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In order to prove her love for Toby, Tina went through the trouble of dating Quentin and orchestrated an accident that killed him to get his heart for the man she loved. However, she was now dismayed in hindsight, thinking Toby didn't love her at all because all the love he showed her was none other than an illusion from the hypnotism. Although she had no choice but to reluctantly accept her fate, she reckoned Toby should have never snapped out of his hypnotic state.

After all, Toby broke up with her the moment he woke up, rendering her a laughingstock. Thus, she blamed him for putting her through so much suffering.

If you won't appreciate my love for you, you'll die together with Sonia. No one can have Toby if I can't have him.

Initially thinking she could run them over with one attempt, she was surprised that they managed to dodge her car at that critical moment. Nonetheless, she quickly came to a decision to turn around for another try. At the thought of that, she smiled creepily at the both of them in her car and stepped on the gas pedal, steering the car toward them.

Meanwhile, the car only managed to run over Sonia's cake on the floor, flattening the box as its content was crushed into smithereens. Setting her eyes upon the cake on the ground, she snapped out of her petrified trance and caught on to what had just happened.

That driver really wanted to kill me and Toby! Sonia shivered at the thought of the driver's killer intent. If it hadn't been for Toby, I would have been run over like a pancake. Wait a second, Toby!

"Toby!" Sonia quickly turned her attention when she thought about him. While he looked like he was seemingly injured, she knitted her eyebrows with a pale face.

Seeing his miserable state, Sonia immediately panicked. "How do you feel, Toby?"

"I sprained my ankle. Help me up." Toby gasped for breath, enduring the pain while weakly asking for help.

"You sprained your ankle?" He is injured indeed. Sonia confirmed her suspicion and got out of the man's arms to check on his leg.

"Don't move!" Knowing what Sonia was going to do, Toby stopped her with a stern look on his face. "Help me up first. That car may come back."

"What?! That car may come back?" Sonia's face changed, her eyes dilating in horror.

Toby tried to prop his body with his arm as he fixed his glacial eyes on the direction in which the car drifted away. "Yeah, whoever was driving was obviously trying to kill us. Now that the driver failed to do so, I'm sure he or she will likely come back for us."

"No way. We need to get out of here then." Sonia quickly helped Toby up without any hesitation.

Just when Sonia helped Toby get back on his feet, they suddenly heard the sound of an oncoming car from behind them. She then looked back and saw the same car that almost hit them a few moments ago. Toby was right. That car was coming back. It looks like whoever is driving won't stop until we're both dead. "Let's go!" Sonia gritted her teeth, summoning all the strength from her body to carry Toby away while both of them made for the parterre and dove into the bushes.

The moment both of them fell into the bushes, they landed on the flowers in the parterre, which caused their clothes to be entangled with countless flower pedals.

This would be such a romantic scene if it weren't for some crazy driver who tried to kill us for no good reason.

While Toby and Sonia were forced to take cover in the parterre, their current situation would be a romantic encounter if they weren't trying to escape from someone who was trying to kill them in a car.

On the other hand, Tina's face twisted in frustration when she saw Sonia and Toby diving into the parterre. Goddamn it! They got away with it again! Why is it so hard for me to just run over them?! Blinded by her anger and irritation, she was so engrossed with both of them in the parterre that she forgot her car was also charging at the parterre. Shortly after that, her car crashed into the concrete before a loud bang was heard. While Tina's car came to an abrupt stop, the jarring car alarm filled the silent atmosphere. At the same time, Tina

bumped into the steering wheel, feeling unbearable pain in her chest as she felt dizzy in her head. Then, she felt something warm and wet dripping down her forehead, only to realize it was—blood.

Damn it! I'm bleeding. Tina gritted her teeth, her hands shaking as she cursed Toby and Sonia on the inside. I'm here to kill Sonia, but now she is fine, and I'm hurt! What the heck is going on?! Goddamn it! "What's that sound?" Tina quickly saw Tom and a few other bodyguards coming her way when she was silently cursing Sonia and Toby. At the sight of those men, she had her facial expression darkened.

I need to get out of here! Now! Otherwise, it'll be too late for me to escape!

Knowing that she was a fugitive who had just attempted murder, Tina was fully aware of how she would end up if she was ever caught. After all, it wasn't easy for her to escape from the police the last time, so she didn't want to be captured again.

Tina clenched her jaw and shifted the gear to reverse from the concrete, whereupon she stepped on the gas pedal and sped away. Before she left, she looked back and set her glacial eyes on the parterre, swearing to herself that she would be sure to kill them next time.

I won't fail again next time! When I return, it'll be time for both of you to meet your demise!

At that moment, Sonia sat up straight while feeling dizzy but soon met Tina's eyes through the car window. Shocked by what she saw, Sonia couldn't believe her eyes. Tina! It's Tina who tried to run over us!

