While Joseph Bauer was scheming how to fan the flames harder...

The next day, Harvey York brought some breakfast to Flutwell People's Hospital.

After passing through the hall and entering the elevator, he came to the inpatient department on the upper floor.

Safe to say that Harvey was quite familiar with the place.

Right when he came to the floor where Mandy Zimmer was, he frowned slightly.

A faint smell wafted in the air.

It did not smell like the typical fragrance but rather like a woody scent.

Harvey could smell it his entire way here. He could not help but stay cautious because of it.

After pondering the situation for a moment, he sent out a text before going inside Mandy's sick room.

A few disciples of Longmen's Law Enforcement were seen inside the room. They were in charge of Mandy's safety.

They respectfully welcomed Harvey inside since they knew who he was.

Harvey casually handed a check to Lilian Yates even before she could stand up, then proceeded to walk toward Mandy.

Mandy was almost fully recovered. Other than a few bruises on her face, no other injuries could be seen on her elsewhere.

She would be able to regain control of the Hearthstone Corporation in a few days.

"You've been here for the past few days. You must be bored."

Harvey fed the woman before him some food while showing a warm smile.

Mandy, who was staring outside the window, glanced back at Harvey.

"It's okay. I just feel like I'm starting to get rusty after lying in bed all day.

"It's good that Xynthia's a quick learner. I'm not too worried about it.

"I'll just give her a few pointers on the phone every now and then.

Mandy looked to the side, revealing the exquisite curve on her neck while showing an anxious expression on her face.

"But she's still inexperienced. She might unintentionally

offend someone in the business."

Harvey smiled.

"She's a vivacious kid. Her battle is still in the entertainment circle. You'll be back in business sooner or later.

"If she did offend someone, you'll be there to clean up her mess anyway."

Mandy's face turned bright red after hearing Harvey's words.

She felt that Harvey was more relaxed after their divorce.

She intentionally showed a smug look on her face.

"You're making me feel gross talking about this early in the morning!

"I don't feel like eating anymore."

Harvey merely smiled.

"But you have to! Come. Let me feed you."

Harvey opened the package and scooped up a mouthful of food.

Mandy shyly smiled before taking a bite.

It was a rare scene for the two to have some time alone. All of the food was finished while they were happily chatting with each other. Knock knock knock!

Someone was knocking on the door from the other side.

A disciple from Longmen's Law Enforcement said a few words before sending in a slender doctor.

Harvey squinted at the doctor when he smelled a faint fragrance on her.

The doctor utterly ignored Harvey and asked, "Is the patient's family here yet? Make sure to pay the fees at the counter, or we'll have to stop administering the medicine."

Harvey immediately stood up.

"Right. I'll get to it now..."

Harvey left the room soon after.

The doctor showed a cold gaze as soon as he left.

Pfft pfft pfft!

The doctor waved her hand instantly, revealing silver needles flying right toward the disciples, who had no time even to react.

The disciples were in disbelief before they fell to the ground without making a sound.

Then, the doctor calmly turned around before coldly glaring at Mandy Zimmer.

Mandy's smile was replaced by a stern look.

"Who are you?

"I don't think I know you.

"Why come to kill me when we have no grudge against each other?

"If you're here for the gold mine, it's useless even if you get to kill me."

The doctor took off her face mask, revealing her extremely gorgeous face.

Then, she smiled faintly and said, "Don't worry, Ms. Zimmer. I won't kill you.

"It's no good for us after all. We don't want any

unnecessary trouble.

"But I'm afraid that you'll have to come with me. You're going to be our bargaining chip.

The doctor showed a distant gaze.

"Of course, you shouldn't blame me for being so inhospitable.

"Blame your ex-husband for that.

"He was the one who killed my brother from a different mother."

Mandy stopped, frozen in place.

"Harvey killed your brother?" she instinctively asked.

"You're Indian?

"You're Freddy Garcia's sister?"

Naturally, Mandy was not as oblivious as everyone thought. Despite being stuck in the sick room, she still had information about the outside world.

