

Chapter 372 Escape

The room was small and damp. Weirdly, filthy straw was strewn across the floor.

A dim yellow lamp hung from the low ceiling, providing very little light. Melissa could not see the whole room, and the rocking movements of the ship made the light swing in all directions. It was completely disorientating.

The only thing she was sure of was that the room was in a corner of the ship.

They needed to find something sharp to remove the ropes that tied them.

Melissa crawled around, searching the room inch by inch.

Finally, she spotted a rusty blade.

"Leilany, I found something."

"What? Where?" Leilany stopped trying to climb the window and moved toward Melissa.

She saw the rusty blade half-hidden under the straw.

It gave them hope.

Leilany picked it up without hesitation. "Come on, Melly. Let me see if I can loosen your ropes."

"Okay."

The rusty blade had no handle and was difficult to operate. Leilany tried for a long time before giving up.

Leilany sighed. "It's not like what happens on TV. I can't cut it at all."

"Have a rest. I'll try." Melissa took the blade and tried to work out the



best angle to cut. "The rope isn't very thick. We should be able to break it."

She felt guilty that Leilany was in trouble because of her.

She didn't know when the kidnappers would return, so she worked quickly.

Finally, the rope that bound Leilany's hand broke.

"Wow, at last." Leilany then untied the rope on her feet and stretched her body.

"I haven't been treated like this before. It's awful. If they hadn't outnumbered me, I wouldn't have let them succeed. I would have..." she complained as she untied the ropes to free Melissa.

"Let's get out of here." Melissa stood up.

Fortunately, the door was not locked but only closed.

The area was quiet and remote. It was obvious that no one worked in this part of the ship. At least some of the kidnappers must have known the layout well. Perhaps they'd been working on the ship for a long time.

Melissa peered outside and gestured when she found no one there. "Leilany, come on."

"Right behind you."

The room was below deck.

There were machines and steel structures everywhere.

Eventually, they found a door. While they were discussing whether they should push it open, they heard a voice.

"Boss, the two girls ran away... Okay, I know... I'll find them. I won't let them get out."

Melissa's heart skipped a beat. She pushed the door open and entered a hallway while clutching Leilany's hand.

There were plenty of lights. It seemed to be the secret passage used by staff.

They feared it might lead to a dead end. They didn't know how many accomplices the kidnappers had. If they met one on the way, they would be recaptured.

"Melly, is the passage heading upward?"

"I think so. Don't worry. We need to find a way upstairs," Melissa replied.

She felt sorry for Leilany. Leilany was terrified but pretended to be brave.