

Can't Win 1061

Chapter 1061

When Landon touched Lauren's slender back, he realized sweat had soaked through her clothes. His eyes contracted, and his heart

seemed to sink, making it difficult to breathe.

He had forced her too much. He shouldn't have let her dwell on the painful past, always thinking about revenge.

Landon didn't want to let her beloved Lauren do anything. He decided to handle everything.

"Is... your sister bullying you?" Javier suddenly asked. His question pierced Lauren's trembling heart like a sharp arrow.

She lowered her head and ruffled the folds of her skirt in silence.

"Is it true? Has Betty been bullying you all along? Tell me. I'll stand up for you."

"Dad, you know Lauren's situation. She's not like Ms. Betty, who can sweet-talk and please you. Sometimes, Lauren is too kind and doesn't want to make things awkward with her family.

"So, she can only live cautiously, silently enduring all the humiliation."

Landon couldn't bear to watch any longer. With a cool gaze, he said, "It has been so many years. Pursuing this matter is meaningless. Moreover, aren't both parties important to you?"

In this speech, he didn't say anything bad about Betty, but it was just the same as calling her out.

Javier's face turned extremely dark, and he clenched the palm on his knee tightly.

Landon slowly helped Lauren up. His arm naturally slid down to her

"The past is in the past. I won't pursue it for your sake.

"But from now on, it's different. Since I'm dating Lauren, I'll be in charge of everything for her. If anyone dares to touch her, no matter who they are, I'll make them pay a bloody price."

After Landon led Lauren away, the atmosphere in the study became extremely tense. Javier could feel the chilling atmosphere in the air, which was accompanied by an overwhelming sense of oppression.

"So... Landon also knows that Betty has been bullying Lauren?"

Javier looked at Rory in bewilderment, his heart tightening. He found it difficult to accept for a moment.

"I accidentally overheard the servants at home mention it. Everyone knows about it. Everyone except me? As their father, I didn't know?"

Rory sighed. "Don't blame yourself, Mr. Javier. You need to manage such a large household and a big company. It's understandable that you might overlook some things."

This statement was basically an admission.

With his elbows on the desk, Javier painfully held his head in his hands. "I really feel ashamed before Lauren as her father. I had no idea she was so unhappy at home..."

"But everything has passed, Mr. Javier. Now, with Mr. Landon taking good care of Ms. Lauren, you can rest assured," Rory said with a

solemn tone.

“Ms. Lauren is also grown up. She’s not a child anymore. You can’t keep her confined at home, preventing her from socializing and interacting with society. This won’t benefit her condition.

“And haven’t you noticed? Ms. Lauren has been happier and more

Javier nodded.

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Even he didn’t know how long it had been since he had seen Lauren smile so brightly. It was evident that Landon was truly good to her, and she genuinely felt happiness from the bottom of her heart.

“I’ve spoiled Betty too much. She’s Lauren’s sister. How could she do this?”

Javier thought of the innocent and adorable Betty from childhood and felt heartbroken at the current situation.

“Mr. Javier, you should understand the principle of ‘one who keeps company with the wolf will learn to howl,’” Rory pointed out. Javier’s eyes turned deep, and his jawline tightened.

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Just then, someone knocked at the door. Betty’s sickly, sweet voice floated through. “Are you in there, Dad?”

“Come in.”

Betty opened the door and walked in with a plate of snacks. She was smiling widely.

“I’m sorry for causing you trouble today. I specially prepared some of your favorite fruits and treats to seek your forgiveness. Please don’t be angry at me anymore, okay?”

Betty set the plate on the table. She then went over to Javier, intending to act spoiled like she used to whenever Javier got angry at her for causing trouble.

But this time, Javier stopped her with a raised hand.

“I hope this is the last time you ever misbehave in a manner unbecoming someone of your status. You’re Ms. Betty Beckett, not some rich, disrespectful warlord. You have to behave in a classy manner. Otherwise, how would you be any different from a mad woman?” Javier chastised.

Betty’s arms were left hanging awkwardly in mid-air. Her smile was dry and pitiful. “Yes, Dad. I won’t misbehave again.”

Javier said nothing else. He didn’t even eat any of the snacks Betty brought.

