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I was waiting at Luke's house. Jake texted me saying that Luke is in the ICU, and his condition is not that good. It was three hours earlier. After that, I didn't receive any calls or texts from him.

I didn't try to call him because Shane and all the guys are there. But I sent him many texts to which he didn't reply.

So not knowing anything about Luke's condition, all I could do was crying and praying God to protect him. In this short time how much he has become close to me. He has become an essential part of my life. I couldn't even bear the feeling of him lying unconscious on a hospital bed...

I don't know how long I spent crying and praying on the living room floor... I was about to go crazy...

Finally, I heard someone knocking at the front door.

"Sarah..." I heard Jake's voice from outside.

Thank God!

I immediately opened the door.

Oh! My God!

I couldn't understand what has happened. Forgetting to even breathe, I was looking at Jake who looked like a total mess. His shirt was torn near the shoulder, and He had bl00d stains all over his shirt... God! He even got a wound in his forehead! What the hell has happened?

"Don't you let me come in?" he asked as I was just staring at him, blocking his way to enter the house.

I walked inside, letting him come in... He entered the house and closed the door behind us.

"What the hell has happened, Jake?" I asked.

"Those buggers were hiding..." he said angrily.

"Who?"

"Who attacked Luke and others..."

"So..."

"Police went to their hostel to arrest them, but they were not there. Shane knew where they were hiding. So we went there and caught them." he replied plainly.

"So they got into a fight with you as well," I asked.

"Yes... But this time they couldn't just escape. We handed them over to the police." he said in a satisfied tone.

"How is Luke now?" I asked.

"Still in ICU... He is still unconscious..."

Still unconscious! God! It has been a long time now? Why doesn't he gain consciousness back?

"I couldn't go to the hospital like this. So I came to change clothes..." he then said.

"Is it hurt? Your wounds?" I asked sadly.

"This is nothing compared to what Luke is going through," he replied in a weak voice. He sounds exhausted and miserable.

"Go take a wash, Jake... I will get the first aid box. "I said.

Then he went to the bathroom...

I switched on the kettle to make him some coffee...

I can totally understand his status of mind. Luke is not just his best friend; he is Jake's brother too... I can understand that he wants to take the culprits in front of the law... But I have no idea, what this might put Jake into... Will he also gets into trouble because of this?

God! This is too much... Now I have to worry about both of them...

By the time he came out of the bathroom, I could make him a coffee and get the first aid box.

He was just wearing a bottom. There was a cut below his shoulder and another one in his forehead.

I offered him the coffee. Without saying anything, he took it and sat on the sofa...

Though he didn't say anything, it was not that hard to understand he is in pain... Without even knowing he m0aned when he stretched his arms and legs.

I sat beside him and started to apply for some medicine on his wound in the forehead.

Then I put medicine on the wound in his c.hest... His masculine c.hest, which I k!ssed so dearly just a few hours before... At any other time, seeing him shirtless, and touching his c.hest would definitely make me shiver... But at that time, the only thing I felt was a pain...

I can sense the pain in his body as well as in his mind...

"Sarah... I must go to the hospital again... I called Luke's parents. They may have arrived by now." he said.

I nodded... My eyes were filled with tears... I don't know why my destiny never let me get some happiness... Whenever I am happy and satisfied, something terrible would happen to steal that happiness and satisfaction from me.

"Hey... Don't cry, princess... Everything is going to be alright... He will get well soon in no time..." he said, wiping out tears from my cheeks and gently k!ssing me.

Then he h.ugged me to his n.aked c.hest.

"Do you want to go to the hospital?" he asked.

"Yes..." I replied quickly.

"I will drop you at your home... You may call Sally, and come to the hospital with her," he said.

"Okay..." I replied.

"Let's go then, Princess... I can't just let him stay alone in the hospital..." he said, placing another k!ss on my head...

After I got home, I called Sally and informed her what has happened.

First, it took her some time to realize what has happened. Then she broke into tears...

She loves him so much... Even after he confessed about being gay, she still loves him... Poor Sally... I just wish Luke can love this wonderful girl instead of my brother...

It took me nearly 10 minutes to make her calm down.

She said she will come to get me to go to the hospital.

Jake's POV

When I come to the hospital, Shane was already there. He was just nervously walking here and there in the corridor.

He got a few wounds on his forehead and arms. They were dressed. But he was still in the same clothing which was covered with bl00d. He was actually limping rather than walking. He is injured and in a lot of pain.

"Why didn't you go home and change?" I asked.

"I couldn't go home leaving him like this," he replied.

"How is he now?" I asked.

"Still the same... The doctor said he is still not out of danger..." he replied worriedly.

I have never felt any admiration towards Shane other than in a football match. He is indeed a brilliant goalkeeper. Apart from that, I never found any reason to like him. Most especially, the way he treated Sarah made me hate him with all I have.

But today he acted totally different. His pain and his worry are not fake at all... Everyone indeed loves Luke, and everyone is worried about him. But what I observe from Shane is something special. I have never seen him being this nervous and worried about anything.

Doctors earlier said Luke may need bl00d. Since his bl00d group is O negative, they were not sure they have enough bl00d in their bl00d bank.

At that time, Shane volunteered to donate bl00d without even thinking twice.

I always felt that Shane especially treats Luke... My feeling got just confirmed today... But my doubt is what is the reason behind this special treatment?

Luke's parents came after a short while. His mom was crying and she was a total mess... As soon as she saw me, she h.ugged me so tightly and started crying even louder...

His dad wanted Luke to be transferred to a hospital in the city. He is willing to take Luke anywhere to save his life...

