

## **Trapped 411**

### Chapter 411

Alex's attempt to persuade Evan failed. "Alright, do as you wish. If you're still concerned, observe for two more days."

Evan replied, "It won't make a difference. She doesn't listen to me anymore."

Frustrated, Alex advised, "Evan, if you can't get over her, it's best to be honest with her."

He longed to bring Evan and Caroline back together—their ongoing mutual torment had become exhausting.

Evan slipped into contemplation, ignoring Alex.

On Monday morning, Scott arrived at Caroline's hospital room bearing breakfast.

Coincidentally, Caroline emerged from the bathroom.

Scott greeted her with a warm smile, "Come, have breakfast. I'll assist with your discharge later."

Caroline asked, "Can I really leave? Will the children discover anything?"

Scott handed her a small milk carton with a straw. "No, your injuries are healing rapidly. A few bandages will suffice."

Caroline sighed as she accepted the milk. "Would you like to come home with me to see the kids?"

Scott smiled helplessly and asked, "Do you think I'd allow you to drive home alone?"

Caroline blushed. "Well, I could ask my bodyguard-

Her phone buzzed in her pocket, interrupting her.

It was a text from Axel.

Caroline looked up and said, "Hold on, let me reply first."

Scott nodded. "Sure, go ahead. I'll unpack the food."

Axel: [Mommy, did your business trip go smoothly?]

Caroline was warmed when her child missed her.

Caroline: I can go home tonight. Dear, you miss me, don't you?]

Axel: [Yeah, Mommy. And my new school is close to your company.]

Stunned, she realized she did not know where he had transferred to.

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Caroline: [Which school is it?]

Axel: [Merlin School.]

"Merlin School? Joseph's school? But there should be no kindergarten," she thought.

Caroline was bewildered.

Caroline: [Axel, you're a first grader now?]

Axel: [Yeah, I just got the admission notice. I only told you after I scored full marks in the entrance exam]

Surprise and joy washed over Caroline.

Axel was only five years old and should be studying at kindergarten, yet he gained such good results beyond his level.

Of course, Caroline would be thrilled to see her son so exceptional.

Caroline: [Axel, I'm so proud of you! You're great!]

Axel: [Well, Ty and Lia can do that too. Do you want them to give it a try?]

Axel's suggestion reminded Caroline that Joseph had once mentioned it to her.

Caroline felt she should also send Tyler and Liora for the test. She could see Axel when she drove. the children to and from school if they managed to get in

Caroline: [Okay, I'll bring them to Merlin School this afternoon.]

Axel: [Alright.]

After that, Caroline put her phone down and looked at Scott. “Have you heard of Merlin School, Scott?”

Scott looked up. “That noble school, isn’t it? I heard the students there are Angelbay’s top achievers.”

Caroline beamed. “Yeah, Axel is great. He should be the youngest student there.”

Scott was captivated by her smile. It was the first time he had ever seen her so genuinely happy. Her eyes sparkled brightly.

He smiled back. “Your kids are all exceptional. Let me guess, you’re also thinking about sending Ty and Lia there?”

Caroline blushed as he caught on. “Am I asking too much of them?”

Scott shook his head and reassured her, “No. If they’re willing, they should attend a quality school.”

Chapter 412 I Didn’t Figure Out It Was You

Caroline said, “They can give it a try this afternoon

Scott asked, “You don’t mind having a driver with you, right?”

Caroline replied, “No, not at all. Let’s go together this afternoon”

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Evan checked the votes for the clothes at MK at 10.00 a.m. and then called Joan.

Joan asked indifferently, "I lost, didn't I?"

Evan smiled and reminded her, "Don't forget your promise.

Joan asked, "What do you want me to do?"

Evan said flatly. "I heard you're in Angelbay. I'd like to meet you to discuss this if possible."

Joan replied, "You seem to know a lot about me. I'll text you the restaurant's location. Just come over.

Soon, Evan received a text from Joan and replied: [I'll be there in 15 minutes.]

He then grabbed his coat and left his office.

At the restaurant.

Evan located the private room Joan had mentioned. He opened the door and saw Joan wearing a green shirt and red pants, her makeup heavy, and her hair short.

