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The police found the kidnappers' base while the livestream was still in progress.

Numerous police cars surrounded the old manor. Red and blue lights flashed in the ominous darkness while the piercing sirens broke the stillness of the night.

Zoe, who was as resilient as a cockroach, roused herself before Betty, who remained unconscious on the ground.

Zoe was scared out of her wits when she heard the police sirens. She was about to escape when a few familiar figures barged into her line of sight.

"Lauren!" Landon was the first to rush forward. In the midst of his anguish, a ray of hope appeared within his crimson, tear-filled eyes.

Landon had always been fearless. Despite knowing full well that there were cold-blooded mercenaries on Shelland Island who would not hesitate to kill, he accompanied Jasper there without hesitation.

But right now, his face was as white as a sheet. With shaky steps, he stumbled his way through the room.

The living room offered a grim tableau—Betty and her gang of bullies lay sprawled and unconscious across the room. The room was not very big, yet Lauren was nowhere to be found.

Jasper and Alyssa tore through the remaining rooms, their shouts of Lauren's name swallowed by echoing silence—no answer. At this point, Cyrus rushed into the room with two other colleagues.

"We've searched the entire manor and surrounding areas. Lauren is not here!"

"What about Angelina?" Alyssa's beautiful face was beaded with sweat.

"We can't reach her! But the Technical Department is tracking her phone!"

Jasper's heart sank. "Lyse, you said that Preston set up this trap. Were Zoe and those rats just a distraction so that he could take Lauren and Angelina somewhere?"

Alyssa's throat tightened as stifling fear gripped her. Zoe realized that there was no escaping. Her legs turned to jelly, and she trembled like a leaf.

Zoe remained oblivious to the consequences that awaited her, unaware that her earlier actions had come to light. She put on a scared and pitiful face before crawling to Landon's side, crying out in fake anguish.

"Landon! You're here! Are you here to save me? Preston kidnapped me, and he even tried to lay his hands on me—ah!"

A bloodcurdling scream tore from Zoe's throat before she could finish her words. Murderous fury blazed in Landon's eyes. With a powerful kick, he launched Zoe flying, like a ragdoll.

The others barely registered the blur that zipped past them before a heavy thud echoed through the room. Zoe slammed into the wall, then crumpled to the ground in a heap.

Agroan escaped her lips as her body spasmed, and a spray of crimson splattered the floor as she spat out a mouthful of blood.

Landon ignored her whimpers. He stalked toward her with menacing strides and began kicking her stomach with all his might. He held back no mercy. His intent was clear—he wanted her dead.

Pain seared through Zoe. Robbed of any sound, she writhed on the floor, her worst self on full display for her former classmates and lover.

Usually, Jasper would intervene to stop Landon, but this time, he stood to the side, his cold gaze fixed on the scene until before him. He wanted to do everything Landon was doing now. However, if he were Landon, Zoe would be dead. The content is on [Read the latest chapter there!](#)

Though Jasper harbored the same desire for vengeance, he refused to let hatred override his Cationalty He wouldn't become a murderer, nor would he allow Landon to cross that line. The content is on [Read the latest chapter there!](#)

"Landon, stop! You'll be charged if she dies!" Cyrus, wien Ceyene of reasoy, intervned. ink about Lbuldn. Do you want to live apart from her forever?" The content is on [Read the latest chapter there!](#)

Landon's eyes burned with a terrifying madness. He shoved Cyrus aside, grabbed Zoe's hair, and yanked her limp form off the ground. "Where's Lauren? Tell me!"

Blood filled her mouth, choking her words. Still clinging to her lies, she rasped, "I... don't... know... Landon... it. wasn't me."

"Why are you still lying, Zoe?"

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Alyssa trembled with anger and tears in her eyes as she roared, "From the moment you stepped into this manor, every move you made was being recorded by hidden cameras and live streamed. The entire country has witnessed your crimes. Preston has tricked you from the start, yet you continue to hide the truth! Will you wait until it is too late to face reality?"

Zoe was stunned, her mouth agape, blood staining her lips. "I-1 know! | know!" Mason, the most cowardly among them, realized he was less powerful compared to the others.

Crawling to Jasper's feet with his incapacitated limbs like a wounded sea lion, he said, "Two men came and took Lauren and the other woman away! Zoe even addressed one of the men as 'Mr. Carsen,' but he ignored her completely!

"Mr. Jasper, Mr. Landon! Zoe tricked us into coming here! She threatened us—if we didn't beat Lauren up, she would kill us all! We were coerced into this—ah!"

