

Can't Win Me Back

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In the study, Justin sat at his desk, engrossed in the art of calligraphy. The ink flowed gracefully over the paper, inscribing the words, "Spring adds new life and new joy to all that is."

His strokes flowed like a river. They looked to be full of life and endless vigor.

"Mr. Justin, Jasper has been discharged."

When Julien came to Sheryl's mind, she became enraged. "That Dr. Lovelace is such a hindrance. Because of Alyssa, he slapped Jasper and shoved me at the hospital today! He's not a man at all, that bugger!"

With a slight smirk on his face, Justin spread out a new piece of writing paper. "Why, does it make your heart ache to see Jasper getting hit?"

"No, I just think that he's being too nosy. I was just worried that he would mess your plan up." All content is

Sheryl had a gloomy look in her eyes. "With someone like this by Jasper's side, provoking and stimulating him over and over, I'm worried that it would invoke his curiosity about Alyssa. His subconscious feelings for Alyssa might be woken up if this continues."

"Get in touch with this person tonight."

Justin retrieved a document from his drawer, and placed it on his desk.

Sheryl walked over to him quickly. She picked it up and took a glance. She frowned. "A member of Cloudtop? Hasn't this organization been disbanded? Why are you looking for this person?"

Justin narrowed his dark eyes slightly. "Keep reading."

Sheryl flipped through a few more pages. When she saw the photo of the man in the document, that familiar face came like a bolt from the blue. She exclaimed, "Julien? He's a member of Cloudtop?"

"They look very much alike, don't they? I was also extremely shocked when I first saw this photo."

A petrifying gleam came across Justin's eyes. Looking deeply engrossed, he continued, "But that's not Julien. His name is Blake Holland. He used to be a core member of Cloudtop and the right-hand man of Cloudtop's person-in-charge at the time, Jonah. He was also his first love."

Sheryl's eyes filled with awe and utter admiration. "Mr. Justin... Y-You're incredible! How did you know of this person's existence?"

"It was because I once tried to take over Cloudtop. If Jonah hadn't taken over during that crisis and saved the day, Cloudtop would've already become mine."

Justin sighed, exhaling a hint of helplessness. "Jonah outsmarted me. I do concede defeat in that battle."

Sheryl scoffed, "But he can't always be the winner. You have to make sure he's completely defeated this time!"

"Back then, I assumed that Blake would be Jonah's Achilles' heel. To my surprise, he was actually merciless enough to kill his own lover."

Justin placed his calligraphy pen on his desk. Then, he removed the paperweight, picked up the piece he had just written, and admired it carefully. "This time, will Julien be his Achilles' heel? I'm really curious, so I'd like to give it a shot."

Sheryl had long become an entirely different person. After being groomed by Justin, she was way quick-witted than she used to be. She understood him immediately.

"I get you. I'll make arrangements tonight."

"Thank you."

"I will do anything for you."

Sheryl took a deep bow, and exited the study.

The look on Justin's pale face turned as cold as a frozen lake. He picked up a lighter, then set the paper on his desk, which he had just written on, on fire.

Seven words "Spring is when life's alive in everything-went up into flames. The dancing fire was reflected in his eyes, as if he were a demon and hell all at once.

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Thanks to timely treatment, the acute bleeding in Alyssa's stomach didn't turn into anything serious. She was sent to a regular ward to rest that same evening.

Jonah stayed by her side the whole time, looking after her. Cyrus, the workaholic, applied for time off from work. That night, he stayed back to look after Alyssa.

After hearing the news, Silas and Rose wanted to visit her. However, Jonah prevented them from doing so.

He was well aware that Alyssa was currently heartbroken and devastated. She would only force herself to smile and appear energetic when she faced them.

She was too drained. Staying at the hospital now actually gave her a chance to rest and prevented her from hurting herself before she came around.

*Cyrus... Can you tell me now?" Alyssa leaned back against the headboard weakly as she blinked. Her eyes were swollen.

