

Chapter 225

Leila turns to look at the big wall clock hanging at the entrance of the courtroom with her heart racing.

It's the day of the trial and the opening statements have already been made by both parties. They are supposed to call Tatum on the stands now to give his testimony but he hasn't returned yet from wherever he went to search for Kelvin.

They spoke last night on the phone and he promised to be here early but she cannot even reach him now, not even through the mindlink.

"Your honour, if the prosecution does not have a witness to present as they claim, you should save us all the trouble. Their accusation was baseless from the start, a waste of time. I implore the court to kick this case out," Donald stands up and says with a confident smirk on his face.

"If your witness is not here in the next ten minutes, you will leave me no choice, Barrister Bass," Judge Ruth says calmly but her words create a storm of horror in Leila.

She shakes her leg in trepidation, fiddling with her fingers, feeling worried for Kelvin and surprisingly for Tatum as well.

They should both be safe, she doesn't like the feeling she is getting.

Ten minutes go by painfully and Leila purses her lip and hangs her head as Judge Ruth raises her gavel. "In the absence of a witness from the prosecution, this court hereby dis—"

"I'm here," Tatum's voice reaches Leila's ear and a huge sigh of relief escapes her as she turns to see him enter the courtroom but it's not Kelvin with him, it's Tatiana.



"Your honour, you gave ten minutes, I believe that time period has already elapsed," Donald argues, standing to his feet.

"No, I believe there were a few seconds left on the clock. You may take the stand Alpha," Judge Ruth replies.

After taking the oath of truth, led by Bass, Tatum takes the stand.

"Miss Carmela Easton, your ex fiancée is charged with the murder and conspiracy to murder of the old pack witch and you are here to testify to that effect, that indeed she has a hand in it?" Bass asks.

"Yes," Tatum replies sharply, "I have proof from tracking her call logs and texts to see she did indeed exchange texts and calls with the assassin who confessed to the murder of the pack witch."

"Can you show this proof to the court? Do you have it in your possession right now?"

"Objection your honour. We cannot ascertain the authenticity of those call logs," Donald barks

"Overruled. The court will determine that after inspection, you may present your evidence," Judge Ruth replies.

Tatum gestures towards Tatiana who is sitting at the far end of the court and she hands a phone to one of the warriors who hands it to Bass who hands it to the judge.

Judge Ruth takes a look at it and sharply looks at Carmela, a cold and judgemental look in her eyes. She flicks her fingers for Donald to come over and she gives him the phone. Donald takes a look and he squints at Carmela, a quick look of shock flashing through his eyes.



"These could all still be forged, your honour, maybe her registered number was cloned. That is a possibility," Donald defends her, despite seeing the backlog of exchanges between Carmela and Tristan, confirming indeed that she not only hired him to kill the witch but also connived to pin it on Leila.

"I have every phone in my house tapped into the cloud for other security reasons and even if the texts are deleted, the cloud keeps them. I wasn't even aware of this until recently. Those exchanges were not forged. She hired the assassin and pinned it on an innocent woman," Tatum says coldly, glaring at Carmela.

"Lies!" Carmela yells. "That exchange is fake."

"Call me a liar one more time and I will have you placed under Alpha command to know if you did it or not, the law be damned," Tatum barks at her.

"You forged it," Carmela voice breaks, "I never contacted Tristan with my phone, I always used a burner."

"So you did contact him?" Judge Ruth says and Tatum smirks while Carmela's mouth falls open, regret coating her eyes as she realises her mistake.

Leila sees how Tatum winks at the judge quickly and something tells her this whole thing was planned from the start to pin the crime on Carmela whether she admitted it or not.

Tatum is really not playing by the rules, he is playing their own game with them, the text exchange could be really fake.

"This court will reconvene in three weeks at which the court will give its



final verdict and the accused is to be moved from house arrest to detainment with immediate effect. Court dismissed," Judge Ruth slams her gavel angrily.

"All rise," the clerk announces as she leaves.

Leila walks up to Tatum but he walks past her briskly, not sparing her a look before he puts his hands over Tatiana's shoulder and they leave the courtroom together. 1



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