

Unbreakable 1891

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The plot was to use Lauren and Tessa to eliminate Raegan, the woman Mitchel loved, thereby upending his life.

Although Katie and Alexis had different motives, their goals were the same. Katie hoped the tragedy would leave Mitchel isolated and vulnerable to her charms, while Alexis saw an opportunity to ruin Mitchel and capitalize on his misfortune. Their interests were perfectly aligned.

So, Alexis adopted Katies scheme, having his assistant covertly support Laurens and Tessas efforts, which proved quite effective.

Lauren and Tessa were far from being decent, and the scheme went without a hitch.

After Raegans child vanished and Tessa faced murder accusations, Alexis figured that part of the job was pretty much over. He really did consider getting rid of his assistant back then. Just before he could do something to end his assistant, the news of the death of his assistant arrived.

Having underestimated his assistant, Alexis didnt bother to look into the so-called death of his assistant, assuming his assistant wouldnt dare to trick him, and was delighted to have fortune on his side.

However, Alexis was unaware of his assistants cunning nature. Having foreseen Alexis intent to kill him after having him do the dirty work, the assistant wittingly kept the evidence of Alexis involvement with the kidnapping case.

Grinding his teeth with hatred and frustration, Alexis realized he was doomed.

The police were ready to take Alexis away, not granting them the time to chat anymore.

Just then, Alexis seemed to have thought of something, exclaiming, So you knew Katie was involved, yet you still married her! What are you playing at?

Mitchel responded with a frosty chuckle, What do you think?

Alexis was shocked. He belatedly realized the depth of Mitchels cunning. Before, he would scoff at the praise of Mitchels talents, assuming Mitchel could merely run the company well.

Yet, the remarkable ways of Mitchel turning the table stunned Alexis, making him realized he never truly knew Mitchel.

Mitchel, with his competence and foresights, consistently managed to turn the table and achieve his goals, regardless of the situation.

Alexis reluctantly admitted that Mitchel was far more outstanding than him.

Even having been taken in to the Dixon family for years, Alexis still felt no sense of belonging. No matter how well he blended in or how much he adapted, he always felt like an outsider, his manners

and mindset when going with the name Darin ingrained in him. That was why he had been desperately tried to take over the Dixon Group for his own son, Henley.

Alexis crafted a convincing lie, never telling Henley that he wasn't a true Dixon, all to give Henley a sense of identity and pride in belonging. But now, it seemed pointless.

Mitchel, you really are unruly and ungrateful! Alexis snapped.

Mitchel's response was frosty. You should be thinking about the punishment that awaits you for all the harm you've caused, the lives you've destroyed. Alexis, your days are numbered. And your son, whom you've defended so fiercely? I'll ensure he never succeeds.

Alexis's lips turned pale, and he shook as he accused, You! You're so cruel!

Is it cruel to retaliate when you wantonly trample on others' lives?

Mitchel raised an eyebrow. You should realize I'm just setting things right. It's nothing compared to what you've done.

Why Alexis was livid. Don't you know you're soon to meet your end? Why go this far? I raised you, yet you'd prefer the Dixon Group fall into another's hands rather than mine?

Alexis believed he had unearthed a shocking revelation.

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However, Mitchel remained calm, showing no surprise, as if he had long known his own fate. Hector is back. The empire won't fall into the wrong hands, he declared.

Hector was the most suitable choice to run the Dixon Group. Even a non-blood son, Hector had been raised with great care. This showed how much he valued Casey. Naturally, he would do his utmost to

take care of Raegan since Raegan was Casey's daughter.

Mitchel only made his decision after thorough consideration. He knew the Dixon Group wouldn't decline under Hector's leadership. Plus, he had already given a significant amount of shares to Raegan and Janey.

If Raegan ever wanted to take over management herself, she could certainly do so. And if not, Hector would ensure they received their fair share of the profits.

Alexis was utterly astonished. It appeared that Mitchel had arranged everything. Even Hector, who was initially hesitant, had been swayed by him.

Hector was indeed more skilled than Alexis. Hector simply wasn't interested in committing to the company before. However, under his leadership, the Dixon Group was likely to do well.

This reduced the likelihood of Henley taking over the Dixon Group. At this thought, a wave of anger surged through Alexis.

