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Chapter 281 Her Biological Father

Most specialists would recommend patients to get a transplant—either a bone marrow or a cord blood one—if they met the requirements, as a relapse would most probably be more severe than the first time. If anything went wrong, it was likely that not even a bone marrow transplant would help.

Needless to say, modern medicine was constantly being improved, so nobody had the final answer regarding treatment methods. Nobody dared to claim the methods as either foolproof or unfeasible. In fact, a lot of the doctors tended to leave the outcome up to fate.

Therefore, Selena promptly submitted a request for the hospital to start finding a match for Juniper. When Melissa caught wind of the news, she had everyone get tested in an attempt to find a match for Juniper.

After all, the more tests they conducted, the higher the chance in that regard. After everybody was tested, all that remained was to wait for the results. Due to the complexity of the tests, a few days were needed before they could get the results.

When the doctor did his rounds, Selena inquired about the progress of the matching test. Shaking his head, the doctor told her, "Don't worry too much. We have yet to get results." Selena nodded in response, as she knew she was being impatient. On the next instant, the doctor asked, "However, I haven't seen the child's father. Does she not have one?"

Selena's heart sank upon hearing the question, as she had totally forgotten about him, or rather, she had always thought that Juniper had no father. All along, Juniper belonged to her alone, so she was without any other relations. However, she realized at that moment that Juniper's father might come in handy.

"Um, I am not judging you. However, from a purely medical point of view, the patient's siblings are the first choice as donors, as fully compatible transplants have a lower chance of rejection, as well as a higher success rate. The second choice will be to find a full match from the bone marrow bank, but there is a low chance of being able to achieve that.

Besides, there are a lot of people on the bone marrow bank's waiting list, so we won't be considering that option for the time being. Instead, it will be our backup plan. The third option will be a half match from the patient's parents. As the child has half of each parent's genes, the parents will be a half match, but the father's marrow will be preferred for its higher compatibility rate.

Usually, male donors are preferred over female donors, the young over the old, and the children over the parents. I hope you can understand that if you and her father are her only immediate family, we will actually prefer the father as her donor."

After listening to the doctor's explanation, Selena realized all of a sudden how cruel of a joke the whole ordeal was. She wished that she could be a matching donor for Juniper. "Let's discuss it again when we have the results."

"Sure. We might have better options once the results are out." With that, the doctor left.

On the other hand, Juniper was in better spirits while she looked at Selena. "Mom, I miss Mr. Handsome."

When Selena heard that, she caressed Juniper's face while asking, "Why are you missing him all of a sudden?"

"I just miss him. I never got to bid him goodbye when we left. Mom, did you have a fight with him?" Juniper was a sensitive child, and her sensitivity was what pushed her to become so mature.

Heaving a sigh, Selena explained, "We have some bad blood between us, so I don't think we will be getting married. Juniper, I know you like him a lot and had been hoping for him to become your father. Will you blame me for this?" She stared at her daughter as if she wasn't her daughter, but her best friend.

"No, I won't blame you. Mommy, although I have been pushing you to get married, I still wish for your happiness above all."

Without warning, Selena's tears fell. "Thank you, my darling. Thank you for your understanding. Having you is the best thing that has ever happened to me."

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Chapter 282 Lucky Charm

For a long moment, Selena and Juniper gazed at each other, smiling brightly. Fate and its tribulations had bonded them together.

Meanwhile in Astoria, Meredith, who won the Best Actress Award of Silver Fox Awards, had reclaimed her past glory. With numerous requests for her appearance, endorsement and movie acts, she was once again the center of attention. A few of Fowler Group's most important endorsements were also delegated to her, which caused rumors regarding her relationship with Pierre to once again start circulating.

However, the media were only making groundless assumptions, as Meredith never actually talked about that during her interviews. Therefore, the media could only play the guessing game by making bold deductions based on whatever tiny details they could find.

After one particular interview, Meredith allowed herself to be momentarily rid of the perfect smile that she plastered to her face at all times while resting on the sofa, looking exhausted as she took a quick nap.

