

Can't Win Me Back Chapter 1371 - 1375

Chapter 1371

Jasper's hand was on Alyssa's waist. He pulled her in closer to him slowly. The corner of his lips curved upward as he gave her a helpless look.

Alyssa consistently brimmed with captivating ideas, and her perpetual desire ensured there would never be a dull moment in her company.

"Lyse, I know you are just trying to comfort me."

Even though Alyssa wasn't fussed, Tatiana couldn't help but feel an immense guilt weighing on her. Her eyes turned red as she said, "You wouldn't have been dragged into this if it wasn't because of me.

"You wouldn't otherwise have become the Schmidt family's target for revenge. It's all my fault. I was too weak and stupid. That's how it came to this."

Upon saying that, Tatiana's tears started flowing. Her teardrops dripped onto the back of her hand. This tugged at their heartstrings.

Alyssa gave Jasper a look. He was taken aback. He then quickly leaned forward toward the tea table.

He pulled two pieces of tissue from the tissue box and handed them to Alyssa. Alyssa was speechless.

She wasn't the one crying. Why did he hand the tissues to her? He could've just given them to Tatiana directly.

Alyssa wiped Tatiana's tears away for her. After a moment of hesitation, she sighed heavily, "Actually, Taty, I should be the one who should apologize. I wasn't able to seek justice or get revenge on your behalf. David still ended up being released."

Alyssa spoke the last few words in a hoarse voice. It was obvious that she was choking on her tears. Her long eyelashes fluttered.

With Tatiana around, Jasper could only force himself to suppress his emotions. Yet, his blood boiled momentarily.

He gave off an air of frigidity all around him. His burning hatred was fully exhibited by his tensed-up muscles. The veins on the back of his hand bulged.

Tatiana stared at Alyssa. She shook her head continuously and said, "You've done enough, Lyse. You really have. Let's just put an end to the matter here! I don't wish to continue anymore."

"Put an end to it here? Why so?"

Alyssa was so abhorred that she tightened her fists. "David took advantage of you and beat Sean into a pulp. He's also caused harm to so many other women. They had to live with the trauma of being humiliated. They daren't speak up despite their indignation.

"The Schmidt Group uses their power to oppress them, making them fearful of payback. In order to ensure the safety of themselves and their families, they could only suffer in silence. I am their only hope now. Who else, other than myself, would shield and help them?"

"I will get to the bottom of this matter. I will not give up until I am satisfied with the price that David has to pay. I will go head-to-head with Victor and David Schmidt. Let's see who will be the winner in the end!" Alyssa was the type of person who would never fight a losing battle. As long as she hadn't achieved her goal, she would never give up either.

Having met with such a monster, she really wished that she could skin him alive! How could she just cease her efforts here?

She would rather go down fighting than live in silence!

She would be the one to cry out!

"Calm down, Lyse. It's not going to do you any good to be so riled up." Jasper placed his hand on her

back, which was rising and falling from her agitation. He tried to comfort her.

"What you just said, Lyse... What do you mean?"

Tatiana's face was filled with astonishment. She spoke up in a trembling voice,

"The Schmidts. Did they threaten those women?"

How did you know about that?"

Jasper was worried that he'd exacerbate the psychological pressure on her. So, he just gave her a brief description of the happenings the past two days.

Tatiana's face turned pale instantly. "So, you're saying that those women, who were initially planning to testify, changed their minds because they were pressured by the Schmidt Group?"

"Earlier today, we went to meet with one of the women. We wanted to convince her to step out and testify. I know that they're fearful of the Schmidt Group. That's why I thought of giving them my support. This way, the Schmidt Group would not dare to act rashly.

"However, I was too naive. My plan didn't go well at all. Moreover, my reputation has taken a hit. The Family members of those women were avoiding me like I was the plague. They didn't want to meet with me at all."

Alyssa gritted her teeth hard. "But, I will not give up. I will come up with other ways. When there's a will, there's a way.

