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“Love is the accumulation of fate and the time we invest in each other Cornelis was confused as to why Marcus had suddenly become so stern, instinctively leaning towards the car window

know you guys grew up together and are very close but you’re adults now especially you, you’re married You Marcus realized his tone might have frightened her, so he quickly adjusted his mood trying to speak to her calmly i should maintain a proper distance Who you get close to is your business, he can’t interfere

“Are you aware theres a difference between men and women and that married men and women need to keep a certain distance thought you didn’t know” Not satisfied with just arguing in her mind. Cornelia used his own words against him, “You say offers are more than my husband, but you’re just as bad Me video chatting with a childhood friend is my private matter it seems like it’s none of your business”

“I’m not trying to control you. I’m just The word “Jealous” almost slipped out of Marcus mouth, and realizing his emotions left him somewhat astounded

ite i new very well that there couldnt be anything romantic between Cornelia and Zack, to why was he being so petty? if Cornelia had to completely give up her previous life and her old friends because of their marriage, it would hurt her, and he couldn’t bear to hurt his wife

“Cornelia Im sorry” He called her name sincerely apologizing then added. Iven if Jeremy entrusted me to look after you, it’s not my place to interfere in your video call with your friend”

Come didnt say anything else to him

The car continued heading home and the two fell silent again, restoring the quietness inside the car

Comela turned her head to watch the snowflakes falling outside the window. As she watched she began to feel sleepy and dozed off, leaning on the seat.

Marcus immediately turned up the temperature inside the car ensuring she wouldn't feel cold while asleep

They didn't get home until nearly an hour later Marcus drove the car into the garage, wanting to wake Cornelia but also not wanting to disturb her sleep. He got out of the car opened the passenger side door cradled her in his arms,

and headed towards the house

At the entrance, Briana came out to greet them hearing the car

Briana was stunned "Marcus, you and Nelly. "

Her voice was a bit loud and Marcus quickly covered Cornelia's ears, "Keep it down. Don't wake your sister-in-law"

Briana nodded repeatedly "Okay okay but you guys have been out for hours, were you really working? How come I smell alcohol on my sister-in-law, you didn't get her drunk on purpose, did you?"

Follow me upstairs Marcus didn't want to answer the teenagers questions Caring Cornelia, he headed up to the second floor

Briana followed closely behind whispering. "Are you sure you want me to tag a long? Don't you want to give her a kiss while she's drunk?"

Seeing Marcus take Cornelia to the guest room, Briana started to worry "Marcus, why don't you take her to your master bedroom, you're a married couple after all When she wakes up in the morning just tell her the truth"

Marcus turned around giving her a stern look. "Try saying one more word"

Briana shut up

Marcus laid Cornelia on the bed took off her coat. He was about to take off her pants but felt it was inappropriate. "Briana, can you help her change into some pajamas?"

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Briana chuckled. "We don't have to be stiff and serious all the time, you know She's your wife, not some random woman What in the big deal in helping her change into her nightgown

Just because Cornelia is my wife doesnt mean i can take liberties when she's unconscious Marcus explained turning to shut the window 'You help her change and stay here with her Dont leave

By the time Marcus came back upstairs Briana had already changed Cornelia into her nightgown Briana was nodding off by the side of Cornelias bed, her head slowly drooping down

Marcus gave her a gentle nudge, "You can go to sleep now"

"have to wake up early tomorrow" Briana got up rubbing her eyes and headed out She bumped into the door frame on her way out, making Marcus shake his head in disbelief

His wife Cornelia was only slightly older than Briana but she was much more mature and sensible

Marcus sat quietly by the bed just watching her

He wasn't even sure why, but just watching Cornelia made him feel calm. It felt like he'd taken a chill pill Hed never had this kind of strange yet incredibly enjoyable experience before

"Grandma" Cornelia suddenly wept in her sleep murmuring "You have to get better You can't leave me if even you don't want me. I'll be all alone"

Even though this was the first time he'd seen Cornelia so distressed in her sleep, it still broke Marcus heart

He slid into bed next to her pulling her into his arms and gently patting her back like you would with a child "Don't be scared Grandma will get better. She won't leave you. And don't forget, you have me I'll always be with you

"Grandma, you have to keep your promise her furrowed brow slowly relaxed and her face gradually regained its calmness.

