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Chapter 201 A Tough Problem

Elise looked at Alexander standing in front of her; she found that he was someone familiar yet a stranger. Fortunately, she had worn her mask, so he wasn't able to identify her.

"What are you waiting for? Get on!" Alexander repeated. Meanwhile, Elise hesitated for a moment before getting on the motorbike. Then, he accelerated, and the bike roared off into the distance.

They sped off in the darkness as she tried her best to support her injured arm. She clenched her teeth hard to stop herself from losing consciousness. He finally stopped the bike when they arrived at a safe location. "We're safe. You can go now."

She lowered her eyes and extricated herself from him. "I appreciate this. Thanks for your help. If you need a helping hand in the future, you can find me at Dragonweiss anytime."

Meanwhile, Alexander carefully scrutinized Elise. He had mainly intended to pop over and enjoy the show, but unexpectedly saw the mighty and valiant boss of Dragonweiss with his own eyes. Truthfully speaking, he was in awe of her courage when she fired the shot earlier. This woman here disguised in a fox mask isn't one to mess with.

"I'm quite honored to have seen the appearance of the boss of Dragonweiss. That's worth my trip. As for the rest of it, I'm not one to ask for much." Alexander glanced at her arm as soon as he finished his sentence. "You're hurt! You should return home to have that wound attended to as soon as possible. I hope that we'll be able to be friends with each other the next time we meet." With that, he pressed the throttle and roared off without a backward glance.

As she tried to comprehend the meaning behind his words, Elise frowned slightly. In the end, the pain shooting from her arm shook her to the present and she didn't bother to spare

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another thought to what he said. At that moment itself, she scanned her surroundings and flagged a cab to head to Dragonweiss' private hospital.

As it was a wound sustained from a gunshot, she didn't dare to alert anyone else. After experiencing the procedure of having the embedded bullet removed at the said private hospital, she ended up collapsing from the pain.

By the time she had regained consciousness, it was already the morning of the following day.

Elise gradually got up from the bed and noticed that her arm had already been dressed and bandaged up. As she rummaged around and found her phone, it was only at that moment when she noticed there were in fact more than ten missed calls.

At this moment, she came to her senses and immediately returned Alexander's call.

"Where are you?" Alexander asked.

Meanwhile, Elise glanced at her surroundings and ignored his question as she probed, "Do you need me for anything? Why are you bombarding me with phone calls so early in the morning?"

He had intended to ask her why she had stayed out the whole night last night, but he suddenly pondered, Am I being too controlling? She might feel oppressed by this. He quickly changed his tune and replied, "No, it's nothing much. I noticed that you weren't home and was worried about your safety. I can tell now that you're safe and sound, so it's all good. I won't be sending you to school today then."

She affirmed, "That's fine with me. I can head to school by myself."

After Elise hung up the phone, she sighed deeply. In fact, she intensely disliked the feeling of telling a fib, but how on earth was she supposed to reveal her identity to Alexander, though? Furthermore, how am I supposed to explain the gunshot wound on my arm? She felt that it was one of the toughest questions of this century to resolve. I guess I'll just take it one step at a time.

The moment she left the hospital, she hailed a cab to school. Meanwhile, Alexander's car was parked in front of the school entrance and as soon as he saw her arriving safely, he was finally at ease. Soon after that, he started his car ignition and slowly drove off.

Jacinda had noticed Alexander and she was just about to head over to greet him, but he didn't even bother to look at her and immediately drove off.

She was slightly annoyed by his action and followed his gaze to the direction that he had been looking at. Coincidentally, Elise appeared in front of her. How can such an ugly person be able to attract someone like Alexander?! What sort of witchery does she possess?! Looks like Ashlyn's right; that girl's a vixen!

"Gosh! Some people can be so full of themselves despite being quite ugly." As soon as Jacinda entered the classroom, she rudely spoke in front of Elise.

"Jacinda, who are you talking about? Who has offended you this time?" Some of her classmates walked up to her in curiosity and asked with concern.

Jacinda tossed her head haughtily without giving out any names, but she spoke obscurely, "Who else could it be? Who's the ugliest person with a nasty personality in our class? She's skillful in seducing guys, so isn't it quite obvious to everyone?"

