

## **Can't Win 1041**

### Chapter 1041

After saying goodbye to everyone, Landon sped home right away.

He had been keeping up a tough, manly act in front of everyone in the past few days. When no one was around, he secretly swiped longingly through his photos with Lauren, missing his darling wife.

Landon couldn't take another day without Lauren any longer. He hadn't been able to eat or rest well because of it. Seeing Jasper and Alyssa acting so lovey-dovey had been his last straw.

Night fell in Solana City.

The temperature had been rising fast these few days without Landon's presence. All the plants in the garden eagerly welcomed the change.

It had been five days without a word from Landon. Angelina didn't dare contact him, yet she was so worried it was difficult to enjoy a meal in peace. She only did two things these past few days-ter lovely little Lauren and wait for Landon to come home.

Angelina stood outside the door tonight, smartly dressed as she awaited his return.

She had a feeling Landon would be home soon. If not tonight, then tomorrow.

Just then, a white luxury car broke the silence of the night. With a shrill screech of the brakes, it came to a stop beside Angelina.

Tears of joy flooded Angelina's eyes as she saw Landon exit and march toward the door safely. Her hands trembled in gratitude.

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“You’re back, Mr. Harper.”

“What are you doing waiting out here so late at night?” Landon looked her up and down before he asked in shock, “You... haven’t been standing here waiting for me every day, have you?”

“No, no. I couldn’t sleep tonight, so I decided to enjoy the night breeze out here. It just so happened that you came back,” Angelina said with a smile, keeping the truth from Landon.

Her feelings for Landon came from a deep space within her, but she never showed it externally.

“Where’s Madam? Has she gone to sleep?” Landon asked worriedly.

“Yes, Madam Lauren has just gone to bed.”

Landon’s shoulders slumped over as he said in a disappointed tone, Gosh... I drove so fast even the brakes were whining in complaint, but

I still missed it!”

Landon knew just how deeply Lauren slept. She was like a mode day Sleeping Beauty.

If it weren’t for Landon getting all handsy with her back then and keeping her up, there was no way they could get anything done during the night. Landon always had to wait till Lauren woke up.

Angelina smiled. “It’s alright, Mr. Harper. At the very least, you no longer need to suffer from longing and distance.”

That was correct.

But Landon was already burning up from having to hold back these

days. Who could he possibly seek out to help quench his needs? What was he to do? Rub one out while taking a cold shower?

What a pathetic life he had.

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Just as Landon was about to enter the household, he noticed a scab on Angelina's left cheek under the faint light, like she had been scraped by something sharp.

Landon squinted and noticed Angelina's left cheek was significantly more swollen than her right.

"What happened to your face?" Landon asked, brows furrowing.

"It's nothing, Mr. Harper," Angelina replied as her eyes went downcast, hiding from Landon.

"Nothing? Do you think I'm blind? You were clearly hit in the face!" Anger flooded Landon's eyes as he hissed, "Who hurt you? Who dared hurt one of mine when I wasn't around? I'm going to peel the skin off his ass!"

Knowing it was futile to hide the truth any longer, Angelina said dejectedly, "Ms. Zoe came by this afternoon demanding to see Madam Lauren."

"What was Zoe doing here?" Landon's heart clenched.

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“Ms. Zoe said she and Madam Lauren were schoolmates from middle school and had a pretty good bond during those days. She said she’s had time to think about her past actions and said she shouldn’t have been so selfish and reckless.

“That’s why Ms. Zoe came over wanting to talk to Madam Lauren to make up with her,” Angelina explained.

“Do you buy that shit?” Landon snapped.

Angelina replied faintly, “I didn’t let her into the house.”

“So Zoe hurt you just because you wouldn’t let her see Madam?”

Angelina stayed silent.

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“Hmph! Then all that she said about making nothing more than bullshit!” Landon took a deep breath to suppress his rage. “Zoe was looking to ambush Lauren today. She’s so good at putting up an act these days you’d think Sophia adopted her!”