Jasper's cold glare bore into Mason as he kicked him in the face. "How dare you call Lauren by her first name?" Mason wept, his front teeth shattered.

"Zoe has been bullying Lauren since high school! She manipulated us all!" The man in the blue suit cried along as well. "Zoe! Weren't you wondering who had betrayed you? It was me!"

The woman in the red dress abandoned all pretenses and revealed herself. "I have been hating your arrogant, bossy attitude for a long time! You always used us to bully Lauren, but you never treated us as equals!"

People would turn against the mighty when they lost their power. Freddy, who was lying in the corner, also wanted to speak up. But his tongue had been severed, so he couldn't speak.

However, Jasper would never let Freddy, who had tried to rape Lauren, go unpunished. He walked over to Freddy and delivered a powerful kick at the latter's nether regions.

Achoked "Uh!" was all Freddy's severed tongue could manage before his body stiffened. He fainted from the pain. The kick most likely also neutered him. Alyssa's gaze was brimming with hatred. "It was Preston's men. Cyrus, we must quickly capture Preston!"

"We've already issued orders to arrest him. All ports, train stations, and airports have been locked down. He won't escape us!" Cyrus tightened his fist, his knuckles cracking under the pressure. As the chief police officer, he had no choice but to rein in his anger.

"Haha... Hahaha!"

Nobody noticed when Betty woke up with a significant bump on her head. Laughing hysterically like a maniac, she pointed at Zoe. "Zoe, you played me for so long and even messed up my life. Now, karma's serving you!"

Alyssa walked over and slapped her twice. "Who sent you back here? Speak!" "Haha... I wouldn't tell you even on my deathbed, bitch!" Betty chuckled. "Do you think you could escape by coming back here? Returning here will only make your situation even worse!"

"It's no big deal. What do I have to be afraid of now that I have been infected with a variety of diseases? Zoe drank my blood, so she will be infected as well! Lauren bit Zoe, which means she will be next.

"Hahaha! They all have AIDS! Jasper, all of your plotting and scheming have dragged your dearest sister down! It's all your fault! Hahaha!"

Alyssa looked coldly at Betty and scoffed. It was almost impossible to transmit AIDS using this method because the virus would struggle to survive in the

digestive tract. Nevertheless, she wouldn't correct Betty. It was better to let her live in her delusions of success and let Zoe live in fear of her mortality. The content is on [Read the latest chapter there!](#)

This was payback for their crimes! "Zoe, for every kick you landed on my wife, I will return to you in full!"

Landon slammed Zoe back to the ground, his scorching hatred burping him from the ingidealtantt torturing his, heart' 'Even if you died a million times, it wouldn't be enough to repay Lauren!" The content is on [Read the latest chapter there!](#)

Suddenly, his phone rang. Landon stared at the name on the screen, his eyes widening. It was Preston.

Shakily, he pressed the phone to his ear; a voice laced with chilling amusement slithered (romaHe mM speakeINi@ntion, as your uncle, I never really doted on you. This is my last gift to you, my nephew. Do you like it?" The content is on [Read the latest chapter there!](#)

Everyone held their breath. The cops are already tracing the call. "This is between us. Don't even think about hurting Lauren and Angelina," Landon's voice cracked. "I've sent you the address. Come find me."

Preston chuckled sinisterly. "We need to end things—as uncle and nephew."

Chapter 1903

Preston laid out two demands in his ransom call—no guns and Landon had to come alone. "Jasper, Lyse, and Cyrus," Landon said. "You guys handle the situation here. I'll go meet Preston." Without a second thought, Landon turned and headed for the door.

"Landon!" Jasper cried out, his heart hammering in his chest. He lunged forward and grabbed Landon's arm. "This is Preston's trap! He might kill you; you cannot go alone!"

"I know he wants to kill me," Landon said with a humorless smile that quickly twisted into a grimace. It was a sight that tugged at the others' hearts.

"Landon, we'll go with you!" Alyssa declared with determination in her gaze. "We can stay hidden and wait for an opening. That way, we can save Lauren and Angelina for sure!"

Landon shook his head. "Lyse, thank you, but I can't take that risk. If giving up my life means Lauren and Angelina can come back safely, then that's a price I'm willing to pay."

Alyssa's eyes welled with tears, and Jasper's heart sank further.

"Landon," Cyrus said, approaching him with a determined glint in his eyes. He opened his hand, revealing a tiny camera. "Take this. It'll allow you to stay in contact with the police. I'll handle things here."

