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Logan

"You have to be shitting me right now!" I hear Archer growl out from the living room

I hadn't left the room for more than two seconds before he started cursing out the damn TV

"What is it now man?!" I stop instantly when I see what's got Asher so pissed

There is some kind of news channel on and right there in front of us is our girl hanging off the arm of that freakin prick Zane Calton! ")

"What the hell is this?" I growl out grabbing the remote and turning up the volume

"Tonight's fundraiser event has brought out all of our city's finest including the ever-elusive bachelor Zane Dalton. But Mr. Dalton is a bachelor no longer! He introduced the world to the woman who stole his heart..." The anchorwoman says while a clip of Emma and Zane walking a red carpet appears on the screen

"What the hell is this? What's he trying to pull?" Asher yells

"What's going on?" Leo asks rushing in to see what all the noise is about

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His eyes flick to the screen and widen. "Emma? Well, she did mention some kind of party didn't she?"

"Yeah, but she didn't mention she would be blasting it to the world that she is engaged to that asshole!" Asher replies and I can tell he is about to lose it

"She probably didn't know man. This is Emma we're talking about. Look at her face, she's just putting on a show." Leo says trying to calm Asher but when I really look at her I can tell he's right

Emma has a smile plastered on her face that reminds me of those politician wives standing by their cheating husbands pretending to not give a damn

"He's right man. Look at her. It's just a show, she can barely stand that guy." I say in agreement

Asher's chest heaves like he is ready to contradict us but instead, he turns to the TV and gives the video a better look. His body starts to relax the longer he watches and I let out a quick breath of relief. Jayden ragging today was enough to deal with, I didn't want to have to deal with a pissy Asher too. \')

"She would never be okay with being on camera like that, and you know it. Give our girl some credit." Leo says and drags Asher back to the couch. "Just relax." (1)

Asher takes in a few deep breaths but keeps his eyes fixed on our girl

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She looks...beautiful. It hurts to see what she could have if she did want to be with Zane. He's a good-looking guy with a lot of money and is respected. Even though he is as crooked as they come, he fits in with that uppity crowd with ease

Me and the guys look nothing like him. We are broken and tatted and violent. We are so damn messed up that we have no right to touch a girl like Emma. We could break her...ruin her. What the hell were we even thinking?

She's going to get a taste of the life she could have and a life with us will pale in comparison. I wouldn't blame her if she fell for that guy's BS. (2)

"She looks beautiful," Leo says quietly and I can only sigh in reply

He took the words right out of my mouth

"We could never take her to a place like that," Asher says voicing my exact thoughts

"They would throw us out the minute they saw us, but Emma..." I let my words trail off

"She belongs there," Leo says finishing both Asher and my thoughts

"She belongs with us." Jayden's deep voice startles me and I jump a little. (2)

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"Shit man stop creeping up on us like that," I yell at him. \')

He just throws me one of those creepy murderer smirks that would send any guy to an early grave

"How can you say that? Look at her. She's not going to want to come back here after being wined and dined by that bastard. Look at him!" Asher gestures violently to the TV and scoffs. +)

"Emma doesn't want that life. She wants us. She needs us just like we

need her." Jayden says like he is so sure what he's saying is true. >)

After he got all his rage out on a half dozen unfortunate prisoners he

finally calmed down enough for us to come home. He's been back to his quiet broody self for the last couple of hours now and we can all finally relax. A locked-up murderous Jayden is a recipe for disaster, believe me

Jayden walks around the back of the couch and takes a seat by me. We all get quiet and watch Emma being walked down the red carpet. She really does look like she belongs there with those people. Even after everything she has an elegance about her that makes her fit in well with all those rich folk

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Zane is treating her gently and she doesn't seem scared of him which can complicate things. He could win her over and then we would be screwed. \')

Not for the reasons that involve our crew, but the guys and I would be devastated. None of us has ever let a girl in like we have with Emma. I

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have never thought I would find a girl I wanted to get serious with let alone plan a future with. Because that's is what I want to do with Emma, I want to plan a future with her. There isn't a scenario in my mind that doesn't involve Emma being with us from now on. \')

One of us is going to marry her one day, I have no doubt. Well, at least I did until the size of that ring on her finger knocked me down a peg. [?].

"How much do you think that ring cost?" I ask absentmindedly

"It's gonna hurt as bad as any other ring when she throws it in his face," Asher says with a huffed-out laugh. \')

"T say she keeps the ring and we pawn it the second we get out of town," I add with a gesture like I'm making the money rain. \')

"Yeah about that..." Leo starts to say but stops and scratches the back of his neck nervously

"What?" I ask.

"I heard a rumor that Devaro has plans for her. Plans not including this whole thing. Like long-term kinds of plans." Leo says vaguely like he is trying to gauge how best to tell us everything

"What does that mean man? Spit it out!" Asher says letting that annoyed growling sound escape a little

"Tony told me he overheard Devaro talking to his lawyer about a

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change in his will." Leo goes on. "He plans to leave everything...to someone else."

He hesitates and shoots Asher a cautious glance

"Why would I care about that? I never wanted his crew." Asher says with a shrug and from his expression he means it

"It isn't you he plans to leave everything to. It's Emma." Leo says and we all go completely still.

I don't think we even take a breath for a second there

What? He's leaving everything to Emma? Why?

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"You're serious? What the f-" Asher jumps to his feet with his phone in hand and takes the steps two at a time up to his room.

"What is Devaro up to? Why would he leave everything to Emma?" I ask Leo even though none of us ever know why Devaro does half the stuff he does

"Tony didn't say but my guess is he knew Asher didn't want it and the only way to keep Asher involved is through Emma," Leo says with a shrug

"It's a smart idea," Jayden says in his usual cool and unaffected way

"Are you serious? We didn't want Emma anywhere near all this shit and now look! She is walking red carpets with a man who would kill her the

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second she says the wrong thing and now this! We can't let her take over our crew she's not built for it. She could never handle the kind of things she would have to deal with. No. Absolutely not." I say standing and following Asher upstairs

I crack his door open and catch the tail end of his conversation

"I won't let you do this to her! She is meant to have a better life than this! You can stick your damn will up your ass!" He ends the call and throws his phone on the bed behind him. \')

I walk in and drop in the chair by his desk

"T can't believe he would do this. He is never going to let us go. He knows Emma is it for us and now he is trapping her here so we can never leave." Asher says and I see him physically deflate

He runs his fingers through his hair roughly and growls out in frustration. \')

"T can't let her do this. She's supposed to live in a mansion by the beach somewhere. Safe and far away from all of this. She'll become a target because she will seem weak. I can't let this happen Lo." Asher sounds almost desperate now and I can't say I feel any different

Emma has been through hell in her life and we wanted to give her something better. To work her away to a tropical island where she can live without a care in the world

Devaro is trapping her in this life and Asher is right, there is no way we are going to let that happen

"What do we do?" I ask him

He looks up at me and smirks

"We take the bastard down and burn everything to the ground," Asher says and a spark of excitement rushes through me. [?]

I return his smirk with one of my own. "Now you're talking brother."