Angelina smiled in exasperation.

“You’ve suffered much from being pitted between me and my sister while taking care of Lauren,” Landon said with a sigh, feeling guilty. “Why don’t you take a vacation starting tomorrow? I’ll stay with Lauren. Don’t you like traveling? You can use my card and enjoy yourself.”

“It’s no trouble, sir. I was only fulfilling my responsibility as your subordinate,” Angelina said calmly, even as warmth filled her chest.

Landon tiptoed into the bedroom.

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He didn't dare switch on the lights nor put on any slippers for fear that Lauren would be awakened. He slowly inched toward Lauren, who was curled up on the bed. Landon seemed like the big bad wolf closing in on its prey for some reason.

Landon stood over Lauren for some time, gazing deeply at her.

Finally, he leaned in and kissed her on the lips.

"Goodnight, my darling wife. Sleep well. I'll play with you in the morning," he murmured.

Landon was about to leave when a pair of arms suddenly wrapped themselves around his waist.

"Lauren..." Landon's heart leaped into his throat.

Lauren clung onto him tearfully, croaking out, "You're finally home, Landon. Why were you away for so long? I thought you wouldn't come back anymore. I thought you didn't want me anymore..."

Tears fell down Lauren's cheeks and landed on Landon's back, piercing his heart painfully.

Lauren hadn't fallen asleep yet.

She just wasn't sure if her lover had really come back. She thought she was dreaming at first.

Landon turned around and hugged his wife, one hand clasped around the back of her head and tenderly caressing her hair.

"Silly ... I'd rather have the world be my sworn enemy than give you up. You're my everything."

“But you were away for so long... You’ve never left me alone for that long.” Lauren sobbed, feeling aggrieved. Her hands were wrinkling Landon’s black shirt.

“We were catching a bad guy, after all. He was cunning, so catching.

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“Then... did you catch him?”

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“Of course I did! I caught him myself, too!” Landon was obviously

going to toot his own horn in front of his lover.

“You’re amazing, Landon!” Lauren chirped.

“Hehe! I have to be in order to protect you, no?”

“You’ve caught the bad guy. Does that mean Nina is avenged now?” Lauren asked cautiously.

Landon took a deep breath and nodded. “Mhm. That dear, kind-

hearted friend of yours can finally rest in peace now.”

Lauren put her hands together and silently prayed for Nina.

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This was the first time in days that Lauren smiled.

Since:

Since Lauren hadn't fallen asleep, Landon wasn't going to let her off easily.

Without even a shower beforehand, Landon hurriedly undressed himself while kissing Lauren, pressing her into the bed.

Lauren's dainty lace sleeping gown was soon tossed onto the floor, leaving her naked legs shivering under Landon's touch.

The sound of harsh panting and moans filled the room. The two lovers enveloped one another closely, both in heart and body.

After they were finished, neither had the energy to shower despite being covered in sweat. They didn't mind, however, and held one another to sleep.

"I'm so sorry for making you wait, my dear," Landon said softly. He often felt like he owed Lauren deeply. People with autism needed a lot of companionship, but Landon was always so busy and unable to provide that to Lauren.

Lauren nuzzled against his chest and shook her head.

"Don't think just because I'm the eldest grandchild in my family that I'm all high and mighty. I'm actually not as high in status as you are. You're Mr. Javier's beloved youngest daughter. Plus, you have a big brother and sister-in-law to dote on you. On the other hand, I have to build myself up," Landon said.

With a bitter smile, he continued, "If I don't step into the family.

business now, then I might not have any connections to my family in

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Landon wanted control of the Harper Group before because of his father. But now there was one more reason-for his wife and

potential children.

“Darling...” Lauren mewled, her tender voice melting Landon’s heart.” You’ve truly given me a lot already. I want nothing more than to see you happy and healthy.”