Eventually, I will get to David!"

"I will help too." Although his eyes were red, Jasper steadied his breath. "We might be unable to find a breakthrough through

David's case. Even so, I will still use other methods to make the Schmidts suffer."

All of a sudden, the atmosphere in the living room fell into a heavy silence.

After some time, Tatiana lifted her head slowly. Her moist and reddened eyes twinkled with a look of determination and fearlessness.

"Lyse, Jasper, I'm willing to be a witness. I will step forward to testify against David."

Chapter 1372

Alyssa and Jasper were shocked. They exclaimed in unison, "What did you say, Taty?"

After her deliberation, Tatiana's expression was calm and resolute. "It doesn't matter if I have to give my statement at the police station or testify against David in court. I will take the witness stand. I'm willing to do it.

"I just want David to be brought to justice, and to ensure that justice is served on behalf of those women. No matter how immense the pressure, I can handle it."

At this moment, it was as if the air around them had frozen.

At first, Tatiana thought that they would strongly support her idea. To her surprise, both Alyssa's and Jasper's faces turned glum.

They didn't say a word.

"Even though David didn't get his way with me, it was still an assault attempt.

Moreover, I'm sure that I will be able to garner the people's attention when I step forward to accuse him, especially with a status like mine.

"Then, the Schmidts wouldn't be able to shut people up even if they wanted to.

When that time comes, we must bring justice to

David for the sake of the women he defiled. In the face of pressure, the Schmidts wouldn't be able to cover for him even if they wanted to!"

"But have you thought of the horrifying risks you'd have to go through if you were to do this?"

Alyssa's brows were knitted tightly. She spoke in a stern tone; one that was stricter than a parent's.

"You want to expose the incident when David tried to harm you. Contrary to what you expect, people with bad intentions will end up getting a hold of you. They may take the chance to distort the truth and make groundless accusations. They might even stir things up!

"If so, both you and Lyla will be pushed to the edge of the cliff. Even if you were able to handle the colossal pressure, do you think that Lyla would be able to?"

"Furthermore, David can only be charged with attempted assault if you were to step up and give your testimony. He'll then get three to five years of jail time. He'd be released and then continue to harm others!

"If we don't get to the bottom of things, Josh will surely think of another way to denigrate you. How are you going to respond then? How should Sean help and protect you? Do you both really wish to spend the rest of your lives being entangled with the

assholes from the Schmidt family?"

Tatiana's heart wrenched at the thought of her mother and Sean.

That being said, her heart ached even more for the women who fell victim to David.

She was Winston's daughter. She also had the support of such powerful individuals as Alyssa and Jasper. Even so, she barely even got back at him.

Those other women were the ones who were really at the mercy of others. They were basically in a living hell.

Alyssa took a deep breath. She then spoke up with a hint of emotionless intimidation, "There's another thing. Even if you were to testify against David, it wouldn't be easy to take him down.

"Your idea could probably be useful if we were going against someone who wants to uphold their reputation. For example, someone like Josh, who is a self-righteous rat.

"But David is shameless! He has no human decency. Do you think you can inflict any real pain on him? He would continue leeching onto the Schmidt family as long as they weren't brought down.

"The uproar you bring about will eventually be forgotten by people as time passes. As for those women, your courage and sacrifice might not necessarily change their minds. They may choose to remain silent all the way.

"However, that's not their fault. You have us as your way out. They've got no way out once they speak up."

Alyssa's words were spoken calmly and rationally. Her straightforward statements were so cold and straight to the point that even Jasper couldn't help but gasp.

He was reminded of the few times in the past when he arm wrestled with her. He had lost in embarrassment each time.

He didn't let her win on purpose. It was Alyssa who had remarkable skills. She was logical, detailed, and decisive. There weren't many who could be a match for her. He admitted defeat from the bottom of his heart.

The heartfelt words that she had uttered to Tatiana hit close to home. Although part of it did cross Jasper's mind, he wasn't as thorough as she was.