Meanwhile, Katie had been watching anxiously the whole time, casting worried glances at Alexis, trying to figure out what was being discussed. She feared that after betraying Mitchel, if Alexis fell from power, she might be Mitchels next target.

But Alexis was too wrapped up in his own frustrations to pay Katie any attention. He didnt consider his own predicament too serious, convinced his connections and wealth could fix everything. He even pondered how he would clear his name once he was free.

Alexis wasnt scared in the slightest, confident that Henley was already working on a solution to his problems. Unbeknownst to him, Henleys focus on the situation was not what Alexis expected.

Henley was racking his mind, figuring how to take advantage of Alexis predicament to his favor.

Alexis issued a chilling parting threat to Mitchel, Lets see who dies first!

Then, he was led away by two police officers.

As Alexis departed, tranquility returned to the scene.

Mitchel stepped back onto the stage and addressed the gathering, I apologize, everyone, this incident has disrupted the joyous atmosphere. Please go along with the staff and make your way to the hotels banquet hall for the wedding feast.

It was clear to everyone that the wedding couldnt go on after such a disturbance. After all, getting married simply involved obtaining a marriage certificate. Holding a wedding ceremony was optional.

Following the commotion, Mitchels authority seemed even more solid and unchallenged.

The guests were not keen to stay after witnessing such a spectacle.

Staff swiftly moved to clear the venue.

The place fell silent, leaving only Katie on the stage, puzzled. She wondered why all the guests had hurried out. After all, they hadnt exchanged rings or completed the ceremony, and Mitchel hadnt even put on the grooms boutonniere.

Katie hesitated to ask for clarification when she noticed Hector approaching Mitchel. Her discomfort and anxious thoughts persisted.

She strained to listen to their conversation but the distance deterred her from making out any words.

Hector approached Mitchel and inquired, What are you planning next?

Hector, dont worry about tonights banquet. Just mingle with the guests and guide them safely to the other building via the emergency exit.

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Hector seemed hesitant to leave. My assistant can manage that. Ill stay here and support you in whatever you plan to do.

Mitchel gave Hector a reassuring smile, his features lighting up.

Hector, remember our deal. You need to be outside backing me up.

After a brief pause, Hector expressed his concern, Mitchel, Im really worried about you.

This was one of Hectors rare displays of genuine care. Since Mitchel was the only grandchild of the

Dixon family, Hector deeply wished for Mitchel to become stronger and impervious to vulnerabilities. A man in Mitchels position had to remain stoic, his emotions as solid as stone.

That was why Hector had stepped in when Mitchel and Raegan clashed, urging Mitchel to back down.

However, later, Hector realized he might have repeated his fathers mistake. Somehow, he had conformed to those societal standards, embracing the outdated beliefs.

After this awakening, Hector understood Mitchels feelings, much like his own experiences in the past. Loving someone, the heart was no longer under ones control.

So upon returning, Hector didnt hesitate to express his care. In his view, Mitchel and Bryce were no different. With their father gone, they had become the central focus of his life. He felt it was his duty to look after every member of the Dixon family.

Hectors brow creased as he asked, Mitchel, are you keeping something from me?

Mitchel noticed the sincere worry in Hectors expression. They shared blood and bonds, this care deeply rooted in the consciousness of every Dixon family member. He gave a small smile. No, Hector, youre overthinking. I just need to talk things over with Katie in a really quiet place.

Okay. Hector nodded.

As Hector started to walk away, he paused to add, Just remember, the whole Dixon family supports you. Do what you need to, but take care of yourself.

I understand, Hector.

Watching Hectors retreating back, the venue had been completely cleared out. Even the event coordinator and security had left.

Katies anxiety rose. Mitchel, everyones left. What about our wedding now?

Mitchels expression remained calm. He did not respond to Katies question.

Katie forced herself to calm down and comforted herself that everything would be okay. She had seen all sorts of situations, after all. Anyway, they had already announced their wedding, and the whole world knew about it. What could Mitchel possibly do to her now?

Katie said with a strained smile, Mitchel, do you think what happened just now is a bad omen? Is that why you want to change the venue for the banquet? Should I change into another dress for the wedding toast?

No need, Mitchel replied expressionlessly.

Katies smile froze. But she quickly regained her composure, laughed nervously, and attempted to appease him. Mitchel, there were too many people earlier, so I didnt get a chance to explain. The invitation They forced me to do so.

