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Chapter 421 Take Credit

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Since Evan had brought it up to Neil, she no longer worried about discussing it.

Caroline shut the laptop down. "I want to approach Casey..."

Caroline revealed her motive to Neil, but his expression turned sour. "Carol, it's not wrong to prove your innocence, but you know about Casey and what happened to Jamie."

"The riskier it is, the better chance I have to

ther evidence. Since Casey intends to seek revenge

on Evan, he'll surely prioritize me."

Neil asked, "Have you thought this through? You might end up in a tough spot if you go ahead."

Caroline smiled wryly. "How can you achieve significant goals without taking risks?"

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Neil sighed. "Promise be extra cautious around Casey, especially with the food."

Caroline nodded. "Don't worry. I've got it covered."

The next day, Caroline went to the kindergarten to handle the transfer procedures and finished. before late morning.

Enrolling the kids was a breeze with Joseph's assistance, and they could officially attend class

tomorrow.

Caroline brought gifts to Joseph's office.

Joseph was touched by Caroline's gesture and welcomed her. "What's this, Ms. Shenton?"

Caroline placed the gifts on the coffee table. "Mr. Gull, thank you for admitting my children to your school. This is a small token of my gratitude."

Joseph declined politely, saying, "It's an honor to have your exceptional children here."

Caroline smiled. "Honestly, I have another favor to ask, Mi. Gull."

Joseph asked, "Do you want all three children in the same class?"

Caroline nodded. "Our family situation is complicated, and I won't burden you with details. I hope you can agree, Mr. Gull."

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Joseph pushed the gifts back to Caroline. "I intended to do so even without your request, Ms. Shenton. They're your children, and I'll place them together. But I can't accept these gifts. I haven't properly thanked you for your help with my father's matter."

Caroline reassured him, "It was a small task. You needn't worry."

“It’s equally simple for me to put them in the same class. Will you be sending them here tomorrow?”
Joseph inquired,

Caroline nodded.

Joseph added, “Our school will arrange a doctor’s visit for the children tomorrow afternoon.

Caroline said, “Certainly. Thank you for this, Mr. Gull.”

In the afternoon, Caroline hurried to the factory following Naomi’s directions.

Kenny was finalizing arrangements for the factory.

After he finished discussing with the workers, Caroline asked, “How are preparations going,

Kenny?”

Kenny was relieved to see Caroline. “You’re finally back. Staff planning is nearly done. You can

terminate the factory lease tomorrow, and production will continue here smoothly without

aflecting sales.”

Caroline glanced at the new factory. “The facility looks great.”

“I visited the Bureau of Land Management earlier and secured a plot of land! Although it’s not as

large as the leased factory, it’ll suffice!”

Caroline was surprised. "When did you arrange this?"

"A few days ago, I thought it would be best to get it done. The factory's safety margin is higher than expected!"

Kenny proudly waited for Caroline's approval.

Caroline chuckled. "Still eager to claim credit, VP?"

Chapter 422 Deal With Evan

"Hey! I'm doing this for you, you know. I wouldn't do it for anyone else," Kenny grumbled.

"If that's the case, I should thank you. Here, I'll--"

But before Caroline could finish her sentence, she received a text message. She glance saw that it was from Casey, who was asking her out for dinner tonight.

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Caroline couldn't help but smirk to herself. 'Is he feeling better or in a hurry to strategize on how to deal with Evan?"

Noticing Caroline's strange expression, Kenny asked, "What's bothering you, G? Why do you look displeased?"

Caroline put her phone away. "Oh, it's nothing, just some work stuff. Can I order dinner for you.

tonight?”

Kenny nodded. “Sure, have it delivered to the house, and don’t forget the kids Go ahead if you have work to do. I still have some briefings to complete here.”

Caroline replied, “Alright, see you tonight.”

“Sure.”

After leaving the factory, Caroline sat in her car. She took out her phone to respond to Casey’s text message.

Caroline: [I don’t go out for dinner without a reason.]

Casey: [And what would be a good reason? Shall we discuss how to handle him?]

