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Mitchel had been contemplating this for a while. Lauren broke into tears. She felt she was plummeting into an abyss. "No, Mitchel! | can't live without you!" she shouted hysterically with tears all over her face.

"This isn't up for debate, Lauren." Mitchel lowered his head and added, "If you agree to Live in Swynborough, the business cooperation with the Murray Group will continue. But if you insist on staying in Ardlens, I'll sever all business ties."

Lauren felt trapped in a corner.

The choice was a no-brainer. Her family would force her to abide by Mitchel's terms. "Why, Mitchel? Why are you doing this to me?" Lauren wailed.

"| asked you earlier if there's anything else you're not telling me,"

Mitchel said while looking straight into her eyes.

"Do you really think | haven't found out anything?"

Lauren's heart raced in sheer panic.

Mitchel found out what she had done? No, no fucking way! She had been so careful. Mitchel couldn't have found out. He must only be fishing for information right now.

At this moment, Lauren managed to cool herself down, shaking her head vehemently, and cried, "Mitchel, | never hide anything from you. You know me well. How could | ever lie to you? Why can't you trust me?"

As she remained in denial, Mitchel coldly retorted, “That time | came back from Tenassie, the director of the hospital that examined Raegan is an old friend of your father. And those anonymous photos | received... Want to know who sent those to me? Need I say more?”

Lauren went as white as a sheet. She never expected Mitchel would dig so deep. However, she could never admit it. If she did, that would be the end of everything.

With tears streaming down her face, she clung to Mitchel’s arm and feigned innocence. “| have no idea what you’re talking about. None of this is my doing. You’ve got to trust me. | would never lie to you.”

Mitchel pulled his arm back and backed away from her.

As he listened to Matteo report all of this, Mitchel felt his own disbelief was in no way less than Lauren’s current expression.

Was this the same girl who had fought to save him years ago, lifted his spirits when they were stranded in the water, and urged him to keep going because the world was beautiful?

Luis was right. Mitchel understood he had underestimated how far a woman could go for love. If he did not love her, she might have lost it.

Lauren panicked when she saw the icy look on his face. “It was Jocelyn’s fault, not mine. | had no idea what she did...”

Lauren tried to defend herself.

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Mitchel narrowed his eyes and said in a chilly tone, “Just because | dealt with Jocelyn today doesn’t mean | believe you, Lauren. I’m leaving you some wiggle room.”

Lauren had ruined every ounce of trust he placed in her. The once innocent and pure girl he knew was now gone. Mitchel looked down at her and queried, “Do you want me to keep digging?”

The warmth once present in his eyes was replaced by an arctic chill.

Flustered, Lauren clenched her fists so tightly that her nails dug into her palms.

“Mitchel, you’re misunderstanding. I...”

“Enough,” Mitchel interjected, his patience wearing thin.

“Your surgery is set for next week. You’ll be flying out in three days.”

“Mitchel, how can you be so cruel to me? Is it all because of Raegan?”

She’s fine, and Jocelyn’s already paid the price.” Lauren dropped to the floor, clung to Mitchel’s trousers, and weakly implored, “You can’t do this to me, Mitchel...”

ninjanovel.com With a flick of his leg, Mitchel shook her off and warned, “Raegan is my bottom line.”

His words crashed over Lauren like a tidal wave. For a moment, she was stunned. Bottom line? These two serious words... Did Raegan really mean this much to Mitchel? Raegan was just a bitch! Why her?

Not wanting to linger another second, Mitchel advised, “You should start packing.” Without waiting for her response, he turned to leave.

“Mitchel...” Lauren, in a last-ditch effort, charged forward to grab his hand and, with her face awash in tears, asked, “Are you punishing me for Jocelyn’s mistakes? | know | was wrong. Please don’t leave me... Without you, | would rather die than live on.” Before she could touch his hand, Mitchel recoiled in disgust and strode away.

On the edge of total collapse, Lauren played her final card.

“Mitchel, if you walk out that door, | won’t have the surgery. | swear to God!

I'd rather die than go through with it.”

Arrogant as she ever was, she firmly supposed Mitchel would give in when she threatened him with her life. After all, he still thought she was the one who had saved him years ago.