“No. It’s not enough yet.” Landon raised Lauren’s chin so their eyes met. “I don’t just want you to have all of me. I want the entire Harper Group to become your wedding gift.”

Lauren listened on dumbly, slowly falling asleep afterward.

After having his beloved in his arms, Landon, who had been exhausted, no longer felt that way.

Lauren was his, and he wanted to give her the best.

He never wanted to be a mere complacent playboy.

What Landon wanted was to avenge his father and make his grandfather pass the entirety of Harper Group to him, leaving Pre with nothing!

After returning to Solana City, Jasper moved into Alyssa’s home. Previously, it was out of Alyssa’s pity, but now it was official.



The two had already dozed on the flight back for a couple of hours. After returning home, Alyssa swiftly cleaned up and went to sleep without so much as changing her clothes.

She was so tired!

Jasper didn't want Alyssa to sleep in discomfort, so he clumsily helped her change into sleepwear. Who knew Alyssa would be so

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"Mm... tasty..." Alyssa mumbled in her sleep, licking her lips.

Jasper smiled and tickled her nose. "Hungry little minx. I'll feed you when you wake up."

Jasper suddenly recalled how Alyssa had gnawed on her lip just so she wouldn't cry out on the plane. The thought made desire boil in his abdomen..

Jasper was a gentleman. He wasn't going to take advantage of Alyssa.

After wrestling with himself, Jasper satisfied himself with a kiss on Alyssa's lips and tucked her into bed. He then left the room.

Rosie was asleep when Jasper went to stay with Alyssa. When Rosie heard about their safe return, she cried tears of joy.

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"Thank you for tending to the house these past few days, Rosie," Jasper said to Rosie as he stood before her with an arm hooked around Alyssa's waist. They appeared quite like young newlyweds. who had just returned from their honeymoon.

Alyssa and Jasper cleverly knew not to reveal Jasper's injuries to Rosie. Rosie was old, so it was better not to make her worry.

Just then, the doorbell rang.

Xavier entered with two large lunch boxes. He was sweating and panting.

“Mr. Beckett! I’ve finally gotten the food you had me order from the Nouveau Table!”

“The Nouveau Table? My goodness! The waiting list for that restaurant is terribly long. It takes at least three hours of waiting.”

Alyssa swallowed a mouthful of saliva before complaining to Jasp Why did you have to make things difficult for Xavier?”

“Because you were craving good food.”

“When?”

“Last night in your sleep,” Jasper murmured in Alyssa’s ear before chuckling.

Alyssa blushed. “I-It was just dream talking!”

“Thank you for your hard work. Why don’t you set the table with Rosie. and join us for breakfast?” Jasper said with a smile.

“Join you guys?” Xavier was shocked by the suggestion. He hurriedly. shook his head. “I can’t possibly eat with you all, sir. It just won’t do!”

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“Do as I say,” Jasper quipped.

Xavier shivered lightly in fear. He was secretly overjoyed, however.

It looked like Jasper and Alyssa's relationship had significantly improved after their trip to Tsulu. Jasper's plan of being with Alyssa had finally come true!

Everyone sat around the table and enjoyed their meal, creating a merry atmosphere. There was no separation between employer and subordinate at this moment. They were all family.

In truth, Jasper had always treated Rosie and Xavier as his family all these years.

After the meal, Alyssa and Rosie cleaned up in the kitchen while Xavier and Jasper went to the living room for a discussion.

"Something's happened while you were away from Beckett Group," Xavier said in a low tone.

"Did something bad happen with our partnership with Jesselton. Incorporated?"

Jasper had been resting deeply after his injuries. Alyssa kept a close watch on him throughout. She didn't want him to expend too much energy, so she confiscated his phone during his recovery. This made Jasper unable to get the latest information from Xavier.

Naturally, Jasper had no clue what happened at Beckett Group.

"Nothing bad. It went surprisingly smooth."

"Isn't that a good thing?" Jasper's brows wrinkled. "Why do you look

so concerned? Did something happen?"

