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Capability, talent, and humbleness, she has it all. I'm sure she will become someone great in time."

When Kathleen heard this, she was fuming with rage. Moreover, she was displeased that Tessa, whom she deemed a b*tch, had stolen her limelight tonight. Hence, she abruptly rose to her feet.

"I'm going to play a piano piece for Mommy too!"

Needless to say, Kathleen's piano skills were excellent.

She played a piece called 'Ballade pour Adeline' She played the tune of the song so romantically, beautifully, and full of artistic conception.

After the performance, the crowd applauded.

"Kathleen's piano level is as amazing as her violin's."

"Hathaway, it looks like your daughter has surpassed you in learning."

"A melodious music."

Similarly, Tessa felt that Kathleen was talented in music despite her nasty character.

Kathleen's mouth spilled forth humble words as she listened to everyone's compliments, but her eyes were a different story as they looked at Tessa proudly.

Tessa merely shook her head when she noticed it, as she didn't care at all. Then, she turned around to help Hathaway entertain the guests.

That night, the birthday party ended rather late.

It was inevitable that Tessa drank quite a bit of wine due to the festivities and her position as Hathaway's student. So, it was an understatement that she was somewhat tipsy. However, she was still aware of her surroundings.

Hathaway couldn't help but worry when she saw Tessa in such a state. "Scott, please help me send

Tessa back. I'm worried about seeing her in this state."

Sure enough, Scott wouldn't refuse when he heard that.

In the meantime, Kathleen, who was next to Hathaway, was enraged. How could Mommy let Scott send Tessa back?

Although she was unhappy, there was no way for her to stop it.

Fortunately, Tessa spoke at this moment as she declined with a shake of her head, "Miss Hathaway, thank you for your kindness. My fiancé has arranged for a driver to pick me up, so there's no need to trouble Mr. Brooks."

"Alright then. Go back to rest early." Hathaway didn't enforce her suggestion as she urged Tessa to

leave.

Tessa nodded lightly, then turned and left.

In the meantime, Scott watched as Tessa's slender back silhouette faded farther away, and his bright eyes dimmed.

Kathleen had been paying attention to Scott, so she didn't miss the flash of disappointment in his eyes. As a result, her hands balled into fists, and she gradually relaxed her hands when she got her emotions under control.

It took a long time for her to calm down, but that scene was enough to make her hatred toward Tessa reach new heights.

This b*tch! She's still flirting around with other men even when she has a fiancé! Just wait! I will definitely make her life miserable.

After Tessa left the venue, she returned to the manor without any detours.

She had just finished taking a shower when she received a video call from Nicholas.

"Did the party go well tonight?"

"It went well. I even performed two songs for Miss Hathaway live." Tessa looked at Nicholas with a smile, and her almond eyes gleamed with joy, making her look enchanting.

Nicholas' eyes darkened slightly at the sight, and his voice was husky. "Did you drink tonight?"

"Yeah, I drank. And I drank a lot too. So, now I'm almost drunk."

As Tessa spoke, she blinked mischievously.

When he saw this, he deliberately kept his face stern as if he was angry. "Did you forget that you promised me not to drink alcohol?".

She pretended to be deep in thought as she said, "I did promise you that I'll drink less."

As he looked at her attempting to squirrel her way out, he didn't expose her. Instead, he played along with her act.

"Even so, tell me: did you keep your promise?"

"I didn't, but you can't blame me. I can't reject the toast from the seniors."

Tessa looked at the man in the video innocently. Unfortunately, her innocent appearance aroused him

In an instant, he swallowed with difficulty, and his voice became deeper and more magnetic. "I don't care what the reason is. You didn't keep your promise to me. So, get ready for your punishment."

When she heard the last sentence, she couldn't keep her mind away from certain images.

"Perv!" She flushed crimson, and her beguiling eyes glared at him.

Unfortunately, he merely nodded solemnly. "Well, I'm only like this with you."

This made her face do its best to resemble a tomato.

The two remained on call for a bit longer. Eventually, he urged her to bed as it was getting late.

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Tessa didn't insist on staying up either and kissed Nicholas across the screen. Then, she hung up and went to sleep with a sweet smile.

On the other side, Kaiden had acquired information about Tessa's identity, and he was bringing the report to Janet

At the same time. Janet dressed in a combat uniform and was with the other team members. They surrounded the bonfire and had their meal in a cave in a mountain in Brilfax. She was the only female present, whereas the others were all tall and brave men.

Janet occupied a corner alone as her authoritative aura made her colleagues wary of her.

At this moment, the sound of footsteps came from outside the cave.

In the next second, everyone, including Janet, immediately stopped eating as they swiftly became alert and aware of their surroundings.

Just when the atmosphere was tense, Kaiden walked in from outside.

Everyone else relaxed when they saw it as an ally and resumed their previous activities.