“We’ll be attending the horse racing event in a couple of days, Dad. Didn’t you say I looked good in my riding habit before? I had a set customized for you. The tailor just brought it over. Why don’t you go downstairs and try it on?” Betty asked.

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She tried her best to appease Javier as his anger toward her hadn’t completely dissipated.

“I think it’s best you don’t attend the race this time, Betty,” Javier said. lightly.

“What?” Betty gasped. She immediately stomped her feet angrily. Why not? You bring me there every single year!”

“This year is an exception.”

“Why?” Betty demanded, her face beginning to crumple in anger. “All the rich socialites and heiresses will be there. How could you not bring me?”

“I’ll be bringing Lauren to this year’s races.” Javier looked down, not even sparing a glance at Betty.

“How could you do that?” There was a loud, droning noise in Betty’s

head.

“Why can’t I? Lauren is my daughter and a member of our family too,” Javier responded.

When he looked at Betty now, there was a coldness in his eyes that had never been seen before. “Plus, you’ve already been to the races. for so many years. You must be bored of it by now. Lauren has never attended the event, and many people in Solana City don’t know her well.

“From now on, I’ll give Lauren more chances to make a public appearance. It’s only fair.”

Fair?

Javier had neglected Lauren for more than a decade, but here he was suddenly bringing up the issue of fairness?

“What is it? You don’t seem very happy.” Javier cocked an eyebrow.

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"It's... it's not that, Dad... Lauren is autistic. What if she has a

meltdown at the races when you bring her there? How could she handle it all?" Betty stammered.

"You don't need to worry about that. Mr. Harper will be taking good care of her."

Betty flushed red and paled at the same time. She had nothing else to

say now.

"You can leave now. I have some things I need to do," Javier said.

Betty's expression was stiff and pale. When she turned to leave, she ground her teeth, her eyes boiling with rage.

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Jeffrey was tossing and turning restlessly in East Solana Federal Prison. It was now midnight, and it had been days since Alyssa and Jasper paid him a visit. However, he had spent every night unable to fall asleep, continually thinking back to all that Alyssa had said to him.

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Her offer to him had been too tantalizing. It though it was likely a trick.

But Jeffrey despised Alyssa and Jasper too much. He hated what a perfect match they were, how powerful and rich they were. One was a wealthy business magnate in Solana City, the other a multifaceted heiress.

Just the thought of them angered Jeffrey to no end. Plus, it was still their fault that he was in jail right now.

With nowhere to vent his anger, Jeffrey could only hope Sophia continued giving them the hell out in the world. If she could, her wanted both Alyssa and Jasper to die!

Jeffrey's days in prison weren't the most comfortable, but he was still relatively safe.

In recent days, however, he felt like he was being watched. It often made chills run down his spine. Even his meals tasted blandder than

usual.

Jeffrey lay in his dingy little cot at night, fearful chills still running through his body as he tossed and turned.

When exhaustion finally swept across Jeffrey, a sudden rustling noise rang out. It was only a short distance away from him.

It was an incredibly soft noise. Jeffrey wouldn't have heard it if it

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Just as Jeffrey was about to get out of bed, a sharp breeze aimed right at his back struck. He tried to dodge it, but it was still too late.

Jeffrey let out a grunt as an intense and terrifying pain immediately spread through Jeffrey's entire being in the dark cell.

Jeffrey saw that the male prisoner he shared the cell with had. stabbed a toothbrush right into his neck. It had been sharpened to a deadly point. Jeffrey's eyes were wide with shock. He could even hear the sound of his own blood oozing out his neck.

"Go to hell," the prisoner growled out, digging the toothbrush harder. into Jeffrey's neck.

Jeffrey was stunned. He gripped the man's arms and croaked out, Who ... who are ... you..."

"You and I don't know one another. I was paid to take care of someone else's dirty business. That's all."

Paid to take care of dirty business?

A person's name instantly appeared in Jeffrey's mind-Sophia!

Jasper didn't rush back to tend to Beckett Group after his return from. Tsulu. Instead, he stayed at Alyssa's house to recover further.

But when Alyssa was fast asleep late at night, Jasper would go to the study to take care of urgent company matters. He only snuck back. into bed near dawn and kissed Alyssa all over before settling to sleep.

Alyssa brought Jasper to the Taylor family's hospital that afternoon, where Abel personally did a checkup for him.