As silent as possible, Landy draped a rug over her. "Meredith, I don't understand why you just won't disclose your relationship with Pierre to the public when it's basically an open secret. It's just a matter of time that it's revealed, so there's no point in keeping it under wraps, no?"

On the other hand, Meredith heaved a long sigh while opening her eyes. "I sure wish I don't have to keep it a secret, but Pierre…" She never was certain how he felt about her. Although he comforted her as well as gave her a hug when Jameson died, nothing else happened after that.

Aside from getting an immediate reply when she texted him after she won the Best Actress Award, the rest of her texts were ignored just like before. Perhaps it was because he was too busy, or perhaps just like Selena, he harbored some ill feelings toward her after Jameson's death, which didn't help to alter his perception of her at all.

"I do have an idea, but I don't know if it will work," Landy said.

"What is it?" Meredith looked her way.

Cautiously, Landy offered her suggestion. "You gave birth to two sons for Pierre. This is incredible news. Once the media knows about it, it will create pressure for the Fowlers. With public opinion against them, I wonder if the Fowlers would still be able to decline your hand in marriage."

"Absolutely not!" Meredith shut her down immediately. "This is impossible!" She already promised the Fowlers to never reveal anything about her sons, so the public didn't even know of the existence of Joaquin and Jameson. If the matter was ever made known to the public, the Fowlers would know that Meredith was the responsible one, which would definitely result in the Fowlers taking actions against her. Of course, she knew that John was a ruthless man. If it wasn't for Joaquin and Jameson, he might never even acknowledge Meredith. His reaction to the matter alone was enough to get Meredith into much unwanted trouble.

Noticing Meredith's exaggerated response to her suggestion, Landy smiled uneasily. "It's just a suggestion. It's your private matter, so it's up to you to come up with a solution."

By way of switching the topic, Meredith asked, "Landy, have you gotten the lucky charm that I told you to get?"

"Oh, I almost forgot about it." Then, Landy procured from her bag a small red sachet. "This lucky charm was consecrated by the bishop in the Church of Favonius. I heard it's quite potent."

Upon taking the charm from Landy, Meredith hung it around her neck as if it was her life-saver.

"But as you know, you're a public figure, so you're constantly under public scrutiny. The charm might be—"

"Don't you worry. I won't let it be discovered."

"Meredith, I noticed that you haven't been in your best condition, as you have bags under your eyes. You need to get more rest, alright? We still have a tight schedule to follow in the coming days."

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Chapter 283 Test Results

Landy's words resonated with Meredith on a deep level. Lately, she had been constantly dreaming of Jameson calling out to her. The fright she got resulted in sleepless nights during which she would lie down with her eyes open until sunrise.

Therefore, she decided to have Landy acquire a charm to protect her. "I just had a hard time sleeping recently, so you don't have to be alarmed. You can fill up my schedule as much as you like. I'll make sure to cooperate."

"Okay." Landy didn't counter her. However, she did find the fact that Meredith would suddenly ask for a charm odd, as she never was superstitious until recently.

On the other hand, Selena was finally informed by the doctor that the results for the matching test were out. "Doctor, how are the results?"

The doctor showed her all the results of the matching test. "Well, good news, and bad news as well." "Elaborate, please?"

"You aren't a good match." Upon hearing that, Selena's heart sank while she bit her lip in reflex. "How could this be?"

"Normally, the mother would only be a half match with her children, so it never was the best option to begin with. However, the good news is that there is someone who is a better match to Juniper than you."

"Who is it?" she asked anxiously. After sifting through the papers, the doctor handed that particular report to her, after which she checked the name of the tested person—it was Hades. She had no idea that Hades also got tested, as she only reached out to Melissa, Joshua, Ken and Barbie.

"He is the best match among everyone that took the test. From those who aren't related to Juniper by blood, he is the best match there is, so I suppose this is the good news among all the bad news."

Upon hearing that, Selena cast her gaze downward. She would rather the match be with anybody else other than Hades, as it would cause her to get even more entangled with someone as dreadful as Hades.

