

# My Dreamy Old Husband

## Chapter 576

While Michael was eating, Stanley rushed to the hospital. Since Celine's actual situation was still unknown, Sophia figured that the news on Celine should temporarily be kept away from the Fletcher Family. She only told Stanley, whom she trusted and, thus, asked to come over.

After Michael had finished the last bit of rice and drank the last bit of soup, biting her lower lips, Sophia opened her tablet and showed a video recording to Michael.

"This is what Nicholas recorded on his camera."

Seeing the conflicted look on her face, Nicholas quietly played the video recording. He saw two street bums trying to snatch Celine's food and clothes, and when one of their dirty hands lifted her shirt underneath the coat, he could see Celine's waist and belly. Besides that, there was an unforgettable symbol on her waist!

It was the symbol of Phantom Wolf—the one that Michael abhorred!

It finally dawned on him that they could not find Celine back in the days because she was abducted by Phantom Wolf!

He could not even begin to imagine how much she had suffered in the past six years whilst in the hands of Phantom Wolf. He managed to turn a valiant person like her into what she was now.

Everyone spent the entire night waiting at the hospital. Since this was the hospital that Michael had a share in, he managed to have the entire floor vacated for Celine to undergo the operation.

Finally, around midday the next day, Celine woke up.

Experts from various departments such as the psychiatric and surgical departments showed up to check on her. The hospital waited for another day before informing Abel, Michael, and the others of her situation.

The psychiatrist commented, "The patient has been subjected to tremendous mental trauma, so her mental condition is not particularly good. It would require long-term treatment to stabilize her condition. Right now, her situation is very unstable. Please be prepared for the worst."

Upon arriving at the hospital, Michael and Abel rushed to the intensive care unit right away and saw Celine in bed.

Right now, she looked clean as someone at the hospital had already cleaned her hair and face. At this point, a face similar to Michael's loomed in front of Sophia.

On Michael, this face was handsome and gorgeous-looking. While on Celine, this face was heroic and courageous. Celine was the perfect feminine version of Michael.

Much of her hair had been shaved off while there were many patches on her head that were connected to different kinds of devices that were used to monitor her mental condition.

Her physical body was perfectly fine, but not her mental condition.

The devices showed that as was mentally stable as of now, but no one knew when that would change as her mental condition was completely out of her control. This was the result of the long-term abuse that led to her mental breakdown. As such, she would need an even longer period of treatment for there to be a possibility of returning to normalcy.

Looking at the bedridden Celine, Abel did not dare to move closer. He hated himself now, so what could he expect Celine to think of him? While he silently stood in the corner, he began to quiver as he could no longer hold in his emotions.

"Celie," sitting by the bed, Michael gently whispered her nickname.

All of a sudden, Celine opened her eyes and looked across everybody in the room with a clear and sharp gaze. Standing next to Michael, Sophia was shaken when she and Celine locked eyes.

What a sharp gaze!

It was a powerful gaze that Sophia had never seen on a woman before.

Eventually, Celine's gaze fell on Michael as she calmly uttered his nickname, "Mikey."

At this juncture, Michael's eyes uncontrollably turned red. He nodded and grunted while he started to choke up.

Celine looked excited yet calm as she commented calmly, without any redundant words, "I survived that explosion because the Phantom Wolf abducted me."

Right at this point, there was pin-drop silence in the room. Holding their breath, everyone tentatively listened to Celine as she recounted her misfortune.

She then continued in an unemotional voice, "The Phantom Wolf wanted to shape me into their best killer, so they brain-washed me. Even though I was mentally strong—"

"Please stop it! Just stop it!" Michael quickly stopped her from continuing.

Celine was one of the most outstanding children of the Fletcher Family and had a will of steel. The fact that such a strong-willed person could be turned into what she was now showed how bad the torture was. The thought of this was truly blood-boiling.

Looking at Michael, an agonized look washed over Celine's unemotional face as streaks of sparkling tears ran down her cheeks.

She knew her situation well, so while she was awake, she wanted to try her best to tell everyone everything that happened. Then, she continued, "Phantom Wolf injected a kind of super stimulant that they invented to strengthen my physical fitness. I pretended to give in and endured the humiliation. Then, they transported me to their base in Cethos and wanted me to attack the Fletcher Family. I took the opportunity at night to kill everyone in the vicinity and managed to escape."

Abel was startled as he recalled the night when they found out where the meeting point of the Phantom Wolf was. Their original plan was to observe for the next couple of days and only kill all of them when they appeared. However, much to their surprise, at midnight that day, chaos broke out at that meeting point, so they had to launch their attack right away.

Perhaps that chaos was caused by Celine when she tried to escape.

If he was slightly more observant, he could have traced her! In that case, he could have spared her a couple of days of torture.

After escaping from the base, she must have lost her sanity and was unable to recall what happened before. She ended up subconsciously returning to where she used to live as a child. After that, she must have sneaked in through the dog hole that was only known to her and Michael, and later slept in the room she used to sleep in. In the end, when Michael came back to look for clues, they had found her.

At this point, Michael held her cold hands and quietly begged her in a choking voice, "Celine, please stop saying anything anymore. Please..."

All these years, what sort of torture did she go through that had turned her into this?

Ignoring his begging, Celine continued to recount things about the Phantom Wolf based on what she knew.

"The leader of Phantom Wolf would never disclose his face in the presence of his subordinates. I know that he has a steady stream of financial support and he is under the protection of many politicians and financial groups. He collects payment from politicians and many financial group leaders to carry out tasks that can't be achieved by normal means. Besides, they have a powerful brainwashing method that can completely destroy one's mental will. They repeatedly brainwashed me until I could no longer differentiate between dreams and reality. They..."

As she continued, the somewhat normal look on her face became distorted as she wrinkled her face in pain.

After a while, she finally calmed down. To prevent her from sinking back into the memories of the past, Michael quickly brought a tablet over and played the video clip, saying, "Celine, look! This is Nate. Look at how big your son is!"

The moment the video clip started playing, a crisp sound of a voice saying 'mom' sounded out as Celine watched Nathan in that video clip.

It was a video clip of Sophia bringing Nathan to walk the dog two days ago. Even though Nathan was a sneaky little devil in front of Michael, he would occasionally act cute whenever he

was with Sophia. In that video, he was seen running around while walking the puppy as he innocently addressed Sophia as his 'mom'.

Meanwhile, Celine began sobbing as she watched Nathan in the video. No matter how strong a woman was, she would definitely soften up when she was faced with her own son.

Sophia quivered as she listened to everything. It was beyond her what she would do if one day she also fell into the hands of Phantom Wolf...