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Hearing Elise's voice, Sophia's face turned pale with fright. "Chuck, what should I do? How should I explain to Elise?"

- "Don't panic. We aren't doing anything wrong now anyway. Just stay calm." Chuck smiled.
- He thought that Sophia looked rather adorable when she got nervous.
- He had never realized this before. Although she was in her thirties, he did not find her actions and attitude out of place.
- "Okay." Sophia settled down.
- When she saw him chuckling at her, she blushed shyly. "Don't laugh at me, okay? You know that I'm shy..."
- He let out an awkward cough and she tried to control the flush on her face.
- Elise ran over and asked, "Mom, why are you here?"
- "I'm going to Lab 18. I just dropped by to take you with me," Sophia explained, sounding collected and well-composed.
- Sophia noticed that Chuck was still smiling, so she felt shy and giddy on the inside.
- She sighed. It seemed that after they had slept together, he had completely found his way into her heart. She had also fallen for him. She knew that this was not right, but she could not hold herself back.
- Once she found out that something had happened at his casino, she could not help but rush over. Her feelings could not be controlled.
- At her age, once she had fallen in love with someone, she would be the kind of person who would give quietly without demanding anything in return. She just wanted him to be well. Even if there was a tiny problem, she would be worried and come over to tend to him.
- "I don't want to. I want to stay here," Elise spoke in a small voice. She had not had supper yet.
- And she had not even talked to Chuck yet. How could she leave now?
- "Alright, you can go back yourself then!"
- Sophia sighed and looked at Chuck reluctantly. As Elise's mother, how could she not know what Elise was thinking?
- Chuck panicked and gave Sophia a look. He would never have any feelings for Elise, let alone do anything with her.
- Sophia understood his thoughts and felt helpless. She then got on the helicopter and left.
- Elise exhaled in relief and said, "I feel that my Mom's very nice to you."

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- "She's alright," Chuck replied plainly.
- "What do you mean 'she's alright'? My Mom's never been nice to any man, so you should count your blessings!" Elise said.
- He quipped secretly in his heart that he was grateful and more than satisfied about how she had been treating him.
- "Let's go get supper!" He suggested.
- "Now you're talking!" She beamed.
- Chuck, Elise, and Black Rose returned to the casino.
- When there were only a few people left, Chuck asked Patricia to invite everyone to supper.
- Many of the staff were from Karen's casino, so Chuck must treat them well.
- Some celebrities joined them, and a beautiful actress asked for Chuck's number. Chuck was surprised at the gesture and didn't know what to say, but he politely gave it to her anyway.
- After how he handled what had happened at the casino, a lot of women started to have a great impression of him.
- He was rich, capable, and good-looking. Who would not admire him?
- Yvette and Willa saw this, but of course, they did not mind.
- Everyone ate until three in the morning. When it was getting late, Chuck let the employees go back to rest.
- He could not leave for home today, so he decided to bunk at Patricia's house. He had arranged a big house for her, and there were many rooms available.
- Elise also wanted to come along, but he stopped her. He had to keep a distance from her.
- So, he booked her a hotel room and watched her storm away angrily. God knew whether she went to the hotel or not.
- Everyone got into their cars.
- Everyone including Black Rose went over to Patricia's house. When they arrived, Willa prepared some tea to help sober up everyone. After drinking their share of the tea, they returned to their respective rooms.
- Willa, Black Rose and Patricia each had their own rooms while Chuck and Yvette shared a room.
- They did not do anything but embrace each other as they fell asleep.
- Willa could not sleep. Patricia's house was where things had happened between her and Chuck, but at this moment, Chuck was with Yvette.
- Black Rose, too, found it hard to doze off. She closed her eyes but her

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thoughts kept running wild. She had no idea what was going on with her.

- Why hasn't she been able to sleep well recently?
- What had happened to her?
- She just couldn't figure it out.

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- "Grandpa, are you feeling better now?"
- It was the Yeager family!
- Sabina entered through a secret passage and arrived at Brooke's room.
- Brooke had taken the medication given by Karen and Adriana. Although he was still unconscious, his condition had improved quite a bit.
- As there was no one else in the room, she snuck right in!
- She went to the backyard and looked in one direction. There was somewhere she really wanted to go to.
- Chuck was the only person who understood her. Now that he had opened a casino his first project in the United States, she was supposed to be there to support him. Yet, she was not. Wasn't it wrong for her to do this?
- She was not a good friend.
- She imagined that Chuck would say this.
- "Many people would've gone to congratulate him. They'd be enough for him to handle. Besides, he's my rival, why should I congratulate him?" Sabina muttered to herself.
- She felt that she should not go, so she did not. But she was unsure whether Chuck was angry at her or not. She figured that if he was, he would have called her already!
- However, she had not heard from him at all.

"Wow..."

- Brooke moved. Sabina immediately rushed back and saw Brooke who had just awaken!
- She was delighted. "Grandpa..."
- Brooke recognized Sabina. She helped his trembling body up as he called out to her, "Sabina..."
- "Grandpa, how do you feel? I'll go get the doctor," Sabina said.
- The Yeager family had a team of private doctors, but Brooke shook his head. He was old, and extremely frail. Karen's medicine had triggered all his hidden illnesses.

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Him regaining consciousness was good enough since he was practically on the verge of death.

"There's no need for that. I don't have much time left. I fell for Karen's trick, that b*tch, she wanted me dead..." Brooke coughed up a mouthful of blood.

Sabina's beautiful eyes were brimming with tears. "I know, I know she did this. I asked her for the antidote."

"Did you see her?" Brooke asked weakly.

"Yes, I got the antidote in exchange for not bothering her for three years," she answered.

"Idiot! But, all's fair in war! Sabina, send men over to kill Karen and her d*mned family right now! I want to see this before I die!" He demanded, his bloodshot eyes had an insidious gaze.

He could not speak up before because of Karen.

Now that he regained consciousness, the only thing he wanted to see was her entire family dead!

"All of them?" Sabina was silent for a few seconds.

"Yes! Karen Lee and Chuck Cannon must die!" Brooke said viciously. He kept coughing and looked as if he could die at any moment.

"Three years? She would never buy this sh*t. Sabina, do it now!" He ordered.

"But... I promised Karen..." Sabina said in a low voice.

"All's fair in war! So what if you promised her? She's just an ant to you! All you need to do is to crush her!" Brooke stared at her.

"Can you, let Chuck go? I..." Sabina muttered to herself.

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