Landon's lips trembled slightly as he took the camera. "Thank you," he rasped.

"Whether it's you, Lauren, or Angelina, you must all come back safe and alive." Cyrus took a deep breath, his small smile offering a warmth that felt like a hug. "Lyse and Jasper aren't the only ones worrying and waiting for you. Count me in, my friend!"

Landon was slightly taken aback. Then, he smiled and patted Cyrus' shoulders heavily.

It was nearly dawn, and a sliver of the moon cast a faint, silvery glow across the starless night sky, deepening the chill and loneliness.

Tires screeched against the asphalt as the sports car drifted steadily into the parking lot, coming to a stop in the middle. Landon's eyes fell on a half-built commercial building that belonged to one of Harper Group's businesses.

This project was originally under Preston's responsibility. However, since Cornelius kicked him out of Harper Group, it naturally fell into Landon's hands.

Landon walked toward the entrance with purpose and conviction, his steps steady and strong. No matter the cost, he was determined to bring Lauren back to his side. Without her, life held little meaning. He pushed the heavy door and strode in, his expression gloomy and cold.

There was no one in the hall. Just then, Preston's message came through. It read, "Come to the fifth floor, the swimming pool. You can choose to climb the stairs or take the elevator."

Landon found the last sentence suspicious. In a split-second decision, he opted to take the stairs for safety. Quickening his pace, he sprinted upward.

But he barely reached the second floor when the sound of multiple footsteps echoed fret belting mM Whipping SPoUnd, Landon's eyes widened as he twisted his body, narrowly dodging two knives aimed at him with deadly intent. The content is on [Read the latest chapter there!](#)

More attackers followed, lunging at him with knives drawn.

Engaged in a ferocious fight, Landon's instincts kicked in. Seizing a long knife from anette eT ants, he wiel dt skillfully, slicing through the crowd as if they were mere vegetables. The content is on [Read the latest chapter there!](#)

One by one, the attackers fell, blood pooling on the floor and limbs scattered around.

However, Landon wasn't unscathed. His arm was wounded, and his black coat was torn teshteds) He-tore off a pleca o ISth 'to tightly wrap around his wrist, securing his grip on the weapon. The content is on [Read the latest chapter there!](#)

But the fight was far from over. Another wave of attackers surged forward, relentless in their assault.

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Aware that this was an added challenge by Preston, Landon abandoned the fight and sprinted for the elevator a dozen feet away.

He frantically hammered the elevator button. A few seconds later, the door creaked open slowly. To his dismay, inside the elevator stood five attackers, each wielding sharp blades.

Preston was relaxing in a pool lounger, smoking his favorite cigar brand. He played his favorite clubbing music from his phone, which was already out of style.

Every few minutes, he would look at his watch. Then he would smack his lips with satisfaction and continue to rest his eyes. After 20 minutes, the elevator facing the entrance to the pool slid open with a ding. Preston's eyelids fluttered open a fraction before a jolt of awareness sent them springing wide.

He watched as Landon stepped over the bodies beneath him with heavy but determined footsteps. He slowly made his way to the pool, as if he were the God of War, returning triumphantly after a bloody battle.

Landon's icy, handsome features were smeared with blood. His white button-up shirt was stained a vivid red.

"Huh... You're quite something, you little brat," Preston muttered, taking a heavy puff of his cigar, a growing sense of respect for Landon evident in his eyes.

He hadn't expected Landon to emerge from the elevator alive.

In his younger days, Cornelius had been a formidable figure, striking terror into the hearts of many. And now, Landon displayed traces of that same awe-inspiring presence.

Despite appearing pale and feeling cold, Landon's glare at Preston was intense as the former entered the pool area. Multiple cuts adorned his body, and the wound on his arm was still bleeding.

He came close to dying in the elevator. Only because of his love for Lauren and concern for Angelina was he able to stand up to the deadly blades.

"My dearest nephew, you've done well." Preston gave him a thumbs up. "Lauren and Angelina, where are they?" Landon breathed heavily as the sweat dripping down his face washed away the blood.

"Now that you're here, what's the rush? Let's have a heart-to-heart as uncle and nephew," Preston said, turning off his music with a mysterious smile. "Especially since we'll never have this chance again."

"Did you kill my father and grandfather?"

"Of course," Preston replied, his smile unchanged. "~Why—"

"Because they stood in the way of what | wanted."

"What you wanted? Preston, you're shameless and delusional." Landon's words were sharp, his gaze piercing. "Harper Group was never yours. My grandfather worked hard to build it, and Harper Group earned the prestigious title of being one of the Big Four thanks to my father's tireless efforts. Our achievements today have nothing to do with you!"

