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Zoe's back was to the entrance, so Jasper's gaze was fixed right on her.

"Jasper ..." she murmured, blushing red as she strode up to him.

Suddenly, a sensual scent, like the smell of roses, wafted in from around her, whispering of danger.

Someone walked past her, their heels clicking loudly against the floor. Zoe felt herself overcome by their

force of unwavering confidence.

Jasper stared sternly at Alyssa as she walked over to them. The latter was clad in a woman's suit, and her

fiery red lipstick made his heart leap at the sight.

A wave of intense gossip and hushed conversations swept through the crowd. It was impossible for

anyone not to have noticed her by this point.

Sophia and Betty were both left in shock by her sudden arrival.

"Hold on, I recognize her-she was featured in a magazine not too long ago. She's the daughter of

Winston Taylor, who happens to be the President of KS Group, and she also manages KS World Hotel!"

"Yeah! Her name is Alyssa Taylor!"

"Was she the one who had been involved with Jasper Beckett? One look at her, and you'd swoon!"

"She's like a modern-day Queen of Sheba. Just look at how regal and elegant she is,"

“I don’t know who you’re referring to. All I know is that she and Jasper Beckett complement each other

very well. They should seriously consider uniting their families through marriage!”

Jasper, who had been getting irritated listening to the gossip, relaxed upon hearing that last sentence. It

didn’t sound too bad.

Zoe was furious from the tips of her toes to the ends of her ears as Alyssa stole everyone’s attention

away from herself. What was even more infuriating was the passion and fervor in Jasper’s eyes as he

gazed at Alyssa.

Zoe couldn’t recall him ever looking so alive or eager toward another woman.

Was he still in love with Alyssa?

“I hope Mr. Jasper and Madam Ada can pardon my unannounced intrusion,” Alyssa greeted the two with

a smile.

She had opted to address Ada as “Madam” to show respect, particularly due to their age difference and the formality of the situation.

“Of course not, Ms. Alyssa.” Jasper could only nod in her direction. “I would’ve sent you an invitation if I had known you were joining us tonight.”

Alyssa’s smile didn’t reach her eyes. “No need to trouble yourself with that, Mr. Jasper. I have no intention of participating in your party tonight.”

That made Jasper’s expression fall just the slightest.

Behind him, Xavier was frantically texting the guards outside the hotel.

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“Don’t you even think about it! She is Winston Taylor’s daughter. Besides, she’s also someone whom Mr. Jasper cares for deeply. Do you want to get fired? Pay more attention to your surroundings and report any discrepancies to me immediately!”

“Oh my goodness!” Ada gasped suddenly. “Is that Alexa’s ‘Ragnarok’ that you’re wearing, Ms. Alyssa?”

“Yes, ma’am,” Alyssa acknowledged, gesturing toward her brooch. Amid their intense focus on her, the yellow diamond-studded, internationally award-winning piece in her breast pocket remained entirely

overlooked.

“Alexa’s ‘Ragnarok?’ The renowned and elusive jewelry designer, Alexa?”

“Haven’t you seen the news? This brooch is worth hundreds of thousands of dollars! A single ten-carat yellow diamond studded on it is worth over ten thousand. Every jewelry collector wants their hand on this

amazing piece!”

“She truly does present herself well as Belbanks’ richest heiress!”

“Not even Sophia Kirkman’s ‘Halcyon’ can compare. Forget it. No jewelry can even hold a candle to

Alexa’s creations!”

Sophia nearly bit her tongue in frustration.

Javier had gotten her this AAA, gem-grade sapphire pendant from an auction. It was the most exquisite

piece in her collection, and they were implying it couldn’t compare?

Sophia cursed and seethed at Liana and her family internally. If it weren’t for her having to help them clear

their debts, she wouldn’t have to endure this embarrassment tonight!

“I’ve been looking for ‘Ragnarok’ everywhere, Ms. Alyssa. I remember seeing it at an exhibition two years

ago. I had no idea it was in your possession!” Ada exclaimed with admiration in her tone.

Zoe felt like she might implode from anger. Her eyes were shooting daggers into Alyssa’s back.

She wasn’t sure what she should be more envious of: Alyssa’s earth-shattering beauty, the priceless and

highly sought-after jewelry piece designed by the internationally renowned jeweler, Alexa, that she was

wearing, or the fact that Jasper’s eyes hadn’t left her once since she arrived.

“I went through a tough time two years ago, so I figured buying a piece of art would better cheer me up,” Alyssa said lightly. “That’s when I saw this piece at the exhibition. I fell in love with it the moment I laid

eyes on it. It even lifted my spirits at the time. That’s why I decided to buy it.”

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Ada was left stunned. She was rendered speechless by a mixture of gratitude and awe.

For years, she had relentlessly pursued a piece of jewelry from Alexa, but her efforts had always come to

naught.

It was no surprise that she now felt an overwhelming sense of joy as Alyssa presented her with this

exquisite gift.

“N-no, no, I cannot accept this, Ms. Alyssa. It is far too precious of a gift,” Ada politely declined. She had

to keep her appearances up, after all.

