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Melissa was tied tightly to a chair and thrown into a dark room.

She was gagged as well so she could only watch their actions without saying anything.

She had been able to figure it all out. Yesterday, the doctors had mentioned the issue in a construction company. It seemed that the construction company was one of the Mayfield Group's subsidiaries. Everett had come to Malorcia to deal with this situation. The people who held her were some of the workers who were confronting that subsidiary.

She would have been long gone, but Everett called her at just the wrong time.

What a stroke of bad luck! She was going to suffer even though she was not at fault.

The entire village was in the mountains. The night was exceptionally still, and only the insects could be heard mixing with the silence.

She could also hear her stomach growling.

Melissa had not eaten very much the whole day. She was tired and wanted to sleep but hunger kept her from dozing off.

The door suddenly opened slightly.

"Dr. Sherman."

It was Aleck.

She was suddenly alert and watched as the little boy walked toward her with a flashlight.

"Did you want something to eat?"

Aleck put down what he was carrying in his free hand and then

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took the gag from Melissa's mouth. He also untied her ropes.

"There's some bread and water here. Please eat and drink."

"Thank you, Aleck."

Melissa never thought about it before but she realized at that moment she could eat almost anything when she was this hungry.

She gulped down the bread and water.

Aleck's voice rang out beside her. "Dr. Sherman, it's not my cousins' fault. They felt it was the only thing they could do. The company put up a factory in our village and was supposed to pay us wages and didn't do it for several years. So many people in the village depended on the factory for work. My father works there as well."

"There are ways to negotiate. Nothing can be solved by such extreme measures." Melissa sighed after she spoke and stroked Aleck's head. "Don't worry about it. It's probably hard for you to understand. I don't want your cousins to find you here and punish you."

"Dr. Sherman, I want you to run away with me." Aleck looked up at her just then. His eyes held a maturity that seemed out of place in someone so young. "My father was saved because of you. I think you're a good person."

"Aleck..."

The atmosphere around them was quiet. Their breathing could be heard in the darkness.

Melissa was not sure how to respond and could only nod.

She knew that Akeem and the others were not only looking for the absent wages for the workers, but extra money as well.

There was no excuse for doing what they had done. It was wrong no matter what.

Even more frightening was that if they left her in the village and married her off to a random man, her life would be miserable.

She looked ahead at Aleck who was leading her out. "I will do

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everything I can to get Everett to return the money the workers have earned."

"Thanks, Dr. Sherman. Make sure you keep your voice low later on. Two of my cousins are guarding the entrance of the village. Another two are at home. They have fallen asleep, however."

Melissa began making as little noise as possible.

Fortunately, nothing eventful occurred and they moved out of the yard slowly. The street lights were dim but provided some brightness because of how many there were.

Suddenly, Aleck stopped walking and began looking in the distance.

"Dr. Sherman, I think my cousins are aware of how important tomorrow is, so there are many people patrolling to keep you here. Follow me. We'll go to the woods located in the south side of the village. You can turn and run left when we arrive there."

"Alright." Melissa answered him softly.

She was very anxious. She was able to hide from the patrols, but had almost been caught several times.

It was a very dangerous journey, but they were able to reach the edge of the woods.

"This is it," Aleck said.

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As soon as Aleck finished speaking, several beams of blinding light illuminated the place.

"Who is there?"

"Stop! Don't move! Or we will take action."

"Don't move!"

It looked like a few strong men were speaking.

Aleck took a deep breath and said in a low voice, "Dr. Sherman, run away as soon as I turn around and talk to them. Don't stop."

"Aleck." Melissa's eyes welled up with tears. She stroked his hair gently. "You are a good child. I will fulfill my promise."

Aleck didn't reply. He turned around to face the men in the distance, smiled, and waved at them. "It's me, Aleck. I am looking for some cicadas to roast and eat."

"Aleck! God, you are daring, just like Akeem. Aren't you afraid the bear might take you away at this late hour?" one of the men shouted and turned his flashlight to Melissa. "Why don't you go home now? Wait. Who is this?"

"Run!" Aleck said.

