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Arielle covered her ears in annoyance as Emily cried loudly, about to leave the basement. Emily grasped onto her waist as she stood, not wanting her to go.

"Arielle, so many people outside are after you now. Where will you go?"

"Anywhere is better than here. I'll surely die from your bickering if I stay here any longer!"

Emily felt regret as she gave her daughter a painful look. "Arielle, I was being stupid, so I agreed with Everett's request to call you out. I was just afraid you'd do something terrible to the two children! If you did kill them, there's no escape now!"

"It was you!" Arielle never thought that it would be her mother who betrayed her. No wonder they found her so quickly. Her anger boiled inside of her, and now she was even more set on escaping this place as soon as possible. "Mom! How could you do this to me?"

"I'm so sorry, Arielle. It's Melissa's fault. If she hadn't appeared, you would have married Everett, and you wouldn't be reduced to what you are now. Arielle, you have to heal your wound. We will get revenge, but you can't leave now!"

Thinking of what Keira said made Howell squeeze his fists together. Maybe she was right. If Melissa stayed, Arielle would never be happy.

"Arielle, if there was someone who wanted to offer you a place to stay and assist you, would you take her offer?"

Arielle took a pause on her tantrum, turning to Howell. "Wait, really? Who is it?"

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"Aloys, can you give me the information on the investigation of the Carter family in Timton?"

Aloys was in a meeting when Melissa called. Seeing that she needed assistance, he abruptly ended the meeting, grabbing the material needed and heading to the hospital.

"This is the information I have on the Carter family. Why did you want this?"

Melissa scanned the paperwork intentionally, the words catching her eye about a senior member of the family, most likely belonging to her great-grandmother's generation.

"Everett told me that the poison in my body originated from Timton, which makes the Carter family a suspect."

Aloys was perplexed. "Aren't you related to the Carter family by blood? Can't you just ask for the antidote, if that's the case?"

Melissa shook her head. "No. My mother didn't get along with the family long ago. If I went to them now, I wouldn't be able to get the medicine, and I'd be in even more danger."

"Yeah, you're right." Aloys felt a frown form on his face. Now that he knew that the poisoning was connected to the Carter family, there was no reason for him to sit idly by.

Suddenly, he spoke. "How about I go for you, to get some information? They won't turn me down, based on my status."

"Well, they wouldn't turn you away, but we can't guarantee they'll give you the antidote. We have no proof it was actually them."

Aloys was not being impulsive. He knew that Melissa was being smart, but he was worried that she would one day be completely paralyzed. "What's the plan, then?"

Melissa looked up at him placidly. "I'm going to go back to the Carter family. I think this elder may be willing to help me."

A few days later, the wound on Melissa's back was mostly healed and they allowed her to be discharged from the hospital. Vivienne visited once, explaining that she should head to the Mayfield family's house to get some rest after everything.

Melissa had no choice but to agree to her suggestion, and so she told

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Leo to drive her to the Mayfield family's house after leaving the hospital.

She felt a pang of disappointment in her heart as she sat in the back seat. She couldn't help the feeling, as Everett had promised to pick her up and bring her home, but failed to show up.

"Mommy! Mommy!"

Her two children rushed to her as she stepped out of the car, and she held them close. Holding their hands, she walked with them toward Johnny and Vivienne.

"Mr. and Mrs. Mayfield. I'm back."



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