When Alyssa heard that Jasper's shoulder and spinal injuries were recovering speedily, she was overjoyed. She clung to him tightly,

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“Wonderful. This is wonderful!” she cried.

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Alyssa was oblivious to how tempting her actions were to Jasper. She focused on being happy for Jasper and was eager to express said happiness.

Alyssa didn't notice how Jasper's eyes were burning with desire.

He swallowed his saliva, gazing at Alyssa's sparkling eyes, and said, “ Yes, it truly is, Lyse...”

He then whispered in her ear, “I've been waiting for this day for so long I fear I might go mad.”

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“You...” Alyssa could sense the desire in Jasper's tone. Her heart. skipped a beat as she blushed.

“Ahem... Congratulations on your recovery, Mr. Beckett. I'll be leaving first. You two can rest here in my office in the meantime. Goodbye!” Abel said.

Abel had three kids of his own. He knew what the youth these days had on their minds. He'd truly be dumb if he didn't leave Alyssa and Jasper alone now.

“Don't, Dr. Liverton. I-I still have something I want to ask you about. I'll come with you!” Alyssa quickly tried to run away from Jasper, face

still flushed.

The moment she did, however, Jasper's hands clasped her tightly against his waist, making her unable to pull away.

“Oh, no. You’re Dr. White, after all. I’m the one who has a lot to learn from you. Please don’t put this stress on me!” Abel said as he opened the door. He was right about to close it.

“Wait for me! We can learn from one another!” Alyssa cried, shoving Jasper away with a firm push like a prey running away from its predator.

But Abel had already left the office.

Jasper chuckled lightly as he gazed at the shut door. He was holding back with all his might right now.

It was night by the time they returned to Alyssa’s home.

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Before Alyssa could even take off her shoes, Jasper had impatiently lifted her by the waist and marched upstairs.

“Hey, put me... put me down!” Alyssa yelled, arms locking around Jasper’s neck.

Her red high heels fell off her feet and down the stairs as she flailed

in his arms.

“No,” Jasper murmured. He pecked Alyssa on the nose, hearing how shaky her breaths were. “You don’t have any excuses any more, Lyse.”

“Excuses? What excuses?” Alyssa stammered, cheeks flushed red.

“I’ve recovered fully, and you’re not on your period.” Jasper swallowed, his eyes feverish. “How else can you deny me now?”

Alyssa recalled how they had spent the past weeks behaving like mere roommates. They hadn’t had sex, not even a single time.

Jasper had signaled to Alyssa about it several times, but she always used his injuries as an excuse to stop him. When they were on the plane, it was Jasper who satisfied Alyssa with his hands while he had to hold it all in. It was quite sad, really.

Alyssa was soon pressed into the bed by Jasper.

He was panting as he fervently kissed her on the lips. Alyssa pressed both hands on his trembling chest, mewling, “Did ... did you recover just to do this with me? Is sex all you want from me, Jasper Beckett? I’m not some toy for you to release your desires on!”

Jasper was stunned. The desire in his eyes swiftly turned to doting affection as he gently kissed her forehead. “What are you saying, silly? I do miss doing it with you, and you’re the only person I want, Lyse.”

Alyssa’s throat choked up somewhat as she bit her lip.

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“We finally reunited after so many obstacles. Do you have any idea how much I cherish our relationship? How much I cherish you? What I would give to make the days with you go by slower. 24 hours by your side is just not enough,” Jasper said earnestly.

He sighed deeply, heart filling with bitter emotion. “I want to treat you really, really well... but I don’t know what to do in order to satisfy you. and make you feel happy. That’s why I hope the rest of our lives together can be in the honeymoon phase forever. I hope that I still have the energy to kiss and hug you when we’re older.”

Alyssa's eyes slowly watered as she gazed at him.

"You... Are you crying, Lyse?" Jasper wasn't sure where he'd misspoken. He only knew to apologize. "I'm so sorry, Lyse. I won't touch you again, I won't..."

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Before Jasper finished speaking, Alyssa wrapped her arms around his neck and kissed him on the lips.

Jasper felt like he was on cloud nine. He was able to hold his desire back at first, but as Alyssa deepened their kiss, his mind went blank. He pressed her into the bed, tearing away her black dress.

Alyssa had taken the initiative, but in the end, she surrendered to Jasper's fervent desire.