Meanwhile, everyone exchanged looks with each other, but no one had any idea who Jacinda was talking about. Nonetheless, their eyes inadvertently turned to Elise. After all, if everyone was to be rated based on their looks, she would be the one ranked last in their class.

At that point, she frowned as she sensed the looks of judgment from the crowd. However, as Jacinda didn't spill any names, Elise couldn't quite stand up for herself out of nowhere and ignored Jacinda while she continued to complete her worksheet.

One of their classmates suggested in a soft voice, "Jacinda, don't tell me you're talking about Frudite Flise?!"

In response, Jacinda merely revealed a smile. "That was just a random thing that I said. As for the person whom I was talking about, I'm sure she's well aware of it."

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"That's enough, Jacinda. There's no need to overthink the situation. Let's focus on our final exam."

"Yeah, that's right. I still have a worksheet from yesterday to complete. I'm returning to my seat to do that."

Shortly after that, two of their classmates who came forward eventually returned to their respective seats. Jacinda scanned her surroundings and discovered that the entire class now resembled a studious environment. Being a slacker, she seemed to be at odds with the rest of them.

After an agonizingly long day, it was finally the last class for the morning period. At that point, Elise could distinctly feel the pain radiating from her arm and there was a wet, sticky sensation too. It seemed that her wound was once again oozing blood. She immediately stood up and went off to the medical center. There, she bought some clean gauze and swiftly made her way to the bathroom.

Elise locked herself in a cubicle and unraveled her dressing, which exposed her gaping and bloody wound to the air. As a result, she gritted her teeth to stifle the pain. Then, she quickly applied some medication on the wound before bandaging it once again. She found that it was rather inconvenient to do it with one hand, so she was quite sloppy with the application. However, she wasn't too concerned and walked out of the cubicle to return to the classroom.

Unbeknownst to Elise, as soon as she emerged from the cubicle, the door next to hers also opened to reveal Jacinda walked out with an intense look. Jacinda glanced at the bloody gauze in the bin and became lost in her thoughts.

"Our next class is P.E. I heard that this is the final one for this semester. Soon, all of our P.E. periods will be substituted with Mathematics."

"What?! That can't be true! Ugh, what a buzzkill!"

"Sigh! Let's persevere and withstand this! We only have three more months to push ourselves! We can do this!"

In saying that, most of the students grouped together and rose up to leave and change into appropriate attires at the changing rooms.

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"Boss, stop working on your worksheet. It's our final P.E. class for this semester. Let's go and enjoy this precious moment that we have left." Danny walked over and spoke up.

Meanwhile, Elise was so concerned about her wound that she replied, "I want to continue doing some worksheets in the classroom. Could you help me to get some time off from our teacher?"

He was about to agree to her request when someone reminded from behind, "In our last session, our teacher has mentioned that there will be a physical fitness test. The result of this test will be included in our overall P.E. result for this semester, which is why everyone has to turn up. We're not allowed any time off."

As soon as Danny heard that, he instantly reacted, "Boss, I guess you better come with us then. You can work on this worksheet later during the revision period."

In response, Elise pursed her lips as her thoughts went to the physical fitness test. It should be some simple jogging that we need to do. As long as I don't touch the wound, it should hopefully be fine.

"Alright, I'll change my clothes then."

She went into the changing room and opened her locker to retrieve her gym attire. Fortunately for her, it was the spring season whereby everyone still wore shirts with long sleeves, so she managed to cover her wound.

As soon as the P.E. class started, all the students were asked to run three laps. It was arduous for Elise, but she gritted her teeth and persevered. However, right after she had finished warming up, she suddenly felt dizzy and as if she was about to collapse. Shortly after that, she fainted and fell.

"Boss!"

Danny was the first person to reach her side. As soon as he saw her unconscious on the ground, he immediately carried her into his arms and sent her to the medical center.

Elise wasn't aware of how long she had been unconscious for, but she eventually woke up to find that it was dusk outside. She tried to move her arm, but she instead gasped in pain.

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"Stop moving around!" A familiar voice rang out in her ears.

A stunned Elise lifted her head to meet Alexander's eyes. "What are you doing here?"

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Chapter 202 A Secret That She Can't Bring Herself to Reveal

Alexander's expression darkened as he replied, "Danny called to inform me that you had fainted, so I immediately came over."

Elise rubbed her temples and she recalled the situation that led up to her losing consciousness. Shortly after that, she explained, "My blood sugar must have dipped, so that's why I fainted."