Only Janet stood up and walked toward Kaiden. With a cold voice, she asked, "Did you identify the person:

"Yes. Her name is Tessa Reinhart." Kaiden nodded and reported Tessa's origins to Janet in detail

After Janet heard this, her face darkened slightly. It was a hard pill for her to swallow as she didn't expect things to turn out like this.

The Nicholas I knew was ruthless, calm, collected when problems cropped up, and a capable leader who led all the team members to death without any casualties. But from Kaiden's report, Nicholas would feel anxious for that woman named Tessa Reinhart. He would become gentle for her sake and would create all kinds of romantic surprises for her! Is this really the Nicholas I knew?

"Is everything you said true?" She questioned Kaiden expressionlessly, and the sheer force of the sensation she gave was imposing.

When Kaiden sensed the formidable vibe in the air, his scalp became numb, and his expression showed more respect and sincerity. "These are all true. But, Jan, I still have some information if you don't believe me."

While he said that, he hurriedly handed out a USB flash drive.

lanet immediately took it, then turned around and borrowed a notebook from a team member responsible for technical tasks.

Once she inserted the USB flash drive, she clicked on the information, and the pictures that were

shown on the screen chased away any lingering disbelief.

These photos were photos of when Nicholas was taking Tessa out sightseeing before.

Each of the photos inside the drive made Janet's heart ache immensely to the point that she couldn't breathe. Yet, at the same time, it also made her feel lost about the future for a moment.

Initially, after Nicholas was discharged from the team, I decided to retire and return to get married to Nicholas when my mission period was up. But what shall I do

now? I'm not even done with my mission, yet Nicholas' heart already belongs to someone else.

Kaiden stepped forward in worry when he saw her ghastly expression. "Jan, are you alright?"

"I'm fine. You may go." Janet ordered Kaiden away. In the meantime, she stood in place alone with the notebook in her arms as a look of pain gradually surfaced on her face.

At this moment, she kept replaying the memories she shared with Nicholas all these years in her mind.

All this while, I always thought that I was special to Nicholas. Because no matter how dangerous the situation was, Nicholas would never leave me behind. He saved me many times and protected me during our missions. I thought that Nicholas felt the same toward me. But it never crossed my mind that I misunderstood everything.

When she thought of this, she stared at the man in the photo again. The corners of her mouth could not help but curl into a self-deprecating smile.

Perhaps this man cared for me because I was his mission partner. Or maybe it might be due to his responsibility as a captain...

Janet was still dwelling in sorrow when a team member strode over.

"Jan, I've located Blood Eagle's trace."

"Where?" Janet put up a serious expression. Then, like an unsheathed sword, the aura around her changed instantly and became biting.

"He's at the mountain top, but his exact location is unclear. I recommend we use drones to explore the way around the mountain first." The team members suggested. However, Janet rejected the suggestion.

"It's unnecessary. Let's end this. We'll capture the guy now."

"Jan, Blood Eagle is cunning and has many tricks up his sleeves. It's very dangerous for us to rashly go against him without a plan," the team member said disapprovingly.

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Even so, Janet still insisted, "I'll take responsibility if anything happens!"

After she said these words coldly, she turned around and started delegating tasks to the other team members.

I have no patience to play cat-and-mouse with Blood Eagle anymore! I simply want to solve this matter as soon as possible.

In the dark night, a group of people moved swiftly through the woods.

"Jan, there are traces here." Finally, one of the team members seemed to have discovered something and stopped.

Janet trotted quickly to the site and squatted down upon hearing that. Then, with the help of the moonlight, she checked the traces as said by the team member. Suddenly, her facial expression changed drastically.

"Retreat!" As soon as her voice fell, the squad heard several rounds of gunshots firing across the air.

She abruptly pulled the team member and retreated. Then, she abruptly fell to the ground as she dodged the bullets.

In the meantime, the other team members were also in a similar situation. However, the attack was not over yet.

Once again, a few more gunshots sounded, and everyone was busy fighting for their own lives.

At this moment, a pained voice sounded. "Jan, I got shot in the leg. It must have been a sneak attack by Blood Eagle!"

At this juncture, nasty was no longer enough to describe Janet's facial expression.

As she looked around the perimeter, she realized she couldn't see anything under cover of darkness. Still, she was unwilling to retreat empty-handed.

"Everyone, listen up. Spread out, and keep a distance of one meter between each other. Search the nearby area carefully. Blood Eagle must be hiding nearby."

I don't believe Blood Eagle can create a wide range of traps in a mere few hours.

Janet was right on the money.

The area where Blood Eagle set his traps was not very large. He intended to disperse the team so that he could defeat them one by one, and he succeeded.

As Janet listened to one by one of her team members' reports of injuries, her expression lun extremely bad. Yet, at the same time, she became more careful and vigilant.

Finally, she noticed something strange when she passed a tree.

The next second, she abruptly raised her leg for a fierce roundhouse kick.

The other party probably didn't expect Janet to have such sharp observational skills and reflexively retreated to dodge her attack.