She felt like she was alight in flame, burning every inch of her being.

Her waist was so sore, yet her heart felt warm and sweet.

Alyssa and Jasper made love until the wee hours of the morning, before falling asleep together. They slept in until the sun was in the middle of the sky.

Jasper was the first to awaken. When he saw that Alyssa was asleep on his arm, he didn't dare move his arm, which was now filled with pines and needles. He just lay there and watched his beloved

sleep.

When Jasper read stories back then, he never understood why kings could abandon their kingdoms all to spend time with their queens. Now he understood.

Jasper would gladly stay put here with Alyssa even if the sky was

about to fall.

Half an hour later, Alyssa slowly stirred awake.

Jasper cuddled with her for some time before she finally whined about going to shower. The sensation of sweat clinging to her body. became unbearable for her.

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Jasper ended up bathing with her. Since Alyssa couldn't escape, they ended up going another round. She nearly tripped while fuming about

Afterward, the two brushed their teeth together in front of the mirror.

Just then, the phone rang.

Alyssa went to answer it, toothbrush still in her mouth. "How's your vacation, Dr. McAlister? Is everything going well?"

Jasper knew who Tristan McAlister was and what he had helped. Alyssa do. He immediately paid close attention to their conversation.

"The scenery is wonderful, and the food delicious. Thank you for sponsoring my trip, Ms. Alyssa. I'm back in the city now, though," Tristan said warmly.

"You're back? Why is that?" Alyssa asked, surprised.

"I couldn't stop worrying about you overseas."

Jasper's gaze darkened as he sneered. "Hmph."

Alyssa shot him a look before saying to Tristan, "Where are you staying now? Let me arrange someplace safe for you."

"There's no need to go to the trouble, Ms. Alyssa. I'm alright," Tristan said. He then said in a lowered tone, "I'm actually back because Sophia should be on the tail end of her drugs by now."

"Oh?" Alyssa asked with a brow quirked.

"Sophia will likely contact me again once her supply runs out. I'll give her a bigger dosage. After using it, I'm sure all her energy will be depleted. She'll be near the end of her line by then."

"Thank you, Dr. McAlister," Alyssa said. She then said solemnly, "We just have to wait a while longer. Victory is right around the corner."

Just then, Jasper's phone rang. It was a call from Xavier.

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He rinsed his mouth and grumpily answered the call. "What is it?" "Good news, sir! Jeffrey Snyder wants to see both you and Madam!"

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Xavier's booming voice traveled far, allowing Alyssa to overhear it.

"Dr. McAlister, I have something to attend to here. I'll contact you again after!"

Alyssa hung up hurriedly. She immediately looked at Jasper with gleaming eyes.

The corners of his lips turned up slightly. He stroked the top of her head and asked, "How did he finally come to his senses?"

"Just last night, Jeffrey was attacked by his cellmate. He was stabbed in his neck with a toothbrush! Lucky for him, some

competent prison guards on patrol came by. Only then was he saved in time!"

Jasper looked straight into Alyssa's eyes. "How is his condition now, then?" he asked.

"He was transported to the hospital for treatment. Once he surpassed the critical period, he made a fuss about meeting you and Madam. My guess is that he was scared shitless!"

Xavier sniggered coldly, "He has just been in prison for a few days, and there's already been an attempt on his life. How is he going to get through the 20 long years in the future? No question, he wants to crawl to you both to beg for a way out!"

Alyssa's eyes lit up. In her glee, she tiptoed, put her arms around Jasper's neck, and then gave him a loving kiss on his cheek.

Jasper's gaze turned loving. He put his right arm around her waist. With one arm, he picked her up by her tush and lifted her effortlessly.

He was bursting with his manliness, and it made her blood rush.

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With his left hand on the back of her head, he responded to her with a passionate kiss.

The shy expression on her face reflected in his twinkling eyes as their lips touched.

Alyssa touched the tip of her nose to Jasper's and complimented, " You really calculated all the moves that evil Sophia has made. That's my Jasper."

She no longer held back her praises to him.

"I could think of that because I have you, Lyse, my better half. Your exceptional intelligence gave me a realization. Otherwise, I wouldn't have thought of such an idea."

Jasper gave her a peck on her lips, then continued, "Sophia fell into the trap. But the main contribution was that you made use of the comments section to push her. She had a guilty conscience. That's why she thought of silencing him.