Mitchel wouldn’t just stand there and watch if she refused to have the surgery, right? But the next second, she knew she was wrong. Mitchel stopped in his tracks and turned to face her.

“You only live once, Lauren. | won't force you to do what you don’t want. But just so you know, with this surgery, my responsibility of taking care of you ends.”

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In other words, whether she had the surgery or not, his decision would not change. “What?” Lauren uttered in shock, her face ghastly pale.

She gazed up at him and stared at the man bathed in moonlight. His good looks were the same, but the warmth she had come to expect was gone.

He was a stranger to her now. Without another word, Mitchel turned and strode away. “No... No!” Lauren cried hysterically.

Unhinged and bordering on madness, she muttered to herself, “This can’t be. Mitchel won't do this to me. He loves me. It’s all because of that wretched Raegan and the baby in her belly!”

With this thought in mind, her eyes darkened with malice, and she clenched her fingers so tightly they drew blood. It must be that Raegan and her baby! How Lauren wished she could skin them all! Beep. Suddenly, her phone on the table buzzed to life.

Lauren crawled over and picked it up. She did not even wait for the person on the other end to speak and went straight to the point.

“Change of plan. Show no mercy.”

After disconnecting the call, a malicious grin stretched across her face.

Lauren swore to herself that Mitchel could only be hers and hers alone. That bitch Raegan... Her days were numbered!

Meanwhile, in the hospital, Raegan found herself confined to her ward, trailed by attendants wherever she went. The constant supervision made her lose interest in leaving her room, so she went to bed early.

She usually shut off the air conditioner before bed. However, the room seemed colder than usual, so she opted not to.

In the dead of night, she sensed what felt like a warm “furnace” next to her. It was warm and comfortable. In addition, it even had a pleasant scent.

She turned over, snuggled close to this furnace, and fell into a deep sleep.

Meanwhile, Mitchel froze and tried his best not to move a muscle.

But Raegan was restless. Her hands roved here and there, igniting a fire within him.

There was nothing he could do but grasp her wandering hand to keep her from touching him in places she should not. But the next moment, she accidentally nuzzled her lips against his Adam's apple.

Her soft lips brushed against his most sensitive area, and he tensed up almost instantly.

That was the last place that she should touch because it made him turn on immediately.

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A cold sweat broke out on Mitchel's forehead, and he almost lost control.

The temptation to give in to desire was overwhelming. Thankfully, he still had some self-restraint left. Well, Raegan was pregnant and could not have sex very often.

If he woke her now, who knows how long she would be up? He could not let her lose sleep.

Although begrudgingly, he waited out the temptation and did not succumb to slumber until the first rays of dawn crept through the window.

As the room brightened, Raegan stretched lazily and enjoyed the feel of the "furnace" beside her.
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But the next second, she realized that something was wrong. She sensed muscles.

She jolted awake, turned around, and found herself enveloped in Mitchel's arms.

What on earth?

Raegan jumped up and kicked Mitchel, who was asleep, right off the bed.

Mitchel landed on the floor with a heavy thud.

Aman's morning mood was particularly erratic, especially after being touched all night long by the woman he was attracted to. Needless to say, he had not slept well.

Mitchel sprang back onto the bed in a flash, pinning her arms down, and smiled slyly. "Raegan, | think you need to be taught a lesson." Raegan was pinned down by Mitchel, unable to move.

Anger welled up inside Raegan when she realized that he'd gone to see Lauren. Again! To vent her anger, she suddenly lifted her head and bit him just as his lips touched hers.

The bite was so hard that his lip bled within seconds.

Mitchel froze. After staring at her for a second, he let out a subtle laugh.

Raegan drew her brows together in confusion. Was he mad or amused?

At this moment, Mitchel's eyebrows arched. The soft light cast a hazy glow on his exquisitely refined face. With the streaks of blood on his Lips, he exuded a mesmerizing and seductive charm that she had only seen in movies.

Realizing that he was slowly pulling her in, Raegan instinctively turned her head away.

Raegan yelled to herself silently, "Don't let that face fool you, Raegan! This man surely uses his face to bewitch you before you realize it!"

"Why are you upset?" Mitchel asked out of the blue.