Katie covered her teary eyes with her hands but secretly observed Mitchels reaction.

Deep inside her, she couldnt help cursing Henley. It turned out Henley wasnt a legitimate son. He even had no connection with the Dixon family. How dare he tell her he was Alexis only child, the rightful heir of the Dixon Group! And she was too foolish to believe his account that Mitchel was adopted.

It was only now that Katie realized that neither Henley nor Alexis resembled the members of the Dixon family. The members of the Dixon family were all dignified and upright people. On the other hand, Henley and Alexis had dubious and slippery demeanors. She scolded herself for being blind. But she also felt lucky that she didnt go too far.

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Mitchel When Mitchel didnt respond, Katie said softly, It was Henley who approached me and forced me to give him an invitation. He threatened that if I refused, he would reveal that you werent a

Dixon. I feared it would tarnish your reputation, so I had no choice. I gave him the invitation.

It was an excuse full of loopholes. But under such circumstances, it was the best Katie could come up with. Anyway, it didnt matter whether or not Mitchel believed her. His life was still in her hands, given the toxin within his body. So, with her excuses, she was essentially offering him a way out.

Seeing his stern face, she added quickly, But I really didnt know he had bad intentions. If I had known they would cause trouble, I would never have agreed to give them invitations.

Caught in the act, her dramatics surged uncontrollably. After deliberately putting on an aggrieved look, she pleaded, Mitchel, you must believe me. I am your wife, so I will stand by you for better or worse.

Wife? We are not husband and wife, Mitchel said after being silent for a while.

And what he said was the last thing Katie wanted to hear. His icy tone and expression were devastatingly heartless and indifferent.

Katies expression changed. She retorted, But Everyone in Ardlens knows we are married.

Katie. Mitchels expression was solemn when he uttered her name.

Thats because I want them to know.

Why? Katie asked in confusion. Why would he want everyone to know they were married but insist they were not husband and wife?

After studying Mitchel thoroughly over the years, she felt confident in her understanding of him. But now, she felt like she didn't know him anymore. It seemed he didn't show her the real him.

Instead of answering Katie's question, Mitchel looked at her intently with a penetrating gaze and asked, Katie, have you ever regretted what you've done?

The expression on Katie's face changed again. She stammered, Mitchel, what? What do you mean?

Mitchel's face was extremely cold. His thin lips slightly parted when he said, You know exactly what I mean.

I don't understand what you're trying to imply. Mitchel, I swear I've never thought of harming you. You know my feelings for you. I love you so much.

That's why you harm the one I love? Mitchel interrupted her sharply.

Indeed, Katie never intended to harm Mitchel. The drug injected into him was meant for Raegan.

Katie just indiscriminately targeted everyone close to Mitchel.

Whether it was Tessa or Lauren, everything had turned out just as she had planned.

During those times that Katie did not do things herself, she subtly instigated others to do the dirty work and let them take the blame.

Her facade of being gentle and reasonable never showed any sign that she was the mastermind.

The list of people she had harmed was endless. Aside from Tessa and Lauren, Mitchel's child he had never met were harmed. Also, Katie's own assistant Abel and the innocent Luciana. Some of them even died without knowing it was Katie who had caused their deaths.

Katie had masterfully manipulated others behind the scenes. She only did the planning and the talking, and those bad people did worse to help her achieve her goals.

Lauren's being sexually abused by that despicable man was also Katie's doing, a move aimed to intensify Lauren's hatred and anger toward Raegan. Knowing how much Mitchel loved Raegan, she recklessly sought to eliminate Raegan.

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But Katie didn't expect Lauren to accidentally harm Mitchel, which was a significant oversight in her calculated schemes.

Katie involuntarily shuddered. But she stubbornly insisted, Mitchel, I didn't do anything. Don't accuse me unjustly. I've always been a law-abiding citizen.

Indeed, Katie was innocent in the eyes of others. After all, most of the dirty works were carried out by Abel.

After Abels death, Katie became even more cautious, making it almost impossible to find direct evidence of her crimes. Thus, she acted with righteous indignation now. She covered her face, feigning sorrow.

Mitchel, if you want to accuse me, you need evidence. Why are you doing this to me? Has Raegan bewitched you? She has already said she has nothing to do with you. She doesnt love you. Why cant you let her go?

