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"Can't you just ignore her?" Kate suggested. "I mean, pretend that you two are just coworkers, look at her as if she's just one of the employees that you don't need to be bothered with." 1

Kate liked Mai a lot. She was sweet, diligent, and also a dedicated employee.

But her major flaw was that she was also temperamental and sometimes she would say things that she would regret later, "I'm not sure if Mai can keep this a secret from Erin. You know that Erin is infuriating, and Mai has a personal vendetta against a woman like Erin."

"I'm afraid that Mai will scream about the whole plan in Erin's face, and everything will be ruined," Kate said.

"Don't worry, Ma'am. I will make sure to keep Mai in check in case she gets too angry at Erin," Michael assured. "I'm unsure if I can continue working on this plan to take down your sister if I'm stuck in a hostile work environment, Ma'am. Mai's disgust over me has affected me tremendously."

"Hostile work environment?" Kate paused for a while, and then she grinned mischievously. "Mr. Eckermann, don't tell me that you're interested



in Mai—AH!" 5

Michael suddenly stepped on the breaks the moment Kate asked if he was interested in Mai. He turned around to talk face to face with Kate, who was still shocked at his reaction in the back of the car, "Ma'am, please refrain from careless assumptions. I am not interested in Mai. I just don't like how she keeps giving me disgusted looks." 3

Kate was shocked when Michael suddenly stopped the car. They were lucky it was midnight, so there were not many cars on the road and there were no cars behind them.

It annoyed her that Michael almost gave her a heart attack, but it also amused her because she was convinced that Michael was interested in Mai.

"Well, if you say so, Mr. Eckermann," Kate sighed. "But I still don't believe you. If you really aren't interested in Mai in any way, then you wouldn't even bother to fix her opinion of you."

Michael gritted his teeth, "So can you help me or not, Mrs. Woods?"

"Alright, alright," Kate sighed. "I will tell her about you and the whole mission. But you have to promise me to always keep her in check in case I'm not with her, because this is the only way for



me to kick my sister out of my life and I won't allow any kind of fuck up."

Michael nodded again. It wasn't hard for him to agree to those terms because this was also a mission given by his boss.

"Alright then, thank you Mrs. Woods. I'm sorry for stopping the car abruptly, your question seriously caught me off guard," Michael said before he stepped on the gas again. "I hope you aren't injured."

Kate curled her lips into a smile as she tried to hold her laughter. Who would've expected a man like Michael to be interested in Mai? 2

'He looks like a very serious and uptight man who wouldn't even bat an eye towards a beautiful woman trying to seduce him, but he's actually interested in Mai?' 1

Kate began to imagine Mai and Michael being together. 1

Mai was even shorter than her, and Michael was as tall as Henry. So Michael and Mai would make a cute couple. 2

'Well, I don't have any objection to it. But I wonder if Michael would be able to melt Mai's heart. That girl might look cute and harmless, but she has a heart of steel. She is tough.' 3



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Michael stopped the car in front of the apartment lobby, "We're here, Ma'am," he said. "Do you know where his apartment is? Don't worry, the door is not locked."

"I know where it is," Kate replied. "After all, I already spent my night with him once in his apartment. Thank you, Michael."

Michael nodded. He waited until Kate entered the elevator. After he was certain that she had entered the elevator, Michael decided to drive away from the apartment building.

He had had enough of Henry and Kate. He needed some time alone after such a difficult day.

"Well, at least I got to talk to Kate about my problem," Michael said. "I just hope that she can actually help me, so Mai won't look at me with disgust. It's too unsettling."

Then his mind returned to that question from Kate.

"Am I interested in Mai?" 4

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"Maybe a little, but I don't think it's any form of romantic interest like she assumes," Michael denied. "She's just so petite and weak, just like a



little bunny. I just want to protect her from any harm, of course, I don't want to be hated by such an innocent bunny."

"This is because I'm a soldier, of course, I have the desire to protect someone who is weaker than me, right?" 4

Michael had already told her Henry's apartment wasn't locked, so Kate simply knocked once and entered the apartment.

She walked into the living room with the view of the sea. She stood in silence for a while, gazing at the stars that shone so beautifully tonight.

She could only sigh as she stood in silence, 'It would be amazing if I could live here with Henry. We can watch the sunset, sunrise, and also the night stars in our solace. We can also do uh... something else before we go to sleep.'

After she was satisfied watching the stars from the living room, she put her bag on the sofa and walked to the bedroom, where Henry said he'd be waiting for her.

"Well, he's probably sleeping right now," Kate thought as he entered the bedroom.

However, much to her surprise, Henry was still wide awake. He had washed his face with cold






water, which seemed to have helped him a bit.

He leaned against his bedpost, putting his hands behind his head, as gazed at the stars from his window.

It looked like he was dazed, probably thinking about his problems. That's why he didn't realize Kate's presence until Kate called out his name, "Henry?"

Henry turned his head and smiled when he saw Kate, "Welcome home, love. Thought it would take you longer to come." 

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