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Although she did not believe that Finnick had completely forgotten her, she was unsure what to say at first, especially since he had been cold towards her for quite a while.

There was an awkward silence in the lift as neither of them spoke.

After a long silence, Finnick couldn't help but ask, "How have you been doing all these years while living abroad?"

It wasn't because he had feelings for Evelyn, but rather because he felt it was appropriate to keep his distance from her since he already had Vivian. Honestly, Evelyn was just a victim back then, so he probably shouldn't behave so indifferently towards her.

Evelyn finally smiled when she heard Finnick's question. She knew that Finnick would never forget her. She believed that he just didn't know how to tell her after she was gone for ten years, and that's why he was acting a bit distant towards her. Finnick had always been cold to everyone except her in the past.

"Quite well. The family who took me in treated me well, as if I were their own daughter. Hence, I've had a relatively easy life over the years. It's just that..." Evelyn paused for a moment and did not elaborate further.

"What's wrong?" After noticing Evelyn holding back, Finnick asked curiously.

"It's nothing serious. It's just that there were some repercussions after I was heavily injured during the fire that year." Evelyn smiled and continued, "Therefore, my health has been a problem all these years and I've often been hospitalized. It looks like I might become their regular customer soon."

Finnick's eyes flashed with a trace of heartache as he heard Evelyn making jokes about her own health.

He remembered that Evelyn hated being hospitalized the most. When she was sick, he had to go to great lengths to persuade her to drink her medicine, otherwise she wouldn't do so. It

seemed that she had become accustomed to the experience when she mentioned being hospitalized now.

Even though she claimed to be fine all those years, he felt that she must have suffered quite a bit because she was living under someone else's roof after all.

Both of them started chatting in the lift. Most of the time, Evelyn was talking and Finnick was listening. In addition to talking about her life abroad over the years, Evelyn asked Finnick some questions from time to time.

Even though Finnick was still acting rather coldly, he wasn't as indifferent as he had been at the beginning and answered Evelyn's questions.

After being trapped in the lift for quite some time, Evelyn's face turned pale all of a sudden. As she placed one hand over her chest, she bent over and panted heavily.

"Are you alright?" After noticing Evelyn's condition, Finnick held her immediately.

As she closed her eyes and took a deep breath, Evelyn was unable to answer Finnick's questions.

As Finnick assisted Evelyn to slowly sit against the wall of the lift, he stroked her back in order for her to breathe more easily. Evelyn finally calmed down after a while and began to look much better.

"What's wrong?" Seeing that Evelyn was getting better, Finnick asked worriedly.

The moment she opened her eyes and saw Finnick's worried expression, Evelyn struggled to put on a weak smile and said, "I'm fine, it's because I inhaled a lot of smoke during the fire back then, so... so there are problems with my heart and respiratory tract... I'm used to it, it's fine..."

"You should stop talking for now and rest well. We will get out of here soon." After Finnick said that to Evelyn, he stood up and used the phone in the lift to contact the people outside.

"How long more do you need?" The maintenance technician immediately heard Finnick's exasperated voice once the call was connected.

The maintenance technician didn't know why Finnick, who had managed to stay calm earlier, was suddenly acting so impatient. Hence, he quickly reassured, "Right away, Mr. Norton. Please be patient for a moment. It will be done in thirty minutes at most."

"Hurry up, there's a patient in the lift and the situation is very critical." As he turned around and glanced at Evelyn, Finnick noticed that she wasn't looking any better still. "Hurry up!"

"Yes, yes, yes." The maintenance technician responded swiftly and sped up with the repairs.

As Finnick hung up the phone and returned to Evelyn's side, he continued to stroke her back in an attempt to make her feel more comfortable.

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“It’s done!” After letting a long sigh of relief, the maintenance technician wiped the sweat off his forehead and quickly opened the door to the lift that was shut tightly.

Once the lift door had been opened, Vivian rushed forward in haste as she prayed that Finnick would be fine and nothing bad would happen to him.

In the seconds following the opening of the lift door, Vivian saw a silhouette streak past her. When she looked again, she only saw a lady’s bag in the empty lift. Evelyn and Finnick were nowhere to be found.

“Hurry up and contact the hospital for an ambulance!” After hearing Finnick’s voice from behind, Vivian turned around and saw him striding towards the corner of the stairs with Evelyn who was already unconscious.

Vivian’s heart sank when she saw Finnick leave with Evelyn in his arms and he didn’t even glance at her after exiting the lift.

However, she thought that Evelyn’s condition must be very critical since she had passed out, so it was only normal for Finnick to attend to her. Even if it wasn’t Evelyn, she believed Finnick would do the same. Vivian felt slightly better at the thought of that, then ran after Finnick hurriedly.

However, when she got downstairs, she saw that Finnick had already followed the ambulance and left. As Vivian was wondering how to get to the hospital, she saw Noah drive out of the parking lot.

“Noah!” Vivian yelled while running in Noah’s direction.