“The person who made the partnership happen wasn’t Mr. Javier but Mr. Justin instead.”.

“My... brother?” Jasper’s gaze darkened as his heart clenched.

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“Yes. You weren’t present at the meeting, so Mr. Justin discussed with Jesselton Incorporated’s chairman on your behalf,” Xavier explained.

Xavier didn’t have a pleasant expression as he thought about this matter. He was hesitant to speak about Justin.

“Mr. Justin has never gotten involved in the company since he went to Mosgravia. Why would he suddenly appear at such a crucial time? It’s too coincidental!

“I don’t think Mr. Justin is doing the right thing. Isn’t this taking advantage of the situation and trying to one-up you, sir?”

“Don’t say that, Xavier.” Jasper grew solemn. “Justin saved me. He barely escaped from those men’s clutches all those years ago and even grew ill because of it. I wouldn’t have become heir if it weren’t for his rescue.”

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No one in the Beckett family wanted to mention that harrowing kidnapping incident.

Years ago, Justin and Jasper were kidnapped by an internationally famous syndicate and kept hidden in an abandoned, filthy warehouse deep in the countryside. A huge ransom was demanded in exchange.

for their safe return.

Jasper couldn't remember how long they were imprisoned there. It was a dingy and dirty place so dark they couldn't tell when the sun was rising or setting.

He remembered being abused every single day they were held there. The kidnappers only gave them one meal daily so they wouldn't have the energy to escape. It was a living hell.

Justin, who was older than Jasper by four years, ended up stalling one of the kidnappers guarding them, thus giving Jasper a chance to

escape.

Jasper stumbled on in the forest without so much as a glance backward. He finally rolled off a hill when his body gave out from

exhaustion.

Luckily, a kind-hearted hunter saved Jasper and brought him to the police after he woke up. Only then did Jasper give the police clues and safely make it home.

Justin wasn't so lucky, however.

The cruel kidnappers had hurt him badly out of anger, locking him in a tiny container and depriving him of food and water for five days. Justin survived those days by consuming his own urine.

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Three days later, when the kidnappers finally got their ransom money, Justin was tossed outside Seaview Manor naked and bound. The kidnappers then left in broad daylight.

Justin, meanwhile, had suffered greatly in the process. Due to being abused and the slow asphyxiation in the enclosed container space. for so long, his organs had begun failing. The medical fees needed to treat Justin were as high as 500 thousand dollars!

Justin's life was literally hanging by a thread during those days.

This incident traumatized the entire Beckett family deeply until today. Because of this, Jasper felt he owed a great deal to his big brother.

It was also because of those that Javier, who was habitually stern, would be biased toward Justin, not Jasper.

"But Mr. Justin shouldn't be stepping in now that you're the heir!" Xavier complained. "The entire board was already upset when you missed the meeting. Mr. Justin's appearance on your behalf and success in the partnership only made the support toward him in the company grow. Even Mr. Javier started contacting him more.

"I know you value your family, Mr. Beckett, but the Beckett family isn't like the Taylor family. Blood relations mean nothing in the face of power! You should know that better than anyone after all these years!

"Even if Mr. Justin saved you all those years ago and treated you well, you two still don't share the same mother. He's the eldest, too. How can you guarantee that he has no motives toward Beckett Group after all these years?"

Xavier's spit was nearly flying out as he conveyed his heartfelt

message.

Jasper's breath seemed to hitch in his chest. His eyes were sullen.

Xavier continued, "Mr. Justin makes himself out to be someone who

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about the company's partnership with Jesselton Incorporated.

"What does this tell us? It tells us that Mr. Justin was never sitting idly all these years. He's always been keeping an eye out on you and the Beckett Group!

"Besides, Mr. Justin sat beside Jesselton Inc.'s chairman during the conference call the other day. Obviously, they had arranged for all this to happen and started working secretly!"

Jasper's eyes darkened upon hearing this, though he didn't respond.