*“Alright Grandma promises he agreed Last time she had fainted she had called him
“Dad” and now she was calling him “Grandma “No telling what she’d call him next time.*

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Marcus was worried about Cornelia having another nightmare so he stayed with her for a long time. He only left when he saw her sleeping soundly

Much to his surprise, as soon as he opened the door Enane, who had been eavesdropping lost her balance and fell right into the room. “Ahh! Before an could even finish her scream, Marcus covered her mouth and pulled her out of the room After closing the door, he whispered.

“You almost woke her up. Biana muttered in dissatisfaction Tavoritism Now that you have a wife you don’t need your sister”

Marcus changed the subject. “You were eavesdropping at the door What shall I do with you?”

I wouldn’t be too happy about that ”

“Granny wanted me to keep an eye on you two and report any updates,” Hran a said as she ran away fast. She was worried that her brother would punish her if she ran slowly But she started wondering was there something off about her brother?

Nothing happened when Marcus shared a room with his wife, he was 28 and hasn’t had a girlfriend. Even when women threw themselves at him, he wouldn’t give them a second glance it was suspicious

Briana suddenly understood why her brother didnt dare to reveal his identity to Cornelia Revealing his identity would mean fulfilling marital duties, which he would not always be able to fulfil so he had to maintain the superior subordinate relationship

Briana was anxious, pacing around her room, should she tell granny about this? If she told granny, her brother would be embarrassed if she didn't, he would not seek medical help out of embarrassment, and granny's hopes would be dashed

What a dilemma! She decided to sleep on this tricky problem and deal with it tomorrow

Cornelia slept a full 12 hours She only woke up until noon

The first thing she did upon waking up was to check her phone. As the screen lit up before she even unlocked it, she saw a text message from an unknown number

"Cornelia I've settled down, don't worry This is my new contact information – Skyler Blue"

Upon seeing this message. Cornelia got so excited she almost cried She immediately replied. "Skyler, where are you now? Can I call you?"

After sending the message Cornelia anxiously waited for Skyler's reply and every second felt like torture

After a while a call came in from a number with a French country code. Cornelia answered it immediately "Skyler, is that you?"

Skyler's voice came from the other end of the phone. "Cornelia, it's me I'm happy to hear your voice again"

"Me too!" Cornelia said hurriedly "Where in France are you? Marcus and I are in Paris, can we meet?"

Even though Skyler had confirmed that she was safe, Cornelia wouldn't be at ease until she saw her in person

Skyler hesitated for a moment on the other end of the line, then said. "I'm in Nice We can meet, but can you not tell President Hartley

it was perfectly normal that Skyler didn't trust Marcus, as he was a friend of Zaver

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Cornelia pondered for a moment and said. "Let's meet three days after Christmas. He'll be too busy to notice me gone. I'll be out for a day or two and he probably won't find out." Skyler responded. "In that case, I won't give you the exact address now. Just in case your phone is being tapped by Xavier, I still have time to make a run for it. We'll get in touch when you get to Nice."

Cornelia understood Skyler's concerns and replied, "Alright, contact you when I get there."

Skyler added. "I've only been out for a month, but it feels like a year. When I first escaped, I had nightmares every night and I couldn't sleep. I was always afraid of waking up in that familiar

room with that devil of a man next to me*"

Tears welled up in Cornelia's eyes. "Skyler, don't be scared. You're free now. Even the powerful Xavier can't do as he pleases in France. Forget about the past, forget about the man who scared you, and start your life anew."

Skyler took a deep breath. "Yes, it's all in the past. Things will get better, Cornelia, let's end the conversation here for today. I have things to handle. I'll wait for your arrival."

After Cornelia hung up, tears streamed down her face. She couldn't understand why she felt so upset.

She opened WhatsApp and saw dozens of unread messages from Zack.

"Cornelia, that jerk Marcus actually hung up my video call! Wait till he gets back to Riverton, I'll teach him a lesson!"

"Nelly, did Marcus bully you? Hurry up and reply, I'm freaking out here!"

Nelly!"

“Nelly, do you need me to come to Paris right now?”

Cornelia quickly replied, “Zack, don’t judge people by their cover. Marcus is not a bad guy. He’s not interested in all the women throwing themselves at him. Why would he be interested in a married woman like me?*

As soon as Cornelia sent the message, Zack replied, “You finally replied. I thought something happened to you Scared the hell out of me

Cornelia replied, “Who’d dare mess with me when I have the whole Hartley Group backing me up? I’m just a small assistant, but to many people, I’m Marcus’s right hand, nobody would dare mess with me?’