It was the same diagnosis that the doctor gave, but he noticed that she was clearly paler than usual.

"You should take a good rest if you're not feeling well. I'll help to obtain a medical certificate for you so that you don't have to attend school tomorrow."

"That's not necessary." Elise instantly rejected Alexander's offer. "It's close to our final exam. I don't want to disrupt my studies."

She had provided an extremely logical explanation, but he refused to accept her objections.

"Your final exam is not as important as your health! Besides, it's just for one day. If you have any trouble with your schoolwork, I'll get Danny to tutor you once he's back. I'll get him to bring your homework back too."

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"But-"

"There are no buts about it. I've instructed Mrs. Lester to prepare some chicken soup for you. Let's head home now."

From his words, Elise suddenly realized that they were still in the school's medical center, so she hastily rose from the bed. However, she had accidentally strained her wounded arm and instantly furrowed her brows as she instinctively reached out to place a hand over her arm.

"What's wrong? Did you hurt your arm?" Alexander asked as he made a move to check on her condition.

She hurriedly stopped him in response. "N-Nothing's wrong. My arm just feels stiff after such a long nap."

Meanwhile, he didn't suspect that there was something amiss and mentioned, "I'll help you to get out of bed."

Elise held him for support as she got out of bed. It was only then when she felt the pain had significantly subsided. "I'm fine. Let's go home."

Alexander grunted in affirmation and immediately led her out of the medical center. However, he suddenly reached into his pocket and turned to her. "I left my keys inside the room. I'll head back to grab it. Why don't you wait for me here?"

Elise agreed and he subsequently detoured to get his keys.

He returned to the room and found his keys by the bedside table. Just as he was about to leave, his eyes suddenly noticed something while his gaze lingered. There was a prominent bloodstain on the originally white bedsheet, which caused his expression to instantly darken. He didn't make his way out to join Elise, but stopped to have a word with the doctor.

"Doctor, was my fiancée injured?"

The doctor had discovered a wound on Elise's arm when he conducted his medical examination. Despite that, he noticed that she had already attended to the wound, so he wasn't extremely fussed about it and merely assumed that it was an ordinary injury.

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As such, he replied frankly, "Her arm was injured, but the wound had already been dressed. Being her fiance, weren't you aware of it?"

At that point, Alexander's expression was thunderous. She didn't tell me that she was injured! I don't even know when she sustained that injury! He suddenly realized that he wasn't exactly the greatest fiancé.

"Thanks, doctor." As he said that, he reached for his wallet, took out a stack of notes, and handed it to the doctor. "You've done a great job." With that, Alexander walked out of the room.

As soon as Elise noticed him walking toward her, she recollected herself and feigned that everyone was alright despite the intense pain that she felt on her arm. In addition to that, she went forward to ask him, "Have you found the keys?"

Alexander nodded. "Let's go home."

Subsequently, the two of them entered the car whereby both of them were lost in their own thoughts and didn't speak a word to each other throughout the entire journey to the Griffith Residence.

Upon their arrival, Elise immediately opened the door and alighted from the car to enter the house whereas Alexander remained seated in the car. He trained his eyes on her back as she walked inside. Then, he heaved a deep sigh and dialed Cameron's number. "Get me some medication for wounds. Get more of it and send it to my house."

Cameron thought that Alexander had hurt himself and instantly probed with concern, "What's going on, Mr. Duncan? Which part of your body did you injure? Is it bad? I'll be there right away!"

This was the first time ever that Alexander found Cameron being loquacious, but he answered Cameron's questions nonetheless, "I'm fine. Just get everything ready and send it to me as soon as possible."

After hanging up the phone, Alexander then left the car.

Elise went into her room and she immediately locked the door after that. Then, she located the first aid kit in her room and took out some pain relief medications. Without any

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hesitation, she immediately swallowed them; it was as if by her doing so, the pain could somehow slightly subside.

She wasn't exactly sure of the reason, but the gunshot wound that she had sustained this time felt much more intense than before to the point where she was close to breaking down.

It wasn't until there was a knock at the door when she realized how long she had been in the room. She reflexively opened her eyes and asked, "Who's there?"

"It's me!" The two simple words were paired in a familiar voice.