Cyrus welled up with tears. In a pained voice, he remarked, "You're really rebellious, Lyse."

*I've always been rebellious."

With a frown on her face, a smile broke on Alyssa's face. As alluring as her smile was, she was pale and weak. She added, "Otherwise... why would Jasper and I end up the way we are right now?"

*Jonah, Cyrus... please don't blame him, okay? He didn't do anything wrong. I was the one... I was the one who lost him. It's all my fault.."

Before she could finish speaking, her eyes misted over.

"You didn't do anything wrong. Neither of you did anything wrong."

Jonah wrapped his warm and calloused hands over Alyssa's tightly clenched fists. His quivering chest filled with sorrow, and his heart pounded heavily. "That said, Lyse, can you promise me that you will always look ahead no matter what?"

*Jasper and love are not all that you have in your life. You have Dad, and the rest of us, your siblings. Lyse, what are we to do if you crumbled? I'm sure that Mom, even in the afterworld, wouldn't want you to wither your life away. Don't you think so?"

Mom...

A slight twinkle finally returned to Alyssa's dull eyes. She was reminded of Jennifer's imprisonment in Kontina. The authorities had chased Jennifer and displaced her. She'd only managed to escape after overcoming numerous challenges.

She eventually arrived in Belbanks, met Winston, got to know him, and fell in love with him. Finally, they became one. And that was how she came into existence.

Even after going through all that unimaginable suffering, Jennifer persisted and survived. She did not fall apart.

If Alyssa herself became dispirited and dejected for the rest of her days, she wouldn't be worthy of being Jennifer's only daughter.

She was Alyssa, not Catherine Earnshaw or Juliet. Even if her partner died, it didn't mean that she had to follow suit.

Moreover, Jasper was still alive.

Wasn't she the one who said that the most important thing was for him to still be alive and well?

"Jonah... I get what you mean. I will get better... Just give me some time. I will get better," Alyssa repeated over and over through her chapped lips.

Each time she said it, Jonah's heart wrenched.

"Out of all the people whom Jameson met with, I found someone who captured my attention," Cyrus said in a deep voice, breaking the sorrowful atmosphere.

Alyssa leaned forward immediately. "Who is it?"

"The private physician by Justin's side, Sheryl Gillis."

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Jonah knitted his brows together while an icy gleam flashed across Alyssa's eyes. They exclaimed in unison, "Sheryl?"

With a serious look on his face, Cyrus nodded. "Two days before Jameson's death, Sheryl gave free medical care to all the inmates at the detention center.

"Not long after that, Jameson died of a heart attack. Even though there isn't any evidence to prove that Sheryl murdered him, out of everyone who came in contact with Jameson before he died, she was the one who was qualified and capable of doing something like this.

"After all, it's really unexpected for her to show up at the detention center out of the blue, isn't it?"

Alyssa leaned back against the headboard again. She lowered her eyes.

"If Sheryl was really the one who did it, that would mean that Justin was acquainted with Jameson. Justin sent Sheryl to get rid of Jameson because he's worried that he would confess something when he goes to court to be put on trial. So, he decided to silence him in case it implicated him."

Alyssa was always a sharp-witted person. Her associative abilities were relatively superb. Just through a few words and a few bits and pieces, she would be able to make bold and shocking guesses.

Jonah's eyes widened in shock. "Justin and Jameson knew each other? Their paths have never crossed, though." Cyrus seconded, "After finding out that Sheryl had come in contact with Jameson, I immediately looked into her background. She and Jameson are total strangers, and her background didn't intersect with Jameson's either." Alyssa asked, "Why did she provide charity medical services for no reason, then? Cyrus, as you said, this was very unexpected.

"Not only did she provide free medical service, she also became a prison medic and a special advisor. The procedures have been completed and the city council has approved of it. She will be taking up the roles officially next month."