"Who says I'm upset? | am not!" Raegan was irritated by his presence.

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Mitchel gently bumped his nose against hers. Although it didn't hurt, it was incredibly suggestive. "Bear with me. I'll send Lauren away in three days," he said.

"Whatever."

Raegan rolled her eyes, showing no signs of happiness. She took his words with a pinch of salt.

ALL she had in her mind to say to him was, "Do you even believe a word that comes out of your own mouth? Why do you think I would?"

Her nonchalance made Mitchel feel a dull pain in his heart. He had come here purposely to please her, but she didn't even notice his efforts, let alone appreciate them.

"I'm dead serious this time. As soon as she leaves, we can live happily just Like newlyweds."

Raegan's eyelashes quivered slightly.

She had heard this line numerous times before.

This wasn't the first time he had made this promise. And each time, he broke it and caused her more pain.

She was sick and tired of it. This man couldn't be trusted.

Oblivious to her thoughts, Mitchel lowered his head and gently kissed her eyes, but she turned away before he could go further. He didn't force her. With his hand on her waist, he said softly, "Stay a Little longer with me."

Action spoke louder than words. He assumed all he had to do now was to walk the talk to show that he meant business. ninjanovel.com

Raegan refused, "No. Go sleep somewhere else."

He lowered his head, lightly nibbled on her earlobe, and whispered, "But | want to sleep with you, honey."

These ambiguous words made Raegan feel more trapped than she already was. She shot him a resentful glare.

“What?” Mitchel chuckled, raising a brow.

“Do you want to gobble me up so bad?”

“In your dreams. Let me go!” Raegan tried to move, feeling uncomfortable in his embrace. Mitchel suddenly let out a muffled grunt, followed by a low warning through clenched teeth. “If you don’t want to sleep with me, don’t arouse me.”

Raegan lay still right away, fearing what he would do if she continued moving.

Mitchel seemed genuinely tired. Within minutes, he was snoring softly beside her.

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On the other hand, Raegan had so much on her mind that she couldn’t sleep.

Ten years was a long time, but it had passed in a flash.

It was a decade ago when she fell head over heels in love with this man without thinking twice. At the time, she believed that this love would last forever.

Little did she know that within months her love would be threatened and diminished by Lauren who had Mitchel wrapped around her little finger.

Although she hated playing second fiddle, it would take a great deal of effort for her to stop loving Mitchel. A hint of bitterness flickered in Raegan’s eyes. She knew she would only learn from her failures.

It was drizzling.

Tessa, wearing a hat on top of her coat, was still drenched and disheveled in the old alleyway.

Her job hunt had ended in fruitlessly once again.

The scandalous photos had gotten everywhere. The money Lauren paid her had only been enough for two weeks. Now, she was broke and helpless.

Neither the Lloyd family's residence nor Jacob's place let her in. She was like a pest to them now. Life was hell for her in recent times.

Tessa considered taking out her anger on Raegan. But since she had no one to protect her or even knew of Reagan's whereabouts, she had to give up on the idea for now.

Annoyed, she pushed open the door to her rented apartment.

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The sight that greeted her made her jump. On the bed, a naked man and woman were touching each other.

They looked over when they heard the door open.

"Ah! It's you... Tessa, come on in." Kenia's voice shook, but she had the decency to cover up with the bed sheet at least.

After getting kicked out, Kenia had taken to sleeping around just to pay her bills. There were no high-paying or comfortable men in the ghetto, only rude lowlifes who could barely hold their own.

Kenia enjoyed being the center of all attention even though it came from lowlifes.

She lived for it. Ever since she realized that she wasn't getting any younger, she decided to have fun before she became too old and wrinkly.

Tessa's lips were upturned in disgust as she glanced at them. The next second, she ran out without closing the door. The naked man licked his lips and said, "Your daughter is pretty.

When can I have a taste of her?"

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Kenia smacked him hard and warned, "Don't even dare! My daughter is reserved for someone important."

Tessa held the same view. As far as she was concerned, if Raegan hadn't been so despicable, she would have married a wealthy man by now.

That wretched woman was to be blamed for all her misfortunes!