As their eyes met, both were stunned.

Joan stood up in bewilderment. "Evan?"

Evan narrowed his eyes, and finding his voice took him some time. "Ryann?"

This name unsettled Joan. She glanced at the door behind Evan. "Close the door first."

Evan co

plied and approached the dining table. "Don't worry. No one knows you here."

Joan was serious. "Don't mention that name again."

Evan observed Joan, surprised to discover she was Ryann, his former landlord in Spania. He had

moved there when he was still a university student, driven by his despise of staying at the university's dorms.

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Ryann was a woman who bore the visible signs of abuse every month when she collected his rent. Two years into his stay, police officers had come to question him about Ryann. It turned out she had killed her abusive husband.

After that, Evan never saw her again. Unexpectedly, she had survived and become a top

international designer.

Curiosity painted Evan's face. "So, is Joan your new name after you left prison?"

Joan shrugged. "Isn't it nice?"

Evan smiled. "Yeah, it's quite neutral. People won't recognize you

Resting her chin on her hands, Joan observed Evan. "You've grown up so fast. You're no longer the aloof youth I saw back then"

Evan chuckled. "I'm curious how you managed to get out."

Joan explained, "My mom hired a reliable lawyer, and I won the self-defense case. After leaving prison, I changed my name and reconnected with my former teacher to resume my designing

career."

Enlightened, Evan said, "Congratulations on your comeback"

Joan laughed. "Hey, why did you want to meet me?"

Evan replied, "I want you to be the chief designer for my fashion company."

"Sure," Joan agreed without hesitation, having known Evan for two years and eager to assist his

company.

Evan smiled, adding, "Take on G and help my company rise in the Etes fashion industry again."

This surprised Joan. "G?"

Evan repeated, "G."

Chapter 413 Give It a Try

Joan's smile faded as she averted her gaze and sipped her tea.

“Evan, you’re trying to undermine my apprentice’s company,” Joan angrily remarked

“Well, you could put it that way,” Evan replied, crossing his legs and leaning against the sofa.

Joan pressed, “Give me a reason.”

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“Designers chase fame, while businessmen pursue profits. I’m simply seeking promising opportunities for my company.”

Joan retorted, “It’s fine if you want me to undermine others, but it’s inappropriate to do it to my apprentice.”

“Why’s that?” Evan shot back, “Don’t you have confidence in your apprentice?”

“Evan, I’ve read about you in the news. You know I can’t outtalk you.” Joan found it amusing. “Yes, I can assist your company, but I won’t target my apprentice.”

Evan slowly picked up his glass of water. “You can view this as a test for your apprentice.”

“That’s unnecessary. Everyone can see how talented G is.”

“Don’t you want to see if G can surpass you?”

Joan fell silent, and so did Evan

If Joan continued to refuse, Evan knew that saying more would be meaningless.

After a while, Joan picked up her drink and downed it. She then slammed it down and stated,

Okay, but I have some conditions.”

Evan smiled elegantly. “Go on.”

“I reserve the right to stop at any time, and I can choose where I work.”

Evan replied, “It must be at least for a year.”

He couldn’t agree to her conditions casually, or his efforts would be in vain.

Joan agreed after a brief thought. “And don’t pressure me for designs.”

Evan added, “You must submit a design every two months.”

Joan replied, “No biggie.”

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for the children. She then went to the kindergarten with Scott.

ternoon, Caroline returned to Bayview Villa after getting ready and briefly asking for leave

Upon arriving at the kindergarten, she picked up her children. Their eyes turned red when they saw her, and they rushed into her arms.

“Mommy!” Liora cried out, “You’re finally back. I missed you so much.”

Tyler added, “Mommy, you must never leave without saying goodbye again.”

They hugged Caroline tightly, tears welling up in their eyes.

It pained Caroline to see them like this. She hugged them back and said, “I missed you so much,

too. I promise I’ll let you know in advance next time.”

Liora nudged Caroline gently and looked up with a red nose. ‘Mommy, why did you come to pick us up so early today?’

Caroline wiped away Liora’s tears. “I’m going to take you to see a school.”