But doctors said it is dangerous to move him anywhere with the current status. They also convinced him that they have all the required facilities and expert knowledge to treat Luke. Finally, he agreed not to move Luke to another hospital.

Both Sarah and Sally came to the hospital. They were both crying... There were many students in the hospital at that time, and some of the girls were in tears, so it felt normal.

But seeing Sarah in tears is something I couldn't stand at all. I wanted so much to go and comfort her... But what can I do? I don't know if there is any other boyfriend who feels so much helpless...

Sarah's POV

As a result of our nonstop prayers and doctors' continuous effort, by noon, Luke got conscious back. Doctors said he is out of danger. But he has to stay in the ICU for some more time. Only his parents got the chance to go and see him.

I also wanted so much to go and see Luke... But that's okay... Knowing that he is going to be alright is enough for me.

Doctors asked his parents to go home and take some rest since he is out of danger now. But his mom refused that. She insisted that she needs to stay with her son... His mom seems so kind and loving...

She was just sitting outside the ICU. Luke's dad went to meet the doctor.

I wanted to talk to her and comfort her. But I was afraid... She is a woman from a very high-class family. I don't know how she will react if I talk with her.

However, finally, I gathered up courage and walked to her.

"Mrs. Bernards... Would you like some coffee..." I asked.

She raised her head and looked at me.

"Sarah... Isn't it?" she asked, making me surprised.

"Yes, Mrs. Bernards..." I replied.

"Gald to meet you, darling... Sit here..." she said, holding my hand.

I sat next to her.

She took the coffee cup from me and took a sip...

"I was so worried... I didn't know what should I do? He is everything I have..." she said.

"Don't worry, Mrs. Bernards... He is going to be alright..." I said.

"Yeah... Now I feel a bit okay... After Jake called us until the doctor said that my baby is out of danger, I don't even know how I behave... "she said.

Without saying anything, I gently rub her hand.

"Sarah... Luke has told me so much about you..." she then said, looking at me.

"He doesn't usually talk about his friends other than about Jake. But he talked a lot about you. He said you are the smartest and kindest girl he has ever met." she said.

My eyes again filled with tears. My sweet Luke... I am that important to him... Other than Jake, I am the only friend he talks about...

"I am so glad that he has you and Jake in his life, darling..." she said, caressing my hand.

"See these kids never let us stay in peace, Beth... Now Luke is getting okay, but Jake has got into trouble." Mr. Bernards Luke's father said, walking towards us. What did Jake get into trouble? What has happened? Without even knowing I stood up.

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I felt a little bit okay and could give a break to my continuously crying eyes as Luke got a little bit better. But now Jake is in trouble. I don't even know what has happened, but my eyes filled with tears, and my heart was aching...

"What has happened?" Mrs. Bernards asked worriedly.

"An officer came. He took Jake and a few other boys to the police station." Mr. Bernards replied.

"What? To the police station?" Mrs. Bernards asked.

"Yes... Jake and those other boys have entered the Victoria university premises illegally during last night. They found those buggers who beat Luke when they were hiding somewhere in the university. They all have got into a fight after that." Mr. Bernards said.

God! I knew that will put Jake into the trouble...

"But our boys wanted to catch them and bring them in front of the law." Mrs. Bernards said.

"That's true... But what the officer said was they should have informed the police where those buggers were hiding, and let the police handle the matter. In this case, it is more like they took the law to their hands... They have entered a university by force, and during their fight, they have damaged some university properties also... They have got into a really bad fight with those boys too..." Mr. Bernards explained.

Oh! God! Why don't you have mercy on us... Whatever Jake and others did, they did that because of their friend... Otherwise, they will never do such a thing... My heart was throbbing... What will happen to my Jake now? Will they lock him up?

"My God! What we should do now? Should we inform Victor?" Mrs. Bernards asked.

"No... No... We should not... Letting him involve means more troubles... I am going to the police station now. The coach is also here, he is coming with me... We will see what can we do... Can you stay here alone... "Mr. Bernads asked from his wife.

"Yeah... I can stay... I have Luke's friend with me... Don't worry about me... Go and see what you can do... Don't let them do anything to our Jake..." Mrs. Bernards replied immediately...

Then Mr. Bernards left us...

"I can't even believe, Jake acted that rashly... He normally thinks a lot before doing anything..." Mrs. Bernards said in a broken voice...

She is right... Jake always acts patiently... He usually doesn't make any hasty decisions...

I wanted to reply to her, but I couldn't find words with my tears... More I tried to hide my tears, they spilled out of my poor eyes...

"Oh! Darling... Don't cry... Uncle Ted will handle that issue... " Mrs. Bernards said while stroking my hand gently...

I didn't know what to say... I couldn't control my self...

"Sarah..." with Sally's voice, I raised my head.

"Did you hear, an officer took Jake and a few others to the police?" Sally said in a hurry...

"My husband informed us, dear..." Mrs. Bernards replied on behalf of me...

"Oh! What will happen now, Mrs. Bernards... We all are so worried..." Sally said worriedly.

"What is your name darling?" Mrs. Bernards asked gently from her...

"I am Sally, Mrs. Bernards... I am so sorry I couldn't even introduce myself... I was so nervous..." Sally replied apologetically.

"That's totally okay, darling... Sit here..." Mrs. Bernards made Sally sit on the vacant chair next to her.

"You girls, don't worry... Ted, I mean Mr. Bernards knows all the big people in the police... He will do everything he can..." Mrs. Bernards said assuringly.

I and Sally both hold her hands... Even her warm touch was a relief to my aching heart...

Jake and other boys mean Shane is also surely with them... I know exactly how much he loves Luke... So his situation is no different from Jake's... No matter how Shane treats me, I worried about him too...