She knew full well about Freddy's death as well.

"Seems like you're no ordinary woman.

The doctor clapped her hands with a faint smile.

"Let me introduce myself. I am Wren Garcia.

"Freddy was only a brother from a different mother. Our relationship was mediocre at best...

"But no matter what, he was still family.

"It's only natural for me to avenge him, right?"

Mandy was showing disdain on her face.

"If you're really going to avenge him, why don't you just go for Harvey instead? Why draw him away?

"At the end of the day, you people are just scared of someone who's out of your league.

"You want to blackmail Harvey with a woman like me? Do you really think you can do it?

"I'm his ex-wife.

"It's useless."

"You don't have a say, nor do we.

Wren merely smiled.

"We know that Harvey's quite skillful. We also know that he has experts protecting him."

"He's a lot harder to deal with than we expected.

"To prevent accidents from happening, using you as a bargaining chip is the wisest decision we have.

"After all, we always have everything prepared.

Wren then stepped forward with an indifferent expression.

- "Don't worry. I won't kill you.
- "At most, I'd only break your limbs to threaten Harvey.
- "Speaking of, if it weren't for Young Master Bauer warning us not to get close to you, we wouldn't even know that you're this important to Harvey.
- "We could've paid some respect to Young Master Bauer. We could've maintained the relationship...
- "But it's a shame. After all, our lives are just too precious.
- "Why waste the lives of our people when we can use a woman from Country H to deal with the enemy?"

Next, Wren Garcia walked to the side of the bed and revealed a silver needle behind her finger.

"You people like acupuncture, don't you?" she said while looking at Mandy Zimmer calmly.

"I'll make sure to turn you into a disabled person today.

"I suggest you don't resist. Just watch as I slowly do my job.

"If I get into a foul mood, I might just lose control and kill you.

"Don't blame me when that happens."

Wren flicked her needle before pushing it into Mandy so she could deal with Harvey York later.

Bang!

But at this moment, a firearm poked out from underneath the bed and pulled the trigger on Wren's stomach.

"Aaagh!

"You b\*stard!"

Wren screamed in pain. She was immediately sent flying by the force of the firearm.

At this moment, she was filled with pain and disbelief.

She never expected a gunner would be hiding under Mandy's bed.

The person was also terribly decisive. The trigger was pulled without wasting a second longer.

Wren had no other choice but to cover her wound while forcing her way to Mandy, desperately trying to seize her as hostage.

A lot of her strength was lost with just a single shot. Without the hostage, there would be no way for her to survive.

Bang!

But before she could even get close to Mandy, the gunner pulled the trigger once again.

Wren's expression changed frantically. She had no choice but to step back to dodge the bullet.

Her back was pressed against the front door. There was no way for her to get to Mandy again.

A person slipped out from under the bed soon after. She showed a calm look when she pointed her firearm at Wren.

The enchanting woman had a black-colored rose tattooed on her chest.

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She was Black Rose from the Hatchet Gang.

She was an extremely discreet woman. After the Hatchet Gang served under Harvey, she had been lurking around Mandy to protect her.

Her fighting skills were mediocre, but she was a ruthless being of the underworld. With her firearm in hand, she had demonstrated quite impressive combat strength.

Wren kept changing her expression when she saw the firearm pointed at her. She did not even have time to figure out why there was a gunner like this protecting Mandy.

She swung her hand, revealing a dagger in hand before she pounced forward.

Wren used all her might to fight her way out of the life-or -death situation...

But Black Rose showed a disdainful look before pulling the trigger again.

Bang bang bang!

Wren was shot while charging forward. Blood was spurting out of her chest like a fountain.

Wren screamed in pain as she fell to the ground.

She would not dare to fight any longer. She quickly rolled toward the front door, desperately trying to get out of the room.

When there's life, there's still hope. As long as she was alive, there would still be another chance.

But as soon as she opened the door, her face had completely lost all color.

Harvey showed a faint smile right in front of her before kicking her back inside.

Bam!