Instantly, Elise rose to her feet and saw her reflection in the mirror. After making sure that she looked perfectly alright, she proceeded to unlock the door. "Do you need anything?"

She asked Alexander who stood by the door.

At that moment, he was carrying a big hand in his hands and walked right into the room without uttering a single word.

His sudden action was enough to cause Elise to feel anxious, but shortly after that, he abruptly asked, "Did you injure your arm?"

At this moment, Elise was stunned by his question. How did he know?!

However, Alexander didn't wait for her response and continued with his words, "Here are some medications to apply on your wound. There are two boxes of pain relief inside as well. They're quite effective."

"H-How did you know about it?"

He honestly replied, "I saw the bloodstains on the bed sheet. You must have been quite badly injured. So, let me help you to dress the wound."

"No, thanks. I'm alright." Elise subconsciously blurted out those words in that moment without even realizing it. Then, she realized it moments after that and felt that her reaction was uncalled for.

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Then, she tried to explain, "No, that's fine since it's just a minor wound. I've dressed it myself, so it's not a big deal."

At that moment, Alexander clearly sensed her abnormality and she seemed to be avoiding something. "Give me your hand and let me take a look at it."

Although Alexander had a no-nonsense attitude, Elise was well aware that he would be able to recognize her wound as one sustained from a gunshot as soon as he saw it. That would render all of her previous efforts futile.

"I-I... There's no need for that. Look, I've properly dressed the wound and it's fine." She made a gesture and rolled up her sleeves to show him the bandage that she had put on.

The wound was nicely bandaged and it looked alright.

Meanwhile, Alexander intently scrutinized her arm with a frown. "When did you injure yourself? Why didn't you tell me?"

Elise had no choice but to respond, "It's just a minor wound, so it's not a big deal at all. I'll be fine in a couple of days' time."

As soon as she had finished her words, Alexander reached out and took her into his arms. Their bodies were intertwined with each other and she could even hear his heartbeat by the side of her ears.

"Is it because you don't trust me?" Alexander's voice gradually rang out. "As your fiancé, I was the last person to learn about your injury. Do you know how terrible I felt?"

At that moment, Elise bit on her lower lip. "I'm sorry—"

She had just started to say something when he interjected, "There's no need to apologize. I'm the one who failed. I haven't done enough to give you the confidence to have the utmost trust in me. Can you promise me that from now on, you won't keep anything from me?"

She lifted her eyes to meet his intense gaze. At that moment, he sounded extremely sincere, which had left her at a loss on what to do next. She was hiding a secret from him and it was one that she couldn't bring herself to mention. "Alexander, I—"

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Before she could finish her sentence, his warm lips swooped in and stopped her from saying anything else with a single action. He slowly explored as he deepened the kids by taking in her wondrous lips. It was as if he was about to mold her into himself.

It rendered her mind completely blank, but she instinctively responded by returning the kiss.

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Chapter 203 It's You!

When it felt like she was responding to his kisses, it caused happiness to bloom in his heart. All he wanted at that moment was to hug her, kiss her and never let her go.

After what felt like an eternity whereby Elise felt that she had almost suffocated, Alexander finally released her from his embrace.

Both of them were out of breath as they stared deep into each other's eyes and saw their own reflections.

"You—"

"You-"

They had said both words in unison before looking at each other with a smile. Alexander then reached out to caress her head and added, "Take good care of your injury. Let me know if you need anything. Please remember that you are mine forever. Since we have chosen each other and are now engaged, I hope that we can share both the good and bad times together as well as becoming each other's most trusted person."

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Elise peered into his eyes before the lines between her brows slowly eased. Then, she firmly nodded.

"You should rest early then. I shall make my move." Then, he released her from his embrace and exited the room.

After Alexander left, Elise subconsciously pinched herself. It hurt, which meant that everything that had happened earlier was genuine.

She looked at her reflection in the mirror again and found that she was blushing; it was a reaction whenever a girl was in love. Deep down in her heart, she knew that she had fallen for him. She had fallen head over heels in love with the man.

The next day, Elise glanced at the rising sun outside the window and her mood was much better today. However, when she arrived at school, she noticed that there was a few hostile gazes from her peers.

Feeling puzzled, she looked at herself and found that there was nothing unusual.

She initially thought that she was being overly sensitive, but unexpectedly, as she continued to head toward her classroom, she noticed that the gazes became more intense. There were even some people who whispered among themselves while they looked at her.