"President Fuller! Miss Reed!" Tom came running to Sonia and Toby, checking on them in a concerned manner. "Are you guys alright?" In fact, he didn't tag along with Toby to see Sonia off. Instead, he was waiting in the lobby because Toby would like to see Sonia off alone. Thus, he sensibly left them to it, thinking it wasn't necessary for him to be the third wheel. Nonetheless, when it took Toby longer than it should to return, Tom started to get curious until he heard a loud bang from the outside.

Wondering what happened, he stepped outside with a few security guards to investigate the commotion. As he discovered what happened, he saw Sonia and Toby lying in the parterre with a car rammed into the concrete.

Seeing that, he instantly understood that Toby and Sonia were nearly hit by that car, but when he sent his men to confront the driver, the car started moving and drifted away before they could do what they intended to. Therefore, Tom had no choice but to mark down the car's license plate number and went on to check on Toby and Sonia.

"We're fine." Sonia shook her head and pointed at the direction in which Tina drove away, desperately saying, "Hurry up! That driver is Tina, so don't let her get away!"

"What?!" Tom paused shortly before his face turned cold. "I can't believe that was Tina!"

"Get her!" Toby endured his dizziness and gave his order.

Tom nodded and said, "Alright, I'll get someone to go after the car." He then instructed two of the bodyguards, who got into a car and pursued Tina. In the meantime, Sonia emerged from behind the bushes while helping Toby walk out of it. However, since Toby sprained his ankle, he wasn't able to walk properly, which made it hard for the lady to help him get out of the parterre. In the end, Tom had to give her a hand in helping Toby out of the parterre.

"President Fuller, are you hurt anywhere else besides your ankle?" Tom quickly checked on Toby with Sonia while anxiously asking him in a concerned manner,

"Besides my ankle, I'm fine." Toby waved his hand in response. In fact, he sprained his ankle when he cushioned Sonia from the fall a few moments ago, but other than his ankle, he was perfectly fine.

"I don't care if you only just sprained your ankle. You need to see a doctor," Sonia seized Toby's arm and said.

Tom agreed with Sonia and reached for his phone to send for the doctor.

"Let's get back to the office," Toby squinted and replied before shifting his gaze to Sonia. "Come along with us."

"Sure." Sonia nodded, thinking she shouldn't just walk away like nothing ever happened after the unexpected incident took place. Deep down, she told herself that she must at least make sure he wasn't hurt anywhere else.

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Not long after the three of them had returned to Toby's office, the doctor Tom summoned earlier arrived. Immediately, Sonia cleared away the things on the coffee table to make room for the doctor's medical kit.

However, the doctor had only just put down his kit when Toby pointed at Sonia and instructed, "Attend to her first."

"President Fuller!"

"No!"

Tom and Sonia protested simultaneously, making their objections clear. As far as Tom was concerned, Sonia was relatively unscathed, whereas Toby's foot was swollen.

As such, it made sense for the doctor to tend to Toby's injuries first instead of checking up on Sonia.

Sonia, on the other hand, thought the same thing. The abrasions on her arm were not any worse than Toby's swollen ankle, but more importantly, he had been the one who stepped in and saved her in time. On that point alone, he rightfully deserved all the medical attention.

At the sight of Sonia's stony expression and stubborn refusal, Toby parted his lips to say something but thought better of it when he felt her overwhelming authority loom over him.

It was only after she had seen him give up on his attempt to argue that she looked away and addressed the doctor in a white coat with a polite smile. "Please attend to him first, doctor."

"Very well," the doctor agreed with a perfunctory nod. "President Fuller, could you please lift your leg for me?"

Toby frowned, seemingly reluctant to follow orders.

Sonia pursed her lips at this and urged like a flustered hen, saying, "Didn't you hear the doctor? Lift your leg up so he can examine it! How else do you expect him to go about this?" Without warning, she bent over to wrap an arm around his injured leg to lift it.

Toby hadn't expected her to do this, and he stiffened at the sudden gesture. However, this only made it harder for Sonia to lift his leg, and she reached out to tap him on the shoulder, hissing, "Hey, loosen up!"

Upon hearing this, Toby snapped out of his daze. He couldn't suppress a smile as he relaxed his body.

When she felt that his leg was not quite as heavy and stiff as before, she successfully lifted it up and propped it on the sofa. "You can examine him now, doctor."

"Alright," the doctor replied as he walked over to the sofa and crouched down, thereafter checking the swollen area.

Meanwhile, Tom stood to the side with his hand clasped over his mouth to keep from laughing. He was highly entertained by how Toby dared not utter a word of complaint even though he was anal about someone touching his foot, all because Sonia was staring at him like she would not hesitate to put him in place. Maybe fear really is the heart of love after all, Tom thought in amusement.

Toby seemed to realize what Tom was laughing at, and he narrowed his eyes at the latter as though saying icily, I can't believe you have the nerve to laugh at me when you don't even have a lover.

As if reading Toby's mind, Tom felt the grin slide off his face. His lips gave a final twitch before he put on a straight face again, though his pride was definitely hurt. He's right. I probably shouldn't make fun of him when I've been a bachelor all my thirty years of life. I really ought to work on my game.

