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Chapter 523 Toby's Delight

Toby was annoyed when he saw Charles' name on the screen, but Sonia's reaction made him happy. She's telling me who it is so I won't misunderstand her, huh? But she might not even know about this. "Take the call." Toby slowed down. "He's probably calling because he saw the news."

"I think so too." Sonia nodded and took the call. She even turned the speaker on.

Charles, as usual, said loudly, "Did you see the news, babe? Tina killed herself! Is that true?"

"It's true!" Sonia answered. "The police called me and said she jumped off a building. I'm at the crime scene right now."

Charles gasped in shock. "It's true? And I thought it's just some fake news the media made up to get some clicks. She actually killed herself?"

"Yeah." Nobody saw that coming." Sonia massaged the area between her brows.

Charles asked again, "So what's the situation, babe?"

Toby frowned after hearing him call Sonia babe. Looks like I have to tell Charles to stop calling her that.

Sonia didn't notice his displeasure, and she answered, "The police are still looking into the reason for her suicide. We don't know anything else."

"Is that so? I'll come over then," Charles said.

Toby pursed his lips, and Sonia saw it, so she shook her head at the phone. "It's alright, Charles. Toby is with me, so you don't have to come."

Toby stopped pursing his lips and started to smile.

Sonia saw that as well, and for some reason, she was amused, and her eyes were filled with delight.

Charles, on the other hand, was unhappy, and his voice became higher. "What? He's with you? But it's so late already! How did you end up with him?"

"Grandma asked him to take me home. I couldn't drive because I drank a little, so I agreed to it. But after that, I got the call, so I went to the scene with him." She looked at the elevator and continued, "I'm going into the elevator now, Charles. Talk tomorrow." Then, she hung up and went into the elevator.

After she came in, Toby stopped holding the doors back. "Why didn't you tell him that it was just a stand in?"

"There's no need." She shook her head. "Only the three of us know about the truth apart from Tim. Not even the police know about this, so I don't want too many people finding out. And once Tim is done with the autopsy, the police will know about the truth too, and they'll keep it a secret. They won't allow us to tell anyone either, so there's no point telling Charles about it."

"You really thought this through," he praised.

Sonia smiled. "Thank you."

"Don't mention it," Toby said. Then, he remembered something, and he gazed at her. "And I was really happy just now."

"Huh?" Sonia paused for a moment. "Why?"

Toby smiled but said nothing. Sonia tilted her head to the side curiously, but since he didn't want to tell her why, she wouldn't force him.

They came to the autopsy room a short while later. Tim was still inside, so Teddy was standing alone when Toby and Sonia came. He was pacing back and forth, looking flustered.

"Mr. Olsen," Sonia called him.

Teddy stopped pacing around. "Oh, it's you guys."

"What happened, Mr. Olsen?" Sonia asked.

Teddy hesitated, but he remembered that Sonia was the plaintiff, so he decided to tell them what was bugging him. "So before Dr. Lancaster went in, he told me something shocking. It's infuriating, actually."

"Tina is not the one who killed herself," Toby said.

"That's right." Teddy nodded, then he looked at them in shock. "How did you two know?"

"Tim noticed something off about the corpse when he inspected it," Toby explained calmly.

"I see." Teddy cast his doubts aside after getting the answer, and he sighed seriously. "Dr. Lancaster is comparing the DNA samples. If the corpse isn't Tina's, then this is going to be serious. It'll be hard capturing Tina again now that she has escaped. She is also holding a grudge against Miss Reed, so she might get revenge on her. And it's also a hit to our rep."

It was truly a huge blow to the police's reputation. They didn't even realize that Tina had slipped away and found a stand in even though she was under constant supervision. If the public knew about it, they would say the police were incompetent, and nobody would trust them to do their job again. Their superiors would make their lives a living hell as well.

"If the corpse inside there isn't Tina's, we have to find her quickly and arrest her again," Teddy said darkly, clenching his fists.

Sonia nodded. "Yes." If we don't capture her soon, it'll be even harder later. And I'm sure she'll get back at me. Now that we don't know where she is, it'll be hard to defend against her attacks.

Toby could see that she was worried, so he reached out his hand and smoothed out her frown. "Don't worry. I'll protect you," he promised gently, but also firmly. "She'll never get the chance to attack you."

Sonia looked at him and blushed, then turned away quickly without saying anything. She clutched her heart which was pounding furiously, and she felt confused. Weird. It's just a simple promise, so why is my heart fluttering? And why did I get nervous when I looked at him?

Toby noticed her ears getting red, and he smiled. He looked at Teddy and shifted the topic, or else Sonia would stay in her shell. "You guys have records and surveillance footage of Tina's visitors, right?" He squinted.

Teddy nodded. "Of course. When I knew the corpse might be someone else, I knew someone must have helped Tina, so I already told my men to compile the footage ASAP. It'll be here soon."

"Good," Toby replied, feeling satisfied.

Sonia looked at Teddy, surprised. So that's what a veteran is like. He adapts well.

Tim opened the room's door and came out with the results. Once he walked out, Toby, Teddy, and Sonia went up to him.

"How is it?" Toby asked first.

Teddy and Sonia were staring at Tim as well.

Tim handed the file over and adjusted his glasses. "Just like I told you. The corpse is not Tina's," he said darkly.

They knew that was the case and were prepared for it, but it was still unacceptable to hear the confirmation. That was especially the case for Teddy. The moment he got the confirmation, he gained a perpetual frown, since Tina had escaped under the noses of his men. As the captain, he would be held against this oversight. If they couldn't find Tina after a certain timeframe, he would have to resign as an officer.