"Sometimes, the closest to us can hurt us the most, sir. You need to be careful so that no one can take you by surprise!"

"Xavier, what if, and I mean what if

Xavier blinked lightly.

"What if one day Justin recovered fully, returned to Solana City, and wanted to take over the family business, including my position as

CEO? What do you think I should do? Do I just hand him everything without complaint?"

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“What right does Mr. Justin have to just demand what he wants?” Xavier said, his fists balling up. “The company wouldn’t have reached its height today without you. You have shed blood, sweat, and tears. to make this company great.

“You nearly lost your life in an accident while supervising the development lots yourself. You haven’t even begun to enjoy the fruits of your labor, so how dare Mr. Justin come back and reap what your have sowed?

“So what if Mr. Javier is backing him up? You’re doted on by Mr. Beckett Senior! A son has to listen to his father no matter what!”

“What are you going on about father and son?” Alyssa’s voice rang out suddenly.

Jasper quickly signaled for Xavier to be quiet. His gloomy expression switched to a warm, loving one.

Alyssa walked toward them with some mugs of tea in her hands. What are you two going on about so loudly? You sound so rilea Xavier.”

“It’s nothing important. He gets riled up just by watching stray mutts fight over a bone.” Jasper went and took the mugs from Alyssa’s hands. “What’s with the courtesy? Do you take me as a mere houseguest?”

“I’m just worried you two might dehydrate yourselves with how much you’re chatting,” Alyssa said with a laugh.

“A kiss freshens me up more than tea,” Jasper said.

He then kissed Alyssa on the lips as if only the two of them were

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Xavier blushed and quickly turned away.

Alyssa's heart pounded in her chest. She gently pushed Jasper away right as he was about to slip his tongue in. "I... I'm here to have a serious conversation with you. Can you be more serious?"

"You're too seductive, Lyse." Jasper's eyes were red with desire. "I can't be serious around you."

Alyssa didn't dare meet his gaze for fear of melting under their heat.

The two sat down on the couch together. Jasper wrapped an arm around Alyssa's shoulder while she instinctively leaned into his chest.

They formed a stunning, painting-worthy view.

Xavier nearly cried. He never expected to be able to see the two

reunite in this lifetime. It was all worth it now!

"Cyrus called me earlier and said they're starting the case on Jeffrey," Alyssa said, her hands balling into fists.

"Landon and I are looking for Inigo too. We have men all over the place, whether it's the airports, railways, or jetties. They have yet to find any trace of him since everything began." Jasper wrapped his hand around Alyssa's and squeezed it lightly, warming her up.

"Looks like someone's protecting him. With what you guys are capable of, there's no way that bastard wouldn't have been found out by now."

Alyssa and Jasper shared a look, knowing who exactly was protecting Inigo.

“Inigo won’t be able to escape so long as he’s in Solana City. Being protected doesn’t matter.” Jasper’s gaze glinted sharply as he spoke.

“We’ll need to keep a close eye on Jameson too.” Alyssa had thought

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Alyssa’s heart clenched. With a purse of her lips, she said, “I doubt it. I’ve investigated Inigo’s background. He used to be a mercenary and had experience personally guarding members of the royal family. He made it to where he is today with an iron fist. I don’t think he’s that easily killed.

“Plus, he wouldn’t have come all the way to Solana City alone. It won’t be that easy to take him out even if Jameson wanted to, right?”

Jasper’s words still made Alyssa worry.

Jasper seemed to have picked up on this.

He slowly intertwined their hands and consoled her, “Our enemy is powerful. It’s okay if we don’t catch them all at once.

“There is still time. At the very least, we now know who to watch out for, which is a far better situation than before.

“What’s important now is to take care of Sophia ASAP and both Nina ... and my mother.

Jasper’s voice shook slightly upon mentioning his mother. His grew red with unshed tears.