"No, no, no." Preston wagged his finger. "What is mine belongs to me." The content is on [Read the latest chapter there!](#)

He was a true psychopath!

"Landon, when you were young, I quite liked you. You were a sweet, chubby little thing, Kevin had you in my arms." Preston reminisced. "It's such a shame that you are my brother's son. If you were mine, I would give you the world." The content is on [Read the latest chapter there!](#)

"You want to become my father? Not in your wildest dreams!" Landon scoffed bitterly. "It is not so great that you have this body. After all, you're infertile. God is truly fair; your infertility is a fitting punishment from a just world. It's just nature's way of sparing your offspring from your cruelty." The content is on [Read the latest chapter there!](#)

Preston's smile faded, replaced by a darker gaze. "If you want my life, I am right here. Let Lauren and Angelina go, and I'll play with you for a while." Landon's gaze was cold. "You really are my brother's son. You've got balls!"

Preston then hollered, "Frank, let the two ladies come out!"

Chapter 1905

"Mr. Landon!" Angelina shrieked in pain from above him.

Landon looked up in dread, and his pupils dilated in shock. Angelina, hands tied, stood dangerously near the edge of the 32-foot-tall diving platform at the swimming pool, with Frank pointing a gun at her head.

The height of the springboard was alarming, as the pool was dry.

"Angie!" Landon's blood-stained white shirt was drenched in sweat. He took two steps forward but was forced back when Frank pointed the gun at him.

"I'm sorry, Mr. Landon..." Tears brimming, Angelina choked on her emotions.

Landon cast a deep look at her. "No. You've never wronged me or owed anyone anything. Angie, it was my fault that you got into this situation. I should be apologizing to you instead."

His words sent a sharp pain through her chest. She had experienced highs and lows over her years of working for Landon. Nothing fazed her, except for his apology.

"Where's Lauren?" Landon's desperate tone echoed throughout the pool area.

Upon hearing that, Preston lazily picked up a remote control and pressed a button. A deafening sound rumbled to the left side, which was currently in complete darkness.

Landon vigilantly looked in that direction. He saw a trolley slowly coming into sight, carrying a massive glass tank. With a clanking sound, the trolley's wheels tucked away, and the carefully designed tank landed in the designated location.

Through the glass, one could see an unconscious Lauren chained vertically in the tank. Her white dress was filthy and bloodied, making her appear like a ragged doll on display after being carelessly toyed with.

"Madam!" Angelina's tears streamed down her cheeks.

"Lauren!" Landon growled in resentment, nearly losing his mind. He dashed to the tank and pummeled his fists against the thick glass. No matter how he kicked and elbowed the surface, the solid glass showed no signs of cracking. Lauren remained unconscious inside the tank.

"Stop screaming. The glass has great soundproofing qualities. She can't hear a thing in there." Preston, fiddling with the remote control in his hand, added, "She's fainted for a bit. I think it'll take her a while to come around after all the beating and torment she suffered. Tsk tsk. They really didn't go easy on her."

"Landon Harper, you should have thanked me. Without me, you wouldn't have learned the truth about what your sister had done behind your back. You wouldn't have known that your pretty wife had been bullied mercilessly by Zoe since middle school.

"You also wouldn't have known that Freddy decided to marry Lauren under Zoe's instructions. That brat had been eyeing Lauren from a young age, hoping to defile her. They all contributed to her worsening condition.

"The sister you doted on for years was revealed to be the mastermind behind the suffering you've

is ; HahahaN sadon, | bet you're deep in regret now. Do you find your action laughable? You probably want to kill yourself over it." The content is on [Read the latest chapter there!](#)

Landon nearly died from the excruciating mental pain. At that moment, everything finally fell into place. Finally, he understood why Ubuten recoiled in Zoe's presence and the truth behind her long absence from school. He also wrapped his mind around her odd mumbling when she had nightmares. The content is on [Read the latest chapter there!](#)

He had prided himself on being the man who loved Lauren the most, but he had never seemed to grasp her inner world which was falling apart. He had never truly saved her from her nightmare. The content is on [Read the latest chapter there!](#)

A regretful teardrop escaped from the corner of his eye. Still, he tried his best to keep his emotions in check in order to negotiate with Preston, the devil.

"Preston Harper, all you want is to get back at me. Let go of Lauren and Angie, and you can do anything you want to me."