Tessa vowed that as soon as she got herself sorted out, the first thing she would do was get revenge on Raegan who landed her in this mess. That bitch must be brought down!

ninjanovel.com As Tessa pictured bringing Raegan down and stepping on her, she was in a much better mood.

It was short-lived, unfortunately. Two sleazy men showed up out of nowhere, approaching Tessa with tattered hats covering half of their faces. As they walked past her, one of them slapped her butt.

"Nice ass, baby!"

They fist-bumped each other while describing her butt lewdly.

Tessa erupted.

“Are you blind? How dare you touch my butt and then comment on it! You little shits! Apologize to me right now!” She hated uncouth poor people to the bone, all of them.

Back when she was still wealthy and carefree, she never held back on abusing all those servants mentally and physically every day. There was even a time she injured the old butler, who ended up dying two days later.

Her family covered it up, stating the cause of death was a brief illness. The truth was easily buried after money was paid to the right people.

In Tessa’s opinion, those in the lower class didn’t deserve any respect, let alone touch her. They belonged under her feet. Folks like them were ass-lickers who would do anything just to get the crumbs from the rich’s table. Even though she had fallen from grace, she still considered herself superior to them.

Tessa continued to growl when she saw that they didn’t do as she said, “Fuck you two! If you love your life, you better kneel down and apologize to me. For your information, I can crush you like ants.”

Having used this same arrogance on many people in the past, Tessa had reason to believe that it would work now.

Ordinary people always cowered before her the second she raised her voice. But these two men were different. They smirked while approaching her slowly. A loud slap suddenly reverberated in the air.

In a flash, the skinny man out of the two gave Tessa a smack on the face. After this, the chubby man followed suit, dishing out three resounding slaps.

Blood instantly filled Tessa’s mouth. Her muscles tensed up as the urge to curse them out grew stronger. But before she could spew the curses, the men grabbed her and dragged her toward the heap of garbage in the nearby alley.

A dirty, stinky dress enveloped Tessa's head and was firmly tied.

Tessa's agonizing cries were hidden within the fabric.

Her hands were tied up, and she knelt by the trash can on the wet ground, resembling a low-cost human-like figurine. Those two wicked men raped her.

The noise of the belt striking intertwined with the woman's muted screams echoed through the trash cans in the damp, filthy alley.

Finally, the two men spat on her and cursed, "You're no virgin, bitch. Why do you act so innocent?" As the two men walked away, Tessa faintly caught one of them speaking on his phone. "Mr. Jenkins, mission accomplished. Even the neighborhood dogs don't want to go near her now."

Once the call ended, they burst into crude laughter and one remarked, "Who would've thought? | get to bed a woman and make money at the same time. What a deal!"

"You know, it's uncommon these days to find men who go to such lengths to please women..."

Tessa quivered next to a garbage can, her body smeared with blood and her clothes in disarray. She looked like she was on the brink of death.

These two men were merciless. They aimed to break her.

Just then, a luxury vehicle sped down the alley, only to make a sudden U-turn.

The woman who stepped out was poised and striking, clearly a high- society figure. Much like Tessa once was.

She removed her coat and draped it over Tessa, holding her close and inquiring with a mix of disbelief and caution, "Tessa, what on earth happened to you?"

Regaining her senses, Tessa weakly muttered, "Lauren..." And then she lost consciousness.

Lauren promptly let go of Tessa and looked down at her crumpled form with disgust. Tessa was miserable.

Lauren had only ordered them to be harsh. But these two men had taken it to an extreme. Tessa was almost gone.

But it served a purpose. This would make Tessa her most effective assistant.

Tessa later awoke in a hospital bed, feeling as though she had been trampled by a vehicle. The pain was unbearable. Especially in her lower body, which felt as if it had been ripped open.

The door swung open and upon seeing Tessa stir, Lauren rushed in and gently cautioned, "Tessa, you're badly hurt. Stay still."

Upon hearing Lauren's unsettling words, Tessa's eyes filled with tears, making it impossible for her to form a coherent sentence.

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Lauren observed Tessa and said, "Tessa, try to stay calm. You've got stitches down there, and your body is covered in bruises. I fear these marks will leave scars."

Rather than offering solace, Lauren's words only intensified Tessa's agony, underscoring her current pitiable state. "No!" Tessa screamed, overcome by emotion.

