

Chapter 13

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I can calmly leave the airport. The only luggage I have is in my cabin bag. No one is bothering me I can just leave, so far so good. Outside the airport, a taxi driver stands with a sign. Winter it says! I walk over and open the door, the driver gets in.

"Hi I have received the address, is there any changes?" he says to me.

"No everything is according to plan" I answer him and look out the window remembering the last time I was here.

"Alright! Are you here in business or visiting someone?" he starts to have small talk.

"It is a pure business trip. I am leaving again the day after tomorrow."

"That was a very short business trip," he says and I see him smile in the rear mirror.

"well that is enough time for what I came here to do! I haven't been here for many years, the city has developed" I say and keep looking around, so much has changed and at the same time, everything is so familiar.

"Indeed it has. The latest addition is the highest building in the city. A new company, no one knows what kind of company it is. You can see the building over there." He points with his finger at the large building. The feeling when I see the building is priceless! My company building! I am so close. It is a magnificent building that screams power.

My power!

We arrive downtown and I pay for the cab with cash and step out. The private inn I have booked is just a couple of blocks away and I want to

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walk the last bit. It is 11 pm when I arrive at the inn. I am planning on getting some rest before I get up and visit grandpa in the hospital.

I jolt awake from my sleep by my phone. It is Danny who is calling.

"Hello" I answer it quick

"good morning Bella. Your grandpa is in room 215 at the university hospital, they have visiting ours from 10 a:m to 12:m"

"Thank you, Danny. How far have we come with the transfer of the head office?"

"We are ready to start moving the big parts next month" I smile and think about the new building.

"Alright. Call me if there are any problems. My flight leaves tomorrow at 9 a:m. I will be back before night."

"keep your phone on Bella. If I find anything alarming when you are over there I call. So answer your phone and stay safe"

"I will. Thank you, Danny" I hang up the phone and look at the time, it's 9:am. I get off the bed and quickly take a shower, it's just one hour left before visiting ours starts.

I need to find a flower shop before!

When I am dressed, I put on the red wig and my hat. Luckily it is sunny outside so it doesn't look strange with sunglasses and a hat on. Walking out of my room and head for the exit of the inn. I can't eat anything, my stomach is upside down I'm so nervous. Will I recognize grandpa after all these years? What kind of illness did he get? The mail I received seven days ago revealed nothing more than he is gravely ill. 1

I found a flower shop with ease and bought seven red roses. When Theo sees them he will know I was there. Looking at my watch, it's 10:am

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sharp. And the visiting ours starts now. It takes me twenty minutes to get to the hospital, and ten more minutes I stand outside grandpas room.

My hands are trembling when I push the door open. Walking inside I am greeted by a nurse who writes something in a journal. Looking around the room I see grandpa is asleep on the bed, he looks the same as I remember! Just thinner. I walk closer to his bed and reach out my hand and take his hand, I can't hold back my tears any longer. I am not even trying!

"Are you a relative to Arthur ? " the nurse asks me and I have to take a moment and gather all my strength to answer her.

" Yes I am. Can you tell me what is wrong with him?" I have to know.

"He has stomach cancer, very early found. But he won't agree to any treatment" my mind is stuck on the word cancer before I register what she said.

"Why not?"

"We don't know. He is just mildly anesthetized after an examination. He will wake up within an hour." looking back at him I wish I had come back sooner. 1

"Can I come back later to see him? I am leaving the country tomorrow and I would like to meet him awake once" I look at the nurse with pleading eyes and tears streaming down my cheeks, I can't leave the country without speaking to him. 1

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"Thank you Rose "

"I will fix a vase for you to put those beautiful roses in." she points at the flowers 1

"Is it okay if I leave the roses to you? I need to hurry to an appointment"

"well, of course, don't forget the time tonight"

"thank you Rose , I won't" reaching over the roses to her I quickly give grandpa a kiss on his cheek before I hurry out of the room, my heart beats fast in my chest. I start to head for the stairs, I need to get out of the hospital before I run into someone I know!

When I come down the stairs I see a black sportscar parked outside the entrance where it shouldn't be parked. I get a feeling it's someone I know! My legs start to tremble while I walk as fast as I can. Keeping my head down all the way.