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Mrs. Rosie quickly corrected herself on the thought of Alice's request, "I saw it when I helped you change last night! I was shocked to see the huge bruise!"

Thinking back to the heart-stopping moment from last night, he recalled the warmth from Aller's body as she rested in his arms. He remembered holding onto her tiny waist. A strong and unexplainable desire to protect her arose in him.

Swallowing hard, he felt the urge rising in him, but it didn't take long before he collected himself.

His expression hardened as he decided that Alice was not worth the sympathy because she had slapped and mocked him, even after he put aside his ego to apologize.

The family butler announced right then, "Mr. Jasper, Mr. Harper is here to see you. He's waiting in the living room."

Jasper pursed his lips. "Tell him to meet me in the study"

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Clicking her tongue with disgust, Betty went up to Lauren and shoved her.

"Ouch!" Lauren stumbled forward and toppled onto the ground, looking clumsy and pitiful. Even so, she clutched onto her teddy bear, which she kept safe in her arms.

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"Ms. Lauren!" Mrs. Rosie rushed up to help Lauren. She felt sorry for the young girl. "What happened? How did you trip and fall on a flat ground?"

"I—I'm fine." She pursed her lips. "I accidentally..."

"I saw Betty passing by. Did she push you?" Mrs. Rosie's eyes were red with anger.

"No! And I'm fine. I'm leaving." The mention of Betty's name scared Lauren. She held her teddy bear and fled with pain in her body.

Mrs. Rosie sighed at the sight of the poor girl scurrying away.

After a stroll in the backyard, Landon ran into Betty on his way to the living room.

"Mr. Harper!" Betty put on her widest smile and purred in a saccharine tone. "Why are you here? Are you here to meet Jasper?"

"Of course," Landon replied mindlessly.

As a good friend of Jasper's, he was aware of the Beckett family's dynamics. Knowing that Sophia was a difficult bitch, he extended his dislike of the woman to Betty as well and gave her the cold shoulder.

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She quietly tugged on her collar to lower it. She then held Landon's muscular arm. With a pout, she talked cutely to him, "Let's go. I'll bring you to Jasper."

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