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Leila did not think that Kelvin meant it when he said he won't be in touch but apparently, he did. It's probably the first time they are having a fight and she feels bad about it and about suspecting Tatiana at all.

She did not know that healing Amara came at such a cost for Tatiana, Kelvin must have kept it a secret not to bother her and Tatiana on subsequent visits never acted bitter or showed any resentment for it and it only makes her feel worse about what she insinuated.

She was only trying to point out the obvious but clearly, she overstepped and she regrets it. Kelvin is right, Tatiana is his woman, she is family, she will be on their side, she had no reason to doubt her but is that reason enough for Kelvin to just completely ignore her since that day?

He won't take her calls, won't reply her texts, she even went to his house and apparently he moved to a new apartment a few weeks before they had their fallout and he did not even inform her.

It's the first day of the hearing and Kelvin isn't even here, it hurts, it really does. She's not trying to be a saint but she would not leave him at a time like this no matter how angry she might be.

"Can you reach him?" She asks Bass.

"He's not taking calls but he's told me what to do via email last night. We just have to seek an audience with the judge before the case begins and let him know our situation. I already informed her and the other party as well. It's standard procedure for them to be there, so just let me do the talking," Bass replies, stepping out of the car and Leila follows suit.

Bass may be good at what he does but she will feel more comfortable if



Kelvin was here, he understands her personal history with Carmela, he found Tristan's dead body, he will be able to make a better case in front of the judge.

They follow the back of the court building and find their way to the Judge's office.

Like Bass said, Donald and Carmela are already there, waiting for them to arrive with rather smug looks on their faces and something tells Leila, no, she is certain that Carmela has a hand in the demise of Tristan, it is how exactly that ails her.

"So, let me get this straight, you want another week's adjournment to look into the death of your dead key witness?" Judge Ruth asks, after Bass explains their dilemma to her.

"Yes, your honour," Bass replies with a curt nod.

"Do you agree to this?" Judge Ruth turns her attention to Donald who has not taken his hands off Carmela's hand the whole time as if trying to hold her back from saying or doing something that will cost them.

"We are in disagreement your honour. I'm aware that it is your discretion to grant this delay or not but if their key witness is dead, won't it serve us all better if they just withdraw this case from your court?" Donald replies, glancing at Bass and Leila.

Bass looks at Leila for a decision and Leila shakes her head. She would have only made a fool of herself and Carmela will be the victor if she withdraws the case now, a case she did not even bring forward in the first place.

"We will not do that," Bass replies.



"Then we are in disagreement," Donald shoots back coldly.

Judge Ruth sighs and looks between both parties before settling her eyes on Bass and Leila.

"Do you have another key witness, because if not, the defence may have a point and you will be having saving us all a lot of time wasting."

"We do," Leila replies sharply, hating the victorious smirk on Carmela's face even if she has no clue where or how to get a new witness.

"Then it is decided, you have twenty four hours to present this witness in court. That will be all," Judge Ruth replies.

"We asked for a week your honour," Bass replies, half scowling at Leila for her rash response.

"Twenty four hours," Judge Ruth affirms, waving her hands for them to leave.

"I said let me do the talking," Bass says coldly to Leila when they step out of the office, clearly pissed at her. "We don't have a way out of this now, it's on the official testimony which I can bet Donald is going to make his opening statement with that you hired an assassin to kill the witch. We're fucked."

"I'm sorry," Leila replies, feeling completely out of her own skin.

She is angry, hurt, confused and distracted all at once. There is a mole in her party and it is very disturbing for her since she has such few allies and she cannot even doubt anyone without hurting their feelings.

"It's okay, we just need to find a witness, I suppose. Is there anyone you know that can take the stands for you?"



"I will," Tatum answers, walking up to them. "I'll be your witness."



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