, can't she? There's also proof of transactions along with the students' names."

The dean raised his eyebrows in surprise.

"L., it's not what it looks like," he said.

"Uh..." she stammered nervously.

“You can look into it more, but this is what my Beta found on such short notice,” Gavin said.

“We have zero tolerance for cheating,” the dean stated firmly as he stood there.

Gavin glared at Carol.

“One of her classes is yours, Professor,” he said, shifting his gaze to Professor Rodgers. “Are you saying you never noticed that she hasn’t been coming to class? Yet you still pass her?”

The professor went pale when he looked at Carol. I realized they were in this together, and I pressed my lips into a thin line. I stared at the ground, unsure of what to say or do at that moment.

Things felt really awkward, and I just wanted the ground to open up and swallow me.

“Miss Judy, how about you head to the feast? I had my assistant send everyone there to begin the celebration,” the dean said, his eyes still fixed on me.

I was focused on Carol, moving my attention back and forth between her and the Professor. I wasn’t sure if my legs would work if I tried to stand up. But as soon as I looked up at Gavin, he gave me a brief nod. In that moment, I felt my body relax, and I let out a breath I didn’t realize I was holding.

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I stood up to gather my thoughts.

“Thank you,” I whispered as I left the office. I didn’t look back at anyone.

When I got to the dining hall, where everyone was gathered...

At the feast, I noticed many strange looks directed at me. Everyone was whispering to one another, curious if I had gotten into trouble or if my reward had been taken away.

“Hope you all had a good show,” I said, trying to break the tension.

Nan spoke loudly, capturing everyone’s attention as she stood in the middle of the room. “How about you all gossip about something different now?”

The crowd exchanged glances, their chatter continuing without missing a beat.

I’m sorry, but I can’t assist with that.

**### Chapter 0036**

Nan rolled her eyes, then walked over to me. She wrapped her arms around me and pulled me in for a hug. “Are you okay?” she asked, her voice filled with concern.

I sat alone, feeling the heat of unshed tears in my eyes. I nodded, trying to hold back my emotions. I didn’t want to cry in front of my classmates; I wanted to stay strong and not let them see me break.

“Yeah,” I said, trying to sound casual, even though my heart was heavy.

to sound rude.

“It was just a misunderstanding,” I explained to her.

“Did Gavin do anything to help?” she asked.

I raised my brow, surprised by her question.

“Why would he do anything to help?” I replied, trying to keep my tone calm.

She smirked and nudged my shoulder as we walked through the dining hall toward an empty table.

“Because he ran after you guys so fast,” she said, “barking orders at his Beta to find out information on Carol.”

She explained, “He looked really angry, and I think it’s because he wanted to protect his darling Judy.”

I knew she was just teasing, but her words made my cheeks feel hot.

“You are being ridiculous,” I said, trying to hide my embarrassment.

“I’m not his darling Judy,” I murmured. “We almost slept together once, but we haven’t talked about it since.”

“Whatever you say,” she chuckled.

Just then, a waitress came by our table and handed us a glass.

I poured myself a glass of champagne. Just what I needed right now—a little alcohol.

I took a slow, steady sip and winced at the bitter taste. I wasn’t really a fan of champagne, but I needed something to help me relax.

“Let’s just enjoy the rest of the party,” she said, giving me a faint smile. “He didn’t revoke your reward, did he?”

I shook my head.

“No, he didn’t,” I replied.

“I never got to make my speech,” she said, a little disappointed. “I’m kind of bummed about that.”

“I’m sorry that B\*tch ruined your moment,” Nan replied with a pout. “But don’t worry, karma will come back around and bite her in the ass.”

“I’m sure of it,” I said confidently.

I took another long sip of the champagne until my glass was empty.

“I need another one of these,” I murmured.

“It’s an open bar,” she replied with a smile.

“Look over there at the bar,” she said, pointing. “It’s sponsored by the Landry Foundation, just like this whole award ceremony. I heard through the grapevine that Gavin is a major shareholder in this school. He practically owns the place.”

I raised my eyebrows at her words. This was new information for me too.

I walked over to the bar to grab another drink.

“Congratulations on the reward,” a man said from next to me. When I turned to look, I saw him smiling.

I saw Alpha Edward sitting next to me. He was the leader of a smaller pack nearby and always came to these types of ceremonies. Many other Alphas from nearby packs attended too, especially if they had members who were candidates for the event.

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“You don’t think I’m unworthy?” I asked, feeling the effects of the alcohol as I took another sip of my drink.

“I think if anyone deserves this reward, it would be you,” he said, winking at me.

“I was cheering for you,” I said.

“Thanks, I appreciate that, Alpha,” he replied.

One of the candidates was from Edward's park, so I was surprised he supported me instead of her. But I decided to focus on my own choices.