She wasn’t exaggerating

Zack replied, “Anyway, take care of yourself Let us know if anything happens. Abby and I are going back to Rosenberg for the New Year. We’ll return to Riverton a few days after the new year Hope you can come back to Riverton soon.

Cornelia replied, ‘Sure, don’t worry. Spend more time with your parents in Rosenberg”

After ending the chat, Cornelia checked the time and it was already past noon.

She hurriedly got up to wash up and only realized halfway through that she seemed to have memories of going to the Paris Tower with Marcus the night before. As for what happened later, her memory was a bit fuzzy

When she woke up, she found herself in bed Were the pajamas she was wearing swapped by Marcus?

Cornelia quickly dismissed this absurd thought. After all, it’s not only her and Marcus at home. It must have been Briana who changed her clothes.

After she was done freshening up, Cornelia put on a suit and went downstairs. She saw Marcus sitting in the living room reading some documents There was a heater in the house, so he was simply dressed in a white shirt and black trousers. Even such simple attire couldn’t hide his charm and good looks. He looked like a beautiful painting no matter where he sat

To avoid disturbing him, Cornelia deliberately lightened her footsteps. However, Marcus still noticed her right away, "You're awake"

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Even that sentence had a special kind of charm as it came out of Marcus mouth

Cornelia nodded. President Hartley. I'm sorry I overslept and messed up the work scheduled for the morning"

"Actually, there were no plans for work this morning" Cornelia came closer, Marcus saw her reddish eyes and felt a bit tense, "You've been crying? Why are you crying?"

Cornelia quickly shook her head, "I wasn't crying. Just got some face wash in my eyes when I was washing up"

Marcus was skeptical but if she didn't want to speak about it, he didn't want to force her. He put down his tablet, walked towards her, "Lunch is ready. Let's go grab something to eat." "Okay" Just as Cornelia was about to go with him to the dining room, his private phone on the table rang

Cornelia paused, watching him pick up the phone

Marcus answered, Xavier's angry voice came from the phone, "President Hartley, control your wife. Stop her from messing with my business"

Marcus "What's wrong with my wife?"

Xavier said. She is in touch with my wife again, trying to persuade my wife to forget about me. She even insulted me in front of Skyler. When did I offend her? Why is she targeting me?"

Thinking of Cornelia sweating Marcus couldn't help but laugh. "Aren't you really behaving like one?"

He offended his wife Cornelia, and she could leave him bruised. What was wrong with her calling Xavier a beast. If Cornelia wanted to kick Xavier for fun a few times, Marcus wouldn't object.

Zavier, "I'm already in a state, go ahead and laugh. I'm telling you, if Skyler leaves me, I will use all my power to take your wife from you."

Marcus's eyes darkened coldly said. "My wife can do whatever she wants to do, as long as she's happy. I won't let anyone control her, including you."

Zavier, "You just protect her unconditionally."

Marcus, "I just love to do that."

Zavier. If you keep protecting her unconditionally, letting her do whatever she wants, you will end up like me!

Marcus sneered, "I'm not like you, my marriage is not like yours, and my wife is nothing like yours."

In Marcus's heart, his wife was the best, incomparable.

Zavier sneered and hung up the phone. Marcus keenly felt that the sneer was a bit strange, but he didn't pay much attention.

He put down the phone, and walked towards Cornelia. His voice unconsciously softened. "You must be hungry since you haven't had breakfast. Do you have a headache, or feel uncomfortable anywhere?"

"Had a lot last night, so I'm good. No discomfort anywhere." Cornelia followed him to the dining room, about to say something a few times, "President Hartley"

"Just say it, don't hesitate." Marcus pulled out a chair for her to sit down first, then sat down across from her.

Was that Mr. Rivera who just called? Does he know that you helped Skyler evade capture and plans to use your wife to threaten you, so he can get to Skyler?" Cornelia could not tell what the other party had said, but she inferred from Marcus's tone that it must have been Zavier.

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Marcus chuckled. "That was Xavier on the phone. He won't do anything to my wife, no need to get your knickers in a twist"

"Has he found out where Skyler is?" She had just received news about Skyler and Xavier catted immediately Cornelia couldn't help but suspect Xavier already knew where Skyler was if Xavier found out Skyler's whereabouts from her, and Skyler was once again under Xavier's control, Skyler would be in serious jeopardy.