He did his best to control his emotions in front of Alyssa. He wanted to be a calm, steady sentinel to her, making her feel safe and at ease. whenever.

Alyssa’s heart ached as if it was filled with sharp gravel. She gently hugged Jasper.

He immediately hugged her back as if he had been waiting for it.

“You don’t have to say anything. I know. I know you care for me.”

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Cyrus and three of his team members for this case had been. interrogating Jeffrey for ten hours in the police station.

All of them were incredibly experienced when it came to questioning suspects, yet none of their expertise seemed to work in front of

Jeffrey. He was an evil, strong-willed bastard.

No amount of threat or bait could make Jeffrey reveal who the mastermind behind his acts was.

As things reached a stalemate, Jasper and Alyssa arrived at the

station.

"I'm so sorry, Lyse," Cyrus said sadly, scratching at his head. "It's my fault for not being able to crack him even until now. If he's trying to stall for time, there's no way we could convict Sophia even if the court finds him guilty. Our one lead on her would be lost by then!"

How could they get revenge for Jasper at that point in time?

Cyrus continued, "There's a more serious question right now. Jeffrey is a Tsulian. Our country's laws do not allow foreign convicts to be sentenced to death here. At most, a murderer would get 20 years behind bars. Jeffrey would definitely be extradited to Tsulu in 20 years for their court to deal with him!"

Cyrus ground his teeth together, grunting out, "I feel like strangling something the moment I think about the fact that that cruel lowlife won't be getting the death penalty, Lyse!"

"Don't say that, Cyrus. You're already doing your best. It's Jeffrey that's too cunning and heartless." Alyssa took a deep breath and asked, "Can you inform your higher-ups that Jasper and I want to have a chat with Jeffrey?"

"You two?" Cyrus was shocked.

"Yes. Let us have a chat with Jeffrey. Who knows? We might be able to contribute to the case."

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"Oh my goodness, I nearly forgot!" Cyrus suddenly smacked his forehead. His eyes were glowing excitedly. "You helped us solve two murder cases before! One was by pinpointing material evidence that gave us a breakthrough, and the other was identifying mistakes in a suspect's statement, which made the criminal come clean!"

Jasper stared at Alyssa in sheer awe.

How could Alyssa be so phenomenal? There was no way he could catch up to her at this rate.

Jasper used to think he was pretty decent. But now, he felt like a piece of used tissue paper in front of Alyssa.

“Looks like you still remember my achievements, Cyrus,” Alyssa teased. “If it weren’t for Winston, Mandy, and everyone else holding me back, I would’ve become a gun-slinging police officer myself. You might even be calling me Madam right now.”

“That’s only because everyone worried you would be in danger be out on the front lines every day. They all dote on you, after all. But they still couldn’t stop you in the end, no? You ended up ...”

Alyssa suddenly shot Cyrus a look, which made him stop talking. Her secret had nearly been revealed.

Cyrus then led Jasper and Alyssa to see the station’s captain.

The captain, Orion Holt, naturally remembered who Alyssa was. He still recalled how her keen attention to detail helped them solve a previous case.

What was more surprising was that Jasper was here.

Jasper Beckett’s name alone was enough to instill a sense of magnitude in Orion. Orion knew just how powerful Jasper was without needing to exchange any words.

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“Thank you for coming all this way, Mr. Beckett. I apologize for not welcoming you earlier!” Orion said hurriedly.

His attitude toward Alyssa was kind, but he grew excited and

courteous upon turning to Jasper. He even told Cyrus, chief of the First Criminal Investigation Division, to bring Jasper some coffee!

Cyrus internally cursed his captain.

Meanwhile, Jasper hurriedly stood up and said, "I'll get it myself."

No way was Jasper going to let his future brother-in-law make coffee for him right in front of Alyssa. He hadn't lost his mind yet!

Jasper still needed to marry Alyssa!

Alyssa's eyes narrowed fondly. She was pleased to see that Jasper knew his place.