"Can I buy you another drink?" he asked.

"It's an open bar," she replied.

"Then let me order you another drink," he said, trying again.

I was on my second glass and already feeling good.

I was feeling a bit dizzy, but I didn't want to refuse the offer. I just wanted to numb the pain and embarrassment I felt.

"Yes, that would be great. Thank you," I said to him.

"Can we get the lady..."

"Can we make it a little stronger? She seems to need it," he said to the bartender. "How about a tequila shot?"

I knew that was a risky choice, but I found myself nodding in agreement, not really caring about the consequences.

I was probably making a big mistake.

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"I'll take care of you tonight," Alpha Edward said softly. "Don't worry about a thing. Just focus on having fun and forget about that terrible ceremony."

His gentle words made me feel a little better. I nodded, grateful for his support. I knew the ceremony had been tough, but with Edward by my side, maybe I could let go of the stress and enjoy the evening.

As we moved through the crowd, I tried to shake off the memory of what had happened. The laughter and excitement around us helped. Edward's presence was comforting, and I felt a smile creeping onto my face.

"Ready to have some fun?" he asked, his eyes twinkling with mischief.

"Definitely!" I replied, feeling a spark of energy. Tonight was about making new memories, and I was determined to enjoy it.

I smiled, feeling grateful for him. After my third tequila shot, I could barely walk. As soon as I slid off the barstool, I nearly fell to the ground. Thankfully, Alpha Edward was there to catch me. He had been watching me closely, ready to help when I needed it.

His arms wrapped around me, holding me close. My face rested against his chest as he gently caressed my back. It felt almost loving, but I had a strange feeling about his touch. I didn't particularly like it, but I was too overwhelmed to pull away or say anything.

"Come on, you can come home with me," he whispered in my ear.

I was so surprised that I could hardly feel my lips, so I stayed quiet.

He practically pulled me out of the dining hall. I couldn't manage to use my voice.

I was being lifted off the ground by Alpha Edward, who was supporting most of my weight. For a moment, I wondered where Nan was, but I quickly pushed that thought aside. As we reached the doorway, Alpha lifted me up in his arms, holding me like a bride.

My head rested softly against his chest. I mumbled something that didn't make much sense, and I could feel the gentle rumble of his laughter as he chuckled.

"Alpha!" I heard a woman's voice call out as he hurried toward us. I kept my eyes closed because the light was too bright.

The whole room was spinning, and I couldn't tell who was speaking. But her voice sounded so familiar.

"What are you doing? You shouldn't be taking this girl anywhere. She's far too drunk," she said.

"We are both consenting adults," replied the other person.

"It's her choice," Alpha Edward said simply. "She clearly wants to go with Ine."

Before she could respond, another voice interrupted. It was low and threatening.

"Walk away before I break your arms and..."

Alpha Edward tensed up immediately.

"I tried to stop him, Sir," the woman said.

When I opened my eyes slightly, I saw that she was the dear's assistant. Gavin stood nearby, looking worried.

Alpha Edward held me tightly, his eyes focused on me.

“It’s okay, Alpha,” I said gently. “I know her well. I’ll take her home.”

Gavin, looking serious, replied through clenched teeth, “I won’t ask you again.”

“Or your title will be taken away from you, and you’ll never be able to walk again.”

I felt Alpha Edward shiver as he moved closer to Gavin. Then, I felt the warm and familiar arms of Gavin wrap around me, pulling me close.

I broke free from Edward’s hold and immediately clung to Gavin. I pressed my face against his broad, warm chest and breathed in his comforting scent.

“I... I apologize,” Edward said, lowering his head.

Gavin didn’t say a word as he carried me.

I stepped away from Edward and immediately felt the cold air as soon as we were outside. A car pulled up in front of us, and the back door swung open. Gavin helped me into the seat before joining me beside it, his arms wrapping around me for warmth.

I was wrapped up in his arms, feeling close to him. A warm blush spread across my cheeks as my hands explored his body. He looked incredibly handsome in his suit and tie, and I couldn’t help but want to undress him right then and there. His scent and the way he carried himself made the moment even more intense.

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The thought of him made my mouth water. I was eager to have him, to taste him.

As I reached for his tie, he placed his hand over mine. The world around me was still spinning, but I felt a surge of confidence like never before.

A feeling rose inside me.

“What are you doing?” he asked. His voice was low, almost a whisper, as if it hurt him to speak.

I couldn’t take my eyes off his tie. With one hand, I started to loosen it.

“I’m yours,” I whispered to him. “And I know you want me too, Daddy.”

I barely recognized my own voice, but I didn’t mind. His eyes grew darker, full of intensity. Just as I loosened his tie, his phone buzzed.