Noah turned his car around immediately upon hearing Vivian’s voice and stopped his vehicle next to her. Then he peeked out of the window and asked, “What’s the matter, Mrs. Norton?”

“Do you know which hospital Finnick and Evelyn went to? Can you send me there?” Vivian asked anxiously.

"I just happen to be heading there at this very moment. Get in the car, Mrs. Norton." When Vivian got into the car, Noah raced to the hospital.

Vivian's face turned pale and her stomach churned as she was frightened by Noah's driving speed. However, she held in her discomfort and did not say anything because she wanted to arrive at the hospital as soon as possible.

They made it to the hospital in just a short while. After getting out of the car, Vivian felt a sudden burst of dizziness and almost fell to the ground.

Noah immediately held her the moment he saw that. "I'm sorry, Mrs. Norton. I was in such a hurry earlier."

"It's alright." Vivian responded with a tight smile. After Noah helped Vivian regain composure for a while and her dizziness was gone, the both of them entered the hospital.

As Vivian spoke to the nurse in the hospital, she discovered that Evelyn had been taken to the operating room for surgery. Upon following the nurse's directions, she immediately found the operating room.

At that time, Finnick was sitting on a chair in the corridor outside the operating room. When Finnick saw Vivian running over, he stood up and grabbed hold of her.

As soon as Vivian was able to stand still, Finnick frowned at her and asked, "Why are you running so fast? Why is your face so pale?"

"I..." Vivian didn't know how to explain the anxiety she was feeling from within. In fact, she wasn't sure why she was in such a hurry to go to the hospital too.

"How's Evelyn?" Vivian changed the topic and inquired about Evelyn's health instead.

He grabbed onto Vivian's shoulders and sat her down next to him. "Her respiratory tract and heart are very weak due to the fire that occurred previously. This time, she was trapped in the elevator for quite a while, so she may have passed out from lack of oxygen and breathing difficulties."

"She will not be in danger then, will she?" Vivian asked nervously. Despite Vivian seeing Evelyn as a rival in love and not liking her very much as a person, she still hoped that Evelyn was safe.

“She mentioned before that her condition is inveterate, so she shouldn’t be in any danger.” Finnick wasn’t sure either.

In silence, both of them waited for the surgery to end.

“By the way, has Benedict been notified?” The thought suddenly occurred to Vivian. As Benedict was Evelyn’s only relative, he should be informed to come quickly.

Finnick nodded and said, “I have asked Noah to inform him, he should be here anytime soon...”

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Before Finnick could finish, Benedict arrived at the scene in a rushed manner.

“He’s here.” Finnick turned around and told Vivian.

“How’s Evelyn doing?” Benedict instantly asked Finnick.

“She’s still in the operating ward. Don’t worry, she should be fine.” Finnick gave Benedict a reassuring look.

When Benedict heard that from Finnick, he breathed a long sigh of relief. Evelyn is my only family now, please don’t let anything bad happen to her.

“Finnick, thank you for sending Evelyn to the hospital and I’m sorry for misunderstanding you previously.” Benjamin stared at Finnick gratefully.

When he heard Evelyn speak about the fire incident, Benedict realized that he had always been wrong about Finnick. Finnick did not abandon her at all.

Benedict was ashamed when he thought of his mistreatment towards Finnick, and even more so when he picked on and humiliated him over the years.

"It's alright, you have your reasons for thinking that way." A rare smile emerged on Finnick's lips as he replied. Perhaps he was relieved once the misunderstanding had been cleared up.

Having no more words to say, Benedict laid his hand firmly on Finnick's shoulder. Then, he lifted his head and looked anxiously at the entrance of the operating room.

Vivian noticed that the prevailing hostile aura that was present when the two were together had disappeared, and it was replaced by a sense of brotherhood instead.

After waiting for a while, the door to the operating room finally opened. While seeing Evelyn being pushed out of the room, Benedict rushed towards the doctor and began asking questions.

"Don't worry, the patient has no major problems. She just needs to wake up and everything will be fine."

After hearing the doctor's words, the three of them instantly felt relieved. Having thanked the doctor, Vivian and the others went to Evelyn's ward.

Evelyn was still unconscious at that moment.

"There are still some matters at the company I need to attend to, I'll make a move first." After seeing that Evelyn was fine and Benedict was there to look after her as well, Finnick announced that he was heading back to the company.

"Alright, you should go back to your work then." Benedict was also well aware that Finnick was a busy person.

As he nodded to Benedict, Finnick extended his hand to Vivian and said, "Let's go."

Vivian hesitated for a moment, then said, "Please go ahead. Since I've taken the day off and there's nothing for me to do, I'll stay here and wait for Evelyn to wake up."

Finnick replied, "Alright, call me when you want to go back later and I'll have Noah pick you up."

"Understood." Vivian was touched by Finnick's thoughtfulness.

Finnick glanced at Benedict one more time before leaving the ward.

Seeing Finnick had left, Vivian turned around and met Benedict's gaze.

Vivian was slightly confused about how Benedict was staring at her as she asked, "What's the matter?"