"Lyse... I understand what you mean. But how can we turn things around if we don't take a gamble?" Tatiana questioned. Her eyes were filled with anxiousness.

"I am not going to let my own sister be a gambler who puts all her eggs in one basket!"

Alyssa shot to her feet. In a strict manner, she continued, "It's not just me. Jasper, Lyla, and Sean are certainly not going to allow you to do so.

"Speaking of Sean, no man would allow their beloved woman to be embroiled in a quagmire. He was just recently ambushed by the Schmidts. It's only been a few days since. Don't you want to get through your days peacefully?"

"This matter is not up for discussion. You can stay for dinner if you don't bring this up again. Otherwise,

I will get Xavier to send you back this instant."

"Lyse!"

"What you were thinking is really too risky, Taty. Lyse is afraid that you'd end up being hurt." Jasper was worried that Alyssa and Tatiana would get upset at one another. So, he tried to mediate between them. "Her tone may have been harsher than usual.

However, you should know how much she cares for you."

Tears welled up in Tatiana's eyes as she watched Alyssa, who was standing tall. Her stance was clearly graceful, but she looked intimidating from the back. She was standing in front of her like an immovable mountain.

If it were in the past, she would have agreed apprehensively.

Yet, a wave of fearlessness came over her this time. She couldn't stop herself and blurted, "Lyse, if... if I wasn't your sister, would you still stand in my way like this?"

Chapter 1373

The question from Tatiana caused the tension in the room to peak.

Alyssa widened her eyes slightly. Grievance churned within her. Since childhood, Tatiana and Alyssa were always joined at the hip. Yet, they were having such an intense argument tonight.

"What do you mean by that, Taty? Are you saying that I am someone who only cares about the safety of my family? And that I am egoistic and can't be bothered about others?"

Jasper's heart was pounding. As the middle person, he was stuck in an awkward position. He gave Alyssa a light tug by the hem of her top.

"Taty wouldn't think of you like that, Lyse. Don't overthink it."

"I'm overthinking it? She should explain to me what she meant by that, then!"

Alyssa plucked the corner of her top back from Jasper's grip.

Jasper shuddered. He pressed his lips together bitterly. Please bookmark site novelxo.org to read latest content. If you want to read light novel please visit allnovelnext.com to read fastest content.

She could remain calm no matter how much the public swore at and ridiculed her. But now, it was obvious that she was furious.

Jasper knew that what Alyssa hated the most was being misunderstood by her loved ones. To her, this hurt more than any physical pain.

She had been under great stress for days. The mental exhaustion had finally made her snap at this very moment. She ended up releasing her anger at her most beloved sister.

"You haven't answered my question, Lyse."

Unexpectedly, Tatiana wasn't going to give up easily. She got up slowly and enunciated her question once again. "If I wasn't your sister, would you still stop me?"

"I will not answer you if your question is based on the assumption that I am a selfish person."

Alyssa tried her best to suppress her anger. She then said to Jasper in a low voice, "Go and arrange for a car to send Taty back, Jasper."

Alyssa and Tatiana parted ways. They were both upset.

After Tatiana left, Alyssa went into the kitchen. She opened the refrigerator and downed an entire bottle of cold water. She

thought that it would help with cooling herself down physically.

However, she still felt a fire burning within her. She could feel her blood pressure rising too.

She cursed, realizing that Landon's method of cooling down was of no use at all.

Alyssa figured that she should try again by drinking another bottle.

Right when she was about to reach out for another bottle of cold water, Jasper reached over the top of her head. He pushed the refrigerator door shut.

Alyssa looked up at him, and her eyes met his. In an instant, she had simmered down a little.

"Caught you having another cold drink sneakily."

Jasper frowned helplessly. Alyssa could feel his warm breath on the tip of her nose.

With a soft look in his eyes, Jasper continued, "When are you going to stop making me worry about you, hmm?"