There are only four men who are close to my life... Jake, Luke, Shane, and my dad... Three people out of those four are in trouble now, and I am not capable of doing anything for them...

We waited outside the ICU for some more time... Doctors said they have to keep Luke in ICU until tomorrow... Though he is out of danger, they need to constantly monitor him...

None of us have eaten anything since last night... But I don't think any of us felt any need for food as well...

After like two to three hours, Mr. Bernards returned.

He said police officers agreed to release Jake and the others. But they have to do some community services as a punishment. That's a relief... I was so afraid the police would lock them up.

After some time, Jake, Shane and a few other guys came to where we were. They stayed there for some time, talking to Lukes's mom and dad.

Jake looked drained. My poor baby...

After they went out, I got a message on my phone. It was from Jake...

"You haven't eaten anything, right... You must go home now, princess... Luke is going to be alright."

"I don't want to eat, Jake. I am so worried about you both..." I replied.

"Please go home now. I will call you later..." he replied.

"You girls may also go home now... There is no point in staying here. You can come tomorrow morning..." I was just looking at the phone when Mr. Bernards talked to me.

"What about you two, Mr. Bernards?" I asked.

"We will also go to Luke's house. Rest for some time, and come again..." he replied.

So after that, I left the hospital with Sally...

We both were so exhausted... None of us even wanted to eat... So she directly drove to my house and dropped me there. She said she will come tomorrow morning to go to the hospital...

Shane hasn't come yet... His car was not there...

I went to the upstairs even without checking about mom and dad... I was too exhausted to deal with them...

After taking a wash, I lied down on my bed, holding the phone...

Yesterday night, how happy I was? I was the happiest girl on the Earth... But how fast everything got changed... Today, I cried more than enough for all the past few days I stayed happily without any troubles.

After a few minutes, my phone rang.

"Hello..." Jake's tired voice raised from the other side.

"Thank God, you called... Where are you?" I asked quickly.

"I came home to take a wash... I will go to the hospital again in a bit, Did Shane come home?" he asked.

"Not yet... Did he leave the hospital with you?" I asked.

"Yeah... He didn't want to leave at all. Uncle Ted had to do a lot of convincing... He is concerned about Luke a lot more than I thought. I actually have never seen this side of him." he said.

What can I say, Jake? He loves your friend more than anything else...

"Everyone has a good side as well as a bad side, Jake... Anyway, I am so relieved that you all could solve the issue with the police." I said.

"Thanks to uncle Ted and all the people he knows... But Sarah, I don't think the university will take this easy..." he said worriedly.

"What do you mean?"

"Coach was really pissed off... Especially at me... He asked me to stop other guys from doing anything stupid. But what I did was, I gave them the guidance to do something utterly stupid..." he replied.

"No! Don't say like that, Jake... You didn't do anything stupid. You all just wanted to find those buggers and bring them in front of the law..."

"We can say that to make our hearts... But deep down we all know, we just wanted to get revenge for invading our university and injuring our friend... I don't even know how I act that carelessly... At that time, it felt the most appropriate thing to do..." he said. His voice clearly said how much he is regretting...

"I can understand that, Jake... He is your best friend... It is totally normal to act like that..." I tried to make his heart...

"But you know about me, Sarah... I always act patiently... I never act without thinking properly... I could wait without acting aggressively when you get

bullied by all those guys, though it k!lled me to wait like that... I always thought I should focus more on our future than the small issues in the present... I don't know what happened to me today..."

"Stop worrying about that, Jake... Everything will be alright..." I said.

"I don't think so, Sarah... The coach said now even the Vice-Chancellors of the two universities are involved in this matter... So our university is definitely going to take severe disciplinary actions against us..." he said.

"Severe disciplinary actions... What type of severe disciplinary actions?" I asked tensely...

"I don't know... There is a high probability they would suspend us for some time, along with some other punishments... My punishment is going to be worse than other's because I am the bl00dy captain of the team, and it is my responsibility to control my team..."

Suspend them... God! No!!! Please don't do that... If he gets suspended, it will add a black mark on his record, and it will ultimately affect his first class and all the other achievements... He is our current batch top... There is no doubt he is going to maintain that to the final year... But if this type of disciplinary action was taken against him, he will never get to be the batch top... Depends on the period of suspension, there is a probability that he won't be able to face the exams as well...

Analyzing all these from my mind, I got really frightened...

"When Luke's get better and got to know about all these, he will get so bothered... He will definitely think it is his fault that we all got into trouble... You know how it can affect my academics if I get suspended... Luke will not able to stand it... He would worry his whole life for that, Sarah... That's why I am so worried about all this... Otherwise, I can just forget these... I don't need a first-class or anything to be happy... If I have you, Luke and my parents with me... That's all I need to be happy..."

God! Jake... You love him that much... You don't even care about the damage it can cause you. You just worry about your friend...

I love you so much, Jake... From those days, I obsessed over you, I love you so much... But your golden qualities make me love you more and more... I didn't even know I could love anyone as much as I love you...

Let's see what we can do, my love... Let's find a solution somehow... Whatever happened, I am always with you and I will do everything I can to support you...

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After Jake cut the call, I was lying down on my bed, thinking. I heard Shane's car parked in the garden. If that suspension really happens, it will affect Shane a lot too... I mean he doesn't have to worry about a first-class or getting any other awards. But he barely hangs on to the academics without getting on academic probations... If he has to go for the punishment, then it will increase his school fees, and it will affect my parents too... So this disciplinary action is going to change every person I care in this world.

I heard Shane coming up on the stairs... Opening my door, I went out...