Meanwhile, Janet saw the other party's face clearly, and her facial expression became extremely relentless. "Blood Eagle! You're finally willing to show up!

After she finished speaking, she launched a ffurry of attacks with her fists.

The next day, Nicholas received an emergency call from his former superior shortly after arriving at the company.

"Nicholas, Janet is severely injured, and her life is in critical condition. She has been sent to the General Hospital in your city and is being rescued there. Unfortunately, I can't make it right now, so I would like to ask you to check her situation for me."

"Now?"

"Yes. There's no one over there, so I'm worried."

Upon hearing that, Nicholas frowned.

By rights, Nicholas should not interfere with affairs in the past, considering he had retired now. However, considering his superior's care for him in the past, he eventually agreed.

"I understand. I'll head over right now."

After he finished speaking, he hung up the phone and strode out of the office.

Outside the door, Edward saw Nicholas approaching. Just as he was about to say something, Nicholas' cold voice rang in his ears.

"Drive. We're going to the hospital."

Once they arrived at the hospital, Edward followed Nicholas. In his heart, he was full of curiosity. "President Sawyer, what are we doing in the hospital?"

"Janet is severely injured and is now being rescued."

However, Edward felt even more strange after he heard that.

Since when did President Sawyer have compassion for his comrades?

On the other side, Janet was lying on the operating bed with a ghastly pale face in the emergency room. The medical equipment next to her beeped a sound of warning.

"The patient's heartbeat is starting to weaken-this isn't good. I can't stop her bleeding."

"Give the patient a blood transfusion at once."

"There aren't many spare blood types in the blood bank. Contact the blood bank to mobilize the blood supply promptly!"

Because of Janet's special status, the entire hospital was mobilized to give her the best treatment possible. The doctor even issued a critical condition notice during this period.

When Nicholas arrived, he saw Kaiden grabbing the nurse and threatening her loudly.

"I don't care what method you guys use, but you must ensure that the person inside is all right."

"Sir, please calm down. We will do our best to treat the patient," the nurse said as she looked at Kaiden, who had a ferocious expression. But, although she was afraid, she still dutifully consoled him.

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When Nicholas saw how terribly Kaiden was treating the hospital staff, he gave Edward a look.

Edward understood and stepped forward to rescue the nurse from Kaiden's rough treatment upon receiving the silent order.

After the nurse thanked them, she immediately returned to the emergency room.

At this time, Kaiden also saw Nicholas and said in a low voice, "Mr. Sawyer."

Nicholas nodded in greeting, then asked coldly, "What happened just now?"

"The doctor said that Jan may be in danger and asked me to prepare myself for the worst," Kaiden answered truthfully. His eyes were bloodshot, his hands tightly clenched into fists, and his entire body trembled slightly.

When Nicholas heard the bad news, he knitted his brows in incomprehension.

Theoretically speaking, Janet can't be injured so severely with her skill.

Out of his compassion for his former mission partner, Nicholas asked, "What exactly happened?"

When Kaiden heard his question, he gritted his teeth. Later, he thought of Nicholas' identity and

decided not to hide the truth.

"Jan's mission this time is to capture Blood Eagle. Initially, we thought we had corned Blood Eagle to a dead end and were anxious to catch him. But we didn't expect him to be insidious and cunning. Instead, he set up an ambush in advance and lured Jan and the rest into his traps. Because of this, Jan fell into Blood Eagle's scheme and wounded her heart. Although it was a few centimeters away, it still posed a fatal threat." After saying this, he looked at Nicholas with obscuring gazes.

In reality, Kaiden was hiding something.

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In theory, Jan won't fall right into Blood Eagle's trap with her ability. But she was too hasty last night. Plus, her mood was affected. That's why Blood Eagle succeeded. The most hateful thing is that Jan still failed to catch Blood Eagle and let him escape even after paying such a huge price.

As for Nicholas, he did not know about these things.

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Nicholas glanced at the emergency room with its door closed. He knew he coul status and influence to save Janet's life first in the current situation.

At that moment, he immediately gave his order. "Edward, notify the hospital under Sawyer Group and ask them to fully assist the General Hospital in Janet's treatment."

"Understood!" Edward swiftly acquiesced and left.

During this period, the doctor reissued several critical condition notices.

Fortunately, Janet managed to survive all the critical moments safely.

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After five or six hours of emergency rescue, she escaped the clutches of death.

In the evening the doctor looked tired when he came out. Even so, he braced himself to deal with Nicholas and others.

"The patient is temporarily out of critical condition, but she still needs to be observed in the intensive care unit. Outsiders are not allowed to visit her."

"Thank you, doctor." Kaiden was very grateful and finally felt as though a weight had been lifted from his shoulders.

Similarly, Nicholas nodded slightly and said solemnly, "Thank you for your hard work."

After the doctor left, Nicholas took out his phone and called his former superior.

"Janet has been rescued but will be transferred to the ICU until further notice."

"Sorry for troubling you."

"It's fine." Nicholas didn't care much about something as trivial as this.