Mitchels expression remained utterly serene, unaffected by Katies words.

He felt he had made the right decision. He couldnt afford to let Katie continue to be a threat for Raegan. With the fatal toxin in his system and the lack of antidote at the time being, he didnt know when he would meet his end.

After a long silence, Mitchel said softly, Its fine if she doesnt love me.

This was the only sentence he said gently, showing Katie a different side of Mitchel. It was a side of him she had never experienced.

Katies heart was overwhelmed by jealousy. Her face twisted. Mitchel, why cant you even look at me? I am willing to do anything for you! But you only see that woman! Katie shouted hysterically.

She didnt just kill or harm people. She had done a lot in secret.

But why couldnt she move Mitchels heart?

Katie didnt think she was wrong, thinking Mitchels heart was as cold and hard as a stone.

Mitchel responded coldly, Katie, you dont love me. The only person you love is yourself.

Mitchel looked at Katie with piercing cold eyes and rebuked sarcastically, Loving me is just an excuse you made for yourself. You want me to submit to you, thinking your long-term investment entitles you to a return. After all your ruthless scheming, you still dare to use the noble word love to clothe your evil deeds! Katie, you disgust me to the core!

Mitchels words were simple but expressive. He clearly stated his strong revulsion to Katie. His eyes were filled with disgust. It was as if he never wanted to see her again for the rest of his life.

Katie felt like she was struck by lightning. Her entire being was rocked by his words. She cried out in a panic, Mitchel!

Mitchels eyes darkened. Dont call me by my first name. You are not worthy of it.

Each word he said was like a knife dipped in chili sauce, cutting Katies every flesh. Disgusting? Unworthy? Those words from the man she had loved for years made her feel a dull pain in her chest.

Katies face drained of color. Her heart was overwhelmed by a turbulent wave of emotions. After a while, she finally regained her composure.

This time, she revealed her true self without any disguise. So what? Everyone knows we are married, and the woman you love has left you. Dont tell me you think you can live without me.

Katie burst into laughter. But it was a bitter and hollow Laugh.

Mitchel, why are you being so stubborn? In the end, you are still a puppet in my hands. You can never escape from me.

Katie seemed to have gone crazy. She flipped her hair back and said proudly, Mitchel, I always get what I want, and you are no exception.

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I seem to have overestimated you. You dont know what repentance is,
Mitchel said through clenched teeth. His voice was extremely cold.

Repentance? Why should I repent? Katie retorted arrogantly. I havent lost!

To Katie, repentance was for the weak. It was a sign of cowardice.

She felt she could decide the fates of others since she was a notch above the others.

Dont worry. You are going to lose now, Mitchel said flatly. His handsome face was filled with murderous intent.

Katie scoffed. What? You want to kill me? Mitchel, do you think Im stupid? I have plenty of bodyguards hidden around. If you dare to do anything, you will be the first to die.

Mitchel reminded her kindly, Call them out, then.

Fine! Youre asking for it. Katie looked around and ordered, Everyone, come out.

There was dead silence in the area.

Katie was confused. She yelled, Everyone, come out now!

Still, there was no response. No movements, either.

Katie was even more flustered. She murmured, Where are they?

She shouted, her voice tinged with panic, Everyone, come the fck out!

The answer was still silence.

Katie finally sensed something amiss. She looked at Mitchel in disbelief. Where are my people? What did you do to them?

They are probably asleep, Mitchel replied nonchalantly.

Katies eyes widened in shock. You knocked down my men?

Suddenly, she realized something even more crucial, something she should have thought about long ago. Mitchel, what are you up to? What does this wedding mean? What conspiracy are you planning?

Mitchel said calmly, Katie, I have given you a chance.

Chance? What are you talking about? Katie, frantic, grabbed Mitchels suit lapel, her face a mix of panic and fear. Mitchel, what do you want to do?

Why only ask now? Its too late, Mitchel replied coldly. There was a trace of mockery in his eyes.

You madman! Dont you want to live anymore? Katie roared. Cant you see that I am the only one who can save you? If I die, you wont survive either!

I know. Mitchel paused, his dark eyes piercing. You can save me, even if it means turning me into a brain-damaged, bedridden man.