Wren Garcia was sent flying before she slammed into the wall.

She struggled to stand up when she fell to the ground, but Harvey York was already standing before her.

Wren gritted her teeth and thrust her dagger, desperately trying to turn the tables.

A bright glare was coming from the dagger. It was a terrifying sight.

"Harvey! Look out!" exclaimed Mandy Zimmer instinctively.

Slap!

Harvey steadily swung his palm forward.

His movements did not seem fast, but he managed to slap Wren across her face even before she could do any damage.

Wren screamed in pain. She was sent flying once again as she covered her face. She had no strength left to crawl back up when she landed on the ground again.

Clap clap clap!

Harvey clapped his hands.

Soon after, Rudolph's team went inside the room.

They quickly injected anesthetics into Wren's body and treated her injuries to ensure she would not pass out due to blood loss.

Wren gritted her teeth when she observed what had happened. It seemed like Harvey was trying to save her, but she did not believe that he was actually this nice.

When Rudolph's team left, Harvey calmly took a cup of tea that Black Rose brought over and took a sip.

"Ms. Garcia?" asked Harvey while smiling at Wren.

"You belong to a family of Kshatriyas.

"Why would you have to dirty your own hands like this?

"Just send your Vaishyas or Shudras on me instead.

"Surely you'll be able to take me out with enough men, right?"

Harvey calmly lectured Wren, hoping that she would understand.

It would be best if she did not cause Mandy any trouble and just went for Harvey instead.

When she heard Harvey's calm words, Wren almost broke a tooth from gritting.

She disdainfully glared at Harvey and exclaimed, "How did you know I was planning to attack Mandy?!

"We just came up with the plan! We were going to use Mandy as a bargaining chip!"

Wren could not fathom how she managed to fall into a trap when Joseph Bauer just sent word about the situation.

Black Rose's placement had completely ruined her.

Her confidence as an Indian was tarnished.

Harvey calmly glanced at Wren's miserable expression.

"Of course, I didn't know about that.

"But I know full well that you people have no bottom line.

"Since you can't go against me, you'll naturally play some of your dirty tricks.

"Since you know about my relationship with Mandy, you'll definitely go for her.

"That was why I got Longmen's Law Enforcement to help on the outside while also mobilizing the Hatchet Gang's strength in secret.

"I did all this to guarantee Mandy's safety.

"Of course, my cheap mother-in-law and sister-in-law are also protected.

"You have no chance."

Harvey's confident tone could be heard when he openly spoke up about his aversion toward Lilian Yates...

But even so, Mandy felt warmth in her heart.

She knew that Harvey did everything in his power just to protect her.

So many people were targeting Harvey, yet he still decided to spare some of his forces to keep Mandy and the others safe.

"But why was this woman under the damn bed?!

Wren was still in disbelief.

"Doesn't she need to eat or sleep?! I don't buy it!"

- "Of course, no one can do that," replied Harvey York calmly.
- "In reality, Black Rose would just sit in a corner so people outside wouldn't be able to see her.
- "But, when I arrived at the hospital, I smelled something.
- "It wasn't just any fragrance. It was the smell of agarwood, an Indian specialty."
- "I knew an Indian was here as soon as I smelled it.
- "I didn't know if you were planning to come for my people or not...
- "But I like to be a little careful. That was why I sent a text to Black Rose so she could prepare herself.
- "When you came knocking on the door, I smelled the same scent on you.
- "I immediately identified you after that.
- "But since I didn't know what your motives were, I did my best to put up a show.
- "As for what happened next, you know better than I do."
- Harvey calmly explained the entire situation to show his sincerity.

At the same time, he wanted Wren to fall into despair.

After all, to a prideful woman like her, it was more painful that her plans were foiled that easily than for her to die.

"That was it..."

Wren was on the verge of coughing up blood. She knew she should not have taken an incense bath as per tradition.

She did not expect her habit was going to be the only thing that exposed her.

After letting out a sigh, Wren gritted her teeth as she stared back at Harvey.

"You killed my brother, and now you crippled me!