However, the person on the phone entrusted him again. "Regarding Janet's matter, I may have to trouble you to take care of her for a while. We can't transfer her with her current situation."

Nicholas frowned slightly, but he eventually agreed.

After that, he hung up the phone and made the necessary arrangements. Since no one was allowed to visit Janet, he asked Edward to deploy some staff to keep guard. When everything was settled, he prepared to leave as he felt that there was nothing else he could do for now.

When Kaiden saw this, a trace of dissatisfaction rose in his eyes.

In his opinion, Nicholas was possibly the main reason Janet made mistakes.

It was just that this was Janet's private matter, so he had no right to say anything. So, the most he could do was to help Janet by asking Nicholas to stay behind.

In his mind, Kaiden thought Janet would feel happier when she saw Nicholas once she woke up.

"Mr. Sawyer, are you not planning to wait for Jan to wake up?"

"No. I still have some matters to attend to at the company." Nicholas declined dispassionately, but he added, "If there's anything wrong with her, you can notify me at any time."

Thus, Kaiden had no other choice but to watch Nicholas leave.

On the other hand, Tessa resumed her busy practice schedule after Hathaway's birthday party.

Occasionally, she would also perform at the restaurant when she was free. Sometimes, she would drop by the bar operated by Louis too.

Regardless, the place she visited the most was Louis' manor. So, she became his assistant and learned more about music while helping out.

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Following Tessa's frequent visits, Louis was always patient with her and would start teaching her things of his trade when he was free.

Meanwhile, Angus would arrive at Louis' manor immediately after Tessa's arrival during this period.

This day was no exception as well.

When she saw the handsome man who ambled into the establishment, "Mr. Angus, you're here."

"Miss Reinhart." Angus stared back at Tessa with a faint smile. His golden orbs were extremely dazzling under the sunlight, and there was a hint of something in his eyes.

However, it was a pity Tessa did not realize it at all.

After she greeted Angus, she continued to help Louis. When Angus saw that, his eyes dimmed, yet the smile on his face remained unchanged.

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After a while, he also joined them in repairing the violin. Occasionally, he would also teach Tessa some techniques.

Without realizing it, the distance between the two got closer.

The smile on Angus' face gradually became gentle as he smelled the fragrant scent coming from the girl's body.

It was just that his smile became tainted with a hint of bitterness when he saw the friendly expression on the girl's face.

The reason was he knew Tessa merely saw him as a good friend whom she could talk to.

In the meantime, Tessa was utterly unaware of Angus' thoughts. Instead, the violin in her hand had her full concentration.

This was the task given to her by Louis as he wanted to see Tessa's progress in learning the craft.

"There seems to be a lack of material here. I'll go look for it." With that, she turned around and walked toward the shelf where the materials were placed.

At the same time, Angus' gaze constantly followed Tessa as she left.

That was when Louis' affirmative voice rang in his ears. "You fancy Tessa."

When Angus heard that, his body stiffened, and he paused for a while.

"Is it that obvious?" He turned to look back at Louis.

Louis snorted at the question. "Your eyes are almost glued to her wherever she goes. So, why don't you tell me whether or not it was obvious?"

Without a doubt, I feel their outstanding appearance is a perfect match every time I sce her with Angus. Of course, I'm also quite satisfied with Tessa potentially becoming my niece-in-law and don't mind having a mixed-race younger

generation in the future. The only pity is that Angus failed to meet Tessa earlier. Right now, Tessa already has a partner in her life.

Once he thought of that, he couldn't help but advise Angus. "I don't care what you think, but don't interfere in her life and cause her trouble."

"Don't worry. I won't do anything..."

But I may have a chance in the future. Angus silently muttered the unspoken words in his heart.

In the next few days, Tessa suddenly noticed that Nicholas seemed to be a lot busier.

Although he still video-called her twice a day, she still could sense it.

Thus, she couldn't help but ask when they had a video call session again on this day. "Are you very busy lately?"

"A little. A friend of mine was hospitalized here, and she has no other relatives around. So, someone entrusted me to help take care of my friend," Nicholas briefly explained the situation he was facing

Tessa immediately asked with concern upon hearing such news, "Then, is your friend alright? Was the injury life-threatening?"

"My friend is fine, and it's not life-threatening either."

"That's a relief." Tessa breathed a sigh of relief. After that, she looked at the handsome man in the video with a smile and started fussing over him, "Although it's important to take care of your friends, you also have to take good care of yourself. The weather has been getting colder and colder recently, so don't catch a cold and tire yourself. If you really can't make it, we can also reduce our time on the phone in the future."

"Well, I can still spare some time to call you." Nicholas laughed heartily and looked at Tessa.

Nicholas didn't want to continue on the matter, so he switched topics and asked, "How's your practice these two days?" –

"The practice has been hard recently, but the result is good. Plus, the team members are all elite musicians, so the chemistry between everyone is getting better and better." Tessa gave Nicholas a

general overview of their practice situation. "Miss Hathaway said at the beginning of next month. She'll arrange a practice session for us to rehearse the repertoire that we'll perform in Yvetlava. So, I may be even busier at that time."