"However, I really didn't expect her to act on it so quickly. She is currently grounded by Javier. Ronald and Jeffrey have also been

arrested.

"I'm surprised she could still find someone to do the work for her even without stepping out of the house. She really does have many people who support her."

Alyssa narrowed her eyes. She said, "Don't forget, Mr. Beckett. There's still your younger sister, Betty. If you want to make a comparison on who the cruel one is, she definitely surpasses Sophia."

"I only have one younger sister, and that is Lauren," Jasper answered in a hoarse and sultry voice.

He squinted, as if he were a lion eyeing a prey it had desired. His arrogance and sexiness made her heart pound extremely hard.

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"You, though, seem to have a number of male best friends."

“Who are you referring to? Dr. McAlister?”

Alyssa let out a mischievous smile and asked, “Hmm? Are you jealous?”

“What do you think?”

Jasper’s eyes turned red. He continued, “Winston, your brothers, and myself are people who put you first in our lives, and we’ll lay down our lives willingly for you. So, no one would believe he isn’t hoping for anything more with you.”

“So what? I am an unattainable dream,” she replied with a flirtatious look in her eyes.

She twirled her hair and harrumphed, “If you can’t bear to even see Dr. McAlister around me, you’re going to have lots to suffer in the future.”

Jasper knew that she was simply joking. But it made him feel sour. The bright look in his eyes became dim, too.

“But...”

Alyssa decided to stop teasing him. In a warm and cheeky voice said by his ear, “Anyone can give me the world, but there is only want.”

Jasper’s heart raced, beating heavily in his chest.

All of a sudden, he was reminded of many things about the past.

In the three years that passed, she lived through the long days and nights laden with suffering. Yet, she stayed by his side throughout.

Today, a regular friend of hers appeared by her side, and he couldn't accept it?

When he thought about how heartless and cold he was toward her in

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was being sliced by a knife over and over.

He would feel bad about that forever. Even if she had forgiven him, he could never forgive himself.

"Hey, are you okay?"

Alyssa was taken aback by the tears in his eyes. "I was just pulling your leg. Why are you tearing up? It's not something worth tearing up for, is it?"

"No, it's not. I'm fine." Jasper took a deep breath and put a smile on his face again.

"Get your things tidied up. We'll first go to Cyrus, then meet Jeffrey after," Alyssa said as she tried to get down from him.

To her surprise, he pulled her in by the waist, closing the gap between them once again.

"I'm hungry, Lyse," he expressed his dissatisfaction in his hoarse

voice.

He carried her and started walking toward the bedroom. "Feed first so I have the energy to get things done."

Alyssa punched him lightly on his shoulder. She did not know whether to laugh or to cry..

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Oh, God! Alyssa might as well have been the one to be hospitalized

for a few days!

It was already dark when Jasper and Alyssa walked out of the prison entrance after meeting with Jeffrey.

Even though it was already spring, the morning and evening breezes in Solana City were still quite cool.

Jasper removed his coat and put it on Alyssa. Then, he put his arm around her shoulders and pulled her close.

They stood in the night, listening to the sound of rustling leaves in the wind. They held calm expressions on their faces, but deep down, waves of restlessness surged.

After a long time, Alyssa finally said, "He admitted it."

"Yeah, he revealed everything."

Jasper's hand was still on her shoulder. His uneasiness finally simmered down, and he said, "Everything is about to come to an end."

"No, not yet. We still don't know where Inigo is."

"But, Inigo is not working for Sophia. His statement isn't going to be very helpful in Jeffrey's case."

Alyssa looked up at him with a serious look on her face. "But he

almost took yours and Jonah's lives! Even if he has nothing to do with

Sophia, there's no way I will let him go!"

There was also the one who instigated everything from behind.

However, she had no witnesses or evidence to testify against. Jameson. Everything was mere speculation.

As for Inigo, he was the most important factor in the chain of

evidence!

After keeping silent for a while, Jasper slowly said, "Lyse, I don't want

you to be involved in the matter regarding Inigo. Landon and I can handle it.

"You've been tiring yourself out with my injury and the matter surrounding Sophia. Leave the rest to me."