Preston chuckled wildly when he heard the suggestion. "Landon Harper, you're not worth as much as you like to believe. As a businessman, | do not engage in loss-making deals.

"Choose one between the two. You can only exchange one life with yours. Whoever gets to live, it all depends on your choice."

Chapter 1906

Without hesitation, Landon yelled in a hoarse voice, "I'll never make a pick! I want to save both of them!"

"Landon Harper, are you trying to get your hands on both of them?" Cackling manically, Preston turned to face Angelina, who was held on the springboard. "Angelina, your hard work and loyalty are worth it. Look! He's keen to make you his mistress!"

"You bastard! Vile son of a bitch! You'd better shut your fucking mouth!" Angelina bellowed at Preston. "If you want revenge, take my life! Release Madam!"

"Stay still!" Frank jabbed the back of her head with the muzzle of the gun. "Tsk tsk. She's a feisty bitch." Preston shook his head.

Even as pain seeped through every part of Angelina's body, she remained fueled by rage. She yelled at Landon, "Mr. Landon, don't mind me! Save Madam—you must save her!"

"I want both!" His eyes took on a murderous look as he reiterated his stance with determination.

"Landon, you own a lot. Stop being greedy. You can't have your cake and eat it," Preston said flatly with a ruthless look in his eyes. "If I can't have my two arms, you don't get to enjoy two ladies. It's unfair to me, don't you think?"

"Let go of Lauren and Angie, and I'll agree to whatever conditions you set." Landon refused to back off. "I can offer you anything —money, stocks, or even the company!"

"Look at you! You should have come around earlier. Alas, it's too late." Preston stopped smiling. "Since you cannot come to a decision, I shall help you make a pick."

Then, he pressed another button on the remote control. A hole opened up in the bottom of the tank, and water started bubbling out of it.

Since Lauren was chained up in a kneeling position, it wasn't long before the water reached her calves.

Landon felt as if someone had stabbed him in the chest. Growling, he tried to throw himself against the glass, even cutting it with a blade, but nothing worked.

"Stop wasting your energy. I specifically had this tank made for Ms. Lauren. It's made of bulletproof glass, and it's pretty airtight too." Preston looked gleeful at Landon's wretched state.

"Preston, I'm going to kill you!" Landon charged at Preston without a care about his life. Preston immediately grabbed his gun and shot the ground near Landon three times.

"Mr. Landon, don't go over!" Angelina's heart leaped into her throat.

Panting heavily, Landon turned toward the glass tank, and his heart pounded wildly when he found the water had reached Lauren's thigh.

"It takes only 10 minutes to fill the tank with water. A human can only survive three minutes under water | eeu willjtaké Med than that for Yauren because she's unconscious and does not exhibit survival instinct." Pointing the gun at Landon, Preston laughed so hard that he trembled. The content is on [Read the latest chapter there!](#)

Preston continued, "To be honest, I hope you'll pick Angelina because I dream of seeing Ms. Layrea O a8) drown in the tank | specially designed for her. That will be such a tragic but beautiful sight, don't you think?" The content is on [Read the latest chapter there!](#)

The water kept bubbling from the hole, and it had filled the tank up to Lauren's chest. Time ticked by. Landon stood in front of the tank

pushing against the glass in agony as he called out to Lauren. Even at this moment, he refused to make his pick. He would have gladly died if he could save both Lauren and Angelina, but he couldn't possibly choose to save one of the two. The content is on [Read the latest chapter there!](#)

All of a sudden, they heard a dull noise that shook the building. One of Preston's men rushed in in panic. "M-Mr. Preston, the police have surrounded the area! They're coming in!"

"What are you afraid of? We have enough ammunition and hand grenades. It will take the police a while to get to us."

Chapter 1907

Surprisingly, Preston had the time to laugh at the situation. He quipped, "I'm afraid time is running out for someone here, though. My dearest nephew, haven't you made your choice?"

The water in the glass tank had reached Lauren's chest.

"Mr. Landon!" Angelina urged him in a quivering voice. Their worried eyes met, and time and space seemed to come to a stop. He remembered saying to her, "Angie, come work for me."

She had once said to him, "Mr. Landon, I will stay loyal to you no matter the circumstance."

At that moment, she smiled at Landon through tears as she recalled their first encounter. The mirage of the teenage boy who made her heart flutter overlapped with Landon's handsome figure.

"I do not want you to hesitate. No matter what happens, always choose Madam," she gently muttered a heartfelt remark to Landon that sounded like a grand and touching farewell.