Her fantasies of a wealthy matrimonial life were now in ruins.

Even if she settled for an older man, who would willingly take her in this condition?

Gripping Lauren's hand tightly, Tessa's voice broke as she said, "Lauren, I don't know how to go on. I've been raped like this. How can I live."

Angela's Library Tessa's despair pleased Lauren. It was precisely the reaction she had hoped for.

"Tessa, have you crossed someone recently? This wasn't just an assault. They aimed to break you. They must really have it out for you."

Lauren's words struck a chord in Tessa.

Tessa remembered a muffled phone conversation she had overheard. Mr. Jenkins... The only Mr. Jenkins she knew was Matteo Jenkins!

Alerting the authorities would be futile if Matteo was involved.

Matteo wouldn't dare act without orders from Mitchel.

The phrase "please women." It clicked. Who else could it be but that bitch Raegan? How dare Raegan want her gone! Noticing the shift in Tessa's expression, Lauren realized her point had hit home. All she needed to do now was fan the flames. Lauren advised softly, "Tessa, you have to stay in for the next couple of days."

"Why?"

"Raegan is also admitted in this hospital. Running into her could be disastrous, especially if she talks to Mitchel."

"What? That bitch is in this hospital?" Tessa seethed, grinding her teeth in fury.

Lauren nodded, her eyes welling up with tears.

"I might not be able to look out for you much longer. Raegan despises me, and Mitchel plans to send me overseas. So you'll need to be extra cautious and avoid Raegan at all costs."

Tessa felt a surge of shock, morphing quickly into seething rage.

Mitchel treated Lauren so well, yet he would send Lauren away overseas for the sake of Raegan. Undoubtedly, Mitchel wouldn't let her off the hook easily since Raegan harbored a grudge against her.

What had that bitch done to deserve such favor? This thought only heightened her animosity.

Tessa blamed Raegan for everything that had befallen her.

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Her eyes narrowed, teeth clenched, Tessa hissed, "She's as good as dead."

"Tessa, what's your plan?" Lauren's face showed a mix of concern and confusion.

"Don't play the fool. Mitchel's fond of Raegan now. If you cross her, you're the one who'll pay the price." Lauren's words only fanned the flames of Tessa's anger.

If not for Raegan, why would her life be in ruins? Why would her body be battered, her dreams of a prosperous marriage shattered?

Raegan was nobody. She was a powerless orphan. Yet, she had won over everyone, Mitchel's grandfather, Mitchel's mother, and Mitchel.

Enough was enough. Tessa's expression hardened. ninjanovel.com

"Rest easy, Lauren.

That bitch will pay for this, dearly.”

At that moment, Tessa’s thoughts darkened with murderous intent toward Raegan. If not for Raegan, her family wouldn’t have cast her aside, her wedding wouldn’t have been called off, and she wouldn’t be raped.

Tessa wrongly blamed Raegan for all her suffering. She vowed to have Raegan endure every pain she had suffered and then die.

Catching Tessa’s resolute demeanor, a near-imperceptible smile flickered in Lauren’s eyes.

Lauren lowered her gaze to conceal her glee, cautioning, “Tessa, let it go. Bodyguards are everywhere around Raegan. You can’t even get near her.”

Seemingly advising against it, Lauren then slyly added, “I’ll be flying out the day after tomorrow. Mitchel will send me to the airport.”

A glint of malice flashed in Tessa’s eyes. Lauren’s words resonated with her own thoughts. That would be a perfect opportunity. Without another word, Lauren stood, pulling a stack of cash from her bag and setting it next to Tessa’s pillow.

“Take this, it’s not much.

Use it as you will.”

Lauren displayed her generosity by gifting Tessa a hundred thousand dollars. After all, Tessa needed the money to carry out her schemes, didn’t she?

As Lauren closed the door behind her, she spared Tessa a final glance.

“Don’t fail me again,” she muttered to herself.

Tessa better not force her to resort to a Plan B. Lauren intended to keep her hands clean while marrying Mitchel.

In the next two days, Mitchel stayed in the hospital with Raegan.

He worked in Raegan's ward so he could personally take care of her.