I know he doesn't want to talk with me. We never share our happiness or sadness with each other. But I felt really sorry for Shane... At least I have to show him that I am here if he wants to talk to me...

He saw me when he was walking towards his room... But he just walked towards his room, without acknowledging my presence...

"Shane... Do you want anything to drink or eat?" I asked, kindly.

"No..." he said.

"I know what you are going through, Shane... If you want to talk I am here to listen..." I said, following him.

Without saying anything, he just entered his room. But he didn't close his door as usual. Isn't that a silent invitation for me to go and talk to him?

I followed him to his room... Wondering how he would react. Anyway, even if he yelled at me, it is okay... I am so used to his yellings. So I can bare just one more time...

He was sitting on his bed, staring aimlessly at the wall. He hasn't even switched on the lights. Except for the faint light from the corridor, his room was in full dark. I was afraid to switch on the lights too... Maybe he wants to stay in the darkness.

I stood beside him without saying anything.

We stayed like this for a few minutes.

"I was right beside him, but I couldn't protect him." finally he spoke. His voice clearly showed his frustration.

"I should protect him, but I failed..." he said again.

"You can't blame yourself for that, Shane... You all were fighting with those buggers..." I said.

"I saw that bastard going to hit Luke, but I was not fast enough to stop him... Now my Luke has to go through all these pain just because I was not fast enough..." he said.

I didn't know what to say... All I can do was asking him not to blame himself... But I think there is no use of saying that again...

"I can't bear seeing him like that... When he is in the ICU fighting for his life, I thought I would go crazy! "

"Don't worry, Shane... He is out of danger now... Doctors will transfer him to the normal wards by tomorrow..." I said.

"But the doctors said it will take some time for him to recover completely. He may have to lie on a hospital bed for weeks... How am I going to bare that... I just wish it is me who is in the hospital bed right now, not him."

What can I say, Shane? I feel you... I totally understand you...

After that, he was totally silent for a few minutes...

The faint light in his room was not enough for me to clearly see his facial expressions. But I have no doubt he was suffering a lot... I have never seen him suffering for another person in his whole life. He does care about my parents. But what he has for Luke is far greater...

Since he was not talking, I thought of leaving.

When I was about to go out of his room, he talked again.

"Today, I realized one thing."

I stopped and looked at him.

"We really can't predict what will happen in our lives... Everything can be changed so quickly. So keeping secrets is not the way to go forward..." he said.

What did he mean?

"I am going to tell Luke about my feelings right after he got discharged..." he said boldly.

I wanted to run to him and give a h.ug... I wanted so much to ask you to do that. There is no need to suffer alone when you both love each other... You have taken the best decision, my brother...

Jake's POV

Luke was transferred to the regular room. But doctors said they can't discharge him yet. Luke's parents want him to be transferred to a hospital in the city, so they can take care of him without any difficulty. The doctors advised to keep him in the university hospital for one more day, and if everything is okay, then transfer him to a hospital in the city.

After he was transferred to a regular room, I could talk to him... He was not in a stable status to talk. But he asked me to forgive him for ruining my date with Sarah. I really wanted to slap him for saying that. How the hell he thought having a date with my girlfriend is more important than my best friend's life? Sarah and I have our whole lives to have any number of dates we want... But if something happens to Luke, I will never be able to forgive my self...

I didn't tell him anything about the police case or our disciplinary actions. I wanted to keep it a secret until he gets better... He is not in a condition to endure all these...

On Monday evening, doctors allowed transferring Luke to a hospital in the city. I was sad because I don't get to visit him often now, but it is for his own good. On the other hand, I was happy because he was even out of the town

when the university administration is going to announce their decision against us.

They were having internal discussions during the whole Monday, and they have asked me to come for an inquiry on Tuesday morning.

I went for the inquiry on Tuesday morning.

If I had any hopes for getting a light punishment, all my hopes vanished away after seeing who was there in the inquiry panel.

Yeah, you guessed it right. What the fu** Andrew is doing in this panel?

"Mr. McMiller, please take a seat." our Dean said to me.

I sat in front of them.

There were our Vice-Chancellor, our faculty dean, our coach, my academic advisor, and Andrew. I can understand the importance of all the other people to this meeting, but why Andrew is needed here?

Then our Dean commenced the discussion. As he mentioned, Andrew is here because he is the head of the student disciplinary committee. I can't even understand who appointed a guy like him to such a significant role.

However, they first let me explain my side of the story. Then the panel started to tell me about the gravity of my action. The Dean said it is such a disappointment to observe this kind of behavior from his best student in the faculty.

What can I say? Nothing they said was wrong... From their perspective, they are totally right.

Our discussion went on for like an hour... After that, they let me go. Anyway, one thing was clear. I am not going to get a light punishment at all.

I came out of the room, with a heavy heart... I was worrying so much about both Luke and Sarah... I know they can't stand if something happens to me... I don't want to see them worrying about me, but what is the option I have?

Shane was waiting outside, he had an inquiry after me.

"What happened?" he asked as soon as he saw me.

"Nothing much... I don't think they will let this go easily." I replied.

He sighed...

Then he went for the inquiry.

I sat on one of the chairs in front of the inquiry room. There were a lot of things going on in my mind. I just wanted to think alone...

I knew the exact way to get rid of all these troubles. Just one call from my dad could change everything completely, but I was not ready to go for that step. It is better to solve the matter on my own. I don't want the whole world to know whose son am I? We are not ready for that yet... Even Andrew knows I am not going to take advantage of my dad, I am pretty sure about it.

After a few minutes, Shane came out. His inquiry didn't take as long as mine. Maybe I just felt like that, because I was so attached to my own thoughts.

