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At Bollinger Gardens, the doorbell for Unit 1002 of Block 3B kept ringing, but no one was answering the door. Alexander checked the time. *She's yet to return home at such a late hour?* he thought. Immediately, he took out his cell phone and called Elise. "Sorry, the number you've dialed is not reachable..." Alexander knitted his brows as he dialed another phone number. "Is Elise still at the studio?" Brendan had just arrived home and was changing into his slippers on the porch when he got a phone call from Alexander.

Recalling that Elise's office was brightly lit when he left the studio, he replied, "She was still in the studio when I left, but she's supposed to have gone back at this hour. Why not give her a call if you're looking for her?" "Her cell phone is switched off," Alexander said before hanging up. Brendan was left confused. Elise's cell phone is switched off? Well, it's probably run out of juice, he thought. The next second, however, he recalled something and had a bad feeling.

As he couldn't be bothered to put on his shoes, he ran out right away in his slippers. Meanwhile, Alexander drove to the studio, but there was nobody in the spacious studio at this very moment. When Alexander found the security guard at the entrance, he asked, "Did you see a lady coming out of here?" The security guard thought for a moment before he answered, "Are you talking about the lady in the studio opposite? Come to think of it, it's strange that I didn't see her today, but she's probably still inside. Usually, she'd be gone by this hour." Alexander looked back at the studio. For some reason, he panicked a little deep down inside.

When he walked to the studio, he found that the door was locked. He then called out to Elise, but there was no answer. Just then, Brendan arrived in a hurry. "Did you find Elise, Alexander?" Alexander asked, "Did you see her?" Brendan shook his head repeatedly. Then, he said, "Could something have happened to her?" Alexander was astounded. He asked, "What happened?" Brendan then told him about what had happened that morning regarding Maeve. "I should've stopped her from clashing with Maeve's manager. Maeve's got connections in the underworld.

Could they have abducted Elise?" Alexander's hands quietly clenched into fists. "Let's hurry up and look for her. It'd be best if that woman had nothing to do with this. Otherwise... I'd

never let her off." His words reeked of such murderous intent that even Brendan couldn't help but shudder in fear. As he couldn't care less about everything else, he turned around and started making phone calls to search for Elise. ... Elise was being tossed up and down when she regained consciousness. She sensed that her hands and feet were tied, and she couldn't move at all.

Not only that, but she couldn't stretch her legs as there was a vague hint of numbness in them. With the benefit of hindsight, she realized that she probably had been kidnapped. But who kidnapped me? she wondered. She tried to struggle, but she couldn't summon up her strength at all. Just then, a creepy male voice sounded. "That b*tch's awake." Elise immediately stopped what she was doing, and she dared not even breathe.

"It's even better that she's awake. After all, I don't wanna do that kind of thing to a dead woman. At least it's more fun to have our way with her like this..." "Haha... You're right. How much time's left before we reach our destination?" "Calm down, will you? We'll arrive in a few more minutes. Are you that impatient already?" "Oh, you bet I am. This lady's a stunner. Well, we're lucky to be able to have our way with her today..." The few men laughed as they looked at each other.

Elise trembled with rage when she heard the men's unbearably lewd remarks. However, she was gagged with a piece of fabric, so she couldn't make a sound even if she wanted to. Therefore, she could only try to untie the rope around her hands. Just then, the car jolted, causing Elise to bump her head against the trunk lid. As she gasped in pain, she sensed that the car seemed to be headed for somewhere increasingly remote, and her heart instantly sank. *Now I can only try to save myself*. The car slowly drove up to the entrance of an abandoned factory and stopped.

"Drag her out of the car and get her inside." The few men opened the trunk lid and took off the sack on Elise's head, revealing her horrified face at once. "What are you looking at? We're gonna give you a good time later." The few men guffawed frivolously and wantonly at the remark, whereas Elise struggled with all her might as she kept mumbling in a muffled voice. Seeing that she couldn't run away, one of the men took off the piece of fabric from her mouth. "Just say whatever you want to say. You're not gonna have the opportunity to say anything later, anyway."