“This brooch has been my solace during the darkest times of my life, soothing my wounded soul. I’ve since learned my lesson,” Alyssa said. “That’s why I want you to have this brooch as a blessing from me, in hopes that your endeavors come to fruition no matter what.”

Jasper winced, as if a bullet had pierced his heart. A shiver ran down his spine at Alyssa’s confession.

“Oh! Well then... I graciously accept your gift. Thank you, truly!” Ada carefully cradled the brooch in her

hands, her smile stretching wide.

Her image as a stoic, queenly actress was changed in that split second.

“Why?” Betty cried out to her mother. “Why does that bitch have the audacity to steal our spotlight? It’s just a stupid brooch. We could easily bestow upon her hundreds, if not more! Hurry and come up with a

way to make her leave, Mom!”

“Why bother?” Sophia sneered. “Alyssa jinxes everything she touches. I won’t waste my time humiliating

her when someone else can do it on my behalf.”

Betty grumbled internally, still upset.

In the past, Alyssa had been haunted by the fear that Jasper might not approve of her or react angrily,

which kept her in a constant state of apprehension concerning his moods.

However, following their divorce, it appeared that their dynamics had shifted. Had Alyssa displayed this

level of self-assuredness during their marriage, Liana might never have stood a chance!

“Ms. Alyssa Taylor!” Zoe exclaimed, marching up to her with an air of self-righteousness. “Aren’t you being

rather rude to the event organizers right now? Of all the evenings to present your gift to Ms. Ada, you

chose to crash the party tonight! Do you have no regard for this hotel whatsoever?”

Jasper’s eyes grew dark.

“Since when did gift-giving become a sign of disrespect?” Alyssa playfully chided. “You’ve underestimated Mr. Jasper’s prowess, miss.

“Besides, he hasn’t uttered a single word of complaint since my arrival, and he’s right here by my side. Aren’t you the one being a tad self-righteous right now, miss?”

Zoe was on the verge of exploding with anger, but she still had to keep herself in check.

side.

Alyssa sighed and told Ada, “I understand that I might not be the most welcomed presence here tonight, given my hotel’s rivalry with Berenike Hotel.

“Now that I’ve accomplished my goal for the evening, I’ll take my leave. May you all have a wonderful

evening.”

She turned to leave, but Ada quickly cried, “One moment, Ms. Alyssa.”

Ada approached Alyssa. “I’d like to discuss Alexa’s jewelry further with you, miss. Is now a good time?”

“Of course. KS World Hotel has prepared the finest selection of food and drink for your arrival, Madam

Ada. Shall we?”

The crowd was left stunned by the audacity of the act. Alyssa was openly pilfering from the Beckett

Group in full view of everyone!

Jasper was about to stop Ada when the woman turned to him with an apologetic smile. “I have some business to attend to, so I’m afraid I will have to leave your party earlier than expected. Please do enjoy

yourselves.”

What?

Was that all?

Ada truly lived up to her reputation for being upfront!

Alyssa turned to Jasper with a polite smile, although her eyes remained cold and uninviting. “I wouldn’t mind saving a seat for you, Mr. Jasper, if you’d like to join us?”

Jasper’s heart pounded against his chest, but before he could answer, Alyssa cut him off. “Oh, silly me. I should leave you to your guests tonight. Maybe next time, then.”

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Just like that, Alyssa and Ada left the hall, walking closely together as if they were lifelong friends.

An awkward and tense silence settled over the crowd.

Jasper silently watched as Alyssa left, fury slowly building in his chest. She had stolen his project last time, and now she had taken his guest.

Jasper thought that Alyssa Taylor was just like a thief, heiress or not. He instinctively clutched his chest, feeling an ache in his heart.

It seemed like something had also been taken away with Alyssa's departure.

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The paparazzi were still relentless, camped outside the main entrance of the Berenike Hotel.

They should have dispersed by now, assuming that Ada had checked into the presidential suite and retired for the night. However, the number of paparazzi showed no sign of diminishing.

Sean had secretly tipped them off, claiming that something big would happen tonight.

"Why on earth are we here freezing our backsides off? What kind of major news could possibly be unfolding?"

"Perhaps KS World Hotel refuses to surrender and is making a last-ditch effort to turn the tide in their favor."

"It's a tough battle. This is Solana City, not Belbanks. They can't expect to win against the Beckett family on their home turf. Alyssa Taylor could never outsmart Jasper Beckett."

"You might be right about that! That man might be down in luck when it comes to love, but he's always the victor when it

comes to business!"

Just then, the blaring of a car horn broke through everyone's speculations.

The paparazzi watched as a dark green Rolls Royce glided to a stop at the hotel entrance, its Spirit of Ecstasy gleaming in the light.

Thinking that it was probably some other influential individual, the paparazzi instantly started taking pictures. When the door opened, Sean stepped out, much to the crowd's dismay.

He was hot, but hot wouldn't make the headlines!

"It's Ada! Ada Kingsley is coming outside!" someone cried all of a sudden. The crowd's attention immediately shifted back to the hotel entrance.

Sean had already opened the car door, waiting patiently for the two women to come out.