"Danny, do you know what they are talking about?" Elise couldn't help but ask as soon as she stepped into the classroom. Nevertheless, Danny, who had been engrossed in his studies nowadays, had no idea what the other students were discussing about.

Hence, he answered, "I don't know. Wait a minute; Boss, didn't Alexander request for a leave of absence on your behalf today? Why are you here at school?"

She casually replied, "I'm actually alright. Rather than staying at home and doing nothing, I would rather come to school and learn something, so at least I won't waste my time."

"Boss, you are such a sensible person. I have to learn from you."

"Have you heard about it? Elise is pregnant!"

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"Oh, God! Are you serious? Whose child is it?"

"Haven't you seen the diamond ring on her hand? I reckon that she's being kept by someone!"

"She is so young, yet she has done something like that? She is not even 18, right? How could she have done such a thing? As far as I can remember, according to the school rules, a student like this will be expelled."

The few girls continued to gossip softly among themselves, but a second later, a loud thud rang in the air. It was Danny who suddenly kicked the door open.

"What nonsense are you guys saying?"

The crowd dispersed the moment they saw Danny, but he was already pissed off and attempted to chase after them. "Hey, explain yourselves! Don't you have anything else better to do other than spreading unproven rumors?" he shouted. Then, he suddenly noticed that Elise was standing behind him.

It was only at that moment when he returned to his senses and advised, "Boss, don't listen to their nonsense. They are saying all this because they are jealous."

Elise found it ridiculous as well. She had merely passed out, but people had spread rumors of her pregnancy. This is bizarre.

However, her concern was not on the incident itself, but rather to look through the superficial aspects and focus on the reasoning. This incident isn't as simple as it seems, so I'm actually curious to know who the culprit behind this is.

"I'm fine." These two simple words didn't reveal her true emotions.

Yet, Danny was worried. "Boss, I'll warn them not to spread nonsense. Rest assured, I won't allow the rumors to continue spreading."

However, she interrupted, "There's no need to do so. The truth will speak for itself and time will prove everything."

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With that, Elise turned on her heels to enter the classroom. She surveyed everyone and in response, they quietly withdrew their gazes. Then, she took a deep breath to calm herself before she returned to her seat.

Since Elise was under the weather after the first period, she retched for a moment at one side, but it was enough to cause an uproar in the class.

"Didn't I tell you that she must be pregnant? Didn't you see how she retched earlier? It's said that a woman will suffer morning sickness during the early stages of her pregnancy."

"Tsk tsk, I've been deceived by her looks. I used to think that she's quite a lovely person, but it turns out that I was blind."

Jacinda pompously raised her chin to cryptically suggest, "There's always people who pretend to be nice, but they are in fact rotten to their bones. Elise is not even 18, right? Now that she has done something like this, I reckon the school won't continue to retain her."

"I don't think that will be the case. Her results are excellent and all the subject teachers treasure her. Rather, I think she won't be expelled even after she has done something like this since there's a high chance for her to enroll in a top university."

Upon hearing this, Jacinda became restless. Ashlyn said that the only reason for me being here is to destroy Elise's life. If Elise is really pregnant, according to the school rules, she certainly will be expelled.

Her gaze darkened as she arrived at a decision.

Elise had no idea what the students had in mind. However, she had been retching for a few consecutive days. Her behavior was rather obvious and almost everyone in her class saw what she did, which resulted in everyone believing that she was really pregnant.

Initially, Jacinda made a wild guess, but Elise's reaction was enough to prove her speculation. When she noticed that the right timing had arrived, she took the initiative to run to the homeroom teacher to report that Elise was pregnant.

As a matter of fact, the homeroom teacher had already heard about the rumors circulating in school, but he chose to believe Elise and ignored the rumors. However, when one of the

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students personally came to him to report the incident, he couldn't continue to turn a blind eye.

Therefore, Elise was called to the office, where Jacinda was at the same time.

Upon seeing Jacinda, it dawned on Elise who the culprit behind the rumors was. Then, Elise cast a deep gaze at Jacinda and uttered, "So, it's you!"

Although Jacinda was baffled by what Elise said, she showed no signs of backing down as she believed that Elise would be doomed this time.

"I don't understand what you are saying, but I'm aware that you are pregnant. You should be expelled in compliance with the school rules."