Caroline: [And if we don’t?]

Casey: [In your opinion, what’s the best way to get back at someone?]

Caroline sneered, thinking. Would I even be considering this if I knew?’

Casey: [The most effective way to deal with someone is to undermine their rationality and watch them suffer.]

Caroline: [How does that relate to our dinner...]

She paused, a thought occurring to her. She deleted the text and typed again.

Caroline: [You told Evan we're having dinner together, right?]

Casey: [You're quite sharp, Ms. Shenton]

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Caroline: [Are you so confident I'll agree to come?]

Casey: [Unless you don't want to get back at him.]

At this point, it didn't matter whether Caroline accepted. Evan would likely show up if she went, and things could get ugly. If she intervened, Casey would gloat. If she didn't, Evan would face

Draco's wrath when he found out.

On the other hand, refusing Casey's dinner invitation would raise suspicions.

Caroline reluctantly decided to use this opportunity to make Evan suffer.

She thought it through and realized she had no choice but to accept Casey's initial test. She remembered how Evan had refused to help her when she needed it, so she didn't need to worry about his feelings now.

Caroline: [Send me the time and address.]

Casey promptly sent the restaurant's address with the time set at 6.00 p.m.

Caroline sat in front of her dressing table while her two children leaned against the door frame,

looking puzzled

"Where's Mommy going? She's putting on makeup," Liora asked.

Tyler lowered his gaze and patted Liora's head. "Do you even need to ask? Mommy's definitely

going on a date.

"A date?" Liora smoothed her hair. "Is she getting us a new daddy?"

Tyler said, "As long as she's happy, I'm okay with it. What about you?"

Liora said, "I'm a mommy's girl. Whatever she decides, I'm good with!"

"Am I a mommy's boy? Tyler wondered to himself.

He straightened up and said, "Keep watching. I'm going back to the room." Liora quickly caught up to him. "I have something to ask you, Tyler

Chapter 423 Have We Failed?

Tyler halted his steps. "What's wrong?"

Liora glanced at Caroline before hurriedly leading Tyler back to the bedroom and shutting the door.

“Have you noticed something strange about Axel, Ty?” Liora asked.

Tyler had noticed it, too.

“Axel looked awfully thin and seemed exhausted when I played with him last night,” Tyler remarked, his brow furrowing.

Liora nodded. “Exactly! I think Axel might be sick.”

“Don’t jump to conclusions. It could be because he’s struggling with the constant changes in his living situation, Tyler scolded.

“What should we do then?” Liora blinked anxiously. “Oh, I know! Do you think we can talk to scumbag Daddy about it?”

Tyler asked, “How do you plan to approach him?”

“We’ll send him a text asking if we can take care of Axel!”

“Do you think it’s that simple?”

“Just ask! I want Axel to come back because it’s painful to see him wasting away.” Liora was sad. Axel must be so lonely.”

Tyler couldn’t bear to see tears welling up in Liora’s eyes. He wiped her tears away and said, Please don’t cry. You look ugly when you do.”

Liora retorted, “Mommy must have adopted you, you rascal!”

Tyler smirked, picked up his phone, and said, "I'll send the message."

Liora grabbed his arm and playfully bit him.

Tyler quickly pulled his arm back and feigned annoyance. "Do you still want me to send that message?"

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Liora chuckled and wiped Tyler's arm. "Hurry, Tyler!"

Tyler found Evan's number and sent a text message.

Tyler: [This is Tyler Shenton. I noticed that Axel hasn't been looking well lately. Can we bring him back to Bayview Villa?]

Meanwhile, in another location.

Evan received Tyler's text during a meeting. He checked his phone, frowned, and replied with at

curt "No".

He tossed his phone onto the table, annoyed.

'How did the boy get my number? Can he really text me? Maybe Caroline put them up to this.

Trying to get Axel back? That won't happen!" he thought.

Tyler anticipated the rejection, so he fired back with: [You're a terrible father.]

Evan appeared agitated when he received the new message but couldn't resist checking his phone. He sneered as he read the text. I'm a terrible father?"