"I could really k!ll that bastard..." Shane growled, sitting beside me.

"Who?" I asked.

"Mr. Patterson..."

"Why? What did he tell?"

"He is pretending like he is on our side, but it is crystal clear that he is the one who makes everything worst," Shane explained.

Well... He just spoke my mind. I felt the very same thing. That is how much of a coward Andrew really is. He pretends to be willing to sacrifice his life for you when he is the one who waits for the perfect moment to stab you.

"I felt the same... What you think will happen?" I asked Shane.

"I think we should be glad if we just got suspended," he replied quickly.

I looked at him with wide eyes. I don't know what has happened lately, but I am starting to like Shane, and we have started to think a lot alike.

Sarah's POV

As Jake said, the inquiry didn't go well... All my instincts were saying that something terrible is going to happen. But what can I do? I was just praying God...

Jake said they will announce the punishment on Wednesday morning. All the guys who involved in the fight were asked to come to the Vice- Chancellor's office.

I had a lecture in the morning, but I was not capable of made up my mind to go for the lecture. I was terrified. I was waiting for Jake to call or text me...

They were asked to come there around 9 a.m. It is now at 10 a.m. But I didn't hear anything from Jake...

I was nearly going crazy...

Suddenly my phone rang... I quickly grabbed it and answered.

"Jake..." I said without even looking at the caller ID.

"Sorry to disappoint you, but it is just me, Sarah..." Mr. Patterson's voice raised from the other side.

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I was waiting nervously for Jake to call me.

Finally, my phone rang... I quickly grabbed it and answered.

"Jake..." I said without even looking at the caller ID. I was impatient.

"Sorry to disappoint you, but it is just me, Sarah..." Mr. Patterson's voice raised from the other side.

"Mr. Patterson!!!" I said automatically. Why the fu** is he calling me right now?

"You were nervously waiting for Jake to call you, weren't you, Sarah?" he asked. His voice was super sarcastic. Jake told me that he was there in the inquiry panel. I am so sure he has done something evil to put Jake in more trouble. I could just sense it from his crooked voice.

"Why did you call me, Mr. Patterson?" I asked, trying my best to hide my annoyance.

"I don't like to keep you waiting impatiently, Sarah... You don't deserve that..." he said in a fake thoughtful voice. In the past few days, he let us live in peace. I thought he has changed after his mom's death. But I was totally wrong. He is so evil... I don't know how I ever felt sorry for him...

Anyway, I don't have time for his bullsh!ts. I just wanted to hear from Jake.

"Why did you call me, Mr. Patterson?" I repeated my question, completely ignoring his previous statement.

"Don't get angry, my dear... Anger doesn't suit for an angel like you..." he said.

My dear... Angel... My foot!!! I am going to k!ll you, Mr. Patterson...

"I am not getting angry, Mr. Patterson... Please tell me the reason you called me." I said in my best calm voice.

"Look, Sarah... I know you were waiting impatiently to hear from your Jake... But he is still in the Vice-Chancellor's office... Even he doesn't know the final decision yet... But you know what? I can tell you what is the punishment he is going to get. We have finalized that by yesterday evening." he said.

My heart started to pound so hard in my c.hest. Their punishments is a severe one, there is no doubt... My poor Jake... God! Why don't you have mercy on us?

"I don't want you to wait anymore to hear that, Sarah... If you want I can tell you..." he said again since I was silent.

"Okay... Please tell me what it is, Mr. Patterson..." I said, trying to sound strong. I have to listen to it sooner or later. Maybe it is good to get to know about it before Jake tells me. Then I can prepare to make his heart in some way I can.

"Jake, your brother and other guys are going to get suspended for 3 months." Mr. Patterson said after a small pause.

"What? 3 months!!! That is ridiculous!!! That is so unfair!!!" without even knowing, I shouted at the phone. Three months means a long time. That counts for almost a semester.

They are going to even miss the batch.

"That is not ridiculous, and it is not unfair either, Sarah... What they have done is totally crazy. They could escape from the police because of Luke's dad, but if we let them go with a light punishment, it will create many troubles in the whole university system." he said.

"I know what they have done is not right. But three months suspension can change their whole lives..." no matter how hard I tried to stay strong, I broke into tears as I spoke.

"Sarah... Don't cry... You have heard only a part of their punishment yet..." he said in his wicked voice.

What! What the hell is he talking about? There is more to this punishment?

What are they going to do with these boys' poor lives now? Do they want to totally ruin these guys' lives?

"They are banned from playing football for the university for these 3 months..." he said. His voice clearly said how happy and satisfied he is...

I couldn't even believe what I heard...

Jake, Shane, Bob, Glenn... All those are the best players our university has... If those guys can't play, then there is no football for our university.

"But the inter-university tournaments are around the corner... University team can't play without these guys..." I said.

"University also has to bear that lost..." he said simply.

"You know what, Mr. Patterson... This is totally ridiculous and unbelievable... You all can't play like this with their future... You all are going to completely ruin their lives..." I never thought I would have guts to speak up to him like that. But at that moment, I was in a status I have never been... I have faced unfairness and injustice in my whole life... I am so used to it... But I couldn't

just stand my Jake going through such injustice... He doesn't deserve that. He doesn't deserve any of these bullsh!ts...

"I am afraid that is their final punishment, Sarah... No matter how ridiculous or unbelievable it sounds..." he said.

"You think that they will accept this without any objections? They have the right to go against this." I quickly said.

"Of course, they can..." he said.

"But if I am one of them I will not even think of that. I think you are aware that a university has its own rules and regulations. Even the justice system in the country can't intervene in the university's decision... The only place you can go to is human rights... But I have never heard of any students who won going against the university. It just destroys any chance they would have to continue their studies in that university." he added.