She added, "You and Madam must live happily forever after." "No—" In a split second, Landon seemed to have understood something. His heart nearly stopped.

Angelina had turned around without warning and shoved Frank onto the ground. Three gunshots rang in the air, followed by his blood-curdling scream.

The two of them leaped into the air and wrestled with each other. After a few flips in the air, they landed hard in the empty pool. "Angie!" The water stopped flowing into the glass tank at the same time.

Landon, dragging his limp and trembling body to the pool, jumped into it. In a trance, he scooped Angelina's body out of the pool of blood and hugged her tightly.

"Angie... Angie..." He sobbed uncontrollably as he repeatedly called her name.

"Mr. Landon, I'm here." Unfortunately, he would never get to hear her reply again.

"Aw, what a touching moment between master and servant. I'm so moved." Preston faked a bitter sigh. "See, my nephew? I'm a man of my word. I told you to pick one out of two and—"

Halfway through Preston's gloating, he saw the grieving Landon grabbing Frank's gun from the ground and repeatedly firing shots at him.

Preston was shot in his thigh. The second shot knocked the gun out of his hand.

Kneeling on the floor, he grimaced and tried to pick up his gun. However, Landon had jumped onto the platform and rode on him before shooting him in the left shoulder.

At this point, Landon had one bullet left. He pointed the muzzle at Preston's forehead. Landon was mortified when he saw the water in the tank rising and reaching Lauren's neck. "Stop it! Make it stop!" he yelled, nearly losing his mind.

"I won't stop! It was never my plan

to stop the water from filling the tank.

It was just to fool you. Chluffirtg shy ppffinghresten flashed an evil grin

at Landon. "I never planned to live

anyway. All I wanted was for you and

the people you love to die. The

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"Anyway, your little servant did not die in vain. Had she not bought some time, Ms. Lauren would have died minutes ago."

The tank was filled with water at that moment. Lauren, still unconscious, bobbed in the water. Her dark hair floated and moved like seaweed in the water, creating a hauntingly beautiful scene. The content is on [Read the latest chapter there!](#)

Landon picked up the gun and yelled as he shot at the glass. He had run out of bullets, yet the glass remained intact.

It was at that precise moment that Preston haltingly scrambled a fram the ground and painted. gurvaf the backlof!\ Gdon's head. He sneered. "Time to reunite with your dad in the afterlife, you bastard!" The content is on [Read the latest chapter there!](#)

Chapter 1908

Agunshot echoed in the pool area. However, it was Preston who fell lifelessly onto the ground after being shot.

The special forces flooded the pool area, firing two shots from their laser guns at the bulletproof glass. The tank instantly shattered into pieces as water gushed out.

Two members of the police sacrificed their lives in the rescue operation.

It turned out that Preston had been colluding with underground forces to smuggle military artillery using his power as the executive director of Harper Group. Since he possessed heavy artillery, it made the rescue operation more challenging.

Thankfully, the micro camera that Landon carried with him recorded the gory and ruthless battle. Thanks to him, Cyrus managed to equip his men with advanced weapons to break the tank and save the hostage.

However, Lauren was on the brink of death when she was sent to the ICU. Her pulse was weak, and she was in critical condition after drowning and suffering organ injuries from the beatings.

Nearly everyone from the Taylor and Beckett families showed up at the hospital, crowding the corridor outside the ER. Newton, deep in grief, wept at the hospital. He would have collapsed if not for Javier's and Ben's support.

Mandy, Lyla, Silas, Tatiana, and Sean were present too. Only Colene, who had been keeping Winston company abroad all year, was absent. Mandy sobbed uncontrollably as though it was her daughter who got shot.

Landon should have been recuperating at the hospital due to the severe injuries he had sustained. However, instead of doing so, he went to the police

station with Cyrus to cooperate with the investigation and to identify the bodies.

Lauren's abduction and Cornelius' and Angelina's deaths rocked the Harper Group. He did not have the luxury to take a breather because the company would fall apart for real.

Alyssa and Jasper did not go to the hospital. Instead, they waited at the police station the entire day without eating or drinking.

During the wait, Jasper helped Landon deal with the aftermath of the abduction. He helped to share the burden of warding off external attacks and controlling the public discourse. Thanks to his help, the situation soon stabilized.

Meanwhile, Alyssa was busy calling up Jonah, Silas, and Cyrus to take action against the scoundrel, Freddy Hodgson, and those who backed him.

"Lyse, Dad heard about Lauren," Jonah revealed with pain in his voice. "Dad wanted Landon to ask for help whenever he needed it. Dad will provide support if the Harper Group is struggling in any way.