"Practice well, but don't get too tired. I'll ask Kylie to pair your meals with nutritious food during this period." He tried his best to be as attentive as possible to Tessa.

However, he was also worried that Tessa would take things too far when she got too immersed in her practice.

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As soon as this popped up in Nicholas' mind, he brought up the matter with a stern tone "I know this is the band's first public appearance, and I also know you value this opportunity greatly. But I'm still going to remind you of the same thing. I support you in chasing your dreams, but you can't make me worry for you."

"Don't worry. I know how far to go and when to stop. I promise I won't wear myself out." Tessa smiled sweetly as she could hear the unspoken concern between his words.

However, Nicholas was very much worried about her sense of moderation.

"I will check with Kylie about your situation at all times. If I find out that you're not taking care of yourself, watch how I will deal with you when I go over."

"Am I worrying you that much?" Tessa was amused at his threatening tone. Even so, she felt a sense of warmth in her heart. She knew Nicholas paid so much attention to her health because he cared deeply for her.

He merely gave her the side eye as he said faintly, "Says someone guilty of wearing herself out."

For a moment, Tessa couldn't refute him. So, she smiled placatingly as she said, "I simply think I can develop more as an individual, but I can also prevent myself from overthinking when I keep myself busy."

As Nicholas looked at her, trying to gloss over her past mistakes, his originally solemn face finally showed a faint smile.

Therefore, she seized the opportunity and hurriedly changed the topic. "Is Greg okay? I haven't found the right time to call him these days. I miss him so much."

"Greg misses you very much too. He talks about going to look for you every day."

When she brought Gregory up, he showed a helpless expression. "He has been coming up with ideas to torment me every day to visit you."

When Tessa heard this, she knew that this father and son duo was having a battle of wits and courage back home.

As she recalled the scenes where these two fought in the past, she held back her laughter and persuaded him, "Greg is still young. You don't have to be too serious with him. As long as we explain things to him clearly, he'll understand."

"I know." Nicholas nodded in agreement. "I told him that he'll only distract you if he comes to find you now, and you won't be able to fulfill your dream well because of that. He started behaving himself once he heard that."

Tessa felt that she was the luckiest woman alive to have Nicholas and Gregory in her life upon hearing his words.

The two continued their talk for a while before he started urging her to rest.

After all, it was already late at night in Vienna at this hour.

Well then. I'll be turning in. Good night." Tessa was indeed a little tired, so she ended the video call and went to bed without protest.

As Nicholas kept his phone away, he was prepared to continue his work.

However, the phone that he had just placed on the table rang after a little while. It was a call from Janet's assistant.

"President Sawyer, Miss Brenner is awake."

Janet was finally awake after being in a coma for a week.

Nicholas nodded upon hearing the news. "I got it. I'll be heading over now."

After he finished speaking, he hung up the phone and asked Edward to get the car ready as they would make a trip to the hospital.

When he arrived at the hospital, he learned that Janet had been transferred from the intensive care unit to a VIP ward.

In the ward, a bright smile immediately appeared on Janet's face when she saw Nicholas rushing over.

"You're here."

Nicholas nodded lightly as he regarded the frail woman on the hospital bed. "How do you feel?"

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"I feel fine. It's just that my wound is in pain, and my whole body aches." There was a whiny tone in Janet's last two sentences.

When that tone was paired up with her sickly pale demeanor, people couldn't help but sympathize with her.

However, it was a pity that Nicholas was indifferent toward her. After all, he only ever showed his gentleness to Tessa.

"I learned what happened this time from Kaiden Considering your capability, you shouldn't have made such a low-level mistake."

As Janet looked at the man who was talking about this mission with a serious demeanor, the smile on her face stiffened.

That was because she didn't expect such a scene to play out before her.

Doesn't he care when he sees me in such an uncomfortable state? Even an average person should at least express a few words of concern. But this man is behaving so businesslike and talking about the reason for my mistake in the mission. Did he really not hear me? Or was he pretending not to?

When her train of thought went there, she clutched the bedsheet under her tightly and looked at

Nicholas inquiringly.

It was a pity that the man's handsome and charming face was as expressionless as always, so she couldn't read him at all.

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Eventually, Janet had no choice and could only suppress the discomfort in her heart. She bit her lips as she muttered, "I was careless about the mission this time. I thought I had cornered Blood Eagle to a dead end, and he had no way to resist my attack. I didn't expect that he would have so many tactics up his sleeves."

Nicholas frowned as he reprimanded her, "Didn't I teach you guys before not to underestimate the ability of any enemy even if they seemed cornered?"

Meanwhile, Janet had an entranced look as she looked at the ruthless man who overlapped with the image in her memory.

Fortunately, she promptly snapped back to her senses. Then, she lowered her eyes and said, "At that time, I just wanted to end this mission as soon as possible and didn't think much."