The more she thought about it, the more frightened Cornelia became Her hand clenching into a fist on her thigh

Marcus had the chef serve the dishes. He served Cornelia a bowl of soup first. It's cold out, have some soup to warm up"

Due to all the conjectures in her mind, Cornelia felt as cold as ice. She needed the soup to warm her up, but she was too agitated to drink "Marcus, Xavier knows where Skyler is, doesn't

he?"

Marcus didn't immediately answer Cornelia's question, he wanted to give her a glimmer of hope. But since she insisted on knowing, he told her the truth. After all she was his wife, and she would face many similar problems in the future It was better to get her used to such situations sooner rather than later

He said "Cornelia you and Skyler both underestimated Xavier. It's understandable that you underestimate him because you don't know him. But Skyler, having been with him for so many years, still underestimates him. All it shows is that her escape plan was doomed from the start

Marcus' words shattered Cornelia's hopes, leaving her feeling helpless, scared, and a whole mix of emotions

Without thinking, she quickly pulled out her phone to call Skyler.

Marcus simply took her phone away, “Cornelia, you need to cool your jets! Whether Skyler can escape Zavier’s control has nothing to do with you. It’s between them. You get me?”

His deep, sexy voice slowly brought her back to her senses, “Marcus, my personal phone might be tapped by Zavier.”

Marcus was glad that Cornelia didn’t suspect him of leaking Skyler’s escape route, so he decided to hit her with the harsh truth, “Zavier hasn’t tapped your phone, nor would he dare to. He’s been tapping Skyler’s phone.”

That truth hit Cornelia like a bolt from the blue, leaving her mind blank.

Skyler had planned for so long, and racked her brains to get away from Zavier. They thought Skyler had made it, and that she could start over, but from Marcus and Zavier’s point of view, their thoughts were nothing but a joke.

Marcus and Zavier watched them run around like headless chickens, while they thought they were pulling off some covert operation.

They let Skyler escape, letting her run around like a mouse in a game of cat and mouse.

Cornelia took a deep breath, trying to calm herself down, “President Hartley, could I have my phone back please?”

“Cornelia, letting Skyler believe that she has escaped Zavier’s control, letting her think she’s free now, isn’t that a good thing? Why would you want to disrupt her peaceful life? Some things are better left unknown. Life can go on peacefully, but once you know, it can become difficult, even life-threatening.” Marcus casually dropped the bombshell that Cornelia was reluctant to

accept.

When Cornelia looked at Marcus again, her eyes were filled with deep fear.

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Marcus saw the fear in Cornelia's eyes, but he had already started. If he didn't finish, she'd only worry more. "Cornelia, I don't like delivering these harsh truths, but this is the brutal reality of the world, and something Skyler has to face."

Cornelia never knew her mother, and her father passed away early. Over the past twenty-four years, she had seen a lot of life's harsh realities. She understood a lot, but she didn't want to accept. Occasionally, she'd naively think that if she worked hard enough, everything would work out.

Her clenched fist tightened and loosened, then tightened again. "So you're saying, as long as Xavier doesn't let go, Skyler has no choice but to die or remain under Xavier's control?"

Marcus pushed his glasses up his nose and simply responded. "Uh huh."

"President Hartley, thank you for telling me the truth." Cornelia thanked him, but she felt sick to her stomach, almost wanting to throw up.

"President Hartley, enjoy your meal. I ate a lot last night, so I'm not hungry." She passed. Cornelia quickly stood up, and rushed upstairs to the guest room. She ran into the bathroom, and dry heaved over the toilet until she felt dizzy, but nothing came out.

She sat weakly on the floor, looking at Skyler's number on her phone. She wanted to call or text her several times, but didn't have the courage to do it.

Cornelia understood what Marcus was saying. Skyler couldn't escape Xavier's control, and maybe it would be better for her not to know she was still under his control.

But was she really just supposed to accept this?

Cornelia didn't know. Her mind was in chaos.

"Cornelia, Skyler and Xavier are married, and they're the closest to each other. You barely know Skyler; you're not even friends. Why are you doing this to yourself?"

Marcus's deep voice was as pleasant as always, but now it sounded like a spell controlling her, making her feel afraid.

Cornelia stood up. She leaned on the toilet and slowly turned to look at Marcus standing in the doorway. His perfect face looked like a demon to her

Cornelia wanted to say something, but it was as if her throat was blocked, and she couldn't make a sound.

"Cornelia," Marcus reached out to help her, but she backed away, watching him warily before he could touch her.

He had seen this fear in others, but seeing it in Cornelia's eyes for the first time unsettled him. "Cornelia, tell me what you want to do, and I do it."