Evan: [You don't get to decide where my son should be]

Tyler: [That's why you're a terrible father. You never consider Axel's feelings—you dictate everything he does.]

Evan: [Your taunts won't work on me.]

Tyler: [I'm just stating the truth. Haven't you noticed Axel's declining health and weight loss?]

Evan fell silent. Axel had lost weight recently, but he attributed it to Axel's claims of having a poor appetite. Thus, he hadn't taken him to see a doctor. Maybe it was time to reconsider.

Evan: [I'll take care of him.]

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Caroline smiled. “Thank you, Lia. I’m heading out. Be good. Uncle Kenny will be back soon.”

Liora smiled back. "Don't worry, Mommy. I know what you're up to. Tyler and I will behave."

Caroline was surprised. "Have you become more observant, Lia?"

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Casey remained silent for a moment. "I might not make it in time."

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Daniella gripped her dress hem tightly, forcing a rigid smile. "I see. Well, we can plan for another

time." a

Casey said, "Sure, I should get going. I don't want to keep her waiting."

Daniella wanted to ask if Caroline was indeed his date, but she knew Casey would not appreciate the question.

With great effort, Daniella composed herself. "Alright then, bye."

"Goodbye"

After hanging up, Daniella quickly got up. She needed to investigate the situation at Luxe Dining

and figure out a plan to get to Casey before Caroline did.

At 6:00 p.m., Caroline arrived at the private room and found Casey already seated inside.

Casey's heart raced as he saw Caroline in a white dress, recalling a vivid memory of riding Jamie

while she wore a similar dress. The erotic image excited him.

Suppressing his urge, Casey put on a fake smile. "You look stunning, Ms. Shenton."

Caroline smiled and locked eyes with Casey as she sat across from him. "Thank you for the compliment."

Casey motioned to the menu. "Feel free to order anything you like, Ms. Shenton."

Caroline was in no mood for formalities. "I can afford this place on my own."

Casey paused, reaching for the menu. "I apologize for forgetting that you're a business owner."

Caroline got straight to the point. "Let's discuss the important matter. Do you think Evan will show up?"

Casey pushed the menu toward her. "How about we make a wager, Ms. Shenton?"

"A bet on Evan's attendance?"

“Yes.”

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The waitress looked at the private room and then at Daniella. “Miss, do you know the guests inside? Would you like me to open the door?”

“It’s fine! I’m taking the private room next door,” Daniella said impatiently.

The waitress nodded. “Alright.”

As Daniella walked into the private room, she overheard their soft conversation mentioning Evan and stopped in her tracks.

‘Evan! If Evan were to show up now, he’d disrupt the dinner, right?’ she thought.

Daniella quickly grabbed her phone, opened an app, and texted Evan from an unknown number.

[Caroline and Casey are having dinner together at Luxe Dining.]

Reuben stopped the car in front of Villa Rosa, but Evan didn’t get out. He was about to ask when Evan spoke coldly. “Find out why Casey asked Caroline out.”

Reuben replied, “Certainly.”

Just as Evan was about to exit the car, his phone rang. He saw a text message from an unknown number. His pupils constricted, and a chill washed over him as he read the message.

Reuben was about to ask, but Evan commanded, “To Luxe Dining!”

“Of course, Mr. Jordan.”

Ten minutes later, Reuben parked the car in front of Luxe Dining.

Evan stared at the restaurant solemnly. He hadn't expected Casey to choose a location so close to Villa Rosa.

Is it so I can rush over easily? Evan wondered as he entered the restaurant, with Reuben closely following.

The waitress hurried over but was stopped by Reuben. “We're looking for someone,” he said. The waitress remained silent, intimidated by the handsome man's imposing presence.

Chapter 426 Can't Ignore This

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Evan was just about to look when he saw a waitress open the door to a private room carrying a serving tray. Caroline and Casey were sitting inside!

Evan approached with a stern expression, and Reuben quickly cautioned, “Don't get yourself hurt because of these people, Mr. Jordan!”

He opened the door that the waitress had just closed.