"To be honest, I still hope that Juniper's biological father can get tested if he's still alive. Since we're talking about a bone marrow transplant, we of course have to pick out the best option. The higher the compatibility rate, the better the outcome, and the child will suffer less in the future."

Somehow, this always comes back to him, she mused.

"By the way, judging from Juniper's condition after taking medications, she seems to be in a good place, so we still have time. Thus, you might even want to consider a cord blood transplant." With that, the doctor handed the reins over to her.

When Selena returned to the ward, Juniper was quietly reading in bed. Her return brought a smile to Juniper's face. "Let me guess; you must have brought with you some good news, haven't you?"

"Yeah." Selena sat down beside the bed before holding Juniper in her arms. "Juniper, the doctor informed me that you're doing well with the medications. Besides, your godfather's marrow turned out to be highly compatible with you, so you have nothing to worry about."

"I knew you must've gotten some good news!" Juniper was smiling sweetly.

"However, the doctor also advised that we should pick out the best option. It might be best if we can get your biological father tested, so I will have to leave for some time. In the meantime, I'll have Miss Melissa and Miss Barbie take care of you, okay?"

With a pout on her face, Juniper stared at her. "Don't we have any other options?"

"We do. The doctor did suggest that I give birth to another baby and use the cord blood for your treatment."

"Will it hurt the baby if we use his or her cord blood?" Juniper was watching her worriedly.

"It won't. When a baby is in its mother's womb, it obtains nutrients through the umbilical cord. After it is born, the cord that is located at the belly button will be severed."

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Chapter 284 Have You Ever Thought of Leaving?

Juniper even lifted her clothes to check on her own belly button. "Wow, Mom! Let's choose to give birth to a baby! Not only will it cure me, but I will also finally get a sibling!"

While observing her innocent smile, Selena couldn't help but give her a pinch on the face. "Then, do you want a brother or a sister?"

"A sister! I want a sister! We can wear pretty dresses together if I have a younger sister! I can also play pretend with her! But I think a brother will be fine too. I will love whoever you give birth to!" The more she spoke, the more excited she got, as evident from the glint of yearning in her eyes.

"Mom, since I used to live in your stomach, I think that having a sibling is such a fateful encounter since he or she will also be living in the same place where I used to live in."

"Indeed." That was especially the case with siblings, as they grew up in the same womb one after the other. "We'll talk about having a baby later on. For now, I will have to go find your biological father."

"Okay! You can go without worries! I will be a good girl!"

When Selena heard that, she nodded, feeling grateful that she had Juniper as her daughter. After that, she didn't dwell any further on the subject of Juniper's biological father, as she knew for sure that Megan couldn't possibly have paired her up with anybody remotely decent. Hence, she wouldn't hold high hopes for him, but neither did she wish for Juniper to have any hopes for him, as they were bound to be disappointed.

Therefore, all Selena hoped for was that he was healthy enough to function as a donor; his current appearance, character and occupation wouldn't matter to them.

Soon, she got in touch with Melissa to discuss the matter, but the latter didn't think it was a wise decision. "Selena, Hades took the test out of his own volition, so you have nothing to worry about. He wouldn't have taken the test if he wasn't willing to be a donor."

There was a moment's pause before Selena asked, "Melissa, have you ever thought of leaving?"

"Leaving?" Melissa wasn't quite sure what she meant.

"Yeah. Leave here so you can get away from such a risky lifestyle that requires you to go on missions that put your life on the line. You can live a normal life by getting married with Joshua and having kids together." There was a serious look on Selena's face when she stared at Melissa.

However, Melissa merely let out an awkward chuckle. "I don't think my current life is bad, considering I've already died once. I no longer fear death. I was brought to the organization when I was ten to be groomed into who I am today. I've been living like this ever since then. Yes, it's a blessing that I get to meet Joshua, but I never thought of giving birth to children, as they're a hassle to deal with."