Yes! What he said is true. But there should be someway... They can't just accept this without doing anything...

"But there has to be someway..." I said slowly... I was just speaking to myself than to him.

"Yeah... There is a way to solve this," he replied.

"What? What is that?" I quickly asked.

"There is a person who can help them reduce their punishment..." he said again.

"A person... Who is that?" I asked doubtfully. Is he really going to help us, or is this some kind of a lame joke? According to how he talked to me earlier, I can't believe he is going to help us now.

"That person is none other than you, my dear!" he said.

"What me? What you are talking about, Mr. Patterson? How the hell can I help them?" I asked. He is totally messing with me. He is so inhumane...

"You can't directly do anything... But you can help a person who can support them..." he said.

"Mr. Patterson, you are truly driving me crazy... I am not in a condition to play around. Please tell me what you are trying to say." I said, without even trying to hide how angry I was.

"Okay... I will tell you directly... I can change this decision, Sarah... I can make their punishment reduced, so it won't affect their academic or sport carriers by any means... But to do that, I need another help from you." he said.

"What kind of support you need from me?" I asked.

"It is something personal... You have to agree to my condition first then only I can tell you..." he said.

"If you can help them as you said. Why don't you just do it, without ruining innocent lives." I asked.

"I don't do anything if I don't get something in return, my dear... I don't get anything from helping them... So I want something from you to cover that." he said.

You bloody bastard! Now, I can totally understand what you are trying to do. I knew you are not a good person. But not even for a second, I thought you are this evil... You are going to use me... You just want to get revenge from my Jake, don't you? You are using me to hurt his most painful place...

"Why are you silent, Sarah... Don't you want to help your loverboy and your brother?" he asked, smiling.

God! I swear I want to k!ll this bastard...

"Mr. Patterson, you know what...No matter what Jake and my brother have to go through, I am not ready to become a pawn in your game. If you are that evil to ruin innocent lives to fulfill your expectations... Let it be like that..." I said.

"Are you sure, that's what you want, Sarah... I am not asking you to sleep with me to save your loverboy..." he said, laughing.

Jesus!!! Stop your evil laugh!!!

You are too much, Mr. Paterson!!!

"I am sure about that, Mr. Patterson... Thank you for your offer." I said sarcastically.

"Okay, dear... But in case you change your mind, which I am pretty sure you would do... My offer is still valid..." he replied.

Without saying anything, I cut the call... I was burning with anger! He is not a human at all... For the sake of getting his revenge, he is going to ruin not just Jake's life but the other five lives as well...

My whole body was shivering with unbearable anger and pain! My poor Jake... Those poor guys who are going to suffer for a reason they don't even know... How this world is this cruel? Why the hell I was born to this cruel world in the first place? This world never lets us be happy...

My phone started to ring again...

The call was from Jake... I don't even know what should I say after answering the call...

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I touched the answer b.utton, not knowing how to console him.

"Sarah... I want to meet you..." without letting me even say hello, he said.

"Okay, where?" I asked.

"10th floor in 15 minutes?" he asked.

"Okay..." I agreed.

There is no doubt that he is devastated. That's why he wanted to meet me in person before he tells me the news. My poor Jake... You don't deserve this... I wish this Patterson wasn't born to this world in the first place. He doesn't deserve a place among us...

I waited on the 10th floor until he comes.

As soon as he saw me, he h.ugged me tightly. I even felt difficult to breathe. Holding me like that, he stayed in complete silence for some time.

Actually, he didn't have to use words to let me know what he was feeling right then. The way he holds me... The way he breathed and sighed... Simply told me how much of a pain he is going through...

"They suspended us for three months... Also, they banned us from playing for the university team for that duration..."

After a few minutes, he said while still holding me...

I indeed knew this even before he told me, but when I heard it from his voice, it felt a million times more painful...

Though I thought knowing the news beforehand would help me to comfort him, I was wrong... I still couldn't find words to speak... I felt like my heart was shattered to a million small pieces...

"They know exactly how to hurt us most sensitively..." he said again.

My eyes were speaking on behalf of my l!ps... Warm tears started to spill out of my eyes and we.t his shirt...

He broke the h.ug and delicately wiped out tears from my cheeks. But it made me cry even more.

Jake was wearing formal attire. Dark blue trousers with a white shirt. He looked so handsome and hot, despite the sadness and pain in his sculpted face.

I couldn't bear seeing my love in this doom... I couldn't tolerate it at all...

"Why our destiny is like this, Jake? Why we can never have happiness? I am fed up with all of these. I just wish I could die without living like this." I said in between tears.

"Shh..." he shut my mouth with his palm.

"Don't even think like that, princess... Everything is temporary... Even our problems... We will find happiness pretty soon. I promise you. I want you to be strong for me and Luke... " he said, carefully placing a small k!ss on my forehead.

"This decision affects others even more than me... You know some of them are already in academic probation. Some of them are just hanging there

without getting into probation. I don't even know how this decision would affect all of those. Anyway, you have to be strong for your brother and for your parents too, princess.." he said again.

I know I have to be strong. I can't let that coward, Patterson win... But I am not sure, I have the required courage to be strong...

"Sarah... I have to go now... Their decision starts effects from today. So we are officially out of bound even now. On the other hand, I have to meet other guys as well. This moment, they really need my help. When you go home, try to be with Shane... I don't know how your parents would react to this. No matter what happens, always stay with him. He actually needs you at this moment." Jake said gently.

"One more thing... You have to go to lectures every day. You have to continue your studies as you used to... Don't let any of these things affect your studies. Promise me, my princess..." he said.