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Chapter 524 Melody and Cynthia

"Do you know the identity of the corpse then?" Toby asked coldly. That was the most important question for the time being.

Tim adjusted his glasses. "Not sure. I've taken the corpse's fingerprint sample and went through the database, but I found no match. You'll have to look into this yourself."

"It's not going to be easy." Sonia bit her lip. When she took a look at the corpse's face earlier, it was nothing but a mangled mess. Now that Tim couldn't even confirm the corpse's identity through the fingerprint, it would definitely be an uphill battle for them to investigate the matter.

Just then, one officer rushed over with a stack of files in his hand. "Sir, we've compiled the visiting record for Tina Gray!"

Everyone looked at the files the officer was holding at once.

"Give them to me." Toby went over and took the files from the officer.

Sonia followed him closely and stood beside him. She huddled closer so she could take a look as well.

The file was only two pages long. The first page detailed Julia's visits, and occasionally Titus'. There was nothing there, so Toby flipped over to the second page. Most of the records were similar to the first page's, but when they got to the final few records, Toby and Sonia frowned.

"Melody? Cynthia?" Sonia was surprised. "Why did they come to visit her? And in the last couple of days too?"

Toby narrowed his eyes. "Mr. Olsen, these are your prime suspects. It's possible they helped Tina to escape."

"I see, Mr. Fuller. I'll get someone to take them here." Teddy took the files from him.

Toby grunted and looked at the officer who brought the files over. "Do you have the surveillance footage of these two visiting Tina?"

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"Yes." The officer nodded.

Tim said, "Let's watch it in my office. There's a PC and projector there."

Everyone agreed, and they went to Tim's office. The officer inserted the USB drive into the PC and projected it onto the big screen.

Toby sat down on the couch and patted the spot beside him. "Sit right here. It's a great spot."

Sonia rolled her eyes. We're not watching a movie right now. You don't have to pick a good spot. In the end, she still went and sat beside him.

Toby smiled, happy that she did what he asked her to, and everyone around him could feel that he was in a great mood.

The video started playing. The first one was Melody and Cynthia's first visit. Sonia noticed that they went into Tina's ward and came out after half an hour, then they left. Nothing else happened during that period of time.

Toby frowned. "Why do you only have surveillance footage outside of the room? Don't you have a CCTV camera inside?"

Teddy sighed. "Let me explain. She might be a criminal, but she's still entitled to privacy. We can only record everything outside her room, but not the inside. That's why we know nothing about what happened inside."

Toby pursed his lips and said nothing more.

The second video started playing moments later. It was Melody and Cynthia's last time visiting Tina. This time, Sonia noticed something wrong. Melody went into the room, but she didn't look too happy. Cynthia was looking weird as well. She was wearing a cap and a mask, and she wouldn't even look up for a second. More importantly, she looked fearful.

At that point, Sonia sat up straighter and started looking serious. Toby did the same as well. He stared at the video and thought about something.

Melody and Cynthia didn't stay in the room for too long this time. Less than ten minutes later, they left, and they never came to visit Tina again.

"It's obvious now." Tim looked at the video and sneered. "During the first visit, Tina must have threatened Melody and asked for her help. That's why Melody looked so glum in the second video."

"So Cynthia's the one who became Tina's stand-in?" Tom asked.

"No," Toby answered.

"She's not?" Tom was surprised.

Sonia nodded. "I don't think so either. Cynthia is an aristocrat after all, so Tina would never ask her to do that. Which means that person in the second video was not the real Cynthia. They just used her identity as a cover. Notice the cap and mask?"

"Yes. Tina, or probably Melody, must have promised that person something; something big enough to buy her life. So the person who came back out with Melody must have been Tina, while the stand-in stayed behind," Toby tapped his knees and explained coldly.

Teddy punched the wall angrily, looking solemn. "What do they think lives are? Toys?"

Tim said, "Now you can tell your men to take Melody and Cynthia over. And hunt Tina down no matter what."

Toby nodded. "She should still be in Seafield, so you must locate her ASAP."

"You're right. I'll tell my boss now." Teddy took his phone out.

Toby grunted. "It's late, so we'll be leaving now."

The next part was the police's job, so they didn't have to stay around.

"Okay. I'll call you once I have any news." Teddy nodded.

Toby stood up and extended his hand to Sonia. "Let's go home now."

Sonia looked at his hand, but she didn't hold it. Instead, she stood up. "Correction. You are taking me home. Just have to make that clear." Go home? Do you have any idea how misleading that is? If the others didn't know better, they would think we were going home together.

Since Sonia wouldn't hold his hand, Toby smiled drily and put his hand down.

After saying goodbye to Tim, they walked to the elevator, and it didn't take long for them to come back down to the lobby.

The Grays were there as well. Titus was sitting on a bench, his head hanging low. There was an air of despair and sadness around him, while Julia was sitting beside him with her head buried in her hands as she sobbed quietly. Even Rina was gripping her phone tightly, and her eyes were red, as if she was holding her sorrow in.

Sonia arched her eyebrow. "Did Titus' condition get worse?"

"How are you sure about that? They might be sad because 'Tina's dead." Toby looked at her.

Sonia pointed her chin at Rina. "Because she won't look so sad if it's because of Tina. The only reason for that would be Titus' condition."

"You have a point." Toby nodded.

The Grays looked up when they heard the sound of footsteps coming closer, and they were surprised to see Sonia with Toby and Tom. They thought Sonia was the only person who came, but they never thought Toby was around as well. However, it was obvious in hindsight. After all, Sonia was all Toby cared about, so he would follow her wherever she went.