"Kill me if you dare!

"If you don't, I'll make you pay for it!

"The Garcia family and the Celestial Temple will make sure of it!"

Harvey squinted at Wren with a smirk on his face.

"You're provoking me instead of begging for mercy? Do you really want to die?

"It sure seems that way.

"But I'm a good citizen. There's no way I can just kill whoever I want.

"Now that you're mine, there's proof of you people trying to snuff me out.

"I'm sure your family and the Celestial Temple should give me a fair statement at this point, right?"

"A good citizen, you say?

Wren showed a cold gaze as she coldly chuckled.

"You're still pretending at this point?!

"You killed my brother and had the gall to call yourself a good citizen?!

"F\*ck you!"

"Who said I killed your brother?

Harvey looked at Wren as if she was an idiot.

"Nobody said that a good citizen wouldn't kill either.

"Besides, who do you think your brother is? He has no right to die by my own hands.

"You must be joking."

Wren was utterly infuriated when she heard such righteous words coming from Harvey's mouth.

This was far worse than just killing. Harvey was completely torturing Wren's heart.

Mandy froze after hearing Harvey's words.

"You really didn't kill him, Harvey?"

Harvey shrugged.

"A nobody like him isn't worthy after all.

"These people are in over their heads.

"At this point, I don't even need to do it myself if I want someone dead in Flutwell. They didn't even take that into consideration.

"These people must be idiots.

Harvey calmly smiled before he patted Wren's face.

"Right. Take me to your people.

"I'll settle scores with you sooner or later if I don't get a fair statement about this."

Kayden Balmer was mostly done with the interrogation. He learned that the main culprit was the John family.

Other than that, Harvey York also knew about Joseph Bauer threatening the Celestial Temple.

Since two forces were trying to make use of the Indians to take out Harvey...

Harvey did not mind using the Indians to do the same in return.

Harvey was excited at this point. If the Demon Monk, Cody Garcia, knew about the truth and the fact that he was being used, the show would be a lot more exciting.

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At dusk, inside Flutwell Funeral Home.

Since Freddy Garcia was a foreign guest, his body was immediately sent here after the police performed an autopsy.

The Indians rented a small detached building at the establishment. Other than staying with Freddy, they wanted the other Indians to have a place to stay.

After all, Cody gave the order to send over a hundred experts from the Celestial Temple.

Those experts all crossed the borders illegally. That was why all of them needed a safe place to rest for the time being.

No place was safer than a funeral home in Flutwell. After all, only a few people were coming in and out of the here.

At about seven o'clock, a few Land Cruisers entered the funeral home before stopping in front of the mourning hall in the small building.

A dozen burly men in suits walked out of the cars, followed by a young woman in a black uniform.

The woman was in her twenties. She was wearing a black dress and had her hair tied into a bun. The makeup on her face was also exquisite.

Her enchanting figure was clearly showing when she walked.

Her slender legs with Balenciaga stockings were extremely eye-catching too.

The woman was none other than Dahlia John.

She must have gotten out of the police station after being locked up for two days straight.

After entering the mourning hall with a bouquet of flowers in hand, she set them down in front of Freddy's portrait before paying her respects.

The Indians had never done anything fancy at their

funerals.

That was why the mourning hall seemed a little gloomy at that moment.

Dahlia took a deep breath and approached the man sitting on the side.

"My condolences, Mr. Garcia."

The handsome man showed a cold gaze. He was none other than Frankie Garcia himself!

He was also Joseph Bauer's sworn brother.

He calmly glanced at Dahlia. His eyes lit up when he saw her beautiful face.

He quickly regained his composure before he stood up respectfully.

"Thank you, Ms. John.

Dahlia perked up her chest, completely ignoring the greedy look on Frankie's face.

"My father and brother were supposed to be here as well...

"But they wanted to bring the true culprit, Harvey, to justice so Freddy can leave this world in peace!

"Once they're done, they'll come to send Freddy off!

"All this happened because the John family didn't take care of our important guests! We're the ones at fault!"