"Are you really afraid that I'd tire myself out, Jasper? Or, is it because Jameson is the mastermind, so you're worried that I'd be put in an awkward position because of my past relationship with him, so you're telling me not to get involved?"

"Is that why you didn't want me to participate in this? Is it because you don't want me to feel uncomfortable?"

Jasper pursed his lips. His silence was her confirmation.

"Aren't you overthinking it?"

Alyssa frowned and poked him softly on his chest with her finger. Plus, Jameson and I were just friends in the past. It's not like what you're thinking. Even if it were, his actions are unforgivable. I will not be soft-hearted, let alone back out."

"What if all the evidence shows that Inigo had nothing to do with Jameson? What if I was the one who speculated wrongly?" Jasper asked in a dry and raspy voice.

"I still can't forgive him. After all, in Kontina, he did so many ridiculous things against Miley and Jeremy. Jeremy almost got screwed over! Would I even be a human if I were to pretend that none of that

happened?"

The thought of the hardship that Miley and Jeremy had to go through these years enraged Alyssa. She clenched her fists tightly.

Jameson was the one who poked the bear.

And her trigger was her family, as well as Jasper.

Jasper's stomach was twisted in knots. "I've also wronged you in so many ways. Why did you forgive me?" Jasper couldn't help but ask.

"You're comparing yourself with Jameson?" Alyssa raised her brow angrily.

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Jasper sighed, then let out a bitter laugh. "I'm not comparing ... I'm just... feeling guilty."

"You're different from him."

Alyssa linked her arm with his and leaned her head on his broad shoulder. "I've known you since a long, long time ago. I understand you. In fact, I understand you more than you can imagine."

Jasper was about to probe further when her cell started vibrati her pocket.

The screen showed that it was a call from Winston.

Alyssa answered the call with a casual and friendly tone, "What's the matter, Dad?"

Although Winston wasn't in front of him, Jasper started to feel nervous. Inevitably, his palms began to sweat.

"Where are you, Lyse?" Winston's tone sounded a little serious.

"What's the matter?"

"Are you in Solana City?"

"Is there any reason that you're calling?"

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Winston's tone of voice sounded increasingly firm. "Not only are you and Jasper together, but he's also staying at your house in Solana City?" he questioned.

Jasper's ears perked up at the vague sound of his name being mentioned.

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Instantly, Alyssa's eyes became dark. "What do you mean, Dad? Did you send someone to follow me?"

“Is there any issue with me being concerned for my daughter?” Winston answered her with a question. He wasn’t going to humor her any longer.

Alyssa chuckled. “I was alone overseas for five, six years. You’ve

never sent anyone to follow me. During the Christmas holidays, you’ve never sent me any Christmas cards or well wishes. Why are you suddenly being concerned now?”

A fire of rage rose within Alyssa. She put her hand on her waist and continued, “Are you possessed, or do you just have too much free. time on your hands because you’re about to retire?”

Jasper furrowed his brows and remained expressionless.

Alone overseas? And it was for five to six years at that? Why so?

The Taylor family members doted on her so much, so how could they

not be worried?

She was still very young, five or six years ago. How dangerous must it have been for her to live in a foreign land all on her own!

“You’d better come home this instant! You’re my precious daughter, but you’re cohabiting with an idiot who is also your ex-husband? I feel

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Winston exclaimed, seemingly angry.

Alyssa harrumphed and replied nonchalantly, "You're not even

ashamed to marry four wives. What is there for me to be ashamed

about?"

"You... you... you!" Winston almost lost his temper.

Damn, they were truly father and daughter. Her words struck him to

the core!

After listening to their back-and-forth, Jasper gradually understood the conversation. Winston had found out that he was together with Alyssa, and he was furious about it.

His heart tightened. He thought about how he had to go through so many challenges to finally receive approval from her siblings. And now, there was another hurdle in front of him-Winston.

However, he didn't have a single word of complaint. He was the one. who had been cruel in the past. Any difficulty or hurdle he faced was,

all his own karma.

"I don't care. I want you to come back as soon as possible! The horse racing event is on the weekend. It concerns KS Group's important strategic partnership in the future. A few major groups in Solana City are also going to be there.

"I need you to come back and make the necessary preparations. You are attending it with me!"

A few major groups?

That meant that the Becketts and Schmidts were included. It would be bustling then.

Alyssa's gaze was deep. She answered in a low voice, "I understand."

