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The color drained from Landon's face. Before he knew it, Alyssa had pressed the butterfly knife against his neck.

The butterfly knife was the most notorious of all weapons, as it was insidious and lethal. It perched precariously on the end of one's fingers, striking a perfect balance between style and deadliness.

How cruel and heartless of a woman to fight him with a butterfly knife.

"Stop pestering me, Landon Harper." She narrowed her eyes and gently slapped the reflective blade against his cheek. "I would never pick you even if there were no men left in this world."

"What if there were only me and Jasper in this world? Who would you pick?" he asked in a shaking voice and a trembling heart. 1

She snickered. "Not you."

His heart instantly shattered into pieces.

The door to her office opened at that moment.

"Lyse, what are you-" Jonah stood at the door in shock.

She squinted and swiftly tucked away her butterfly knife. Putting on a bright smile, she chirped, "Jonah, why didn't you tell me you were coming?"

The instant change in her expression was impressive. She was almost like an award-winning actress.

Landon stood up rigidly and gave her a last look before leaving in dejection.

Through the corner of his eye, Jonah noticed how deflated the arrogant Landon looked. A frown crept onto his face. He knew that Alyssa was the only woman in Solana City who could send Landon into such despair.

"Jonah!" She happily wrapped her arms around his neck. "How are you? Has your wound healed?"

"I don't need bandages anymore. What do you think?" He lifted her off the ground and swirled her around like he did when they were younger. "It's just a scrape on the surface. I'm not that weak, alright?"

Indeed Had Winston known what Jonah had been involved in, he might have shuddered in fear. It never occurred to anyone that the mild-tempered gentleman was once the leader of the largest underground gang in Cyrris. He once had influence over the other gangs in Belbanks, Solana City, Oceania, and even Florin.

However, Jonah surprisingly retired at the height of his career for some unknown reason. Ever since then, he wanted nothing to do with his previous job. Instead, he devoted himself to religion and self-discovery.

It boggled Alyssa's mind that Jonah had once been appointed the gang leader, for he was always a righteous man who had never killed, smoked, or taken alcohol.

He must have harbored a dark and heavy secret beneath his gentle smile.

"What's wrong between you and Mr. Harper?" Jonah chuckled defeatedly.

He continued, "Putting aside how he gets along with others, he is very sincere and serious about you. You can turn him down, but you don't have to put a knife on his neck. You don't want to bruise his ego, especially because he's the heir of the Harper Group."

"He'd have kept bothering me if I didn't do that." She massaged her forehead in exhaustion.

"I was wrong about the male ego-Landon Harper did not seem to have any. He'd still joke and laugh around me if I didn't threaten him with a weapon. This crush of his would have never ended.

"Now that I'm back to the Taylor family, I do not wish to be involved in anyone from Jasper's side. I know I overreacted this time, but it's better to put a quick end to things."

"Sometimes, I really wish that you'd pick up some of the better traits of Alice White." Jonah let out a soft sigh.

"Hah, that's impossible. I have buried the Alice White persona with my own hands."

Alyssa was a little tired after chatting with Jonah and lay on his thigh. He grinned and gently massaged her temples.

"So, are you here because you have some updates for me?" She closed her eyes in enjoyment.

"You're smart. Try guessing."

"Do you have a new strategy against the Beckett Group?" asked Alyssa lazily.

"I can get rid of Ms. Gardner on your behalf if things are getting exhausting for you." It was hard to

"No. Leave Liana Gardner for me. If I don't take her down myself, she will miss out on all the fun.

That will be a pity." She squinted with a cold gleam in her eyes.

She'd make Liana regret messing with the wrong person!