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Hailey Lawson turned her head around and almost hit Alex Rockefeller. Raising her chin, she asked, “What do you mean by

that?”

With his heart thumping, Alex hurriedly took a step back. “You have the elegance and grace of a city girl.”

“I was the belle of the village back then!” She flipped her hair and turned back.

Hailey had called upon him to give her mother-in-law a treat.

She wasn't always the healthiest, and her condition had worsened recently, with her appetite and sleep badly affected. As days went by, she started hallucinating. The doctors had run out of ideas. Even James Coney came, but her condition kept worsening.

Out of desperation, Hailey went to Alex for help.

They got some stuff from Nine Villa before departing. About half an hour later, they arrived at Golden Manor, an upscale neighborhood.

It was much more expensive than Maple Villa and was one of the more sought-after residential areas in California. Located just steps away was Sunset Lake, one of California's most popular tourist attractions.

Peaceful, tranquility, and with plenty of fresh air to boot, it was the perfect living community for society's upper class. Found among its residents were multi-millionaires, retired ministers, or even superstar celebrities. It was also the ideal location for senior citizens to enjoy retirement.

With that, it was not unexpected to find Charles Carter's parents among its residents.

Alex knew that he would surpass everyone living in this neighborhood one day. He did not have money or power, but what he possessed were his own talents and powerful healing abilities.

"Hey, what are you thinking?" Hailey parked the car and noticed Alex's blank expression. "This is not the first time I see you distracted today. What are you thinking about? Are you worried that I might become pregnant?"

Shocked, Alex looked at her with his eyes wide open.

“Gosh, this is funny!” Hailey chuckled. Immediately after, she lowered her voice and said in a more serious tone, “Don’t worry, I’ll get an abortion if it’s true.”

“Hailey, are you sure we didn’t...”

She held her gaze for half a minute. After seeing his worried expression, she blurted, “I was just messing around with you! Wait a minute, are you telling me that you have not done it with Dorothy yet?”

“We are almost there,” Alex breathed a sigh of relief.

“Gosh, are you kidding me? Do you want me to teach you the ways...”

“Damn it. Someone’s here.”

It was her father-in-law-Zack Carter, a petite old man with a bald spot on the top of his head. Hailey’s expression changed instantly upon seeing him. To which Alex saw it as disgust and fear.

Out of the corner of his eye, Alex saw Zack’s hungry gaze checking Hailey out.

He was shocked.

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He immediately understood why Hailey Lawson reacted so negatively upon seeing Zack Carter. Chances were, she knew what kind of person the old man was.

Alex Rockefeller felt his temper rising.

But immediately, his attention was fixated on a black bracelet worn by the old man on his wrist.

A wisp of energy, invisible to the naked eye, emanated from the bracelet and shrouded the old man.

‘What is it?’

Alex squinted and found that the energy came from one of the beads in the bracelet. Even more surprising was how it stimulated the Force in his body.

A thought burst into his mind, he had to have it!

Whatever the consequence!

Of course, Alex was no criminal, not to mention that he couldn't possibly do it to Charles Carter's father. He quickly suppressed his urge using all his willpower.

'Who is he?'

Zack looked at Alex with animosity and even a little jealousy in his eyes.

Using his Third Eye, Alex recognized Zack's jealousy, suspicious that his daughter-in-law was cheating on his son with him.

"Father, he is one of Charles' buddies and an amazing doctor. Even James Coney had nothing but high praise. I invited him to check on mother's condition," Hailey began introducing Alex.

"Oh..." Zack nodded at Alex in greeting.

He wasn't too keen nor against the doctor's visit. Instead, his thirsty gaze was once again fixated on Hailey.

Alex realized that Zack was looking at Hailey's exposed dress collar as she bent forward to retrieve her belongings from the trunk of the car.

Crap! He needed to do something!

'I cannot believe this.' Alex strutted forward and pulled Hailey aside. "Let me get it for you. It's heavy, isn't it?"

"Thank you so much." Zack immediately removed his gaze as Hailey straightened her back. He put on a kind demeanor and said, "You must be tired after all the driving. Why don't you come in and have some watermelon!"

He had even prepared a pair of indoor slippers, intending to put them on Hailey himself when she entered. His eyes were riveted to her exposed calves.

'Why does Charles have such a jerk for a father?' Alex became livid, seeing all these tuifolding right in front of his eyes. Did Charles realize that his father was a pervert, lusting after his son's wife?

As Zack went into the kitchen to get the watermelon, Alex whispered in Hailey's ears.
"Your father-in-law..."

