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"Ms. Ward, the mission failed," the man mumbled dejectedly on the phone.

"What? How can you possibly fail? Could you not even deal with an old woman?" Gabriella roared.

Damn b*tch. I haven't even begun to list all your faults but you're already shouting at me? The man coiled his fists and clenched his jaw.

"Ha! Why don't we talk about why you didn't tell me about how that woman knew martial arts?" the man fumed.

Gabriella promptly fell silent. She's that powerful? Fury flashed across her eyes.

Damn it. It's getting harder and harder to deal with everything. What the hell? The man then informed her about the incident before the call ended.

As he had not completed the assigned task, Gabriella only paid for his medical fees.

Bang!

The door flew open.

The woman on the couch jumped in fright and whipped her head toward the doorway.

"Lars." Gabriella sprinted toward him, arms spread out for a hug.

It had been a long time since he visited her. He's here to see the baby and me! Gabriella was understandably excited.

However, Larry shouted, "Gabriella Ward!"

His tone was not a friendly one. She frowned.

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He's not here just to visit me. Nevertheless, Gabriella was quick to plaster on a smile.

"Sit, Lars. Have some tea. Are you here to visit our baby? Our baby's fine. Don't worry." At that, Gabriella carefully rubbed her stomach.

When Larry saw her intentional act, he sneered.

Still lying about how the baby is ours, I see. Let's see how long she can keep this up. Once the baby is born, we'll do a paternity test. Everything will be revealed by then. However, what he could not stand anymore were the things that the cruel woman was doing to Joan.

He could not bear to see Joan hurt nor upset.

"Tell me. Was it you?" Larry questioned.

This jerk. How can he ask me this without any hint of hesitation?

Yes, that's right. It's me. So what? What can you do if I refuse to admit it? Gabriella sneered back.

"Lars, what are you talking about? What do you mean by was it me? Of course I was the one to make this tea," she said, changing the subject.

He only has that she-devil in his mind! When has he ever think about me? Never. He has never thought about me! Even a tiny bit of concern from him would make her day, but he was a miser; he only gave his love to Joan. Gabriella scowled.

This is such a joke. She's not as pretty as me, and neither is she as rich as me. She's nothing but an ordinary woman, but she's the only one in Larry's heart!

"Drop the act, Gabriella. Everyone knows what kind of woman you are. Even if you refuse to admit it, I'll find evidence for what you've done. Also, you should tell your baby's father to start owning up. Otherwise, once the baby is born, you'll be a single mother," Larry uttered in a glacial tone. "Karma is waiting for you around the corner, so you should know when to stop. I've been gathering evidence, so don't assume you'll get to escape the law. I'm sure you know who you've hurt and what you've done."

With that said, Larry left.

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The moment he did, the woman collapsed onto the couch. Her eyes blankly stared at the ceiling, lost in her thoughts.

How did he find out about this? I've destroyed all the evidence. I've stopped contacting those assassins. How did he figure this out? Fear danced across her eyes.

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No. That's not it. Maybe he's just trying to test me. Maybe he knows nothing. After collecting herself, she made a call.

"Hey, come over. I need you," Gabriella anxiously demanded.

However, the individual on the other end of the line fell silent.

"Who are you? Why are you calling him?" A high-pitched female voice traveled into her ears.

At that moment, Gabriella's mind went blank.

What? Why is a woman picking up the call?

Gabriella swiftly hung up before making the call again, thinking that she had gotten the wrong number.

"Hey, spit it out. I'm starting to get annoyed from your continuous calls," the other woman hissed impatiently.

He's forgotten about me; he's found a new woman!

Thud! Gabriella threw her phone on the ground.

She then slumped on the couch as tears began to brim in her eyes.

Men are useless, Gabriella thought as a brutal look crawled into her tearful eyes.

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"Hey, bro, there's some weird girl who was calling you earlier. I asked her what's the matter, but she refused to say anything. Call her back later, okay?"

"Who was it?" the man shouted from inside the bathroom.

"I don't recognize her voice, but her name in your contacts is..."

Oh no. It's Gabriella! Oh no, oh no. She's going to misunderstand. The man hurriedly washed off the suds and wrapped himself in his towel before walking out.

"Wow, your body still looks as amazing as ever!"

"Shoo! Hurry up and go to work. Stop messing around all day."

When the man checked his phone, he realized his sister was speaking the truth—there were two calls from Gabriella. A delighted smile grew on his lips.

"Gabriella, did you call me?" the man whispered into his phone.

"Yes, but forget it," Gabriella snarled.

When I needed you, you're with some other women. Why are you calling me when I don't need you anymore?

"I was showering earlier. That's why I didn't hear my phone ring," the man hastily explained.

Gabriella narrowed her eyes.

What the man had not explained to her was that his sister had been the one to pick up the phone earlier.

Hence, Gabriella ended the call after saying, "It's fine. Bye."

The man panicked.

Despite that, he thought, She must be jealous, but that's good. She should feel a little stressed about our relationship. At that thought, the man smiled. Unbeknownst to him, Gabriella had decided to cut off her ties with him.

Stupid man. It's all lies when he says he only loves me and me only. What a load of rubbish when he said he'll protect and take care of me for the rest of my life. Now? Now he's with some other woman. He ditched me!

Gabriella balled up her fists, infuriated and upset.

All men are the same. They'll leave after sleeping with the woman. With a sneer, the woman then shut her eyes.

Knock, knock.

The knockings outside the house were rapid and urgent, but Gabriella was already asleep in the living room.

"Open up, Gabriella! I'm here. Weren't you looking for me earlier?" the man shouted from outside.

Not known to the two, Caspian was watching them from afar.

"Larry, that man's here again, but Gabriella isn't opening the door this time."

He finally appeared again. Larry's lips curled.

With this man around, everything will be sorted out.

"Keep a close eye on him and find out who this man is," Larry commanded.

Only after a long while of knocking, then did Gabriella groggily went to open the door.

"Why did you keep knocking on the door? Didn't you realize that I'm sleeping? You're annoying," Gabriella complained.