"I hope Skyler can completely break free from Xavier. I hope Skyler can live a truly free and happy life," Cornelia thought, but she couldn't say

But he wouldn't help her for free, she knew that.

"Mr. Hartley, what do you hope to gain from me?"

Xavier's influence was massive. Helping Skyler break free would require a lot of resources. Marcus was a businessman, he had no connection to her or Skyler, if he was willing to help, he had to expect something in return.

Cornelia didn't know what she or Skyler could offer him.

Cornelia's reaction hurt Marcus, "Cornelia, we've been working together for almost a year. Is this really how you see me?"

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Cornelia arched an eyebrow and asked. "Tell me, why are you helping me then?"

"Because you're my wife! This reason alone could answer Cornelia's question, but he couldn't possibly risk saying that before she had any good feelings for him. "Don't really need a reason to help you? Can't I just be in good spirits and want to do a good deed?"

Feeling good and doing good

What about when you weren't feeling good? Weren't they afraid of karma when they nonchalantly controlled a person's life like this?

"Thanks for your kind intentions, President Hartley, but I don't need your help. An ordinary person can never get the better end of a deal with the devil. Cornelia knew that perfectly well. "Cornelia!" He emphasized her name, his eyes hidden behind his glasses turning fierce. That was the real Marcus.

She shouldn't be fooled by Marcus' usual kindness by thinking he was a harmless little lamb she could control at will. President Hartley, if you need something, just say. " Marcus was indeed angry, he was trying hard to control himself from lashing out at Cornelia. Towe your husband Jeremy a favor. Can't I help you to repay that favor?"

"No need! We are two separate people. While Jeremy was indeed her legal husband, she and Jeremy had never lived together, and she had never thought about getting anything from

Jeremy

"You Marcus suddenly threw a punch at the door frame. The force of it seemed to shake the sturdy wall, and his knuckles inevitably got injured with blood flowing freely.

Cornelia saw it and calmly said, 'Dr. Dawson should be in Paris too. I'll call her to come over and bandage your wound.'

"You're just my assistant. What do my life and death have to do with you?" Marcus was so mad he left her with a harsh word and slammed the door behind him. He couldn't guarantee he wouldn't do something more outrageous if he stayed with this stubborn woman any longer.

Back in his study, Marcus immediately made a phone call. "Zavier, behave yourself if you dare to disturb Skyler's life, I won't let you off easily."

Zavier scoffed. "You helped my wife escape from me, and I haven't settled the score with you yet. Now you're giving me a warning. Marc, I know my Skyler is beautiful and can stir up a man's protective instincts, but she's my woman. Even if she's dead, she's still mine. Don't even think about laying a finger on her."

Marcus was disdainful. If it weren't for Cornelia, who would care about your woman?"

Touching her? His Cornelia was way better than Skyler In his mind

Zavier said, "Marc, since you know she's my woman, don't interfere Women. There are as many types and numbers as you want. Let's not ruin our friendship over one"

Marcus asked. "If that's the case, why don't you choose another woman? Why insist on being with a woman who only wants to leave you?"

Without any hesitation, Zavier answered firmly and swiftly, I've made so many sacrifices for the Blue family. After they started to prosper again, they wanted to shake me off. There's no such easy way out in this world. Marcus, just wait and see. I don't need to go find her. Soon, she'll come crying back to me for help."

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Marcus didn't expect Zavier to use these tactics on his own wife "Threatening Skyler with the Blue family to get her back? Man, you're just pushing her further away"

Zavier retorted, "As long as she stays with me who cares where her heart is?"

"Doesn't it matter? Marcus asked.

"Why would I care?" Zavier shot back. "Tell me, if one day Cornelia wanted to leave you, would you use extreme methods to keep her?"

Marcus firmly replied. "That will never happen"

Zavier persisted. "Hypothetically speaking"

"I would never do that," Marcus insisted

You sure about that?"

"I'm damn sure." Marcus assured

If Cornelia still wanted to leave him after knowing his true identity, it would be because he hurt her. If he hurt her, he'd have no reason left to keep her around.

Zavier laughed "Well, Marc. I hope you walk the talk. Or else, I remind you myself "

Marcus didn't respond further. He hung up on Zavier, then dialed another number "Send more people to protect Skyler. Don't let Zavier's guys get close, and don't let her sense anything fishy She must live freely"

After speaking, he hung up the phone without waiting for a response.

Looking at his bleeding hand, he shook his head helplessly Cornelia was a stubborn woman. Once she made up her mind, she wouldn't budge.