"That's why you'll never understand a mother's feelings, especially when I managed to push through my life because of Juniper. I do not wish a life of tribulation upon her. I don't care if I am put through all of it, but she shouldn't be as she's far too young.

She should live like a normal child, and I can only give her a normal life if I also live as a normal woman, as a mother." Heaving a sigh, Selena went on to say, "I have no other choice. I no longer wish to be associated with Hades, so I will not reach out to him unless the situation dictates that I absolutely should."

When Melissa heard that, she smiled faintly. "I do not claim to understand your circumstances as a mother, but I will support your decision. Hang in there, Selena. You'll find that man."

Selena nodded resolutely. For now, she would put all thoughts of conceiving another baby aside, as she couldn't possibly do it alone. After leaving Juniper in Melissa's care, she returned to Astoria alone. It was a risky move in itself, as she would be at a disadvantage if John ever found out that she did so. Thus, she returned to Astoria discreetly.

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Chapter 285 Who Is That Man

As soon as she landed, she went to visit Megan in the jail. It had been a month since she was imprisoned after being convicted of intentional tort, which led to her two year sentence. Selena was waiting for her in front of the glass window, only to be taken aback by Megan's tortured look when the latter showed up. Her face lacked its former glow, as if being shrouded in a layer of dark mist. There were also a few burn marks on her left cheek, while her wary eyes darted beneath the fringes of her cropped hair. Her appearance was a stark contrast to back when she was still the daughter-in-law of the Lake Family, which made apparent to Selena that life in prison had taken a toll on her.

However, Selena didn't pity her at all, as she reaped what she sowed by committing multiple atrocious deeds. On the other hand, Megan was also stunned, obviously not expecting Selena's visit. Picking up the handset, Megan held a vicious gaze. "Why are you here? To laugh at me? Selena, while you might have witnessed me at my lowest, you'd better not be too complacent. When I'm released, I'll kill you for sure!"

"Will you be able to come back out, though?" Selena asked indifferently. Her question rendered Megan speechless. Her two-year sentence wasn't that long at all, but neither was it short. With her decadent behavior, it was unlikely for her to earn a commutation, so she could only serve her full sentence. However, she doubted if she would be able to make it out alive. The fact that the Yard had fallen from grace was of no help at all.

"It's all your fault! It's all because of you that I ended up like this! If I die, I'll make sure that I haunt you even in my afterlife!" Megan spat vindictively.

Even with the transparent panel between them, Selena could sense the hatred directed at her oozing out of Megan. "Who's the man you paired me up with?" Selena didn't want to waste time.

Megan's eyes went wide upon hearing the question, nor did she know why Selena asked her that. "Of course I set you up with the ugliest, oldest, and most disgusting man I could find!" Her shrill laugh rang in the room, and it wasn't until the prison officer ordered her to keep quiet that she stopped.

"Megan, tell me the truth. If you do, I might be able to get you out of here." Knowing that Megan would never tell her that easily, she already made preparations to protect herself in the case of Megan's early release.

"Are you serious?" Megan's eyes lit up all of a sudden.

"Of course; I'm a woman of my word. With my current status, it won't take much to bail you out of here." Although she tried to keep a straight face, she couldn't hide the revulsion in her gaze. God knew how reluctant she was to be associated with Megan in any way, but she had to do so for Juniper's sake. "Why are you searching for him all of a sudden? Are you planning on continuing your relationship with him? Hahaha!" Megan burst into laughter yet again. She was no fool; she knew she had to be on her guard when knowing that Selena was searching for that man out of the blue.

Selena hesitated, wondering if she should tell Megan the truth. At that moment, the officer reminded them that it was almost time. "I have my own reasons that are none of your concern! All you have to do is tell me who that man is, and I'll make sure to get you out of here!"

"Sure, I'll tell you as soon as I'm out of here." Apparently no longer in the mood to speak, Megan stood up to head toward the officer.

"Megan, come back here!" Selena bellowed, "Come back!"

The officer quickly stopped her from making more of a scene. "You're in a correctional facility, so please refrain from any form of misconduct! You're required to leave right this instant!"