"You noticed?" Hailey looked at him with resentment on her face.

Alex sighed. Everybody had their own demons to fight, it seemed.

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"Does Charles know of this?"

"Without any evidence, what can I say?"

Soon after, Zack Carter came out holding a plate of sliced watermelon. Alex Rockefeller quickly suggested that they should check on the patient instead since he refused to consume food prepared by the old pervert.

As for Zack, he wanted this man to leave as soon as possible. It did not matter to him if his wife was cured. After all, she lived an old age and would interfere with his search for a young bride if she was still alive.

Happily agreeing to Alex's request, he brought them over to where his sick wife was.

She was lying on the bed when they came to her bedroom on the second floor. Of a small frame, she had evidently been pretty back in her younger days. Alex was shocked to find out what had happened to the old lady.

A ghostly aura could be seen shrouding her body, just like what happened to Hailey Lawson. That explained everything. She must have caught it from her mother-in-law previously.

She wasn't sick but was possessed by a demon!

Not only that, it had begun to take shape.

"Alex, how is my mother-in-law? Is she going to be okay?" asked Hailey.

Before he could reply, a woman's voice boomed from outside the bedroom "I am back, Dad!" A woman in her twenties, one that resembled Charles Carter a little, came barging in.

Following right behind her was a man with a doctor's bag.

The woman was Charles' sister, Nancy Carter.

"Hailey Lawson, fancy seeing you here!" Nancy called Hailey by her full name sarcastically as she walked in and looked on threateningly. She then shoved Alex out of the way and said, "Who are you? Get out of my way!"

Alex was annoyed, deciding not to proceed with what he wanted to speak about earlier.

"Nancy Carter, he is the doctor I invited to check on mother's condition. Can you at least show us some respect?" Hailey lamented in an irritated tone.

"He's a doctor?" Nancy laughed and turned her attention back onto Alex.

Looking at him with disdain and contempt, she said, "Are you sure? He looks awfully similar to a conman to me."

"Watch what you speak, Nancy Carter! Doctor Rockefeller is your brother's buddy, and he's personally invited him over to see how Mom is doing. If you insist on disrespecting Doctor Rockefeller, I cannot protect you from the consequences!"

"Hmph! All you do is threaten me with my brother!"

Nancy pointed to the man standing behind her and said, “Let me introduce you to Doctor Jim Sabinsky here. Do you know who he is? He is the Imperial Doctor, Wallace Yoke’s student. Well, my good sir, do you know who Wallace Yoke is?”

Alex looked at the man and thought how inconvenient it was for him to meet the annoying old man’s disciple.

“Of course!” Alex nodded.

Jim raised his eyebrow and replied, “Why don’t you get out of here then? I don’t want your interference while I treat my patient later. You know, I can get you imprisoned with just a phone call for being a conman. Now, shoo!”

Alex sneered and said, “Even your mentor will think twice before speaking to me like that. Who are you to judge?”

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“What did you just say? Who are you to disrespect Doctor Yoke, America’s Imperial Doctor, like that!”

Jim Sabinsky's face turned beet red in rage. He could not accept any form of disrespect directed at his mentor. "You are done for. I am calling the police now! You need to be put in jail so you'd learn not to cheat and con innocent citizens."

Even Hailey Lawson could not stop him from dialing up the authorities.

Shaking his head, Alex took out his phone and punched in a number.

Before Jim could tell the operator on the other end of the line of his issue, Alex handed him his cell phone and said, "Your mentor wants to speak to you."

"Wait a minute."

Jim looked at him in bewilderment. Surely, it wasn't his mentor on the line? How could he, America's Imperial Doctor, recklessly reveal his phone number to a stranger?

Alex turned on the speaker mode, and Wallace Yoke's angry voice quickly came through. "Jim Sabinsky, you fool! Did you do anything to Mr. Rockefeller? Get on your knees and apologize now! He is an amazing doctor, and even I pay my respects to him. I am coming right now! If I don't see you on your knees when I arrive, that will be the end of our relationship!"

Everyone in the room heard Wallace's thunderous outburst from the phone, while Jim was at a loss for words.

When did Wallace ever lose his temper? Why did he treat Alex with so much reverence and respect? Yet, he could not figure out Alex's identity even after racking his brain. When did America produce such a young and prodigious doctor?

Nancy was dumbfounded too. She put in tremendous effort, asking for favors, all just to secure Jim's help.

Who would've thought Hailey would one up her with a much more powerful character?