Tyler remembered something and asked proudly, “Is it Axel’s school? He told me he got into elementary school.”

Caroline nodded. “Yes. I want you guys to give it a try, too. What do you think?”

Tyler replied, “I’m okay with it.”

However, Liora asked timidly, ‘Mommy, can I do it too? I’m not as smart as my brothers...’

“Well, I think you’re very smart.” Caroline affectionately touched Liora’s nose, making her giggle.

“Okay, I’ll listen to you and give it a try.” Liora said

Tyler chimed in. "I can do it too."

Caroline nodded and got into the car with them.

The children were overjoyed when they saw Scott in the car.

"Papa Wilson!" Liora quickly squirmed into Scott's arms.

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Scott gently stroked Liora's soft hair and asked, "Lia, did you miss me?"

Liora responded with a happy leg sway, saying, "Of course! I missed you so much."

Tyler raised his brows and smiled, catching her in a lie. "But I've never heard you mention Papa

Wilson."

Liora quickly turned and glowered at him. "Tyler, have you never heard of missing someone in

your heart?"

Tyler is so annoying!' she complained inwardly.

Scott found their interaction amusing. "Are you nervous about going to school later?" he asked.

Tyler leaned back calmly. 'No, I'm not, but I'm sure Lia is

Liora snorted. "I'm not such a coward!'

“Who knows?” Tyler replied.

Caroline was helpless while watching the adorable and witty children and felt her earlier worries melt away. She looked away and texted Joseph.

Caroline: [Mr. Gull, are you at the school? I’d like to come and see you with the kids.]

Joseph promptly replied: [Ms. Shenton, could you let me know approximately when you’ll arrive?]

Caroline checked the time.

Caroline: [In about 20 minutes.]

Joseph: [Alright, I’ll wait for you at the school’s entrance.]

In less than 20 minutes, Scott, Caroline, and the children arrived at Merlin School.

Liora’s eyes sparkled as she got out of the car. “Wow, Mommy! This place is so pretty, and it’s so big.”

Caroline smiled as she admired Merlin School’s modern design. It was natural for children to be excited about such a place.

She held Lia’s hand and asked, “Do you like it here, Lia?”

“Absolutely!” Liora nodded enthusiastically. “I really like it”

In contrast, Tyler remained quiet, standing there and studying the gilded words on the school's

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This made Joseph laugh. "Hello, Liora and Tyler. I'm Joseph Gull, the principal of this school."

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Scott shook hands with Joseph. "Hello, I'm Scott Wilson."

Joseph withdrew his hand and turned to Caroline. "Ms. Shenton, if you don't mind, I'll have two teachers conduct a simple assessment of the kids.

Caroline nodded. "Certainly. I trust your judgment.

After exchanging pleasantries, they headed to the teaching building, with Joseph contacting the two teachers on their way.

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Chapter 415 Celebration

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Feeling awkward, she said, "I'm sorry I got distracted by how surprised I was. Mr. Gull, I'll handle the transfer and admission procedures immediately. Please take good care of my kids from now

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"You're welcome. I don't want to miss any smart kids, either," he replied.

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Tyler and Liora were ecstatic. But what about Axel? Did someone celebrate with him? Would Evan take him out for a nice meal?

Kenny reserved a party hall in a children's restaurant for the evening and invited Caroline's close friends. He ensured the venue was cozy, earning deep gratitude from Tyler and Liora.

Being praised, Kenny was as proud as a peacock as he raised his brows at Caroline with his head held high.

Caroline smiled. "Thank you very much. I'm sure you put in a lot of effort to arrange this."

Paige teased Kenny. "Carol, he didn't set this up himself. He hired someone else for it."

Scott handed Kenny a glass of juice. It's already very thoughtful of him, isn't it, Kenny?"

Kenny quickly hugged Scott's arm and exclaimed, "I knew you understood me best, Dr. Wilson.

Paige is so unromantic."

"Yeah, you're right." Paige then turned to Caroline. "Carol, where's your brother?"

Caroline checked her watch. "I guess he's stuck in traffic. Let me go downstairs and call him."

She left the hall and stood by the road to wait for Neil. She was about to call him when his car pulled up in front of her.