Presently, oblivious to the wordless exchange between Toby and Tom, Sonia kneeled down before Toby's injured foot and asked the doctor worriedly, "How's his foot looking, doctor?"

The doctor pressed down on Toby's ankle, which made Toby frown. Seeing this, the doctor understood the extent of Toby's pain and turned to grab a bottle of cooling spray from his medical kit. Shaking the aluminum bottle twice, he aimed the nozzle at Toby's swollen ankle

and sprayed it. "It's nothing serious. He put a strain on his ligament, which is just another way of saying he sprained his ankle. He'll be fine in a couple of days."

When Sonia heard this, she let out a sigh of relief and said, "Oh, thank goodness." Then, she looked at Toby and flashed him a bright smile. "Did you hear that? The doctor said you'll be fine in a couple of days!"

Toby nodded, eyeing her with endearment as he answered, "I heard him."

She stood up. "Thank you for what you did earlier." They had been downstairs, and she was just about to get into the car when she heard the sound of an approaching vehicle, but she did not turn to see where that vehicle was going.

Sonia had thought that it would only pass her by, but to her surprise, the car had intended to run her down and kill her.

If Toby hadn't reacted in time and dragged her back to the pavement, Tina would have knocked her off her feet and sent her flying down the street.

"You don't have to thank me. Anyone would have done the same thing in my position, let alone someone who loves you as much as I do. I couldn't just do nothing and watch you get hurt before my very eyes," Toby pointed out gravely, keeping his gaze on Sonia.

If she had gotten hurt while he was there, he might never be able to forgive himself. He would spend the rest of his days in self-loathe, haunted by the fact that he had failed to save her. With that in mind, he thanked the heavens that he had been there to drag her back onto the safety of the pavement. If she had been alone, then she would be...

His fists clenched, and he stopped himself from thinking about what might have happened. He couldn't bring himself to accept how dire the situation could have been had he not been there to save her. Just focus on the present, he told himself firmly. This is the best I could ask for.

Having heard the man's subtle confession, Sonia felt her heart begin to race, and she parted her lips to say, "Even then, you shouldn't have risked your life like that to save me. You could have—"

"I was more terrified about you getting hurt than anything else," Toby said, cutting her off. At any given moment, he would have prioritized her life over his own safety.

Sonia's eyes widened, and she turned around to dab at the tears that had somehow escaped. She wasn't sure why she was crying, but she tried to keep her voice steady as she choked out, "Toby, don't you know how stupid it is for you to risk your life to save mine? Have you ever stopped to wonder if it's worth it?"

"I can't speak for others, but I know it's worth it to me," he answered solemnly.

She bit down on her lip and muttered in resignation, "You're a lovesick fool! That's what you are."

He chuckled. "Well, I can't help it now. I've already put the rest of my life in your hands. It's too late for me to play it safe."

Sonia looked up slightly and drew in a breath, pushing down the exasperation that was welling up in her as she turned to meet his gaze. "Please don't act so impulsively if something like this ever happens again. Do you really think I'd sleep at night if you gave up your life to save mine? For your sake, and mine, could you please just put yourself first, Toby? I don't want to see you get hurt because of me ever again!"

She paused at this, then added, "Someone should go after Tina before she gets away. If she does, who knows when she'll pop out of nowhere and run some crazy scheme to hurt me? When that comes to pass, you're going to risk your own safety again just to help me, so I'm asking you to butt out of this, Toby. This is a grudge between Tina and myself, and I don't want to drag you into it."

Next to them, Tom nodded earnestly to show that he agreed with her. He was Toby's assistant and friend, and he didn't want to see Toby get hurt. He'd be better off not taking part in all this drama between Miss Reed and Tina.

However, he also understood that Toby could not keep himself from intervening. Because if he doesn't, then who's going to take his place to step in and protect Miss Reed?

Sure enough, Toby gave a firm shake of his head. "I'm afraid I can't do that. I'll put my foot in even where it's not wanted. Haven't you realized that this grudge ties not just you and Tina together, but all three of us?"

"What?" Sonia gaped at him, a little startled by this revelation.

The air around Toby grew colder as he thought about what had happened just now. "When we were downstairs, Tina didn't just try to kill you; she was trying to kill me, too."

"That's impossible!" Sonia gasped, her wide eyes filled with disbelief.

He smirked and elaborated, "No, it's entirely possible. If she wasn't trying to kill me, then she wouldn't have driven her car in our direction again, even after I pulled you to safety. We were on the ground together, Sonia. There was no way she could have killed you and spared me in the process."

This made Sonia fall into a stunned silence. She thought about his analysis and found herself agreeing with him. Indeed, if it hadn't been Tina's intention to kill Toby, then she would have sped off after failing to run Sonia down the first time, but instead, she made a fast turn and hurtled toward her and Toby.

So she really did want to kill me and Toby by running us over with her car.

"But why would she do something like that? Doesn't she love you?" Sonia demanded, her nails digging into her palms as her gaze searched Toby's face.

Disgust flashed in Toby's eyes as he spat, "Her love is worthless. Besides, she never truly loved me."

"Never?" Sonia repeated in surprise.