The venue was bathed in blinding white flashes as the paparazzi erupted into a frenzy, capturing every moment as Alyssa and Ada emerged.

"What is going on? Did Ada leave on her own, or did Alyssa persuade her?"

"Jasper Beckett is in for a major humiliation!"

"This is going to make headlines for sure! Hurry up and swap the film!"

Everyone's attention had successfully shifted to Alyssa, including the netizens'. The hottest hashtag on social media went from #AdaKingsleyatBerenike to #AlyssaTaylorNAdaKingsley.

While Sean helped Alyssa into the car, a reporter asked a question.

"Ms. Alyssa! Are you intentionally provoking the Beckett Group by taking Mr. Jasper Beckett's guest of honor for tonight? Isn't this unprofessional?"

Alyssa turned slowly to face that reporter, shooting him a look that made him break into a nervous sweat.

"Can't I invite Madam Ada to dinner with me just because she has decided to stay at the Berenike Hotel during her visit to the city?"

She nearly scoffed, adding, "Not even Mr. Jasper said anything about my gesture. Who are you to do so? Doesn't your assumption portray him as too narrow-minded?"

With that, she entered the car. It left before anyone else could react to what just happened.



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The party at Berenike Hotel continued, though it had lost a significant amount of its enthusiasm with the departure of their guest of honor.

Zoe had longed to show off in front of Ada to feed her unbelievably swollen ego. But now that the

celebrity was gone, all her hard work and planning had gone down the drain—all because of that sneaky

bitch Alyssa.

Jasper stood in the hallway, watching the green Rolls Royce drive away in the dark of the night. His posture was rigid and stoic, and the air around him seemed to go down a few degrees.

“This might not sound very nice, Mr. Jasper, but I believe we’ve been played the fool again,” Xavier

reported shakily.

He continued, “Everyone online is focused on Alyssa and her hotel, leaving ours in the dust. Even Mr.

Javier has caught wind of it.

“Berenike Hotel’s reputation is facing serious scrutiny, with some malicious comments questioning

whether our standards of hospitality have declined ...”

Xavier was practically drenched in cold sweat by now. They should have known Alyssa would have taken

action and prepared for the worst. That had always been her style, after all. She never left any chance for

her enemies to make a comeback.

Jasper gazed into the distance, asking hoarsely, "I thought she was 'Madam?'"

Xavier flinched, frightened. "She's 'Madam' when she doesn't do stuff like this... When she does, well ... ' "

Ms. Alyssa' will do."

"You can call her whatever you please," came the response. "I'm not too angry, really. She's always been

like this, no?"

Xavier was surprised by his boss' relatively calm reaction. He remembered how Jasper used to seethe

with anger and frustration whenever Alyssa managed to outmaneuver him.

Xavier couldn't help but wonder if Jasper had gotten used to it.

"What I'm wondering is how Alyssa managed to bypass the security measures. Every guest tonight

required a personal invitation to enter, and the security has remained steadfast without fail."

"Well... apparently, there was a CCTV malfunction shortly before her arrival. We suspect it might have

been the work of a hacker or some sort of virus, considering the systems had just undergone

maintenance two days ago."

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Upon hearing the word "hacker," Jasper's mind raced with possibilities. Was hacking another skill Alyssa possessed? Or could it be one of her troublesome brothers at play?

“Jasper,” a sickly, sweet voice called out, interrupting Jasper’s thoughts. It was Zoe.

Jasper scowled just the slightest. He had no patience for her whatsoever. He didn’t even turn to look at

her.

“Alyssa Taylor was too rude! How could she bring Ada Kingsley away just like that? She’s practically humiliating you in front of everyone!” Zoe exclaimed, stomping her feet angrily.

Her assumption was that men cared deeply about their pride and public image, especially someone as esteemed as Jasper. Therefore, she was doing her best to appeal to him in this manner.

However, what he said next left her pale with trepidation.

“You’ve never met her, so you wouldn’t know. This is how she has always been.”

“W-What? What are you s-

“But I don’t mind.” Jasper glanced coldly at Zoe, a hint of anger in his tone.

“But you, Ms. Harper, crossed

the line tonight.”.

How he referred to her as “Ms. Harper” hit Zoe like a bolt of lightning.

They... A gap had formed between them, even after all these years...

Was he intent on putting up this unbreakable wall between them now?

“My family’s company had organized this event, and I’m the company’s representative this evening. There was no justification for you to speak up on our behalf before Alyssa.”

“But I was only trying to help you!” Zoe’s voice had gotten so high-pitched that she sounded like a cartoon

character.

She clung to Jasper's arm, exclaiming, "Should I have simply let her have her way? To let her steal your guest of honor and humiliate you in front of everyone? She's far too conceited and arrogant. You can't let this stand just because you two used to be married!"

In a split second, Zoe realized her blunder.

Jasper arched an eyebrow, his gaze icy and piercing. "My marital status was no big secret, but I have never revealed who I was married to. Who told you Alyssa was my wife?"

"It... Landon told me!" Zoe quickly lied.

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"Betty told you, didn't she?"

Zoe remained silent, her lip bitten raw.



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