As soon as she finished saying that, she paused for a while. The disappointment in her tone earlier disappeared, and she looked at Nicholas with bright eyes. "Although I accidentally let myself fall into the trap, I think it's worth it in exchange for your concern."

Unfortunately, Nicholas gave her a cold look before he replied indifferently, "I did nothing. It's the nurse who takes care of you."

Janet felt sadness welling deep in her heart at that moment while listening to the man's alienating words. Therefore, she bit her lower lip and insisted. "But I heard

Kaiden say that you're helping take care of me in the hospital. So, I must thank you properly when I get better."

"That won't be necessary. My former superior, who is also your current superior, Mr. Spurse, told me to take care of you, so I'm just doing as told." Nicholas rejected her gratitude mercilessly.

Instantly, Janet's bright eyes dimmed in disappointment.

It turns out that he did all these simply because Mr. Spurse asked him to? I still think that I'm somehow special to him. Guess it's just my wishful thinking again. What should I do? I still don't want to let go of my feelings for him.

At that thought, Janet's eyes went half-lidded as she was deep in thought, and her long, thick eyelashes concealed all the emotions in her eyes.

Forget it! I won't let go since I can't bring myself to do so. Besides, I'll stay here for a long time because of my injury. I have the opportunity to get along well with Nicholas. Moreover, I don't think I'll be any worse than that woman Tessa Reinhart. I believe even if Nicholas fell in love with someone else, it should be a temporary interest. I am the only woman who suits Nicholas the most!

Meanwhile, Nicholas was unaware of Janet's thoughts.

"Since you're fine, I'll inform Mr. Spurse." As soon as he finished speaking, he turned around and went to the balcony.

As she regarded the man standing straight-backed on the balcony, she could no longer hide the love in her eyes. Instead, she stared at the man fondly.

Nicholas seemed aware of her intense gaze as he frowned and turned his head back.

Janet was startled by his abrupt actions. It was as if she did not expect Nicholas to turn around suddenly. However, she quickly suppressed the adoration in her eyes and showed an alluring smile to Nicholas.

Unmoved, Nicholas held the phone and turned around. Then, he said indifferently, "Mr. Spurse, Janet is out of danger now. She's fine."

"That is good news! Thank goodness that she's fine." Nicholas' former superior, Cole Spurse, breathed a sigh of relief on the other end of the phone.

Nicholas narrowed his eyes while looking at the sky and said coldly, "Mr. Spurse, when are you going to send someone to pick her up?"

"I'm afraid I can't do that at the moment."

"Did something happen?"

"Janet blew her cover in this mission, so she can't return for the time being. I have already sent someone to deal with this matter, but I still have to trouble you for a while and arrange for her recovery before things get better. I will send someone to pick her up when the time is right."

Nicholas furrowed his brows tightly when he heard that she would be imposing on him longer. He never liked trouble, yet he eventually agreed after thinking about how Cole took care of him in the past.

However, he had no intention to take care of Janet personally despite agreeing to Cole's request.

After he hung up, he turned around and returned to the ward.

When she saw this, she played dumb and inquired, "What did Mr. Spurse say? When will he arrange for someone to come and pick me up?",

"Your identity has been exposed, so he won't be arranging for someone to pick you up for the time being."

Nicholas relayed Cole's words concisely. Then, he revealed his plan to her. "I'll arrange for the servants at home to take care of you while you are in your resting period."

Janet would be lying if she said she was not disappointed after hearing that.

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At hrst, she thought it was her chance when she heard that Cole had asked Nicholas to take care of her. Alas, she didn't expect that she had celebrated her fortune too soon.

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That's correct. How could such a high and mighty person like Nicholas care for someone? On top of that, he's also managing such a big corporation, so he should always be extremely busy.

Through this method, Janet found all sorts of excuses to comfort herself.

"Then, I'll be imposing on you for now."

She innocently stared at Nicholas with bright eyes unlike her usual self, but this all meant nothing to him.

This was because apart from Tessa, he felt nothing toward other women.

He nodded dispassionately, then sat for a while before leaving.

During this period, Janet kept bringing up all sorts of topics to try to converse with Nicholas. She even mentioned the past missions, as one could say that ever since he left the army, she had been recalling their days of risking their lives together to calm her lovesick heart down.

"I was young and rash back then, causing us to almost fail the missions multiple times. Yet, you would always help me out and make things work in the end. Otherwise, I wouldn't even be alive now."

She tried using their common past to bridge the gap between them.

Unfortunately, it did not seem to have much of an effect.

Throughout the process, Nicholas looked at her emotionlessly as if he was listening to another person's story.

In the afternoon, a thirty-something-year-old woman came to Janet's ward.

The woman introduced herself while standing beside the bed politely, "Hello, Miss Brenner. The Master has sent me to take care of you."

As Janet regarded the honest servant, it gave her an idea. Then, she smiled gently. "How should I address you?"