Elise gave such a slight smile that it didn't reach her eyes before she retorted, "Are you sure about that?"

Jacinda coldly snorted and remained silent, but the homeroom teacher beside them was in a dilemma.

Firstly, Elise was the student with the highest chance in their school to enter a top university.

Secondly, she also had a tricky background because the Griffith Family had enrolled her in this school.

Given these two points, he was reluctant to get to the bottom of this incident. However, as the homeroom teacher, he couldn't just ignore the problem now that a student had reported the incident to him.

"Miss Sinclair, the reason why I called you over today is that I have something I wish to ask. All you have to do is to honestly answer me."

A meek Elise approached him. "Mr. Harris, what's the matter?"

The homeroom teacher cleared his throat. He had already heard about the rumors, but since it involved a girl's reputation and privacy, it was tough for him to broach the subject. "The thing is that a student told me that you are pregnant. Is this true?"

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Chapter 204 You Are Indeed Pregnant

Elise cast her gaze at Jacinda. "Was it you who told him?"

Jacinda, however, showed no fear under Elise's gaze. "Miss Sinclair, just admit to it already. We are classmates, so there's no need for you to continue hiding it, no? This is not bad news, or perhaps it's good news to you."

Upon hearing that, Elise sneered. "Are you slandering me?"

"What I said is the truth—you are indeed pregnant." Jacinda believed that it was the truth and Elise was clearly lying.

"Do you have any evidence?" Elise questioned. "If not, I could sue you for slandering."

At that, Jacinda pointed at Elise's tummy and countered, "This is the evidence. Mr. Harris, I think that everything will be clear as long as she goes to the hospital to perform an ultrasound. However, Miss Sinclair, are you willing to go?"

"To be honest, I don't really want to go, but it seems like you want me to, Miss Kate," Elise murmured with a chuckle, to which Jacinda taunted, "Ha! I think that it is you who does not have the courage to go! If you are really pregnant, admit it now in front of the teacher so that we can settle this privately. Everything can still be discussed. However, if you insist on your claim, nobody can tell what will happen once the matter escalates."

Elise looked straight at the homeroom teacher. "Mr. Harris, I think that this is a misunderstanding. I'm not pregnant, so there's no need to do any checkup at the hospital."

Upon hearing that, Jacinda thought that Elise didn't dare to go to the hospital. Since things had come to this point, she couldn't care less and shouted, as if she was standing up for

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justice, "No, Mr. Harris! If she doesn't go, we will be unable to give an explanation to the others. How could you let her off the hook and allow her to ruin the school's reputation just because of her outstanding results?"

Mr. Harris pursed his lips, inwardly agreeing with Jacinda as he thought that she had a point.

First of all, he had faith in Elise, but since the rumors had been spreading like wildfire in the school, allowing it to continue to spread not only would affect Elise but also the school's reputation. Hence, in his opinion, revealing the truth to the public would be the only way to debunk the rumor.

"Miss Sinclair, I suggest that you come with me to the hospital. Since the truth will speak for itself, I think that there's no harm in making this trip."

Elise gave it some thought and replied, "Mr. Harris, I've said that I'm not pregnant, but I don't mind making this trip. However, if it's proven that I'm indeed innocent, how will you deal with this student who maliciously slandered me and harmed my reputation?"

Mr. Harris understood her underlying meaning. As Elise was a student with a potential that he hadn't encountered for years, he naturally sided with her, so he directly answered, "If it is proven that you are indeed innocent, which also proves that someone has made up the rumors and kicked up this fuss, I'll make sure justice is upholded. Today, one of you two will have to be expelled from the school."

Jacinda was shocked by his declaration. In other words, there was no turning back after this.

If she continued on with this accusation, she would be putting her own future at stake. Initially, she had a hard time using her connections to transfer into this school, so she definitely wouldn't want to leave after attending for barely a few days.

She balled her fists, suddenly feeling that it wasn't worthwhile risking her future because of this. "Mr. Harris, I think... maybe we should just... forget about it."

As soon as she said that, the door was suddenly opened and Alexander was seen elegantly marching into the office. The moment he stepped into the office, the atmosphere in the spacious office abruptly changed. All the teachers present knew who Alexander was and

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were aware about his identity—he was the most important person in Athesea, a man who nobody dared to offend.