"By the way, Dad is concerned about his future daughter-in-law. How's Lauren? Is she awake?"

"Pfft. Winston is as hilarious as usual." Rubbing her eyes that were red from crying, Alyssa replied, "Tell him not to worry. Lauren isn't his daughter-in-law; she's Landon's wife. It's time he looked for another candidate.

"Lauren is unconscious, but I'm sure she'll pull through."

Jonah remarked, "Julien and I have bought the flight tickets to Solana City. We'll be boarding in two hours. According to Julien, a drowning event might increase the risk of anoxic brain damage. As a neurosurgeon, he would like to check on Lauren."

"Say thanks to Julien for me." "Lyse, cheer up. Everything will be alright."

After Jasper was done with his work, he returned to Alyssa's side and pulled her into a supportive hug. "Did you talk to Jonah?" he inquired softly, his sleeve dampened by her tears. The content is on [Read the latest chapter there!](#)

"Yeah," she replied weakly.

"It's all over now. It's all over." He sounded Deets mM hi selfiottathink about the heartbreaking details. The content is on [Read the latest chapter there!](#)

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Landon showed up, looking broken and forlorn. His healthy hair had grayed considerably.

"Landon..." Jasper teared up as his chest filled with pain. It really seemed that stress could age someone overnight.

Chapter 1909

The chill that permeated the morgue was a constant reminder of the chasm between the world of the living and the dead. Standing in the shadows of the entrance, Alyssa and Jasper allowed Landon to say his final farewell to Angelina.

Angelina's lifeless face looked as pretty as ever. Covered with a white cloth, she seemed to be sleeping peacefully with a smile. It was as if she was in the middle of a lovely dream she would never wake up from.

Hanging his head, Landon grappled with waves of fury that threatened to crush and suffocate him. Gulping, he gently traced her lovely profile with trembling fingers. One thing bothered him—why was she smiling when she died?

She took a shot to the stomach and fell from a high place. Her bones were crushed upon impact, which felt painful just from the sound of it.

Was she not afraid of the pain, like any ordinary young woman?

"You look pretty when you smile. Why didn't you smile more when you were still around?" Landon mumbled in all seriousness. It was as if he was demanding an answer from the lifeless body before him.

"Angie, please smile for me once more." "Angie, please wait for me at the door when I come home." "Angie, I want to hear you calling me 'Mr. Landon.'"

Alyssa covered her face because she could not hold back her emotions. She cried silently in Jasper's arms.

He held her trembling shoulders and rested his chin on top of her head. He opened his mouth to speak, but he couldn't muster anything.

At that time, they heard footsteps approaching. Cyrus entered the morgue with a small box. The couple got the hint and made way for him.

"Landon, my condolences." Standing behind Landon's grieving figure, Cyrus whispered, "I've gathered Angelina's personal belongings. Bring them with you when you leave."

Landon turned around, and his blood froze when he saw the box. Most young women would bring makeup items when they went out, but Angelina brought nothing of that sort, only keeping a phone and a dagger on her to protect Landon and Lauren.

Lowering his gaze, Landon took out the blood-stained lucky charm from the box as his lips quivered. The cold touch seeped into his palm, through his chest, and across his rigid body.

He had gifted Angelina that lucky charm as protection. It wasn't until this moment that he realized that Angelina herself was the lucky charm who'd sacrificed herself to protect him and Lauren.

Cornelius' and Angelina's deaths, the volatile stock price of Harper Group, and the action to be taken against Zoe weighed heavily on Landon.

Thankfully, he had the help of Alyssa and Jasper to resolve the challenges on time.

Under Xavier's and Sean's leadership, the PR departments of the KS Group and Harper Group managed to remove all videos related to the tragedy overnight.

Alyssa and Jasper had made the decision out of consideration for, Lauren. The laskthiiva (Hey'wanted was fori (ten to be triggered by the videos when she regained consciousness. The content is on [Read the latest chapter there!](#)

Nonetheless, they did not keep the public discourse under control, as they wanted to take advantage of the public's wrath to hold the perpetrators culpable.

Anetizen confessed, "| am an alumnus of Lauren Beckett's middle school. The group of bullies led by Zoe Harper had bullied Lauren throughout middle school.

"| was too much of a coward to report the bullying. Today, however, | wish to speak up for Ladrety Beckett. Faris on provide my testimony against Zoe and that bastard Freddy Hodgson. They totally deserve it!" The content is on [Read the latest chapter there!](#)

"I am an alumnus too! | can testify!"