Neil got out of the car and walked toward her. "Carol, why are you standing outside?"

While speaking, he took off his coat and placed it on her. "You've just been discharged from the hospital. You can't be out in the wind."

Chapter 416 Let's Greet Them

Caroline chuckled and said, "Neil, don't worry. I'm not that fragile. I just came downstairs to find you since you were taking so long."

Neil affectionately replied, "Could I have lost my way?"

Caroline teasingly said, "Well, who knows for sure?"

Neil countered, "You're sharp as always. Let's head upstairs then."

Caroline agreed, and they moved upstairs.

Meanwhile, Evan observed Caroline and Neil's exchange from his car parked across from them.

Slowly, his fingers clenched on his thighs, and his expression darkened.

Noticing Evan's reaction, Alex glanced at Axel. "Should we go, Axel? We're here."

Axel remained low-spirited but slowly looked up at Alex and replied, "Okay."

Alex slyly looked toward Evan, thinking, "Yes! Evan's getting jealous again."

He led Axel out of the car and acted nonchalant as he spoke. "Evan, let's go. What are you waiting for?"

Evan looked away and reluctantly got out of the car. He silently walked toward the children's restaurant.

Meanwhile, Alex suppressed his smile and guided Axel inside.

Axel stumbled a bit due to Alex's pace and requested, "Mr. Price, please, a bit slower."

Alex stopped and awkwardly smiled. "I'm sorry, Axel. I forgot I'm taller."

Axel knew his legs were too sore to walk fast. Otherwise, he could have easily kept up with Alex

Evan searched for Caroline in the restaurant but couldn't find her until he heard Liora's laughter

from the hall. He narrowed his eyes when he saw the people gathered there.

Alex noticed Caroline and the others, which left him puzzled.

Alex thought, 'Why are Paige and the three men with unclear relationships with Caroline here?'

He approached Evan and said, "Evan, Caroline and Paige are here too! I need to go say hi to Paige."

With that, he scooped up the surprised Axel and headed for the hall, leaving Evan no choice but to follow.

Their sudden entrance silenced the cheerful atmosphere in the hall.

Paige's eyes widened as she asked Alex, "Why are you here?"

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Alex motioned to Axel in his arms and explained, "We brought Axel for dinner but didn't expect to see you guys here. I just came to say hi."

Paige's lips twitched in disbelief at his response.

"Axel!" Liora's excitement caused her to abandon her cake and rush toward Axel.

However, Paige stopped her in her tracks. "Wait, Lia."

Confused, Liora tilted her head but soon realized her mother hadn't agreed to let Evan and the

others join them.

Neil and Evan locked eyes, creating an uncomfortable tension in the room.

Caroline noticed Axel's weight loss and felt sorry, believing he must be unhappy after Evan had taken him away. She got up and approached Alex, inviting him to join them. Her willingness to tolerate Evan's presence was solely to see Axel.

Chapter 417 Stop Bickering

That's exactly what Alex hoped Caroline would say.

He promptly handed Axel to Caroline. 'Sure thing.

Afterward, he approached Paige.

While holding Axel, Caroline shot Evan a distant glare. "Please, take a seat."

Evan glanced at the three men connected to Caroline in some way and scoffed. "Where should I sit?

"What do you mean?" Caroline frowned.

Evan explained, Evan explained, 'Should I sit next to Neil, your current boyfriend, or Kenny, who has a complicated relationship with you? Or maybe next to Scott? Your kids call him Papa Wilson, and he shares an intriguing connection with you?'

His words made Caroline narrow her eyes 'Evan, are you-'

Caroline stopped herself in time and held back her curses. She didn't want to use strong language.

with Axel around.

Kenny pursed his lips in disdain. "Mr. Jordan, forget it if you don't want to join. Why bother?"

His comment earned a cold glare from Evan

Ignoring Kenny, Evan pulled a chair aside and sat down.

Axel gently placed his cold hand on Caroline's "Mommy, just put me down. You'll get tired."

Caroline's injuries hadn't fully healed, and Axel didn't want to be a burden.

Nodding, Caroline set Axel down and asked worriedly, "Axel, do you eat properly?"