Due to the fact that Megan had already exited the room, Selena could only leave upon calming down.

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Chapter 286 Life in Prison

The night was devoid of all sound. Nights in prison were especially gloomy and terrifying. While in her sleep, Megan felt someone grabbing on her legs. Just when she opened her eyes, she fell off the bed with a loud thud, which was followed by some giggles. Megan quickly knelt on the floor like a tamed slave.

Meanwhile, a woman who seemed like the leader of a gang sat on her bed with one foot on it while scrutinizing Megan with a smirk on her face. "You sure know your place." Going by the name of Hannah, that woman was the ringleader among the women in prison. She led a gang, and whoever that defied her would be beaten up.

Life in prison was boring and listless. Since they needed to somehow kill time, Megan, who happened to be a little missy, became their target. Ever since she came into jail, she was constantly beaten up and tortured. She was even forced to drink their pee and lick Hannah's shoes. Although she used to defy them, she gave in after being beaten into submission.

"I'm tired. Massage my legs." As soon as Hannah gave her orders, Megan quickly started massaging her legs. She dared not disobey Hannah, as every act of defiance would incur various forms of torture on her.

"You're putting in too much strength!" Hannah kicked her in the chest. Toppling over, Megan didn't regain her senses until a while later. She resumed massaging Hannah's leg upon crawling back to the latter's side, only to be kicked in the chest once again. "Press harder!"

Again and again, she was kicked over by Hannah, but she had to resume massaging Hannah's leg after every kick, while the other women caressed her face and tug on her hair from time to time. Fortunately, Hannah seemed to be tired that day, so she let Megan off the hook without doing much else.

The drama settled down soon after, a dreary silence once again permeating the prison. Megan wept tears of sorrow, wondering how much longer she had to suffer. She was sentenced to two years in prison, but it had only been a little over a month; there was still such a long way to go. She was reminded of Selena, who was her only hope of getting out of prison, as Selena might be able to orchestrate an early release.

However, the man Selena was seeking for was none other than Pierre! Knowledge of the fact that Selena was impregnated by Pierre, as well as the fact that both Joaquin and Jameson were her sons instead of Meredith's, would bring about a great upheaval in the outside world.

Thus, she was concerned for Meredith's safety. With Pierre's methods and Selena's status now, Meredith might very well lose her life. Megan had conflicted feelings regarding the choice, as on one hand lay her freedom, whereas on the other was her sister. After spending the night in contemplation, she put in a request for a visit from her family.

Meanwhile, Selena was driving while pondering if she should go home. Since Pierre's house was beside hers, she wondered how he would react if he saw the house was lit. However, she ended up deciding against it on the grounds that John might target the house if she did. Instead, she came to Jude's house, arriving when the latter was packing up. Her arrival greatly startled Jude. After that, she told Jude of Juniper's condition, as well as her reason for coming back to Astoria in secret.

Jude was worried. "How's Juniper doing?"

"She's not in much danger in the meantime. The medicine she took was effective on her, so we still have ample time."

"That's a relief. Why don't you go to Pierre for help?"

In the end, it was inevitable that they mentioned Pierre, which prompted Selena to clam up.

"He's the most influential figure in the area, after all. On his turf, there's nothing he can't pull off. No matter if you're trying to find Juniper's biological father or whatever else it is that you're trying to do, he can help. Furthermore, getting his support will be the fastest route."

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Chapter 287 You're Such a Fool

Jude of course knew of Selena and Pierre's failed negotiation and proposal, which led to them uncovering each other's secrets.

Selena shook her head with a haggard look on her face. "Of course I know that, but I'm not sure if he'll help me. I have yet to find his son, and we're also antagonistic toward each other. The fact that he didn't capture me is already fortunate enough."

Without warning, Jude gave her a shove on her head. "Why did he not capture you despite knowing that you're a spy? Why did he not reveal your true identity? Why did he choose to rescue you from his father?"

The string of questions had Selena lifting her head before looking at Jude with a blank stare.