"Zoe Harper was a big bully in high school too! | once witnessed her slap a girl multiple times, all because her victim accidentally stepped on her new shoes!"

"Is no one talking about Freddy Hodgson, that pervert? He should be arrested for sexual assault and abduction-aggravated assault. Throw him behind bars!"

"How dare Orlander Hodgson think of running for mayor after. what Aiggson has do 2. He should be glad that he did suffer anything worse because of the scandal." The content is on [Read the latest chapter there!](#)

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"| heard that a few hundred citizens went protesting at the city hall today, demanding Mayor Hodgson's resignation!"

A total of seven people had been arrested, including Zoe, Betty, and Freddy. They were under detention until they were formally indicted.

Meanwhile, the Hodgson couple was devastated to learn that their only son lost his tongue and injured his balls. Minnie took ibuprofen multiple times a day to soothe herself, fainting frequently from all the crying. All her time awake was spent crying and begging her husband to bail Freddy out.

"What else could you do aside from crying? It's all your fault that he ended up in this situation! You spoilt him!" Orlander pointed a finger at Minnie while he chided her. "He attempted to rape Lauren Beckett, the daughter of Javier Beckett! He certainly has great taste in women, doesn't he? He's not only ruining his future but also dragging me down with him.

"The entire nation has probably watched him take off his pants eagerly and top her! My political career ended because of him!"

At the same time, Minnie was crying her heart out. She retorted, "How could you only care for your career at this time? Nothing is more important than your son!"

Orlander cursed, feeling his blood pressure rise from dealing with Minnie. Still, he called his attorney to help Freddy. Unfortunately, the attorney only had bad news for him.

Due to the scale of the scandal, the police rejected the Hodgsons' request for bail on medical grounds.

"Go ask Mandy Lovelace for help!" Still stubborn, Minnie grabbed Orlander's arm and pleaded, "Didn't you have a good chat with her? She and Winston Taylor professed their support for you, didn't they?"

"Get her to speak up for you, and Freddy will be saved. Once we survive this ordeal, you can pledge to repay their favors whatever it takes."

Orlander's hope was revived. He was about to reach for his phone when he heard a frosty voice addressing him. "Why the trouble? Just talk to me. As a Taylor, I'll be sure to pass the message to Mandy Lovelace."

Silas, dressed in the prosecutor's uniform, showed up with his colleague with intimidating airs.

Orlander paled. "W-Who let you in? You're trespassing!"

"Orlander Hodgson, you are under arrest for your crimes as the mayor of Solana City. We have solid evidence against you." Looking serious, Silas waved at his men. "Search the villa and take away all the documents!"

"Yes, Mr. Taylor!"

"W-What evidence do you have against me? Show them to me!" Orlander was secretly trembling from a guilty conscience despite raising his voice.

"I am the witness!"

Orlander spun around and was dismayed to see his loyal secretary of many years stepping out with a look of determination. "As the secretary to the mayor, I hold all the evidence of the mayor's misdeeds from the time of his appointment. I am formally turning myself in, and I shall reveal the corruption and abuse of power by Orlander Hodgson and his wife over the years!"

Upon hearing that, Minnie fainted from fear again.

"You traitor... You—" Orlander didn't have a chance to snap back at the secretary, as two members of the prosecution had dragged him away.

At the same time, Jasper sent Jonah and Julien to the hospital after their arrival. Then, he received a call from Silas.

Silas reported to him, "Jasper, I've arrested Orlander Hodgson and his wife. They're currently under interrogation at the prosecutor's office."

"As expected of Silas Taylor. You're efficient. You must have gone through a lot of trouble. Thanks!" "Tsk. Stop with all the groveling." Jasper grinned at Silas' remark.

"Well, I have to thank you for your help in securing the search and arrest warrants in no time," Silas ccanee ecuulie IG bot) amaveltn jealous. "You certainly have a lot of connections, don't you? I can't believe that you're friends with the mayor's secretary. When did you get acquainted with him?"
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"It's been a while. Silas, he's just an unwilling accomplice who takes orders on a salary. I hope you can give him some slack, considering that he turned himself in." The content is on [Read the latest chapter there!](#)

"Don't worry. I will." After ending the call with Silas, Jasper received a call from Xavier.

Xavier exclaimed, "I have bad news, Mr. Beckett! Your daughter has hired legal representation. Betty, hoping to bail her out on medical grounds!" The content is on [Read the latest chapter there!](#)