As he entered the private room, Caroline and Casey turned their attention to him.

Caroline looked slightly surprised and asked, “How did you find us so quickly?”

Casey briefly assumed a scheming expression when Evan showed up and commented, “He showed up just as expected”

Casey couldn't help but feel excited to see Evan's angry expression.

"You're here, Evan-" Before Casey could finish his sentence, Evan grabbed him by the collar and

lifted him.

"You're going to get yourself killed, Casey!" Evan's eyes were filled with rage.

Noticing Evan was about to fight, Caroline hastily called out, "Stop it, Evan!"

Evan's fist hung in the air due to her remark. He glared at her and said, "Shut up!"

Caroline felt stifled by Evan's uncontrolled emotions. She clenched her fists, ignoring the pain as

her nails dug into her skin. She had come this far and couldn't afford to care about Evan.

"Why should I shut up? You're the one who disturbed our date! Why don't I have the right to speak?"

*Caroline retorted with feigned anger.

Evan's eyes betrayed a mix of anger and disappointment. "Are you helping him?"

"Yes! He's my friend!" Caroline said with determination.

Evan appeared hurt. 'She's actually defending Casey. Despite my warnings and knowledge of my mother's unforeseen incident, she has befriended a person like him.

"Don't do this, Evan. You're scaring Ms. Shenton."

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Casey's remark intensified Evan's anger, and he punched Casey's face.

"Have you lost your mind, Evan?" Caroline stood up to run to Casey's aid.

Evan refused to let Caroline have the chance to show concern for Casey. He clutched her arm and violently pulled her out of the private room.

"Let go of me, Evan!" Caroline struggled frantically, but Evan only tightened his grip.

Inside the private room, Casey licked the blood from his lips. He wondered, 'My dear brother is infuriated, right? Is there jealousy as well?

He felt triumphant—Evan's anger pleased him immensely. He even contemplated whether Evan wanted to kill him out of sheer hatred.

Casey laughed while lying on the floor. The rush of blood excited him to the point of losing his mind.

"Casey!" Suddenly, Daniella's terrified voice echoed in the room.

Casey's smile vanished at the sound of her voice. He slowly got up with contempt in his eyes, looked at Daniella, who rushed inside, and bitterly asked, "What brought you here?"

With sympathy, Daniella helped Casey. "Are you in pain, Casey?"

He shook his head and wiped his mouth with a napkin. "I'm fine. Don't worry about me."

"No! Let's get you checked at the hospital. We can't ignore this," Daniella insisted.

Casey grabbed Daniella's hand. "I'm tired. I don't want to go to the hospital anymore."

"How about I take you to rest?" Daniella suggested.

Casey's expression remained dull. "Thank you for doing this."

Chapter 428 Abused

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Daniella got out of the bathroom ten minutes later. She approached Casey and kissed his lips. "I'll go back now, Casey."

Casey's expression was gentle. "Be careful. The driver is waiting downstairs."

Daniella nodded

The driver informed him a few minutes later that Daniella had already gotten into the car.

Meanwhile, someone knocked on the door

Casey got up and opened the door.

A sexily dressed woman, Kitty, with vibrant red lips, stood outside and asked shyly, "Sir, did you request room service?", "Did you order room service, sir?"

Casey turned sideways. "Come in."

He grabbed her hair and flung her to the sofa ferociously not long after.

Kitty covered the painful spot on her head and turned anxiously. "You..."

Casey had been concealing a sense of madness in his eyes for a while now. It was as if a fierce beast was ready to burst out from within him.

He approached Kitty and commanded sternly, "Turn around!"

Kitty stood up shakily in preparation to run, yet Casey pulled her back once again. He clutched Kitty's throat from behind and exuded a sinister presence. "Can you understand what I'm saying?"

Kitty was choked up and suffocating. "I... do..."

Kitty lay face-down on the sofa swiftly.

Casey grabbed Kitty's bosom and penetrated her.

Casey behaved completely differently from when he was with Daniella earlier. His facial features were distorted from arousal, and he constantly moaned in pleasure.