"Oh, my goodness! We can't let you go through all the trouble. you some myself!"

Orion hurriedly got Jasper a mug of coffee, making Cyrus fume silently.

If Orion knew that Cyrus was the seventh child of Winston Taylor, the wealthiest man from Belbanks, would he straight up have Cyrus move into his own office?

Jasper was in no hurry to drink the coffee. He tapped on the mug to test its temperature before blowing at it gently. He then offered it to Alyssa.

"Here. It's not scalding anymore," he said.

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Cyrus and Orion were left speechless.

"You have some, too." Alyssa took a sip before passing it back to Jasper.

Jasper drank from the spot where her lips had just touched.

Their interaction wasn't too over the top. Regardless, it made the onlookers feel envious.

"Captain Holt, we're here today just for one thing-to speak with

Jeffrey Snyder," Jasper said without waiting for Alyssa or Cyrus to speak

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"Arrange for Mr. Beckett to meet the suspect right away, Cyrus!" Orion

instructed.

Everyone was shocked.

Was it that easy?

"Yes, captain." Cyrus was stunned by how smoothly it went.

"But Jeffrey is a dangerous man. It might not be safe to see him

alone, Mr. Beckett. Let Cyrus go with you," Orion said.

"No need," Jasper replied calmly.

"It's alright, Captain Holt.. Mr. Beckett is far more skilled than Cyrus

and Jeffrey combined," Alyssa said with a smile. "You best send more officers to watch over Jeffrey if Mr. Beckett gets angry. I fear Jeffrey might end up losing his life in the station."

Alyssa couldn't let Jeffrey die before everything came to an end-not

yet.

Cyrus and two officers waited outside the detention center while. Alyssa and Jasper went inside to speak to Jeffrey.

Some time went past before Jeffrey was lugged before them. He was cuffed and clad in prisoner's garb behind the bars.

"Fancy seeing you here," Jeffrey snickered and sat on the metal chair. He leered at Alyssa and teased, "Did you miss me, Ms. Alyssa?"

Alyssa's expression was frosty. Though angry, she was able to

control herself.

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But Jasper's anger had reached boiling point. His jaw was clenched tight as he glared at Jeffrey. He bristled like some caged animal, ready to lunge forth at any time.

Just then, Alyssa held Jasper's trembling hand underneath the table.

Her firm grip steadied Jasper's being, sending a curious calmness throughout his body. It quickly stabilized his emotions..

"Hurry up and get to the point. I want to get back to sleep," Jeffrey continued. He was clearly not interested in cooperating with them.

"We've come here to talk about working with you, Jeffrey," Alyssa began, using a more acceptable term.



“Work with me? Do you think I’m an idiot, Ms. Alyssa? I nearly died under both your hands. You two want to work with me? What

nonsense!” Jeffrey scoffed.

“You didn’t succeed in killing us, though you wanted to, did you?” Alyssa asked with a faint smile.

Jeffrey’s brows furrowed.

He was a mercenary, a trained hitman. Alyssa’s words were insulting his expertise.

She continued, “You know very well that the laws in my country only sentence criminals of the gravest offenses to a maximum of 20 years. in prison. Do you really want to stay behind bars for that long?

“You’d be 60 by the time you return to Tsulu. Would you still have your support back there? You’ll still have to be imprisoned in Tsulian jail when you go back at the old age of 60. You know just how terrible the prison conditions there are. Do you think you’d survive?”

Alyssa’s words struck every one of Jeffrey’s weak points. She was a natural mediator.

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Jasper clasped her hand silently as he watched her speak. His gaze was filled with admiration and tenderness.

Jeffrey’s smile froze momentarily on his face.

Alyssa struck while the iron was hot.

She said, "We know Sophia was the one who instructed you to do this. Things wouldn't have ended up the way they did otherwise. Our number one enemy is Sophia, not you. Now that you're arrested and at risk of imprisonment, Sophia continues living her life freely out into the world. It's as if the consequences you're suffering today have nothing to do with her. Can you live with that?"