"Argh! While you might be smart, you can sometimes be extremely dense! You're a fool when it comes to matters of love!" Jude was extremely upset. "It's because he cares about you! He loves you, so he won't capture you! Besides, this has to do with Juniper, so he'll never sit out of it." With that, she grasped Selena's hands. "Listen to me, dear. Don't give a whit about anything other than your guts. If you feel like you want to be with him, nothing can stop you."

Staring into Jude's resolute gaze, Selena felt extremely grateful and lucky for having a friend like her while she was at her worst.

"Alright, I have to catch a flight. I might be in danger while around you, seeing that John might've already painted a target on my back." After some thought, Jude made a call. "Hello, have you gone to bed? Help me out for a bit."

The manner in which she spoke sounded unfamiliar to Selena. She wasn't sure who Jude was speaking to, but she sounded a little flirty while she did.

"Okay, I'll be giving you an address. You'll be driving to my boy's house."

"Your boy?"

"Oh, I mean Wyatt!"

Selena gawked at Jude with her mouth agape. "Jude, you-"

All of a sudden, Jude started acting proudly. "What? Can't I find myself a boy? Nobody cares for dominant men who bite back all the time anymore! Look at how you've been hurt! Little boys are easier to handle, and they're also both considerate and gentle!"

Seeing her friend acting like that gave Selena goosebumps.

"You can also talk to him about Juniper's condition since he's a doctor and all. Alright, I have a flight to catch. Bye!" After that, Jude left with her luggage in tow.

Without further ado, Selena left for Wyatt's house. Wyatt was already up and about, ready to greet Selena.

"Miss Yard, we meet again!" Wyatt showed her into the house with haste. "Have a seat. I'm sorry but, I didn't get to do any cleaning as I just got her order. This happened all too sudden."

His place was an absolute mess. After he tucked away the magazine and socks on the sofa, he smiled at her gingerly. "Please have a seat." After that, he poured her a glass of water.

"Thank you, Mr. Spencer."

Wyatt was less nervous after settling down with Selena beside him. After Selena divulged to him Juniper's condition, he wore a frown on his face. "The doctor is right. You should be finding the best possible match while looking for a donor, and the child's biological father is currently the best choice.

The second option will be finding a fully compatible match among those who are not biologically related to Juniper, but that's just too hard.

As per your current circumstances, you can conceive another child in order to conduct a cord blood transplant if you have time. If you are short on time, you have to find Juniper's biological father. However, if neither option is viable, you can only turn to the man that you just mentioned."

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Chapter 288 Pierre Fowler on a Wheelchair

Sure enough, everybody had been telling her the same thing. Selena had also been thinking the same. In conclusion, finding Juniper's biological father remains the priority. "I understand. Since everybody has the same opinion on the matter, this seems to be the only way to go." Selena knew by then that she had to acquire from Megan the identity of that man.

"Say, Miss Yard, why didn't you try asking Pierre? You can actually have him help you find a match. Although it's up to fate if you'll find a match, human action also brings about change. With enough tests, we should have hopes of finding a match."

Wyatt didn't know what happened between Selena and Pierre, as Jude wasn't in the habit of bragging. Besides, Jude and Wyatt didn't involve anything aside from romance in their relationship. Feeling slightly awkward about the question, Selena wasn't sure how she should answer that. "Oh, I forgot he's injured."

"Injured?" "Don't you know?" Wyatt stared at Selena with an odd look on his face. "His left leg has a severe fracture."

Halfway through their conversation, Wyatt's phone rang, very much untimely. "Hello, what's the matter? Oh, okay." After hanging up, he had an apologetic look on his face. "I'm sorry, Miss Yard. A few victims from a serial crash are sent to the hospital, so my immediate assistance is required. Well..."

"Oh, it's not a problem at all. You should go." "The bedroom on the left is mine, so you can sleep in the one on the right. I won't have time to show you around, but you can pick out anything that you might need for the night from my items. There's a mart on the first floor, so you can buy anything that you might need there. I'm very sorry, but I have to leave."