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"And, let me remind you once again-don't get too close to Jasper! My daughter is as precious as jewels, and he's definitely not at your level!"

Although Winston was speaking on the phone, his dissatisfaction toward Jasper was written all over his face.

"Also, don't you forget how he had treated you in the first place. He abandoned you and shamed you! Even if you have forgotten the pain, he is never going to get past me! Not unless it is over my dead body!

Goodbye!"

Without waiting for Alyssa to answer, Winston hung up the call.

Alyssa was speechless. What goodbye was he even talking about?

She stared at her phone's screen, which had dimmed. She sighed silently and glanced at Jasper, who was stiff as a stone beside her.

“You overheard our conversation?”

“Yeah,” Jasper answered with a dejected look on his face.

“There’s nothing we can do about it. Winston is getting old, more stubborn than I am. Plus, you don’t have a good track re makes sense that he doesn’t like you.” Alyssa pouted.

“I get it.”

“But that’s alright. Whatever hurdles come our way, we’ll get over them. Things have already progressed to this stage. There’s nothing. that we cannot overcome.”

Out of the blue, Alyssa blinked and asked, “If Winston doesn’t approve of us being together at the end of the day, and if the entire world doesn’t approve of us, will you give me up?”

Jasper fixed his eyes on her. Looking deep into her eyes, he asked her back, “Will you give me up?”

Alyssa put her finger on her chin and pretended to give it a good thought. After a while, she shook her head.

“No, I won’t.”

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Jasper’s breathing was deep and heavy. He opened his arms and pulled her in for an embrace.

He put his chin on the top of her head as tears pooled in his eyes. Ant intense twinge of bittersweet emotions filled his heart.

“If you won’t leave me, neither will I leave you.”

He was determined to be with her-forever.

Chapter 1069

A horse racing event was hosted in Solana City every year. It was an event that garnered the attention of the entire nation.

Wealthy and reputable families would meet at the racecourse. On the surface level, they looked friendly with one another. In reality, they were cunning and competing with one another in secret.

Hence, this was a rare networking opportunity for the elites.

Many of the major renowned projects in Solana City, and even throughout Andgalbia, were signed at the horse racing event.

This was why many would do all they could to obtain a ticket to the horse race. It was so that they could move up the ranks and achieve

great success.

Ever since that day when Javier forbade Betty's attendance, she became ill from her rage. Ulcers broke out in her mouth, and she could barely eat anything due to the pain.

During the night, her anger would also wake her up from her sleep.

All she did was reprimand a few helpers. She couldn't understand why Javier wanted to punish her in this way. Not only that, he even backed

Lauren up!

She used to be a troublemaker at home, but he had never rebuked her.

Could it be that she was also suffering the consequences by association? Sophia lost his favor, and she was also suffering in tow?

It was no surprise that men were such a heartless breed!

Right now, she could only quietly wish for Landon to be a player. She hoped he would take advantage of Lauren and discard her like trash

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When that time came, she wanted to make a public declaration in

their circles to inform everyone that Lauren was a whore who Landon

played!

She would wait and see who would still want to marry that stupid bitch! She wanted her reputation to be ruined.

Just as she was relishing in her thoughts, a knock came from the

door.

“Ms. Betty, Madam Sophia asked for you.”

Betty went to meet Sophia with a resentful look on her face.

“I’m here, Mom.”

She caught a whiff of a strange scent the moment she stepped through the door. It was revolting.

“What are you doing, Mom? What is that smell?”

Betty walked toward the bedroom while she pinched her nose and furrowed her brows.

She pushed open the door, which was unlocked, and was immediately stumped in horror.

Sophia was wearing crumpled-up pajamas and kneeling on the floor with her hair all over her face. She frantically wiped a pool of yellow water stains on the floor using a towel.

Betty’s eyes widened. She stuttered, “Mom... You’re.

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It was only then that Sophia realized that she had entered the room. Her face flushed red in surprise, and she shouted fiercely, “Who told you that you could come in? Don’t you know how to knock?”

“Mom, you were the one who asked for me...”

Betty stared at the stained spot. Then, she had a sudden realization

and covered her mouth with her hands.

“Mom! You... Don’t tell they you have.” she asked dumbfoundedly.