"Turn around!"

Kitty turned around shakily.

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Unfortunately, she did not expect Casey to slap her.

The slap stunned her, yet Casey pulled her hair and flung her heavily to the coffee table.

“Please don’t hit me anymore, sir!”

The more Kitty begged for mercy, the more excited he became.

He hit her harder and harder until he saw blood spurting from Kitty’s forehead. He became overwhelmed with emotions.

Casey toyed with Kitty constantly despite her critical condition

He slammed into her body over and over again and abused her cruelly.

At Bayview Villa.

The two children and Kenny eagerly awaited Caroline’s return in the living room.

It was already 10:00 p.m., and Caroline still hadn’t arrived.

In fact, their calls were unanswered.

“Is Mommy in trouble?” Liora anxiously clutched the phone, waiting for updates.

Kenny

reassured her, “Stay calm. I’ll try calling her again.”

Kenny made two more calls and discovered that Caroline’s phone was turned off.

“Fuck” Kenny couldn’t help but curse. “Tyler, did your mom mention where she was going?”

Tyler looked concerned. "She got all dressed up, so I think she's on a date. But I don't know with whom."

Kenny asked, "Have you checked her location?"

Tyler replied, "I could have checked it before her phone went off, but now I can't."

"Damn it!" Kenny muttered in frustration as he dialed Paige's number.

Paige groggily answered, "What's up, Kenny?"

"Is Caroline with you?" Kenny asked urgently.

"No, why? Did something happen?" Paige rubbed her eyes

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Kenny explained, "She went out for dinner and hasn't returned. I've been trying to call her, but her phone is off."

Paige comforted him, "Don't worry. I'll ask Alex to call Evan and see if they're together."

"Okay, please call me back soon."

Paige turned and nudged Alex, who was sleeping beside her.

Alex startled awake and asked, "What's happening?"

Chapter 429 Take the Call Outside

“Call Evan to check if Carol is with him.” Paige said.

Alex nodded, grabbed his phone, and dialed Evan’s number.

Unfortunately, Evan’s phone was also switched off.

Alex handed the phone to Paige. “His phone is off. Any idea what’s going on?”

Paige rolled her eyes at Alex. “You were sleeping like a log. How would you know if something happened?”

Alex felt a bit hurt. “I slept with you because I saw you were asleep and didn’t want to wake you.”

Paige grunted. “Do you think Evan and Carol are together? Their phones are off.”

“Is Caroline missing?” Alex perked up.

Paige nodded with concern. “Her phone is off, too. Do you have Reuben’s number? Maybe he knows something.”

“Sure, I’ll give it a try.” Alex then called Reuben.

Reuben answered quickly.

“Reuben, is Evan with Caroline?” Alex inquired.

Reuben glanced around awkwardly and at the onlookers. “Well, they’re...”

His face turned bright red. It had been a while since he stood alone by the roadside.

Alex couldn't resist prying. "What's going on? And why are their phones off?"

Reuben looked troubled. "Mr. Price, it's not appropriate for me to explain. You know..."

Alex raised an eyebrow and glanced at Paige,

Paige's jaw dropped in shock.

Alex and Reuben quickly ended the call.

Paige wondered aloud, "How on earth are Carol and Evan together?"

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Alex hugged Paige. "Isn't it a good thing they're together? We can get married in the future, just like them: Double dates can be fun!"

Paige playfully punched Alex's chest. "Shameless. I still haven't forgiven you!"

"Okay, okay, you're the boss. But have you gained weight recently, Paige?"

Paige was about to call Kenny when Alex said that. She glared at him. "Who are you calling fat?"

Alex replied seriously, "I'm just being honest. You've put on a little weight in your arms and waist."

"Shut up! I'm starting a diet tomorrow! Paige threw a pillow at Alex.

Alex laughed. "Okay, I was just teasing. Chubby is cute. Call Kenny first."

“Fine, I’ll let you off the hook this time.” Paige angrily dialed Kenny’s number.

Kenny answered promptly. “Paige, any news about her?”