I h.ugged him again and laid my head on his firm c.hest... My love... My darling, Jake... How am I suppose to come to the university, and concentrate on studies when you are not around. How can I tolerate seeing that coward every day in the university, but not you...

Please tell me, how can I turn my heart to stone to handle all these things?

Embracing the smell of my favorite cologne mixed with his bodily smell, I cried...

I didn't want to go to the lecture at all. But Jake forced me to go.

I met Sally after the lecture. We went to the canteen together.

"I feel like not coming to this university ever again..." Sally said, sipping her coffee.

Without saying anything I looked at her.

"I don't really know how they make decisions. There is no transparency or justice in their decisions anymore. They are just playing with our lives." she said angrily.

I sighed. What can I say, dear... There is one person behind all these sh**. Don't know why this kind of a prestigious university let him work like this. Yes, of course, his dad is a powerful person. But that doesn't give him permission to intervene in university work.

"I saw Jake... I couldn't stand looking at him, to be honest. I have never seen him look that disappointed." she said sadly.

I don't know if she knows about me and Jake, but sometimes the way she talks and acts make me think that she has a sense there is something between me and Jake...

"Not just him... I saw Bob. He was literally crying..." I replied.

"Bob was on academic probations. He was warned before that he will miss the batch if he misses or couldn't score a good result in even one a.ssignment. Now he is going to miss everything for fu**ing three months... Not just that, I have heard that his dad has faced a h.uge loss in their businesses. So they were already in a status that they can barely manage to pay university fees. Now, I don't even know how they will manage everything, thanks to those ignorant cowards... "I have never seen Sally speaks like this. She is indeed so angry.

I felt so sorry for Bob... He indeed made my life miserable with his friends... But I don't care... Even he doesn't deserve this kind of punishment. Above everything, what made my heart more painful is those guys actually even don't know why they had to face such a cruel decision.

"Can't we do anything for this, Sally?" I asked her.

"I don't think we can do anything, Sarah... As students, we are really powerless... The only thing we can even try is to arrange to boycott against this. But you know how our university reacts to boycotts. We are so helpless..." she replied.

It is true... We are so helpless... People we love and care for are getting into big trouble, but we can't do anything about that. Or maybe we can... I

remembered Mr. Patterson's offer. NO!!!! I should not even think about that... I shook my head, trying to forget it.

Mom, dad, and Shane were at the dinner table. I prepared their favorite dinner, a poor try to cheer them up.

Usually, I go to my room after they sit for dinner. I only come back when they finish eating. But today, I stayed in the kitchen. As Jake said, I wanted to be there for my brother.

After they had dinner, Shane broke the news to my parents.

My mom got shocked a lot more than I even imagined.

"What are we going to do now? They have destroyed my son's future... They should all go to hell, bl00dy idiots." she was crying, cursing, and complaining.

When compared to her, dad took the news calmly. But he had a lot of things to ask from Shane...

As I understood, dad is worried about two things mostly.

Paying Shane's university fees if he has to repeat subjects and what will happen to his football career.

I think dad worried more about the football thing.

Shane tried his best to answer, hiding the severity of the situation.

"Isn't there anything we can do?" dad finally asked.

"No, dad..." Shane replied, looking down.

I will never forget the look in dad's face for the rest of my life. He looked so disappointed and worrying...

Mom was still crying when dad took her to the room. I was scared if she gets ill, crying like that.

After cleaning the kitchen, I took a wash and rested on my bed.

My mind was packed with so many things... I couldn't think about anything clearly...

Suddenly, someone knocked on my door.

"Sarah..."

"Shane! Come in..." I said, sitting on the bed.

He entered my room and closed the door. Then he sat beside me on the bed.

"What will happen to me, now?" he asked after staying in silence for a minute.

I lost words to speak. What should I tell him?

His voice clearly stated the pain in his heart.

"There is no doubt I will miss the batch... I may have to sit for the exams with juniors. Isn't it what going to happen?" he asked, looking at my face.

"I really don't know, Shane... I don't know what all these will lead to..." I said sadly.

"If I miss the batch, even you wouldn't be able to help me doing my a.ssignments and exams right?" he asked.

"Oh, Shane... Even if that happens, I will always help you with your academics. Don't worry about that." I said immediately, holding his hand.

He never let me hold his hand. But today, he didn't care.

"I don't care about this stupid degree at all. But mom and dad have many hopes about me graduating. I can't let them down. I can't let them feel disappointed again because of me." he said.

I don't want to see it either, Shane... I know they are not feeling happy no matter what I did. Their only happiness is you. I don't want them to lose that.

"If it is not for mom and dad, I would ask all those idiots to fu** off. I don't want their stupid degree. I only care about football... Banning me from playing football is the real punishment they gave me..." he said.

That's true... Football is his life... I totally get it.

"Can you remember, Sarah... When we're in primary school..." he asked, smiling.

I actually don't remember much about primary school. I got ill from time to time. Most of my weekends and holidays were spent on hospital beds, as far as I can remember.

"I was just the dumb brother of super-smart Sarah..." he said, laughing. But even his laugh said it was not a pleasurable memory.

"I got bullied because I was a slow learner... People wondered how a smart kid like you got a stupid brother like me. One day a teacher asked mom if I was adopted... That day, it really shattered my heart. I cried alone for the whole day... I had no friends... There was no one for me... No one loved me... I was totally neglected... Not just in school... At home too... Even mom and dad didn't love me... All the complaints they got from school made them really mad at me... I got beat every day at school as well as at home..." he was talking. It was more like he was talking to himself...

God! I only have a blurred memory of all these. Did he really have to go through all of these...Is that the reason he started to hate me this much?