This trait had its pros and cons. She took things too seriously and was easily hurt. He had to find a way to guide her, to change her slowly so she wouldn't be overly emotional when facing problems Most importantly, so she wouldn't hurt herself again.

In the days that followed, Cornelia continued to work with Marcus on the Paris branch. They cooperated well at work and never mentioned what happened the other day, as if nothing had

occurred

In a blink of an eye, it was Christmas Eve The first thing Cornelia did when she woke up was to video call her grandmother in the US.

Her granny was very happy on the video call, spinning her phone around. "Nelly, can you see? Our whole family is cooking together."

Cornelia followed the camera, and saw housekeepers, helpers, and nurses in the house, but no sign of a familiar yet strange man "Granny, Jeremy didn't come home either?"

Granny Rebecca replied, “Jeremy just called us before you did. He’s been busy with work like you. Apparently, he’s dealing with a very complicated issue, so he couldn’t come home.”

“Granny,” Cornelia’s eyes welled up with tears. I’m sorry I can’t come home for Christmas again.”

She couldn’t return to Rosenberg before, and she thought she could bring her granny to Riverton for Christmas this year. But work brought her to Paris which was miles away

Her granny was in poor health and getting older. Cornelia didn’t know how many more Christmases she could spend with her

“Stop being silly and apologizing You didn’t intentionally avoid me. I understand the stress you young people have these days. You need to work, buy a house, repay your mortgage, and I can’t help you “Although Granny Rebecca wished to have Cornelia home for the holidays, she didn’t show it. Cornelia had been responsible since childhood and had endured a lot. She

didn’t want to add to her burdens

Granny Rebecca worried that any additional stress could be the last straw that broke the camels back for Cornelia.

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Cornelia understood her grandma’s feelings, but she didn’t want the mood to get too heavy “Gran I still want to chat with Granny Luisa for a bit”

Granny Luisa, who was next to Granny Rebecca, came into frame as soon as she heard Cornelia call her name. She purposely put on a stern face. “Nelly, so you finally remembered me

Cornelia responded sweetly, Gran, I’ve always had you in my mind, I didn’t just remember you”

Granny Luisa replied. "I'm just pulling your leg. But seriously, both you and your sibling couldn't spend Christmas with us because of work this year. Next year, you guys better be here."

Cornelia nodded earnestly. "Yep, I make sure of it next year."

After some more chitchat with both grandmas, she ended the video call.

She still had to deal with some work stuff with Marcus today. If things went smoothly, their work could be complete by the afternoon, and they could knock off early.

After packing her stuff and grabbing her laptop bag, Cornelia headed downstairs. She was already up pretty early, but Marcus was up earlier. He was already in the living room, checking

out the day's news.

It wasn't just today that Marcus was up earlier than her. Every single day, Marcus got up earlier. The only time she was up earlier than him was the day after he hurt his hand. That day, he gave her a sour face all day long.

Cornelia walked up to him, "Good morning. President Hartley!"

Marcus nodded a bit, which was his way of responding.

These days, if it wasn't about work, he wouldn't say a word to her. She couldn't blame him. After all, he was her boss.

Marcus didn't pay her any mind and walked towards the dining room.

Cornelia quickly followed him.

Breakfast was a feast. There were sandwiches, milk, and more. Cornelia was spoiled for choice and she always had a hearty breakfast.

These days, Briana was always out early and back late. Cornelia hadn't seen her, so it was just Marcus and her for breakfast. At the table, they both just focused on eating, without acknowledging each other.

After breakfast they headed to the company.

As Marcus's assistant, having an international driving license was a basic requirement, so Cornelia was the one driving lately.

On the way, Marcus took a couple of phone calls and then buried his head in some documents. Cornelia glanced at Marcus in the rear-view mirror and thought, mistakenly, that he was looking at her. When she looked up at him, he had already looked away

Marcus being colder towards Cornelia actually made her work easier. She didn't have to worry about his excessive concern, which could be quite bothersome

After about half an hour drive, they reached the company

Cornelia parked the car and quickly got out She ran to the back seat on the right and opened the door for Marcus

He stepped out, not even sparing her a glance.

Ben was already at the company's entrance waiting. As soon as he saw Marcus, he walked up and started reporting on their work situation. Cornelia followed behind Marcus, taking

meticulous notes

Her note-taking and shorthand skills were phenomenal. If not, she wouldn't have been able to handle such high-intensity work.

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