Paige replied, “I found her. She’s talking with Evan. Don’t worry, and get the kids to bed early.”

“Damn! She’s with Evan, huh? Then why did she turn off her phone?”

Paige shrugged. “I didn’t ask too much. I just wanted to make sure she’s safe. You shouldn’t press her either.”

“Alright, I’ll get the kids to bed.”

Paige had just hung up when Alex’s phone rang.

The caller ID made him frown. “It’s my mother calling. I’ll take this call outside,”

Paige looked at Alex oddly as he left the bedroom, thinking, Am I that unpresentable that he needs to avoid me during his calls? Or is there something he doesn’t want me to know?”

Curious, Paige slipped out of bed and approached the door discreetly.

She opened the door slightly and overheard Alex speaking on the phone.

“Mom, please don’t blame me for tarnishing your reputation if you do this again. Just send me the address, and I’ll meet them tomorrow.”

Paige furrowed her brow. “Who is Alex meeting? Is it a man or a woman?”

Chapter 430 I’ll Give You a Ride

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Noticing Alex was about to return, Paige quickly lay on the bed and pretended to be asleep. She was eager to discover Alex's plans for tomorrow.

At 11:00 p.m., Caroline came home, utterly exhausted. She went upstairs, entered the bathroom, and switched on the lights, revealing her messy hair, red and swollen eyes, and noticeable love bites on her neck.

Caroline clenched her fists tightly, unable to shake off the memory of Evan's brutal dominance. She knew Evan would be furious about her meeting with Casey, but she never expected things to turn out like this.

Evan had warned her not to see Casey again before she even stepped out of the car. She couldn't undo what was already done.

Caroline still lacked the evidence to prove her innocence and find the person who leaked Jamie's past. How could she give up now? She couldn't let this defeat her.

Suddenly, Kenny's voice echoed through the house. "You're home, G. When are you getting food. for me?"

Caroline panicked and hastily grabbed a towel to cover her neck.

Kenny approached the bathroom door and exclaimed when he saw Caroline, "What's happened to you?"

Caroline looked at him in annoyance. "Speak softly. You'll wake the children."

"What's going on with you?" Kenny observed Caroline with suspicion, his eyes widening in shock. "Did Evan do something to you?"

“Kenny, stop talking! I’ll order food for you,” Caroline snapped.

Kenny continued to rage. “Damn it! I knew something was off when I found out you were with him! Did he hurt you, or worse? I’m going to confront him!”

Caroline was troubled. “Please, keep quiet.”

Kenny said, “I can, but how can I ignore this? You’re in this state now. I can’t just let it go.”

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Caroline sighed “So what if you go over now? It’s already done, I’ll handle it myself. Don’t get involved.”

Kenny said. “You should’ve cut ties with that scumbag long ago!”

Caroline admitted. I didn’t plan to see him, but what I did today clearly triggered him ”

She was aware o

of that fact.

Kenny grew exasperated. “Why keep it to yourself? You know you can tell me. I’m not a stranger.”

“You’ll understand when I’ve dealt with it,” Caroline replied, her exhaustion evident.

Kenny couldn’t scold her further after seeing her distress. ‘Fine, I won’t ask more if you don’t want to share. But promise me you’ll protect yourself and stay away from that scumbag, okay? It’s a good thing I’m the one who saw this tonight. The kids would be devastated if they witnessed it.’

Caroline looked down. "I know. Let's order."

"Sure, I'll order while you take a shower. I'll come get you when the food arrives."

The next day, Paige deliberately left for work early and woke Alex before she headed out. "Pug, there's breakfast on the table. I'm off to work."

Alex opened his eyes groggily and started to get up. "I can give you a ride."

"It's alright; you should get more rest," Paige replied as she grabbed her bag. "Goodbye."

Alex said, "Drive safely. Text me if you want some food."

Paige left the house and texted her friend who lived in the same area to swap cars. Her friend

quickly brought the car, and Paige handed over her car key.

Paige got into her friend's car and waited for Alex to leave after her friend drove away with her car.