It was the right choice, Hailey thought, getting Alex to come. She had nothing but praise for Alex and realized now that she had totally underestimated him.

Wallace was considered the best medical practitioner in the country, but even he acknowledged that he was nowhere near Alex's level. That could only mean one thing, Alex's presence was godlike.

"Jim Sabinsky! Did you kneel?" Wallace yelled.

Jim instantly dropped onto his knees and cried, "I'm mistaken, master, please!"

His face was twisted in resentment, unable to believe the fact that Alex was a doctor and a much better one than Wallace.

“Hang on, Mr. Rockefeller, I will be there in an instant! Whatever you do, don’t treat the patient yet. Please, wait for me!” pleaded Wallace.

He wanted to see Alex’s magic in action.

Alex looked at Jim and replied, “Sure, I will be waiting.”

Wallace arrived half an hour later.

While waiting for him, Alex asked Jim to get back on his feet, but Jim, fearing the consequences that would entail, refused.

The old doctor immediately slapped his young student on the face when he arrived.
“Fool!”

Alex waved his hand and said, “It’s all right. He did not really do anything bad toward me. Plus, he has been kneeling for half an hour. I think that’s enough. Get up.”

Jim was in the clear for now.

Extremely interested in different treatments and healing methods, Wallace wanted to witness Alex's skills in action, the reason why he came over as quickly as he could.

Alex pointed at the old lady lying on the bed and said, "Why don't you check her out, Doctor Yoke?"

Immediately Wallace grabbed the old lady's wrist and checked her pulse. Just as quickly, he put it down.

"Her hands are cold to the touch. Is she dead?" he blurted out.

Alex shook his head. "She is still alive but not for long if we let her be."

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"You are wishing for my mother's death, aren't you?" Nancy Carter was livid.

“I was just stating the truth.” Alex Rockefeller heeded no attention to Nancy. “Now that I am here, she will live.”

“Who knows if you are deceiving us?” Nancy retorted.

Meanwhile, Wallace Yoke checked the old lady’s pulse again.

For three full minutes, he remained motionless with a solemn expression on his face. Finally, he shook his head. “I am sorry, I don’t think I can do anything here.”

Alex told Hailey Lawson, “Why don’t you leave everything to Doctor Yoke and me? Wait for us outside the bedroom.”

“Sounds good.” He escorted a scowling Nancy and Zack out. Hailey left as well.

Jim Sabinsky wanted to remain and help, although, in actual fact, he was waiting for a chance to expose Alex’s ruse.

“Sure, why not?” Alex grinned.

Three men and an old lady were the only ones left in the bedroom.

“I am actually protecting you by not letting you treat her,” Alex told Jim.

He pointed at the old lady, seeing Jim’s skeptical reaction. “How many people do you see on the bed right now?” he asked.

“Just one?” Wallace answered in a confused voice.

Jim snickered, “I suppose you saw two instead? Sir, why don’t you get your eyes checked?”

Wallace glared at his student, albeit having the same thoughts as well.

Alex let out a soft chuckle as he focused his Chi onto his fingertips before directing it straight to the bed.

“Say, how many do you see now?”

They shifted their attention to the bed and let out an instant cry of terror, with Jim shivering and almost peeing his pants.

The old lady was still lying motionless in bed, but beneath her neck sat a dark figure of a kid, dripping with water.

No, it was not a kid. It was a little demon!

Wallace gulped nervously, asking, "Is this the rumored diabolical reaper, Mr. Rockefeller?"

"Master, I think that is nothing more than mere folklore. Ghosts do not exist in our world. This is just an illusion!" said Jim.

Wallace smacked his student on the head.

"What do you know? There is more to this world than we will ever understand! The diabolical reaper really exists. I witnessed one in my younger days. Instances of its appearance had also been recorded in various literature passed down through the generations. Unfortunately, I was never allowed to learn the art of shamanistic healing," Wallace said with a tinge of regret in his reply.

Jim asked, "If that is the case, this old lady right here is not sick. She is just possessed."

"She is ill, anyway. The demon possessing her is sucking the life out of her as we speak," said Alex.

"Can we save her?"

"Of course! Easy!"

Alex walked toward the bed with a smile on his face and tried to yank the little demon away. It shrieked and attempted to flee, only to have its path blocked by Alex.

Instead, it turned around and ran toward a screaming, terrified Jim.

Alex waved his hand as the little demon was ensnared, possibly by an invisible net.

He suddenly realized an emblem on the little demon pointing in a direction to the front-right.

“It has an owner. Interesting. I wonder who that is?”