"Forget it? Who gave you the power to say such shameless words?" Alexander spoke in a seemingly calm but cold voice, which instantly made Jacinda pale. "Y-Y-Young Master Alex, I-I-I—" she stuttered, not even able to say a complete sentence.

Without sparing her a glance, Alexander walked up to Elise and put his arm around her shoulder, which made it rather obvious who he sided with. Even Mr. Harris couldn't help but to wipe the sweat on his forehead. "Young Master Alex, what brings you here?"

Alexander gently answered, "Someone is bullying my fiancée, so I came to stand up for her."

His words instantly enlightened Mr. Harris. "Young Master Alex, you must have misunderstood. Our school promotes unity, so something like that can't possibly happen," he responded and he couldn't be bothered by the sweat on his forehead anymore.

Upon hearing that, Alexander darted a cold glare at Jacinda. "Are you the one who started the rumor?"

His attention on her caused her to feel an invisible pressure building up, which actually deprived her the ability to breathe. "I-I-I-"

To make matters worse, Mr. Harris directly chimed in, "Miss Kate here was the one who came to me to report that Miss Sinclair is pregnant. Personally, I doubt that an excellent student like Elise would do such a thing, but I have the responsibility to stop the rumors from continuing circulating. Therefore, Young Master Alex, I feel that there's a need for Miss Sinclair to cooperate with us in order for the truth to be revealed."

Alexander turned to Elise, who was in his arms, and gave her a comforting gaze.

"What kind of evidence do you need? What she said is the truth."

Mr. Harris nodded repeatedly at that. "Yes, I agree with you, Young Master Alex. My consideration in this matter wasn't comprehensive enough. I'll figure out a way to deal with the inconvenience that Miss Sinclair is facing because of this incident."

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At that moment, Elise suddenly tugged at the corner of Alexander's shirt and interrupted in a small voice, "I'll deal with this situation myself."

"You want to deal with it yourself?" Alexander's tone revealed his fondness toward her as the corner of his lips curved upward into a smile.

Elise hummed in response. Thereafter, he whispered into her ear in a voice so low that only both of them could hear, "Don't worry. I'm here to stand up for you. You are free to do whatever you want and I'll back you up no matter what happens."

Elise broke into a smile upon hearing that and her eyes shined as bright as stars as she looked at him. "Thank you."

After that, she turned to face Jacinda. In a split second, the smile on her face disappeared and was replaced by immense coldness. "You are the one who started the rumors, right?"

Her words sent chills down Jacinda's spine, but the latter steeled herself and didn't say a word.

"It doesn't matter if you refuse to admit it," Elise added. "I'm aware that that's the truth, anyway. You deliberately spread the rumor in the school and harmed my reputation. I don't like to nitpick, but I live by the principle of 'an eye for an eye'. Besides, I prefer that you understand how you will fall."

Jacinda staggered backward and nearly fell. Ashlyn's words inadvertently started to echo in her ears—her cousin had warned her that Elise was not someone who was easy to deal with and she should never underestimate her

Nonetheless, there was no turning back for her at that moment.

"W-What are you going to do?"

Elise raised an eyebrow. "Didn't you spread a rumor that I'm pregnant?"

"It isn't a rumor. You are indeed pregnant," Jacinda anxiously snapped. However, the moment she said that, she could see Alexander's expression sink when he heard that as he stood off to one side.

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Elise scoffed, "Very well. You insisted on your accusation, at least. If that's the case, things will be much simpler. As a matter of fact, it's quite easy to make things clear, but I don't intend to let things slide. Mr. Harris, what do you say?"

As the homeroom teacher, Mr. Harris had to take a fair stand, so he replied, "You're right, Miss Sinclair. After the truth is revealed, if Miss Kate has indeed committed slander and defamation, we will definitely not condone such behavior."

At that point, Jacinda could feel her back drenched in sweat. The rumor had been born solely from her speculation, but judging from how Elise reacted, Jacinda's own future might be at risk.

"Mr. Harris, I-I think we can just drop this! It was an unintentional mistake. I'm sorry, Miss Sinclair. I really am!"

"If an apology could solve a problem, why do we even need the police?" Elise countered indifferently. "Do you think that you don't need to pay a price for your actions just because you are a minor?"

This time, Jacinda was completely defeated. It was a crushing loss even in terms of her morale. "What do you want, then?"