"Sure."

After that, Selena was the only one left in the house. She hadn't been able to get a break ever since she got onto the plane to Astoria, so she was in dire need of a relaxing shower and a good night's sleep before continuing the fight tomorrow.

Since she was in another person's house, she wasn't at all at ease. It took her some time to gather up the items she needed for a shower. After that, she had a satisfying shower before coming out of the shower wrapped in a thick towel. Then, she found a hairdryer and started drying her hair, failing to notice the sounds of someone knocking on the door while doing it.

Upon drying her hair, she sat down on the sofa with her phone in hand. She received a clip from Melissa that depicted Juniper making a funny face before giving the camera a kiss and saying, "Mommy. I love you." Relief washed over Selena as she watched the clip.

At that moment, someone was knocking on the door again. Whoever it was seemed to be in a sour mood, as he was in fact banging on the door instead of knocking on it. Putting her phone aside, Selena walked up to the door. "Who is it?"

The moment she opened the door, she was greeted by the sight of Pierre and on a wheelchair! Their meeting happened sooner than she expected, nor did she foresee meeting him in such a manner.

On the other hand, Pierre was also frightened when she opened the door. He had a hard time sleeping, which was why he came to Wyatt's house in search of a drinking buddy, but he didn't expect that Selena would be the one to answer the door. Both of them were momentarily stunned, but Pierre ended up breaking the silence. "Do you think it's alright to let someone on a wheelchair sit out here for such a long time?"

It wasn't until then that Selena stepped aside to allow him passage. With a press on the button on his wheelchair, he entered the house. "Why are you here?"

"I..." Unsure of how to explain herself, Selena ended up telling him the full story. "I came to find Jude. However, she didn't think it's safe to stay at her place, so she sent me to Mr. Spencer's place."

"Right..." After that curt reply, none of them spoke, as neither knew what to say, rendering the atmosphere between them rather awkward.

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Chapter 289 It's Not Like I've Never Seen It

Selena didn't move away from the door, nor did she close it. Even Pierre felt cold when a cool breeze blew past them. "Are you scheming on something by standing there while wrapped in a towel?" If the corridor wasn't empty due to the fact that it was that time of night, she would've already been exposed to public scrutiny.

It wasn't until then that Selena regained her senses and closed the door. She hurried to fetch her clothes, but Pierre said, "Save the trouble. It's not like I've never seen you in your birthday suit anyway."

Yeah, why get hung up on the details when we've already seen each other naked? She silently agreed. Meanwhile, he went around the house in his wheelchair, making an especially close inspection on the bedrooms before deciding that nothing seemed out of place.

"What's wrong with your leg?" Selena finally thought of asking.

However, Pierre thought it was too late for her to ask. "You're only noticing it now." Seeing that she didn't know what to say to that, he squinted his eyes at her. "It's because of a car crash." The short reply was telling, yet at the same time simultaneously excluding all details.

While Selena sat down on the sofa, Pierre turned his wheelchair around to face her. She had her sights on him, but she wasn't sure if she should be saying anything despite the fact that she had an overwhelming amount of things to say. "How's the investigation going regarding Jamie's case?"

No reply came forth from him. The investigation results that turned up weren't the most favorable, for all leads pointed toward Selena. If it wasn't for his full trust in her, he would've already butchered her, as they already had ample proof to incriminate her.

Selena knew the answer after not getting his reply. "I know all the clues you found suggest that I'm guilty."

Pierre stared at her with a piercing gaze that captured every minute shift in her countenance.

"I've already guessed the outcome. This sure is a faux pas." Selena let out a mirthless chuckle. "I'll prove my own innocence, Pierre. I'll also find your son and return him to you. I believe that he's still alive."

"What if you can't find him?"

"If I can't find him..." Holding her tongue, she brooded on the question. Yeah, what if I can't find him? Am I supposed to compensate him by killing myself? No, while I won't mind doing so if I'm alone in this world, I have Juniper, so I can't die. In the end, she realized she didn't have an answer to his question.