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To conduct researches on the antidote to the drug injected into Mitchel, they had been holed up in the lab, sleeping only four hours a night, surviving on various fast foods.

After a whole month without stepping outside the lab doors, they finally decoded the composition of the lethal injection.

The medical geneticist who studied this toxin had claimed it was unsolvable. But now that they had finally cracked its formula, it was no longer an enigma.

The female doctor advised, Dont mention it. The top priority now is to inform your friend and find out the whereabouts of the other injection to save his life.

Oh, yes! Youre right. Ill call him now.

Luis swiftly dialed Mitchels number. However, he only heard from the other end of the line, Sorry, the number you have dialed is unattended or out of coverage area.

Then, it was followed by a beeping sound. He tried again, but it was still the same.

Concerned, Luis dialed Matteos number. Fortunately, it went through.

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Luis immediately bombarded Matteo with a series of questions. Matteo, where are you? Where is Mitchel? Why is his phone off?

Mr. Dixon is at a wedding venue. I am outside at the reception.

Wedding venue? Luis had been absorbed in his lab work these days.

Confused by Matteos words, he couldnt grasp the news for a while.

Matteo explained, Its Mr. Dixon and Miss Glyns wedding.

What? Luis was shocked. He asked in disbelief, Mitchel and Katie are getting married?

Yes, Matteo confirmed.

Stop him! Hurry! Stop him! He cant marry Katie, Luis urged. He didnt understand what was going on. He knew Mitchel. Even if Mars and Earth collided, Mitchel would never marry Katie. Why the sudden wedding?

I know Mr. Dixon isnt sincere about this wedding. But I have to follow his orders, Matteo said helplessly.

Tell him that I Luis abruptly stopped. He realized it wasnt safe to discuss this matter over the phone. If someone was maliciously eavesdropping, this life-saving news could turn into a disaster that could destroy Mitchel. Especially since Lorenzo was known for being ruthless. No one he targeted had ever escaped.

Luis knew that Mitchels plan included dealing with Lorenzo. So, he said to Matteo, Tell Mitchel that Ive made progress. Please do your best to delay everything. Wait until I come back. Ill be there in six hours.

Okay, Mr. Stevens. I will do my best. Sensing the urgency in Luis voice, Matteo knew it must be beneficial for Mitchel.

At the thought of this, Matteo quickly ran toward the wedding venue across the street. But just as he stepped out, he bumped into someone.

Looking up in surprise, Matteo exclaimed, W, what are you doing here?

The dark-skinned man was equally shocked. Mateo, arent you inside the venue?

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Their eyes met. Matteo immediately understood Mitchels intention.

Mitchel didnt want anyone else to get involved, preferring to face the situation alone. Moreover, he had secretly moved all the guests from the wedding venue to this building, hinting at the severity of the storm brewing inside.

Matteos brows furrowed tightly. This isnt good. Mr. Dixon wanted

Grasping the severity of the situation, Matteo and W hastily sprinted toward the wedding venue across the street.

Upon arrival, they found that the entrance was tightly sealed, with a line of armed security personnel blocking their way.

One of the security personnel roared, You cant enter this building!

W, of mixed heritage and known for his fiery temper, moved to shove one of the black-clad security personnel, intent on breaking through.

But Matteo grabbed him, holding him back. Dont be reckless, he warned. It was crucial for him to ensure W avoided making trouble in Ambrosia.

Hello, gentlemen. Matteo turned to the security personnel, handing over his business card to inform them of his identity. Our CEO is inside. Can you tell us what is happening?

Im sorry. This is official business. I cant disclose any information. Please leave immediately.

Seeing this, Matteo pulled the unconvinced W away.

They didnt go far, however, standing just a short distance from the building.

Worried, W asked, Matteo, whats going on? Why is everyone being evacuated?

Matteo observed the orderly evacuation conducted by the security team and felt increasingly uneasy. He called the intelligence center.

Check what is happening at the International Banquet Center.

Matteo didnt hang up, waiting for a response.

Five minutes later, the intelligence center reported, We heard there are explosives planted at the International Banquet Center. Everyone has to be evacuated.

Matteo raised his eyebrows. Who planted those explosives?

It seems to be related to Lorenzo.

At the mention of Lorenzo, Matteo quickly reviewed Mitchels recent itinerary in his mind. A vivid image of a rainy night, with Mitchel bleeding from an arm wound, flashed through his thoughts.