"Miss Brennet, you can just call me Sally."

"Sally. What a nice name. I'll be in your care in the days to come."

Sally, who looked at the humble Janet, had a favorable impression of her as her smile became much more sincere. "I'm just doing my job."

Janet knew she had succeeded once she noticed the change in the servant's attitude.

She was only acting genially in order to form a favorable relationship with this servant. This was merely a step to the right direction in her plan to pursue Nicholas.

Next up, she wanted to take the opportunity to obtain any information she could about Tessa

from Sally.

After all, Kaiden had only investigated who that woman was. As for her daily life, how she was getting along with Nicholas, and how she appeared in his life to be with him, nothing was known since Kaiden was unable to find out these details.

Yet, these were the things Janet was most concerned about.

In Vienna, Tessa had reduced the number of times she had communicated with Nicholas.

One was because of her refusal to allow him to sacrifice his rest for her and the other was because the amount of practice had increased to the point where she almost had no time to think about other things.

Even though they were communicating less now, she still knew that their hearts were linked with each other.

And just like that, time went by and the weather gradually turned chilly to signify the arrival of winter.

Tessa, who was experiencing her first winter abroad, was not accustomed to the current weather.

One day, she woke up only to find herself dizzy and in discomfort.

"Am I having a fever again?" she mumbled as she touched her forehead.

Even though she was in discomfort, she still forced herself to go down and planned to take some Tylenol.

In the living room, the butler immediately asked worryingly when he saw Tessa appearing with a pale face." Miss Tessa, you don't look too good. Are you sick?"

"I think I have a slight fever."

Tessa did not hide this from Kylie. "Could you please get two antipyretics for me?"

Kylie nodded and immediately went ahead to grab the medication while calling Nicholas. "Master Nicholas, Miss Tessa has fallen sick."

At this moment, Nicholas was in the hospital visiting Janet.

When he heard what Kylie said, his cold expression instantly turned into one of concern. "What happened?" he asked while walking to the balcony.

Janet only stared in a daze at the man's back, as she had never seen him in a panic before.

Meanwhile, he had already anxiously made a video call to Tessa.

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When Nicholas saw the sickly woman on his phone, it made him want to rush over to Tessa's side right that moment.

"I'm going to tell Edward to book the fastest flight over there right now," he was about to hang up after saying that.

Fortunately, Tessa managed to stop him. "You don't need to come. It's just a fever. I'll be fine after taking some medicine."

Nicholas frowned severely as he replied, "I don't feel at ease knowing that you're sick on top of being alone."

"But, you'll be exhausted with so many things to do on top of you flying around. I don't want to see you being so tired. It worries me as well."

Tessa then comforted him through the phone. "Don't worry. I'll be fine. Besides, I'm not as fragile as you think I am. There's also Kylie around to look after me. So, it's not a big deal."

Nicholas stood on the balcony as he held his phone tightly in agitation.

Because of the close distance, Janet could hear some of the conversations, even though she was sitting on the bed.

She could only look at the side of Nicholas with a gaping mouth, as she had never seen the man use such concern and gentleness to talk to anyone before.

Yet, she was witnessing it now, only for it to be directed toward another woman.

It turns out Nicholas has this caring side to him...

Janet had to admit that she felt a fit of jealousy like never before toward the woman called Tessa!

She involuntarily gripped the bedsheets while closing her eyes as she hid all her emotions under her gaze.

Then, after a while, Nicholas hung up and reentered the ward, during which she had already regained her composure.

As she looked at the prideful man, she teased, "Wasn't that your fiancée? What happened to her?"

"She has a fever."

Nicholas nodded and replied, but the worry in his voice was apparent to her.

Even though Janet tightly gripped her bedsheets upon noticing this, she still acted like she was concerned. "Is she ok? If it's serious, then you should look after her. I'll be fine here."

"She refused," Nicholas seemed a bit frustrated upon saying this.

Janet secretly breathed a sigh of relief when she heard that little tidbit of information.

She was afraid that Nicholas might take her up on her suggestion and really go to that woman.

Although she had such thoughts, she still kept up her facade and said, "Seems like you don't understand women that well. You should know that we like to say the opposite of what we really feel. Especially when we're sick, almost every woman is at their weakest and needs someone to accompany them."

"If I were in her shoes, I would happily agree to you taking care of me."

Nicholas also thought that Tessa was a bit too independent and tough, as she had left this fiancé of hers feeling a bit useless in his role at times.

Although Janet could feel the jealousy in her surging, she still hid her true feelings. "Then, are you sure it'll be fine if you don't go?"

"It'll be fine. She's a tough woman. It's just that I'm a bit concerned." Nicholas slightly shook his head.

Janet felt a bit stunned as she observed the man's expressions.

"I never thought that one day, you would care for a person so much."

With an inexplicable expression, she looked at Nicholas with a bitterness she could not express inside.

Yet, he did not notice her weird gaze as he nodded. "I never thought I would feel like this either."