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Jeffrey sneered but said nothing.

"So why don't we work together? You can testify that Sophia was the one who instructed you to kill Nina. In return, we'll make sure you return to Tsulu within the year. You saw how close my sister was to the royal family. All that's needed to get you back home safe is a kind word from my sister to the queen."

Alyssa then ended her words with, "How about it, Mr. Snyder? Why don't you consider our offer?"

Shock rippled in Jasper's eyes.

Alyssa's attitude, consideration, and mindset were just as keen as Jasper's and the other men in the business world. In fact, many of the big leagues couldn't even compare.

Jasper was fortunate Alyssa was kind at heart and that she loved him. Who knows what kind of torment Jasper would suffer from her? It must be the devastating kind.

Jeffrey chuckled. He said sarcastically, "If someone else offered this deal to me today, I might actually take it up. But since it's you who's suggesting it, Ms. Alyssa, then I do not have a single reason to believe you at all.

"Put plainly, I'm only here today because of you, no? You're only seeking me out because you're out of ideas about defeating Sophia. I'm nothing more than a pawn to you. Do you really think I wouldn't see through your ploy?"

Jeffrey then stood up from the chair, his legs dragging loudly against the ground.

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“Stop wasting your breath here. Why don’t you spend time figuring out how to handle Sophia? Hahaha!”

Neither Jasper nor Alyssa were in the best mood when they left the

room.

Cyrus didn’t press the matter as he could tell the mediation had failed. He could only console them by saying he would continue interrogating Jeffrey.

Jasper could tell Alyssa wasn’t in a good mood on the car ride back. He gathered her into his arms and tucked his chin on her head.

He then said, “Don’t feel down, Lyse. We still have Nina’s recording. It may not be direct evidence, and it’s been 20 years since it was recorded, but it would still impact Sophia greatly upon its reveal. Her reputation would be ruined, and not even Javier could save her then.”

“Is that all you want, Jasper?” Alyssa suddenly asked in a cold tone.

A heavy weight pressed on Jasper’s chest, making his breathing shallow. His heart pained as if it was being excavated.

Of course not. Jasper wanted Sophia to die. He wanted to drag her straight down to hell.

“It’s already been 20 years. Even if we had the voice recording, what good would it do?” Jasper said gently.

Alyssa pressed a hand on his chest right above his heart. Only she could understand the hatred and rage in Jasper’s heart toward Sophia.

“20 years have passed, making the statute of limitation come into place, rendering evidence useless. You know there’s no way Sophia can be sentenced gravely without direct evidence. How can just her ruined reputation and being hated by Javier be enough? How?” Alyssa

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“Lyse...” Jasper’s eyes were wet. His voice was raspy from having to suppress the emotion he felt.

“This is our only chance to make Sophia’s life a living hell, to never give her a chance to redeem herself. We need to use Nina’s death and Jeffrey’s confession to establish her as a cold-blooded murderer!” Alyssa said.

Anger flitted in her eyes as she continued, “If it weren’t for Nina, the truth about your mother’s death would’ve been lost forever. Nina got. this chance for us at the cost of her own life, so we need to make use. of it. We need to make Jeffrey tell us the truth no matter what!”

“Do you think Jeffrey would come clean? He was so obstinate earlier,

Jasper asked sullenly.

“He will. Believe me. I could tell that he wavered just the slightest earlier. Why else would he just sit there and listen to us? He wouldn’t have wanted to see us in the first place,” Alyssa said, determined.

Jasper nodded lightly in agreement.

“Jeffrey just doesn’t trust me right now. Plus, his days in lock-up are still bearable, so there’s no need to take the risk of cooperating with. me,” Alyssa explained.

“Bearable?” Jasper questioned as an alarming ferocity appeared in his eyes. “He’ll soon come to realize that the only chance for survival is to cooperate with us, even if his continued existence is only

temporary.”