He smiled a little, "Nothing. It's just that I think you are very generous. Evelyn and Finnick used to be lovers after all, and I never expected you to get along with her so well and still care about her so much."

Vivian smiled bitterly when she heard Benedict's words. What else can I do besides being understanding and generous? Or should I cry or argue with Finnick instead? If I do that, not only it wouldn't change a thing, Finnick would even hate me.

"Evelyn has mentioned before that she will not interfere with my relationship with Finnick, hence it is only right for me to care about her as her friend."

When Benedict heard Vivian's words, he became silent. Then he said in a low voice, "No matter what, make sure you keep an eye on your husband."

"What do you mean?" Vivian heart sank as she wondered why Benedict said that to her.

As Benedict sighed, he said to Vivian, "Evelyn and Finnick had a very close relationship indeed. Every man's first love has a special place in their heart. Also, I'm reminding you for your own good, so be careful."

It surprised Vivian that Benedict would tell her that. Even though Evelyn was his sister, he reminded Vivian to be careful around her. Benedict seemed to be advising her for her own good after all.

Even though Benedict was Evelyn's brother, Vivian felt that the both of them were very different. After thinking how Evelyn had provoked her previously, Vivian felt that she was vindictive and it was impossible for her to like her.

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However, she had always sensed a strange of closeness when it comes to Benedict. Now that she had heard him said those words to her, Vivian felt even more moved.

Following a few hours in the hospital, Vivian considered whether to leave the hospital since Evelyn had not awoken yet. As if reading Vivian's mind, Benedict stated, "Vivian, Evelyn is fine now. I can guard here by myself. You can go home first."

Vivian felt a little embarrassed because instead of staying with Evelyn as she mentioned earlier, now she wanted to leave first. However, she assumed that Evelyn wouldn't want to see her when she regained consciousness.

"Alright, then I'll go back first. Take care of yourself." Without coming up with excuses, Vivian told Benedict and left.

She returned home to find Finnick already back from work.

"Didn't I say I'll ask Noah to pick you up? Why did you come home by yourself?" In fact, Finnick informed Noah to be on standby before leaving work. Finnick didn't expect her to come home without saying anything.

"It's alright, I happened to come across a cab when I was walking out."

Finnick did not want to dwell on that topic, then he asked, "How's Evelyn?"

Upon hearing Finnick ask about Evelyn, Vivian's heart sank immensely the moment she recalled the scene from this afternoon where he carried Evelyn to the hospital in a panic and brushed her aside.

However he seemed to be rather calm upon mentioning Evelyn now, so it was better for her to not say much.

"I'm not too sure. When I left, she wasn't awake yet."

Finnick nodded and did not say much after that.

As soon as Vivian woke up the next morning, she packed up and went to work at the magazine company. It wouldn't make her feel good if she were to skip work for another day after taking so many days off.

"Hello everyone, long time no see." Despite her smile and joyful greeting, Vivian noticed none of her colleagues responded but stare at her in an inexplicable manner. It was as if their gazes were filled with... pity.

"What's the matter?" Vivian was puzzled by everyone's reaction and wondered if she had missed any big news by not going to work for a few days.

Everybody kept doing their own things with their head lowered down. No one answered Vivian's question.

As she sat down, with a puzzled look on her face, Vivian surveyed her colleagues around her. She noticed that everyone was looking at her secretly. However, the moment their gazes met, they hurriedly turned away and pretended to be busy.

She was really baffled by that. Vivian stood up, walked over to Sarah's seat and pulled her into the pantry quietly.

"Vivian..." Sarah stared at Vivian worriedly, then she pulled Vivian's hand while she spoke with conviction, "Vivian, you don't need to worry. I believe Mr. Norton is not that type of person."

"Huh?" After hearing Sarah say that, Vivian was utterly confused. "What has this got to do with Finnick? What's happening, Vivian? Why are you acting weirdly too?"

"Vivian, weren't you there?" Sarah was also confused by Vivian.

"What do you mean?"

"It's regarding Evelyn returning back from the dead. Weren't you at the cemetery?"

So this is the reason why everyone's acting weirdly. Vivian smiled bitterly. And she thought she missed some big news, not expecting it to be about her. This matter was trending on the internet and widely spread all over Twitter. Everyone would definitely know about this.

“Vivian, you should not believe those words on the Internet, they are all just speculations.” Sarah continued comforting Vivian, “Even though you are not as beautiful as Evelyn, I believe that Mr. Norton is not the kind of person who only cares about appearance. He wouldn’t abandon you for sure.”

Vivian laughed at herself in her heart when she realized that even Sarah, who has always been by her side, didn’t think she was as good as Evelyn too.

When Sarah noticed that her words did not only fail to comfort Vivian, but also made her mood even worse, only then did she realize what she had just said.

“Vivian, I don’t mean that... I...” Sarah panicked as she tried to explain to Vivian.

“It’s alright, I understand. Go back to your work.” Vivian patted Sarah’s shoulder to let her know that she knew she meant no harm.