Axel weakly forced a smile. "Yes. I just didn't sleep well. Mommy, don't worry."

But Caroline's worry persisted, though she didn't pursue it further because she didn't have his custody.

The siblings soon had fun together, and Caroline returned to sit beside Neil.

Kenny moved closer and sat to Caroline's left, effectively sandwiching her between Neil and himself.

Evan's face turned red at the sight. Suppressing his rage, he mocked, "Hmph! What a harmonious trio!"

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“Mr. Jordan, are you jealous?” Kenny taunted smugly. “But I’m sorry. You can’t join in the fun. Carol is so smart and pretty. Only shortsighted men would dump her!”

“Enough, Kenny!” Caroline intervened.

But Kenny continued. “It’s the truth, isn’t it? Any wise man would see what a gem you are!”

“Kenny is right.” Neil chimed in. His displeasure was evident as he looked at Evan. “Only narrow- minded men fail to see Carol’s beauty.”

Evan’s face twisted with disdain. “Is there something wrong with my questions?”

Neil retorted, “Don’t you find them hurtful?”

Evan refused to back down “Did I hurt Caroline or you?”

“Isn’t that a snide remark directed at everyone here?”

Caroline shouted, “Stop arguing!”

Unfortunately, she couldn’t get them to stop

Evan narrowed his eyes and ignored Caroline. “Isn’t that the reality? Xander, I was wrong about you. Your kids’ mother stays in touch with so many men, yet you seem to get along with them just fine.”

Neil's anger flared. "You have no idea. Stop making baseless accusations."

Evan ridiculed, "I saw it. Isn't that evidence?"

Caroline tried to intervene again. "Can you guys just stop? Evan, can your thoughts alone be considered evidence? Why do you think that way?"

"Eh..." Suddenly, Alex asked, "Caroline, is it your kid's birthday today?"

Caroline felt relieved when Alex stepped in to mediate the situation.

Chapter 418 I Won't Give Up

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"No, we're here to celebrate the kids getting into elementary school," Caroline clarified

"Tyler and Liora skipped a grade, too?" Alex asked, bewildered. "So did Axel"

Paige rolled her eyes. "I don't think it's about you."

Alex countered, "Of course it is. It means Caroline and Evan have strong genes. That's why their

kids are so smart. I need to learn from them for our kids to excel, too."

Paige blushed. "You're shameless."

"Yes," Alex agreed. "I'm planning for our future."

Then, he turned to Neil. “Don’t you think so, Neil?”

Neil suffered in silence while meeting Alex’s gaze. Tyler and Liora are my kids.”

Kenny widened his eyes slowly upon hearing Neil’s statement. ‘Have I missed some gossip? G

pretends with Neil in front of Evan!”

Sensing Kenny’s expression, Alex became suspicious. He wondered if Kenny was unaware of it.

But that couldn’t be...

Kenny was Caroline’s work partner and friend. Surely, he should know about the relationship

between the children and Neil

Alex then looked at Kenny. “You can’t handle your drinks, Kenny. Just stop. Haven’t you learned

from your past experiences?”

Kenny abruptly stared at Alex. “What did you say?

Alex innocently repeated, “I said you can’t handle your drinks.”

“Damn!” Kenny got competitive. ‘You’re saying I can’t drink? Let’s have a one–on–one to see who’s

stronger.”

An idea crossed Alex’s mind. He had to gauge Kenny’s intentions tonight. “Okay, I won’t back down!”

Kenny angrily ordered some wine to challenge Alex.

Caroline immediately glanced at Neil when his argument with Evan was interrupted. "Go look after the kids."

Neil didn't want to argue with Evan on this special day. He simply stood up to go play with the children.

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Paige then handed a glass of wine to Caroline. "Carol, let's have a drink."

Caroline was about to accept it when Scott reminded her, "No, you can't. You've just left the hospital. You need to take care of your injuries."

Caroline blushed as she regained her senses. "Oh, right, I forgot."

Scott then offered Caroline a glass of juice. "Have this. The vitamins will help you recover faster."

"Alright, thanks," Caroline accepted it.