"Forget about the two bottles of cold water. I wish I could get on a plane to the south and dive into the sea there!" Alyssa pouted

angrily. She crossed her arms and leaned against Jasper's sturdy chest.

"You jump, I jump," Jasper replied as he looked down at her and gave her a kiss on her forehead.

Alyssa clicked her tongue. "Oh, stop it. I'm not in the mood for jokes now."

Alyssa turned to face him. She was just about to speak when she was met with a passionate kiss instead. Their tongues

intertwined playfully.

She wrapped her arms around Jasper's neck. She was completely drawn in. Her frustration slowly dissipated.

Then, they pulled away from each other unwillingly. After all, they would have asphyxiated if they had continued.

Chapter 1374

Alyssa pouted and muttered, "Why did you do that? If Mrs. Rosie were to see us... How embarrassing would that be?"

"I didn't want you to jump into the sea in the south. So, I was just trying to calm you down."

Jasper found it difficult to slow his breathing. In a hoarse voice, he asked, "Do you feel better now?"

"I'm okay but I still feel very wronged. I feel suffocated." Deep down, she was troubled. Her eyes watered and she sniffled.

Her pitiful expression made Jasper's heart melt.

He cupped her reddish cheeks. He felt the warmth from her cheeks on his palms.

"Look at you. Your cheeks are burning like you're running a temperature.

"You and Taty have always had a good relationship. It's not worth it for you both to get mad at each other because of that bastard from the Schmidt family. Don't be angry, alright?"

"How could I be angry at Taty?"

Dispirited, Alyssa lowered her eyes. "It's more like I'm mad at myself. I wasn't able to take David down for good. He ended up

having a chance to revive himself. It was all because I hadn't defeated him completely. There's no one else but myself to blame."

Jasper's heart was pained. He frowned. He comforted, "Don't say that, Lyse. That's got nothing to do with you."

"Taty said that I was being selfish. She's right, I was. I do want to seek justice for those innocent women. At the same time, I want to make sure that my family is safe too.

"Since young, Taty was always under the shelter of Winston and Lyla. As she got older, she only focused on her studies. She hadn't experienced the darkness of this world or the viciousness of human nature.

"She is one of us Taylors. Her noble status can be helpful, but it can also be detrimental to her."

Alyssa was breathing heavily. She felt as if something was clutching her heart, making her heart ache. "There's one thing that

she didn't think of. I remember her dream of becoming an actress.

"If she ends up going into the entertainment industry in the future, the assault incident would become a shameful mark on her.

She could never ever get rid of it.

"People will only be reminded of this whenever her name is mentioned. Her name will always be associated with David's.

"How would she survive in the entertainment industry, then? How would she be able to find her place there? Sharp words are silent killers. It is over for David once he dies, but she would have to bear with people pointing fingers at her for the rest of her life!"

"I understand your concern, Lyse. But Taty is our sister. With us protecting her, who would dare to touch her?" Jasper consoled her in a gentle voice.

Her eyes welled up with tears. She shook her head gloomily and said, "Lyla had Winston's protection. Yet, she had to live with

her trauma until Sophia self-destructed and ruined her reputation. I don't want Taty to follow in her footsteps.

"I know that her situation is different. Lyla was set up, but Taty is clearly a victim. It is indeed very courageous for a woman who met with such an incident to step forward and testify. I am proud of Taty for having such courage.

"Nonetheless, the amount of pressure that she would have to shoulder after going all out is terrifying. Countless eyes will be watching the Taylor family. Taty still wants to live in the limelight in the future.

"She was making a haste decision today. I don't want her to regret it for the rest of her life because of that."

"Lyse, as her elder sister, you really do care for her." Jasper pulled her in for a tight embrace.

"Jasper, I know that I'm asking for too much."

Alyssa rested her cheek on his shoulder. She choked back on her tears, saying, "I really wish I could come up with a win-win strategy. I want everyone to be happy. But, more than that, I want to protect those around me. Despite that, I realized that I am only human. This is all that I am able to do."