Elise's eyes darkened at once. She said right away, "Just name your price. How much do you want? I can give however much money you want as long as you guys let go of me." However, the men burst out laughing upon hearing her words. "You're still clueless at this point, huh? We're not doing this for money. It's just that you offended someone, so we're just carrying

out that person's order to make sure that you won't live to see the next day." *They're not doing this for money?* Elise was somewhat nervous deep down inside. Nevertheless, she asked, "Are you gonna kill me then? It's against the law to commit murder, you know?" The man replied arrogantly, "Haha! Against the law? Could the law punish us?

Why didn't you ask around about us? We've done such a thing many times, but I'm still alive and kicking, don't you see?" Just then, the man next to him reminded him, "Alright, let's not waste our time talking to her anymore. Hurry up and get her inside... I can't wait any longer." "Alright. Don't tell on us when you go to hell, lady," said the first man. With that, the men dragged her into the old and abandoned factory right away. Elise kept struggling, but she couldn't break free of their grasp. After they entered the factory, the men threw her onto the haystack right away.

"Untie the ropes for her. I'm gonna be the first to have my way with such a stunner." "No way! Didn't we agree that I'll be the first to do so. Go line up behind me." "How dare you argue with me?" The situation got somewhat out of hand as the two men were instantly locked in a face-off. Just then, another man ran inside and said, "That's enough! What are you arguing for? All of us are gonna get to have our way with her anyway, so be quick.

That person has told us to do it as quickly as possible and kill all the loose ends. It'll be bad if you guys mess things up by procrastinating." Upon hearing his words, the two men stopped confronting each other and turned to look at Elise. Then, the two men came forward at the same time, taking off their clothes as they closed in on her. "Don't be afraid, sweetie. We'll be gentle..." one of the men said while pouncing on Elise.

Seeing that the man was closing in on her, Elise steeled herself and kicked the man fiercely in the groin without the slightest hesitation the instant he pounced on her. There was a loud cry of pain as the man instantly covered his private parts while wailing in pain continuously. Even at this moment, Elise was cool-headed enough to warn, "Behave yourselves and stay away from me, or I'm gonna be very unpleasant with you."

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"Haha! You've got quite the temper, huh? I like it." The man took off his jacket and forcibly pounced on Elise. Elise was instantly filled with disgust, as if her stomach was churning.

She kept struggling, but the other men came forward and pinned her down, so she couldn't summon up her strength at all... Elise looked at the shabby roof above her head with her heart full of despair. As she slowly closed her eyes, a tear quietly rolled out of the corner of her eye... *Bang!* Just then, there was a loud bang, and Elise instantly opened her eyes. "Elise!"

Alexander called out to Elise loudly, but the scene before him caused his eyes to redden with rage. He strode forward and sent the man on top of Elise flying with a kick. Then, without the slightest hesitation, he took off his suit jacket and draped it on her. As Elise looked at the man before her through a mist of tears, feelings of grievance welled up inside her, and tears gushed from her eyes. Alexander's heart ached terribly when he saw her like this.

"How dare you f*cking kick me? Guys, get him!" Alexander darted a cold glance at the men. He moved so swiftly that no one could see how he moved, and he knocked them flat in the blink of an eye. "F*ck, we can't beat him! What should we do? Let's run away..." The men quickly got up from the ground and ran to the door, only to see Brendan standing there with his back straightened. There was no warmth in his eyes as he folded his arms across his chest, saying, "Go on, keep running! Why aren't you running?" The few men looked at each other for a while as they were at a loss for what to do.

At last, the man leading them quickly said, "Wait a minute, it's all a misunderstanding! Please let us go this time. When we meet again in the future, I'll definitely reward you for this." Brendan's lips curled up into a chilling sneer. "Misunderstanding? Reward? I'm afraid you're not gonna have the opportunity anymore..." Before his voice faded, police sirens were heard wailing outside. "What do we do, bro? The police are outside. We have nowhere to run..."

Surprisingly, the leader of the group of men calmed down instead. "There's nothing to worry about. We're just gonna have a cup of tea at the police department. What else could happen, anyway? But today's matter..." the man said before looking daggers at Brendan. "We'll definitely kill you once we get out of the police department." Brendan met the man's gaze fearlessly, saying, "You're not gonna have the opportunity anymore."