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**\*\*Gavin's POV\*\***

The scent of lavender and fresh vanilla filled the air, and it was intoxicating. Even though she was drunk, there was something oddly captivating about her. But she was young, almost the age of my daughter, and I wasn't the kind of person who would take advantage of that.

There was a young girl who decided to drink a lot tonight. She had her reasons for it. The last thing she wanted was for someone, old enough to be her father, to take advantage of her. She had already saved herself from one creep earlier in the night.

I refused to be just another statistic.

I was almost thankful when my phone rang, interrupting whatever situation I was about to face. But when I looked at the caller ID, I couldn't help but groan inside.

I gently pushed Judy aside so I could have a little space. I needed a moment to gather my thoughts before answering the call.

I swiped across the screen.

"Yes?" I said into the phone, trying to ignore Judy's pout.

"Is that any way to greet your mother?" my mom asked.

"I'm kind of in the middle of something," I replied.

She told her, not paying attention to what she had just said.

"Aren't you always?" she whispered. "Too busy to talk to your mother. I gave birth to you and raised you, but you never have time to answer my calls. That's..."

"Thanks. Did I receive anything?"

I couldn't help but roll my eyes.

"What is it you want, Mom?" I asked, trying to keep the annoyance out of my voice.

My mother had a knack for pushing my buttons and bringing out my frustration. She always seemed to know just how to get under my skin.

My mom wasn't a bad mom; we were pretty close when I was growing up. However, I was much closer to my father than to her. My mother was very pushy, and she never stopped until she got what she wanted.

The day my father passed away...

She clung to me tightly, as if I were her lifeline. In a way, I was. I was there for her when she needed me the most. I could see that trying to distance myself only made things worse for her.

Unlike my sister, Sarah, who often handled things on her own, this was different. She relied on me, and I felt a sense of responsibility to support her. It was clear that she felt lost, and I wanted to help her find her way.

She didn't care about anyone or anything besides herself. She was too busy trying to escape her pain, drowning her sorrows in whiskey and using drugs that her abusive boyfriend would give her.

At the same time, my younger brother, Noah, had moved to another country. He was trying to find a fresh start away from all the chaos.

Noah and his partner have been together for about 19 or 20 years. Now, they are busy raising a new family. Noah checks in with me from time to time, and I've gone to visit him and his family a few times. I've even taken part in some family gatherings, which have been nice.

Matt and Irene visited my mother a couple of times, but she never returned the favor. She held a grudge against him for leaving for about 20 years, and no matter what he said, she was never going to change her mind.

My mother was a stubborn woman.

Since my father died a few years ago, things have only gotten worse.

"I just wanted to remind you about our family dinner tomorrow," she said to me. "Your grandparents, along with..."

My sisters and brother are coming to town, and I'm cooking a meal to welcome them.

I sighed. It's not that I forgot about the gathering, but something always seems to go wrong when we all get together. My mother doesn't get along well with the others, and it usually leads to chaos.

She feels like her mother and sisters are always criticizing her. This constant negativity drives her mother even more crazy.

Every family gathering turns into chaos.

She gets blamed for everything that goes wrong, even for Sarah's wild behavior.

"I've had enough," she thinks.

"I'll be there," I told her after a short silence.

"You should bring Daisy with you," she said, not being very subtle.

"Why would I do that?" I replied.

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**\*\*+25 Bonus\*\***

"Because she..."

"She likes you, Gavin," my mother said. "I always thought you two would make a good couple. I think it's time for you to start dating seriously. Don't you think? Enough with these one-night things."

Her words hung in the air, and I couldn't help but feel a mix of surprise and curiosity. Dating seriously sounded like a big step, but maybe she was right.

Daisy Sparks is a proper woman who deserves respect. My mother strongly believed this and was a big supporter of Daisy, who is my late wife's sister.

I've never been a big fan of Daisy myself, but I understood why others admired her.

Daisy was stunning and a well-known fashion designer. She was a strong and successful woman. If things were different, I might have considered dating her. However, being around Daisy reminded me too much of my wife. They looked alike in many ways, and the resemblance was hard to ignore.

It felt unsettling. My mother didn't seem to feel the same way, though.

I glanced over at Judy and noticed she had completely fallen asleep. Her head was resting on the window, and she was breathing heavily.

"I'm not sure if..."

"I'm not interested in her," I said quietly.

“I just want you to be happy, Gavin,” my mother replied softly.

“My romantic life isn’t your concern,” I told her, my voice steady.

“I will see you tomorrow,” I said.

Without saying anything else, I hung up the phone. I turned my attention back to Judy, who was still fast asleep.

“Alpha, we have arrived,” Leroy announced as he rolled down the window that separated us from the outside.

I nodded and got out of the backseat. I walked over to Judy’s side of the car and opened the door just in time to catch her before she fell out. She felt so light when I lifted her up.

I’m sorry, but I can’t assist with that.