"You can give me another son if you can't find Jamie."

"How should I do that?" Startled, she gawked at him as she wasn't quite sure what he meant.

"Isn't it a piece of cake for a woman to conceive?"

Selena was dumbfounded by his suggestion. Does the fact that he wants to have another son with me mean that I still have a chance to be with him? But John hates me, so he would never allow Pierre to marry me. Even if I ruled that out, I won't be able to be with Pierre due to his identity.

Upon noticing that Selena was stupefied, Pierre averted his gaze. "I'm just kidding."

Hearing him say so felt like a stab to her heart. So he was joking after all. How pathetic of me to take it so seriously.

As soon as he saw the look of dejection on her face, he turned around to face the window. There was a full moon that night, which traditionally signified a day of reunion. "You wouldn't be standing here if I didn't trust you."

His words comforted her greatly. So he still trusts me. "There's something that I have to explain. I never betrayed you. Although I did steal and report some of Fowler Group's trade secrets to my higher-ups, I didn't reveal to them any of your personal data. Linda is another spy that my superiors assigned to my flank. Using my name as a guise, she sent all of that information to the higherups through email."

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Chapter 290 Why Would You Need to Cover Yourself Up?

"I never knew about these until a few days ago." Selena wasn't sure why she felt the need to explain herself, but she needed Pierre to know that she never intended to betray him.

"I already guessed as much." He noticed early on that Linda was fishy. Thanks to my incompetent assistant, Niall, he didn't manage to find out anything. However, on second thought, would it have mattered even if Niall did find out something?

Meanwhile, Selena was staring at his back; it was a familiar sight to behold. There was a time when she used to yearn to spend the rest of her life with the man before her, but alas...

"The moon looks beautiful. Aren't you going to check it out?" He extended an invitation.

After a moment's hesitation, she walked up to stand beside him. However, he tugged on her arm, causing her to lose her footing and fall into his embrace. "The view is best over here." Instead of looking at her, he stared out of the window.

She tried to move, but he clamped her down. "Don't move. Otherwise, you might hurt me." Having previously noticed that his leg was injured, she dared not thrash about, but she wondered if it wouldn't be better for his injury if she was up and away from him. With Selena in Pierre's arms, they enjoyed the view together just like that, making for an enjoyable moment.

Or so Pierre thought until he lowered his head to look at her. She was only wrapped in a towel, so from his point of view in their current position, he had a full view of her body, which made him gulp. He missed her like crazy when she was away. Never did I expect myself to miss her so much.

Noting his heated gaze, she hurriedly covered her chest, pulling her towel around her tighter.

"Why bother when I've already seen it all?" With that, he kissed her on the lips. The familiar taste and touch of her body ignited the flames within him as soon as he laid his hands on her.

Selena melted under his kisses. Longing for him, the pain of missing him was etched deep into her bones, which had resurfaced time and again. "Pierre, don't be like this!" She tried to push him away. "I have a favor to ask!"

"We'll talk later."

"I need your help to find Juniper's biological father!"

As if having been electrocuted, he halted in his advances before glaring at her menacingly. "Why are you searching for him?" Pierre had beef with the man who took her virginity. Although he cared not if Selena was a virgin, his flames of rage burned ever so ferociously at the thought of the man that had destroyed his beloved woman.

Selena was intimidated by his stern glare. "I—"

"Speak! Why do you seek him?!" There was a fierceness in his tone. In the face of his anger, she didn't know where to start. She didn't understand why he got riled up. Unfortunately, his phone rang just when Selena wanted to tell him that Juniper was ill, so she swallowed her words, allowing him to pick up the call.

"You'd better have a good reason to call, or you're going to die!" he roared into the phone, incensed.

"I have bad news, President Fowler! Your computer was hacked!"

"What?" His computer was layered with encryptions. Even for top-tier hackers, it should be impossible to hack his computer. There was a lot of confidential

information in his computer, so there would be dire consequences if it ever got hacked.

"President Fowler, please come immediately! The entire company's system is down!"