She was about to blurt out the term incontinence” when Sophia interrupted her in her iotad varote, Shut up! Don’t you dare mention a single word of what shoulditt he said. Do you hear me?”

Betty nodded vigorouslyly

How would she dare to say a word she did, Sophia would become the laughingstock of Solana City! As she herself would be embarrassed as well!

Sophia threw the dirty towel into the cacash can, then ran into the toilet and couldn’t stop scrubbing her hands.

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washed her hands.

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I do want to give his up, but i just can't!"

Chapter 1070

"Without it, I would rather die!" Sophia cried out.

Betty hadn't had any first-hand experience with medication reliance.

Though Sophia wore a crooked expression, she gleaned a fleeting insight into the agony of drug withdrawal.

"About Jeffrey... Have you managed to deal with him?" Sophia

suddenly inquired in a sly manner.

Betty's heart dropped. She replied softly, "I have arranged someone to handle it. The only thing is, that person hasn't gotten back to me till now. I'm afraid that they haven't done it yet."

"So useless! All of them are good-for-nothings!" Sophia opened her eyes wide in fury.

"Mom, we're talking about a prison here. It's good enough that I was

able to find someone to do the work for you.

“His movements in there are limited. Unlike the outside, he can’t just do as he wishes. So, please just wait a little longer. We should hear back very soon.”

“Wait? How can I bear to wait? Each day that Jeffrey is still alive... My heart is just like a cat on a hot tin roof. I can’t sleep nor eat well!”

In her nervousness, Sophia began to pace. She said, “I’m certain that Alyssa and Jasper have met with him. Plus, they are surely thinking of a way to make him open his mouth and testify against me!

“If I let him live... It would only be a matter of time before he rats me out!”

Betty also knew that the stakes were high. But she truly had no better wuy.

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So, she could say, “Calm down, Mom. If

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Jeffrey wanted to rat you out, he would have done so long ago. Why would he wait until now? I guess you’re not the one he hates the

most, but Jasper and Alyssa!

“He had taken so many lives with his hands before he came to work for you. But he was still able to come over safely.

“He probably never expected all his hard work to be ruined in Alyssa’s and Jasper’s hands. That is why he hasn’t exposed you to this date.”

Sophia nodded as she listened to Betty. She also thought that Betty sounded reasonable.

Suddenly, a knock at the door made both of them jump!

“Who is it?” Sophia asked as she walked into the living room.

“Madam Sophia, it’s me,” Rory replied emotionlessly.

The look in Sophia’s eyes dimmed. She opened the door just a and peeped callously at Rory, who was standing at the door.

Rory greeted her, then said respectfully, “Madam Sophia, Mr. J sent me to pass a message to you. Please accompany him in attending the horse race this weekend.”

Sophia yanked the door open. “Javier asked me to go with him? I’m not grounded anymore?” she asked. She was so excited that her

voice was trembling.

“You are the one who has always accompanied Mr. Javier to attend the annual horse racing event. This year will not be an exception.”

“Great! I will surely attend. I will be there!”

She closed the door. Tears were welling up in her eyes. She was in a frenzy of delight.

After a month of being grounded, she was finally about to be able to see the light of day again.

Was this proof that Javier was no longer mad at her? Was the tension between them alleviated now?

But...

Her current awkward condition, the one whereby she would lose control of her bladder once she stopped taking the medication, came

to mind.

Furthermore, this sort of situation was unpredictable, even to her. She had no control over it at all.

She would fall into disrepute if she urinated involuntarily at the horse race. Not only that, Javier would also hate her to the bone.

However, if she didn't attend, it wouldn't be respectful toward Javier. This was even more difficult to handle.

She felt like she was at her wits' end,

Then, Betty approached her and whispered in a low voice, "Mom, are you worried about your health?"

"Betty, what do I do? I'm really in deep shit now!"

Sophia sank to the ground and sat there limply. She put her head in her hands in much pain.

"If I don't have it, I will lose control of my bladder. Not only that, I will be unable to fall asleep all night and lose sleep. My mind is a mess, and I keep hearing things. All that noise is making me go mad!"

She saw and heard things, and eventually, she would start having hallucinations, too.

She was losing control over everything. But as long as she injected

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It wasn't just that. She would even feel rejuvenated. Her energy would be renewed.

She couldn't part with it. She really couldn't.