Cyrus frowned deeply. "Indeed, there are a lot of coincidences in all of these. Lyse, I wish that we could arrest the killer so effortlessly. But we need to have direct proof in order to make an arrest. We can't do that through mere speculation.

'Justin left Solana City for almost 20 years. We have completely no information on what he's been up to out there or who he's in touch with. He, on the other hand, is well aware of our situation here.'

Alyssa shook her head. She massaged the area between her brows as it throbbed. Those painful memories crashed into her like waves.

"When Jameson took me captive on Rose Island, I happened to overhear Jameson speaking with someone on the phone. They were talking about the medication that Jasper took.

*Jameson spoke to the man he referred to as 'Sir' respectfully. As such, it is evident that this 'Sir' was the mastermind in control of Jameson. He had him control Schmidt Group and conduct experimentation on live humans.

"He's well-versed in pharmacology. At the same time, Justin is also very deeply connected with people in the field of drug manufacturing in Mosgravia. Could all these be mere coincidences?"

A terrifying silence befell the hospital ward.

Cyrus couldn't quite wrap this extremely complex and perplexing idea around his head. "Lyse, I know bad guys won't say they are bad people. But what is his purpose in doing these things?"

"He's the oldest son in the Beckett family, born of Mr. Javier's first wife. Status-wise, his is higher than Jasper's. Now that he's returned to Beckett Group, if he wanted to, there's a possibility that Jasper might even struggle against him for leadership.

"So why would he get up to so much mischief? If he wanted power or status, it would be over once he returned and fought for it. If he engages in these immoral deeds, if he's not careful, it would be the end for him. Isn't the cost a little too high if he loses everything?"

Alyssa closed her bloodshot eyes and panted heavily. "Yeah. That's something that I haven't been able to figure out."

"That might be so, but things are different now."

Jonah had a grave and worried expression on his face. "For one, it has been too long since Mr. Justin left the Beckett family. Jasper has gained control over Beckett Group bit by bit, and built up a wide network in Solana City. He also has Mr. Newton's support. It won't be that easy for Mr. Justin to seize power.

"If it were in the past, he would still have the Dutton family's support. But his mother is no longer around, and the Dutton family has collapsed. Without any external support or Mr. Newton's favor, he must be in an extremely dire situation."

Alyssa was still young. When the Dutton family had their downfall, she wasn't old enough to remember it yet. At this moment, she was filled with

*Jonah, do you know much about the Dutton family's downfall?"

At that very moment, outside the hospital ward, Jasper stood silently at the door. In fact, he had been standing there for nearly half an hour.

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"Back then, the Dutton family was a wealthy family who was as highly regarded as the Beckett family is today. Mr. Javier's first wife was the second daughter of the Dutton family, Caroline Dutton. Their marriage was ordained by Mr. Newton personally and was publicly known as a marriage alliance between corporations.

"It is said that both parties barely met a few times before their marriage, so there was no opportunity for them to date romantically. In other words, their marriage wasn't built on love. Back then, the marriage alliance Mr. Newton forged with the Dutton family was

only to salvage the Beckett Group, which was embroiled in some financial turmoil at the time."

As Alyssa listened to Jonah's elaboration, she looked unperturbed. "Marriage alliances between wealthy families are commonplace. Winston even wanted to have Taty marry into the Schmidt family previously."

"Mrs. Beckett only had one son, Mr. Justin. Even though the relationship between Mr. Justin's parents wasn't great, there weren't any malicious rumors at the time either. After all, the Becketts benefited from the Duttons power, and Mrs. Beckett gave birth to a son. Even if Mr. Javier has any objections about anything, there's no way that he would've shown it.

"This harmonious relationship went on until Mr. Justin turned four."

Cyrus listened intently, as if he were listening to a story. It was the same for Alyssa. She quickly prompted, "What happened after that?"

The look in Jonah's eyes dimmed. "One night, Mrs. Beckett used a shotgun to end her life by the pond in Seaview Manor."