Melissa was so nervous that she sprinted into the forest in front of her as soon as she heard the warning.

The woods were tall and thick. She couldn't see anything in the pitch darkness.

She ran as fast as her legs could carry her as wild branches scratched her face and neck.

But she didn't dare to stop. Running away was the only thing on her mind.

"Catch her! Don't let her escape."

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"That woman is our bargaining chip to demand money from that company. We can't let her go."

"All the villagers, follow us!"

Melissa heard the rustling footsteps. She was gasping for breath and felt a sharp pain in her chest. Her face felt sticky. She didn't know whether it was sweat or blood.

She didn't dare to look back but continued to sprint.

She could see nothing in the darkness. Her mind flitted to the time Everett protected her in his arms when the black car crashed into them.

"Everett..." Melissa muttered.

She lost balance, slipped, and fell forward.

Melissa squeezed her eyes shut, fearing the pain.

However, to her surprise, she felt warm hands holding her.

"Melissa."

The voice sounded familiar.

Melissa didn't know if it was her illusion. She opened her eyes and saw Everett's face in the darkness.

She frowned and raised her hand to touch it.

"Am I hallucinating?"

"No, you're not. It's me." Everett smiled sadly and held her cold hand in his palm. "I'm sorry, Melissa. I'm late."

"What?" Melissa was taken aback for a moment. Tears welled up in her eyes.

She threw herself into Everett's arms and began shaking with fear.

"What took you so long?" she asked in a tremulous voice.

Everett held her tightly in his arms. His heart broke when he heard that. "I'm sorry. I'm sorry. It's my fault. I came too late and

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didn't protect you when you were in trouble."

He didn't let go of Melissa until she stopped trembling.

But soon, the rustling footsteps became louder, and beams of flashlights blinded her vision.

"Don't be afraid. I'm here with you," Everett whispered comfortingly.

He looked up and glared at the men in the distance menacingly.

He didn't care about them making trouble in the company. But he would never allow them to hurt Melissa.

It was time to end this.

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"We go into hiding first," Everett said gently.

He crouched behind a big tree, which could hardly hide two people while holding Melissa in his arms.

By this time, Melissa had collected herself. She brought her hand to her face to brush the tears away. Her hand felt clammy.

She frowned noticeably, not knowing where to wipe her hand off.

However, Everett seemed to have read her mind. He grabbed her hand and ran it down the fabric of his suit.

"What..."

"Don't worry. It's already soiled." Everett laughed and added softly, "Don't you cry now."

"You... I wasn't even crying."

Now that Melissa had calmed down, she felt embarrassed and wanted to run away.

She disliked showing her vulnerability to others, especially Everett.

Today, she felt humiliated.

The two of them had been talking for some time when they heard the footsteps getting closer.

The villagers would demand large sums of money from Everett if they managed to track him down.

"Do you think you can trust me again?" he asked.

"What?"

Melissa felt a dark foreboding come over her.

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She instinctively gripped Everett's arm and whispered in a shaky voice, "Tell me what you're up to. I want to know your plan."

"I'm going to draw them away."

Everett spoke in a resolute tone as though he had already decided.

He pulled something from his pocket and placed it in her hand after pulling her hand off his arm.

"Don't freak out. I'm simply going to lure those people away from here. I won't get into trouble with them."

"Your injuries still haven't fully healed." Regardless of what was in her hand, Melissa asked frantically, "What if anything bad were to happen to you? What should I say to your mother, the two... I mean, your father?"

"I'll be okay."

She felt anxious because his tone remained firm and composed.

Before Melissa could continue, she felt a warm, wet kiss land on her forehead.

"We can't delay anymore. I'll draw them away, and you can go on running. Someone is waiting for you outside the woods. Your mother will provide you with celestial blessing."

"Everett, no..."

Melissa was anxious, but she didn't dare to shout loudly. Everett got up in the pitch black, turned around, and walked away resolutely.

Simultaneously, people not far away were drawn in.

"That's the woman we're looking for. Hurry up!"

"Come on! Don't let her escape!"