When he finished his sentence, the policemen had arrived. The few men cooperated obediently when facing the policemen. After frog-marching the men into the police cars, a policeman came to Brendan and asked, "Did you call the police just now? Please come with us to have your testimony recorded at the police department." Brendan looked at Elise nearby with worry in his eyes. Nevertheless, he cooperated with the police. "Alright, sir. I'll be

there right away." It wasn't until everyone had left that Alexander slowly crouched down and looked at Elise, who was trembling like a leaf before him.

With a look of pain in his eyes, he reached out and caressed her cheek. He whispered softly, "It's okay. Everything's fine now." The next instant, Elise flung herself into Alexander's arms, unable to hold back her tears. It didn't take long before her tears formed a wet patch on his chest. "There, now. Nothing's gonna happen since I'm here for you." Elise slowly slipped out of Alexander's arms while looking at him through a mist of tears. "Do you know I really was in despair at that moment? I was so scared..." Before she could finish her sentence, though, he leaned forward and silenced her with a kiss on her lips.

"Let's not talk about it anymore. It's time to go home." Elise nodded. Alexander helped her up and looked her up and down. After making certain that there was nothing wrong with her, he went out carrying her in his arms. Neither of them spoke on their way back since Elise was still suffering from shock. She had no idea who would make such a cruel attempt on her life. When the car stopped at the neighborhood where Elise currently resided, Alexander held her hand and said, "We've arrived.

Let's get out of the car." "Okay." Elise opened the car door and got out of the car. The couple walked side by side toward the lobby before taking the elevator to Elise's apartment. After opening the door to her apartment, Elise turned sideways to make way for Alexander, saying, "Come in." Alexander went in after her. At this moment, Elise no longer seemed as panicky as before. She became unusually calm. After setting aside the shock just now, she was able to calm herself down.

After a long time, she asked, "You... How did you know I was in trouble?" Alexander explained truthfully, "I saw that you had yet to come back, so I called you on your cell phone, but your cell phone was switched off. So, I asked Brendan..." He then summarized the rest of the story in a few sentences. After listening to his words, Elise merely replied, "Oh," in a soft voice without saying anything else. Finally, she said, "Thanks. If you hadn't shown up in the nick of time... the consequences would've been too ghastly to imagine." Alexander came forward and took her hand.

"That's why it's dangerous for a lady like you to live alone out here. Wanna consider moving back with us?" Elise turned down the suggestion without thinking. "No, it's not necessary. I'll be more careful in the future so that such a thing won't happen again." Alexander seemed to have predicted such an outcome. Luckily, he had made preparations in advance. "Since this is what you wish, I'll respect your decision. It's getting pretty late. Go wash up and go to bed early." Elise looked up at the clock on the wall and realized that it was already past midnight.

As it was indeed getting late, she said, "You should go back and rest early, too." However, Alexander fixed his eyes on her face, asking, "Are you sure you're gonna be fine on your own?" Elise nodded. Inwardly, though, she felt somewhat nervous. Seeing her reaction, Alexander said, "Well then, I'll be leaving. Call me if there's anything." With that, he stretched out his hands and hugged her for about ten seconds before letting her go. "See me to the door, would you?" Elise didn't turn his suggestion down. She showed him to the door and said, "I'll get the elevator for you."

However, just as she was about to press the elevator button, Alexander suddenly reached out and grabbed her. Then, he took a key out of his pocket and opened the door to the apartment next door in an unaffected manner. "Hi! Nice to meet you, my new neighbor." Elise was stupefied at the sight of the scene. Her mouth agape, she stared at the opened door, asking, "Y-You're my new neighbor?" "So? Would you like to visit your neighbor's new home?"

Elise's eyes instantly flickered with a hint of surprise. "W-Why did you move out as well?" Alexander smiled before explaining with a look of resignation, "Well, my girlfriend wants to stay here. I'm worried since she's staying alone, so I moved here to keep her company." Elise looked at him as her face finally broke into a faint smile. She stepped forward, stretched out her hands, and hugged him. "Hi, my new neighbor."

Alexander reached for her head and stroked her hair. He asked again, "Are you sure you're not gonna visit my place?" Elise poked her head out and looked at the apartment. In reality, she was a bit curious about what Alexander's apartment would look like, but they would be staying together in the same room in the middle of the night if she visited his place. Well... What if we start making out by accident?