Alyssa's eyes widened in shock. She started breaking out in cold sweat. "She took her own life with a gun? But, why?"

"Damn! That's real brutal of her!"

Cyrus was greatly astonished. "Most people would either choose to jump from a building, slit their wrists, or take sleeping pills when they try to take their own lives, just so that they won't die a painful death. I can't believe that she actually dared to shoot herself. She was really determined to die!*

Jonah furrowed his brows. With a tad of helplessness in his voice, he said, "Truth be told, no external party knows what Mrs. Beckett's cause of death was. That said, our father is an extremely nosy person. Back then, he even had that buddy of his, Mr. Victor, who was a busybody. So, as much as the Becketts tried to keep everything under wraps at the time, there were people who managed to catch wind."

"When Justin was four..."

Suddenly, a glint flashed across Alyssa's eyes. Her chest tightened. "That year, Jasper's mother happened to be pregnant. Could it be that Mrs. Beckett took her own life because Mr. Javier had an affair?"

Cyrus couldn't help but feel terrified. His head went numb.

"A four-year-old child should be old enough to know what was going on, right? If Justin's mother's death was really because Mr. Javier had an affair, wouldn't Justin want to seek revenge on Jasper when he grew up?"

"In that case, he might have returned with ulterior motives this time. Jasper might be in danger!"

Alyssa's thoughts were in a whirl. She also happened to have the same thoughts as Cyrus.

"It seems like it isn't that simple."

Jonah fell into deep thought. In a low voice, he continued, "When I was young, I once mentioned to Dad that Mrs. Beckett was really strange. She didn't seem too willing to meet people."

*After getting married, Mr. Javier never brought her out in public. Even in private, she rarely left home, and I've never heard of her having any close female friends either. In other words, she kept a really low profile and was really mysterious.

'Once, when Dad accompanied Mom to the hospital, they even bumped into Mrs. Beckett. She didn't seem to be doing well mentally. Her face was pale, and had a dazed look about her.

'She just took a brief glance at them before scurrying off. Since then, they never saw her again. On top of that, Justin had just been born not too long before that."

"Maybe it was something like depression."

Alyssa pressed her lips together and pondered. "Quite a lot of women who failed postpartum care ended up with symptoms of postpartum depression. It's possible that she never recovered from it.

"With Mr. Javier's affair to top that off, her condition worsened and caused her to take her own life in the end." Jonah chimed in, "That's possible too."

'But what did Mrs. Beckett's suicide have anything to do with the Dutton family's downfall?"

The baffled look remained in Alyssa's eyes. "Didn't the Duttons still have Mrs. Beckett's older brother to manage their family business?"

"That was because he got involved in a number of homicides."

"Hold up!"

As a criminal investigator, Cyrus' eyes lit up when he heard the word "homicides". He interrupted, "I think I've heard a senior of mine from the bureau mention that 30 years ago, the chairman from the Dutton family murdered two of his lovers overseas.

*After he returned to the country, he raped and murdered a young woman who was only 16 years of age. He even dismembered her body, then drove a luxurious sports car out to discard the parts. When he was arrested, not only was there absolutely no sign of terror or remorse on his face, he even smiled creepily at the cameras! *According to that senior of mine, throughout decades of his career arresting vicious criminals, that man from the Dutton family was probably the sickest of them all.'

"Yes. Mrs. Beckett's oldest brother was the one who committed all that."

Jonah let out an extended sigh. This topic made him feel uncomfortable physiologically and psychologically." After Mr. Dutton was imprisoned, there wasn't anyone who led Dutton Group. In the end, their competitor acquired them, and their corporation fell apart. That was how it ended."

Upon hearing that, an intense chill spread throughout Alyssa's chest. Through gritted teeth, she remarked in a rage, "What an animal!"

Outside the door, Sean hurried over with a lunch box in his hands.

He jumped in fright and almost dropped the lunch box onto the floor when he spotted Jasper standing motionless, like a statue, at the door.