Then there was a sudden rush of unsteady footsteps. The noise gradually went away after a few minutes.

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Melissa stood up and headed toward the other side of the woods, tears welling up in her eyes.

She walked more quickly each step of the way.

She could not fail Everett and needed to find someone to help him as soon as possible.

She didn't know how far she'd walked until she felt her legs go numb. Before long, she saw several cars parked at the edge of the woods.

"Dr. Sherman!"

Everett's assistant spotted the person approaching and ran to provide help.

This was the person his boss had put his life on the line to break in and rescue, and she shouldn't be ignored.

"Save Everett." Melissa had no time to consider anything else and kept repeating, "Save him. He's in danger!"

"Dr. Sherman, don't worry. Mr. Mayfield has a tracker on his body. A few bodyguards are searching for him now. However, most bodyguards have gone searching for you there."

Most bodyguards were searching for her...

Melissa felt anguish, and her heart was pounding.

No matter how much she wanted to avoid Everett, it seemed that she and Everett were unable to end their relationship completely...

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"Dr. Sherman? Dr. Sherman?" the assistant shouted twice and opened the door. "Mr. Mayfield asked us to take you to the hospital as soon as we found you. He told us not to wait for him."

"What?"

Melissa frowned. Her vision seemed blurry. Her legs gave away, and she eventually fainted.

When Melissa opened her eyes, she saw a white ceiling.

Her throat was dry. She was thirsty.

Melissa didn't have the time to look around. Her throat was sore, and she could barely speak.

"You are awake." Everett's assistant quickly stood up and handed her a glass of water. "Please drink some water first."

Melissa gulped down the entire glass of water and felt a little better.

She looked around the posh ward and tried speaking. "I... how did I..."

But she couldn't finish a sentence because her throat was still so sore. Melissa eventually gave up.

The assistant was smart. He handed her another glass of water and explained, "You fainted when you walked out of the woods, so I brought you to the hospital. You've been sleeping all day long."

"All day long?" Melissa croaked.

She suddenly remembered Everett resolutely leaving last night. She felt a pang in her chest and opened her mouth to speak again.

"Mr. Mayfield is fine." The assistant understood her concern. "But... He was injured. And the previous wounds reopened,

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which worsened his condition. He is still in a coma."

The words hit Melissa like a ton of bricks.

She struggled to get up, but the assistant gently pushed her back to the bed.

"Dr. Sherman, you better take good care of yourself first. If Mr. Mayfield sees you're hurt, he will feel bad about it."

He sighed. He sensed that his boss and Melissa were in love.

But something seemed to stop them from getting together.

Perhaps her traumatic experience in the past was stopping her from getting closer to Mayfield.

Melissa sighed and looked at the white ceiling above. Her heart sank. She couldn't forget what happened last night.

Just then, she heard a scream at the door.

"Dr. Sherman, you're finally awake."

Leilany ran into the room. She was in tears because she was too worried about Melissa. But she was thrilled to see that Melissa was awake.

"I got so worried about you after you went missing. I saw your work card in our emergency room and called the police. But they didn't accept it. They asked me to wait for 24 hours before reporting the case.

Are you hungry? I'll buy you some food. Would you like to have a banana? It might give you some energy." Leilany kept ranting emotionally.

Melissa was in a better mood. Considering her throat, she slowly said, "It doesn't matter. I'll go and buy some porridge later."

"Dr. Sherman, what happened to your throat?" Leilany frowned. "Stop talking. I'll go and get some porridge for you. Rest well. Don't move."

She immediately sprinted out, leaving no chance for Melissa to speak.

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Melissa shook her head helplessly. The truth was, she couldn't even bring herself to stand.

She had been panicking during the crisis. The adrenaline had enabled her to run far. Otherwise, she wouldn't have been able to go that far.

Her voice was hoarse, and she couldn't utter a word. Melissa was too weak, and it would at least take two days for her to recover and stand properly.

Just then, the assistant's phone rang. He answered the call and hurriedly walked out.

Melissa was all alone in the ward. She was so bored that she looked around and caught a glimpse of the wooden box on the table. Her eyes widened.

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