An idea suddenly occurred to Matteo, and he said sharply, Check what happened on Aurora twenty days ago.

The sound of keystrokes buzzed once again.

After about ten minutes, the tapping stopped.

The intelligence center replied, Twenty days ago, the youngest son of the Maxwell familys leader, Lorenzo, lost his favorite wife, the cause of her death a mystery. It was quite sensational. She was his most favored among twenty-four wives. After her death, which seemed to be a murder and not an accident, Lorenzo locked up the door and killed the maids, drivers, and bodyguards who served that wife. Nearly thirty people were sent to accompany her in death. Lorenzo offered a reward of one billion dollars to anyone who could provide accurate clues to the death of his beloved wife.

Matteo fell into deep thought. He didnt know much about Lorenzos favorite wife. But he knew about Lorenzo.

Lorenzo was the top fugitive wanted by the authorities in Ambrosia, having committed hundreds of major crimes here. His ability to appear and disappear seemingly at will, coupled with Auroras status as a lawless place, had thwarted many investigations.

But the special forces of Ambrosia had never ceased tracking Lorenzo down.

Any reliable information on Lorenzos whereabouts in Ambrosia meant he wouldnt escape the special forces or the severe punishment that awaited him.

Lorenzo was no fool. Knowing the priority the authorities of Ambrosia placed on capturing him, he wouldnt risk casually strolling around but instead sought thrills in countries with more lenient laws.

Matteos previous knowledge of Lorenzo stemmed from the last incident involving a car loaded with explosives, where Mitchel drove into the sea and jumped out of it at the last second.

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The Dixon Groups intelligence center discovered that the explosives detonated that day were linked to Lorenzo.

Furthermore, Raegan was marked on Lorenzos hunting List.

Although Lorenzo communicated via the cars Bluetooth at that time, surveillance confirmed he didnt step foot in Ardlens. Lorenzo simply orchestrated the events from afar, manipulating the chaos as if he were maneuvering pieces on a chessboard.

Their investigations revealed that Lorenzo hadnt visited Ambrosia for several years. Lorenzos unexpected appearance this time raised suspicions.

Matteo speculated that the simultaneous occurrences of the explosives at the International Banquet Center and Lorenzos sudden appearance might be intricately linked to Mitchels purpose.

The intelligence center continued, Theres another important matter.

Okay, go ahead.

Lorenzos favorite wife died shortly after her arrival in Ardlens.

Puzzled, Matteo inquired, Why did she come to Ardlens?

Her grandmother is one-quarter Ambrosian and came to Ardlens to pay a visit to her family, sparking the wifes interest in tagging along.

This new information caused Matteo to furrow his brow even more.

Everything fit together now. The wifes death might have been engineered to trigger Lorenzos vengeance. Was Mitchel orchestrating these events? And if so, to what end?

Matteo pondered whether it all tied back to Lorenzos hunting list, where Raegan was one of them.

After Matteo ended the call, W chimed in unexpectedly, I know about Lorenzos favored wife.

Turning around, Matteo asked, How do you come by her information?

W grinned. You know. My grandfather is from Aurora. My father moved to Ambrosia for work where he met my mother.

W loved to delve into his familys history, but Matteo was impatient for the crux of the matter. Get to the point.

W cleared his throat. In Aurora, its well-known among the Maxwell staff that Lorenzo adores that woman. She mirrors his ruthlessness, lacking any trace of humanity. Ive heard tales of her savagely

beating servants until they're bloodied, and sometimes even skinning them alive. She's infamous for her cruelty. The household staff are likely relieved she's gone.

Matteo's expression grew even more troubled by these revelations. The Maxwell family's brutality knew no bounds.

Matteo tried to call Luis, but only reached his voicemail. Luis was probably en route back to Ambrosia.

Matteo remained deep in thought, trying to figure out the best way to relay Luis's good news to Mitchel. Despite his efforts, he couldn't find the right approach.

Thirty minutes earlier, at the opulent International Banquet Center, only Mitchel and Katie were left in the echoing expanse of the venue.

The expressions on their faces darkened the lovely atmosphere of the venue, giving it a sinister air.

Katie was harboring dark plans, while Mitchel's demeanor was as unforgiving as ice.