Evan's expression darkened when he noticed how tenderly Caroline spoke to Scott. He wondered

why she was so harsh with him but acted differently with Scott. 1

At the same time, Paige was puzzled by his expression

Hadn't he noticed that Caroline seemed to be close to Scott? Did jealousy make men  
livious?

Half an hour later, Evan's phone suddenly rang

Seeing the unfamiliar number, he stepped outside to take the call.

A hateful voice came through when he answered. "It's me, Casey."

"What do you want?" Evan's face grew cold.

Casey chuckled and explained, "I wanted to let you know that I'm taking Ms. Shenton out for  
dinner tomorrow."

"Casey Jordan!" Evan gritted his teeth. "Don't you dare get near Caroline!"

Evan's reaction only amused Casey further. "Are you nervous or scared? Worried I might make a  
move on her?"

Evan exploded in anger. "Casey, I'm going to have someone teach you a lesson tomorrow."

Chapter 419 We'll See About That

Casey responded calmly. "Shouldn't you ask Ms. Shenton about this before taking any action.  
against me?"

Evan retorted, "I can hit you, and I don't need Caroline's approval!"

"Alright, we'll see about that."

Casey hung up.

Evan clenched his phone tightly, his demeanor turning cold and fierce.

Even though he opposed Caroline, he wouldn't allow anything to happen to her at Casey's hands.

Caroline stood up, stepped out of the hall, and intended to ask a waiter about the restroom's

location when someone suddenly grabbed her wrist. They pulled her into a private room while

she was still dazed

Startled, she gazed up to see Evan's furious face as the door closed behind her. She quickly pulled her hand away and frowned. "Evan, do you have no respect for others?"

"Tell me! What's going on between you and Casey?!" Evan's eyes bore into her with intensity.

Caroline remained composed. "Why should I divulge the details of my relationship with Casey to

you?"

"Caroline, he's even more dangerous than you realize!" Evan controlled his anger.

Caroline chuckled. "Why are you telling me this? Are you afraid Casey might harm me?"

Evan narrowed his eyes. "I just wanted to remind you of how dangerous he can be--"

Caroline cut in, "I don't need that! Please stop meddling in my affairs with others, especially since you don't care whether I live or die."

"Do you insist on staying in contact with Casey?"

"Yes, and please stop being so nosy!" Caroline said firmly.

Evan couldn't believe his ears, and his suppressed anger surged within him. He stared at

Caroline's determined expression and mocked, "It seems like you've developed quite an affinity for him in such a short time."

Caroline sneered. "Can't men and women just be friends?"

Evan's eyes grew colder. "Well, you're the first one who wants to befriend someone like Casey."

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Casey responded calmly. "Shouldn't you ask Ms. Shenton about this before taking any action.

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Evan retorted, "I can hit you, and I don't need Caroline's approval!"

"Alright, we'll see about that."

Casey hung up.

Evan clenched his phone tightly, his demeanor turning cold and fierce.

Even though he opposed Caroline, he wouldn't allow anything to happen to her at Casey's hands.

Caroline stood up, stepped out of the hall, and intended to ask a waiter about the restroom's

location when someone suddenly grabbed her wrist. They pulled her into a private room while

she was still dazed

Startled, she gazed up to see Evan's furious face as the door closed behind her. She quickly pulled her hand away and frowned. "Evan, do you have no respect for others?"

"Tell me! What's going on between you and Casey?!" Evan's eyes bore into her with intensity.

Caroline remained composed. "Why should I divulge the details of my relationship with Casey to you?"

"Caroline, he's even more dangerous than you realize!" Evan controlled his anger.

Caroline chuckled. "Why are you telling me this? Are you afraid Casey might harm me?"

Evan narrowed his eyes. "I just wanted to remind you of how dangerous he can be—"

Caroline cut in, "I don't need that! Please stop meddling in my affairs with others, especially since you don't care whether I live or die."

"Do you insist on staying in contact with Casey?"

"Yes, and please stop being so nosy!" Caroline said firmly.

Evan couldn't believe his ears, and his suppressed anger surged within him. He stared at

Caroline's determined expression and mocked, "It seems like you've developed quite an affinity for him in such a short time."

Caroline sneered. "Can't men and women just be friends?"

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