As he didn't want to continue on this topic with an outsider, he changed the subject. "How are you recovering?"

Janet only smiled bitterly upon seeing the man swiftly changing the subject. "It's recovering fine, I guess. After all, inflammation is a given since the wound wasn't a small one."

"But, the doctor had injected a dose of anti-inflammatory medicine, saying they would observe me for two more days."

Nicholas nodded before sitting on the sofa, looking like he was texting someone.

Janet noticed his gentle gaze and knew that he must be chatting with Tessa without even needing to clarify her guess.

But, she was wrong.

Nicholas was not chatting with Tessa, as she needed rest after taking her medicine.

He was actually looking through the photos of him and Tessa as he held the phone.

Unfortunately, Janet didn't want him to ignore her like that, so she tried to initiate another conversation again.

"Nicholas, the team had always felt you leaving was a huge loss."

As she knew nothing about business, her conversations were mainly about the squad they were in back when Nicholas served in the military.

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Yet, no matter what she said, Nicholas was still as emotionless as ever, which highly frustrated her.

Does this mean that all our experiences of life of death are inferior to a woman he had barely known for a year?

Sadly, Nicholas couldn't hear her inner thoughts. Even if he did, he probably wouldn't care.

After he sat around for a while, he saw that he had visited the appropriate amount of time, so he excused himself.

"I have some things I need to deal with. I'll visit you another day."

Janet's face turned gloomy as she watched the man disappear from her ward without hesitation.

She gripped the sheets tightly as if she were about to rip them apart.

Why, why did things turn out like this?

She couldn't accept Nicholas giving his love to another person.

His affections should have been mine!

So, she ground her teeth as she growled, "Tessa Reinhart, how dare you take away what's mine? Who gave you the right to do so?!"

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At the villa in Vienna, Tessa repeatedly sneezed as she sat on the bed.

"Strange. Who is cursing me behind my back?" She mumbled.

Then her phone rang; when she scrambled for it, she saw that the caller was Hathaway.

"Tessa, why didn't you come to the orchestra today? Did something happen?"

It turned out that since Tessa didn't apply for leave and didn't attend today's practice session, it has made Hathaway worried for her usually diligent student.

Tessa reassured her when she noticed the concern in her teacher's tone. "I'm fine. It's just a small fever. I'm sorry for worrying you and forgetting to apply for a leave."

But, she never thought that her words only caused Hathaway to fret even more.

"You have a fever? Is it serious? Did you go to the doctor?"

Before Tessa could reply, Hathway cut her off anxiously, "You know what, I'll find you now. Send me your location."

Then, she immediately hung up the phone after that.

Meanwhile, Tessa was touched by her teacher's worry as she placed her phone aside.

She knew that her teacher doted on her a lot.

As she thought of that, she immediately sent her location to Hathaway.

On the other side, Hathaway had received the location and drove there using the GPS.

Kathleen was in the passenger seat as she accompanied her mother.

The moment she discovered that Tessa had fallen ill, she tagged along with fake intentions.

They didn't take long to reach the villa Tessa had been staying in Vienna.

As soon as the two got out of the car, Kathleen looked at the luxurious manor before her with envy since not just anybody could afford a place like this here.

Tessa is lacking in every way compared to me. So, what gives her the right to live in such a lovely place?!

Hathaway did not know her daughter's jealousy-fueled thoughts.

Similarly, she was also a bit shocked that Tessa was living in a place like this, but she came to terms with it after remembering Tessa's mysterious fiancé.

Tessa immediately had the butler guide them to the living room when they arrived. Kylie did as ordered, as Hathaway and her daughter were promptly seated opposite Tessa.

A servant then placed a tray of coffee and fruits before leaving them to their privacy.

After Hathaway took a sip of the coffee, she asked Tessa about her condition.

"How are you feeling now?"

"I've taken my medicine, so I feel much better now. So, you don't need to be so concerned, teacher," Tessa smiled and replied.

On the other hand, Kathleen was not paying any attention to their conversation.

As she scrutinized the lavish decor, she couldn't help but mutter petulantly, "Your fiancé really does treat you so well, Tessa. You've struck the jackpot by being with him. Even if you don't work, you would never have to worry about your expenses."

Her words made Tessa frown as she thought Kathleen's comment was inappropriate.

"A person's value should be determined and created by oneself instead of relying on your significant other."

Even as she spoke, the smile on her face was less genuine than before.

Kathleen pouted as she rebuked, "That sounds nice and all, but didn't you get with Mr. Sawyer because of his money?"

"Only useless people would think of leeching off others. If I really wanted money, I could earn it by myself too," Tessa retorted back with an austere expression that made Kathleen's face turn rather unsightly for polite company.

She thought that Tessa was secretly hinting that she was useless.

But, before she could open her mouth, Tessa voiced again, "Besides, with my fiancé being such a talented person, if I wasn't outstanding enough, how can I match up to him? I would feel pressured just by standing next to him."