"It's great that you are admitting that you are human."

Jasper sighed. In order to make her relax, he joked, "I've always felt like I am dating a goddess. I'm relieved to know that you are

a human being."

Alyssa didn't know whether to laugh or cry.

"You've really done your best, Lyse. What I've done is nothing compared to the things that you've done."

Alyssa tutted with a slight smile on her face. "What a roundabout way to compliment someone."

Jasper replied quietly, "I have only one role to play when I'm with you—your lover."

Alyssa was acting strong initially. In an instant, her defense broke down, and a wave of emotions gushed. She felt a lump in her throat, and she burst into tears.

Frantically, Jasper wiped her tears for her. She punched him lightly on his chest and cried out, "It's your fault. Why did you trigger me for no good reason? You made me cry!"

Chapter 1375

"It's not a bad thing to cry. It's better for you to let it all out than to keep everything bottled up inside," Jasper responded.

Not everyone in the world might understand her good intentions. But Jasper surely did.

He gently pinched Alyssa's face and said, "Let's give time for both you and Taty to calm down.

Tomorrow, we'll spare some time to see Taty. Have a good chat with her. I'm sure that we can come up with a perfect strategy."

Teary-eyed, Alyssa rubbed her eyes and said coquettishly, "I'm hungry. Make me something to eat."

Jasper put his right hand on his chest and his left hand behind his back. He transformed into an elegant attendant and bowed respectfully.

"On it, my lady."

The next day, Jasper and Alyssa returned to Belbanks to see Tatiana.

To their surprise, they learned that Tatiana hadn't gone home at all. Instead, she had contacted Lyla to say that she had some

urgent matters to attend to at school. She informed her that she would be staying at the dorm these two days.

Alyssa and Jasper looked at each other, feeling perplexed.

Tatiana had already graduated. She had moved all her belongings back home. They couldn't fathom any other reason that might necessitate her staying at her school.

"What happened to Taty, Lyse? Did something happen?" Lyla asked with an anxious expression on her face.

"Everything is fine, Lyla. Jasper and I were just thinking of taking Taty out to get some fresh air. I just didn't expect her to be busy." Alyssa didn't want Lyla to worry. So, she could only answer in a roundabout manner.

"Lyse, it would be great if you could take her out. Thank you very much."

Concern overwhelmed Lyla's face. "Ever since David was released, Taty hasn't been able to sleep. She didn't even have much appetite. She has been saying that she's fine, but I know she feels terrible inside." Upon hearing that, Alyssa really wanted to kick herself. She really regretted speaking so harshly to Tatiana the previous day.

Beneath Tatiana's serene expression, she was enduring a level of suffering she had never experienced before. As a victim, she

was the one who needed comfort and care.

Instead, she was the one who ended up showing concern for Alyssa's situation. It was too thoughtful of her.

"Lyse, if you meet with Taty, please convince her on my behalf. She should stop splitting hairs." Lyla spoke in a warm yet helpless voice, "Let bygones be bygones. We should be forward-looking people." It was already the evening by the time they left Heightsnew Villa.

There was an inexplicable heaviness in Alyssa's heart. She dialed Tatiana's number on her phone. Her call was rejected after a few rings.

Alyssa stared at the screen of her phone, which had turned dim. She started to panic. "Taty... Why would she hang up on me?"

"Maybe she's occupied," Jasper comforted her.

"That can't be. If she was busy, she would just let the phone ring. She wouldn't hang up on me. This has never happened."

The more she thought about it, the more worried she became. She grabbed Jasper's arm and said, "I'm afraid, Jasper. Could it be that something happened to her?"

"If you're worried, we can return to Solana City now. I'll have Xavier head over to Taty's school to take a look first."

The moment Jasper finished his sentence, Alyssa received a call from Sean.

"Ms. Alyssa! Could you please help me to get in touch with Taty?"

Sean's voice sounded anxious and hoarse. "I have called her countless times since last night but she hasn't answered a single call!"