Shane is always really good at making friends... How he had no friends those days...

Mom and dad love him more than their lives... I couldn't even believe they treated him badly those days...

What the fu** have I done those days to forget all these things...

If what he is saying is true... He had gone through a lot... More than he could bear as a little kid... Maybe that's the reason he turned into a monster...

"All those things changed after I started performing at football... Football changed my life... It gave me a reason to live..."

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"All those things changed after I started performing at football... Football changed my life... It gave me a reason to live..." Shane said, looking at me.

"Everyone started to recognize me for my sk!lls and respect me. Everyone started to love me. I was no more the dumb twin brother of smart Sarah... Nobody really cared about my studies anymore. I became popular. Everyone wanted to be my friend. Our parents started to love me." he continued.

I was just listening to him. He is right. Everyone loves him and respects him for his extraordinary talents as a goalkeeper. Other than my parents, no one really cares about his academic performances as well.

"Even if you couldn't play for the university team for three months, none of those factors will be changed, Shane... They can ban you from playing, but no one can steal your talents." I said.

"That's true... But you know, I had very high hopes about this inter-university tournament. We had a very high chance of winning it too. Now we are going to completely miss it." he told.

"I know that's really painful to even think about. But Shane, you can do your best next year." I said.

"Some of the major football clubs have shown their interest in us. Especially on me, Jake and Luke... If I get the chance of playing for one of those clubs, that will be a lifetime opportunity for me. They will pay for all my football wants as well as my university fee. I actually don't have to worry about getting a job as well."

"This tournament was my chance to show my colors. But now these idiots have stolen that golden opportunity from me," he said. He was worried and furious at the same time. He has all the right to be like that. This is indeed a golden opportunity for him. Not just for him for my parents also.

"Both Jake and Luke are from high-class families. They don't have to worry about their university fee or spending money on football. Even if they don't complete their degrees and they don't play football at all, they still have their father's businesses and their money. But what I have, Sarah... Our parents work their b.utts off every day to pay for my education and sports. My whole life, I have only seen them working without any rest. When am I going to save them from this burden?" his voice was filled many emotions.

Without even knowing, my eyes filled with tears. I knew that Shane loves my parents. But I had no idea that Shane cares about them this much. I never thought he is such a sentimental person. Maybe I haven't spent enough time

with my own brother to understand his true self. He seems to be a lot different from what I have imagined of him. I just wish I know why he hates me this much... I am willing to do anything to make everything right for us... I need my brother, and it seems like he needs his sister too...

"Now, I don't even know what to do, Sarah... Luke is there lying on a hospital bed far away from me. All my best buddies are suspended and banned from playing for the university. You know, Bob's dad has even got a heart attack after hearing this. I have never felt this disappointed in my whole life, not even when I was a kid."

"What Bob's dad got a heart attack? Oh my God! How is he now?'" I asked worriedly.

"Fortunately, it was not that serious. But he is still in the hospital. Their family was going through a rough period, and this just fueled up the bad situation." Shane said.

I couldn't stop tears running down from my eyes. How many lives have been affected because just one person wants to get revenge from an innocent person who doesn't have to anything for the miserable life he is having. This is so wrong!!!

"Sarah..." Shane said gently.

I looked at him...

He then h.ugged me totally unexpectedly.

"I am glad that I have you to share my feelings..." he said. His voice clearly said that he meant every single word he said.

For the first time in my life, I cuddled up to my twin brother and cried my eyes out...

God! I miss you my whole life, brother... I know I should not even think of happiness in this situation, but I cannot help but feel comfortable when you let me get close to you like this.

Let's stay strong, my brother... Let's see what we can do against this unfair decision...

After Shane left my room, I couldn't just go to sleep. My whole mind was occupied with so many thoughts... My heart was aching for all the people who got affected by this injustice...

Around 2 a.m in the morning, my phone rang.

The call was from Jake... No need to say my heart started to beat furiously, thinking why he is calling me at this time.

"Sarah..." his voice raised. There is a problem, no doubt. I can say it from his voice.

"Jake..."

"Luke's condition got serious once again...He is again transferred to the ICU." he talked in a hurry.

"What!!!" how the hell that happened. He was totally out of danger.

"His dad called me. I am going there now... I will call you in the morning, babe... Don't worry, okay..." he said.

"Okay... Jake... Take care... Please call me as soon as possible..." I said. I had so many things to ask from him. But I didn't want to make him waste his time...

After he cut the call, I felt like my whole world is collapsing. I couldn't think of any reason why his condition got worst once again... Luke's cheerful smile was flashing on my mind.

Should I inform Shane as well? Yes... I think I should...

I went to his room and knocked...

"Yes..." his voice raised with the first knock. He was not sleeping either.

"Shane..." I said.

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"Come..."
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I opened the door and entered his room. He was sitting on his bed. I switch on the light.

"What happened?" he asked.

"Luke..." I said. I couldn't let my voice out without crying...

"What has happened to Luke..." he hurried to me.

"His condition got worst again... He is transferred to ICU."

"What? How the hell that happened?" he screamed.

"I don't know, Shane... I can't understand anything..."

"Who told you..." he asked.

"Jake..." I replied without thinking much. I know I have to be careful about me and Jake... But this is not a time to worry about those, right?

"Is he going there?" he asked.

"Yes... He is already on his way..." I replied.

"Okay... I will go now..." he said in a hurry.

"Now..."I asked.

"Yeah... I can't waste even a second... " he replied.

Shane left within like 10 minutes. He asked me to inform mom and dad in the morning.

I came back to my room. I felt like I was in the middle of the fire... I didn't know what to do or what to think...

My phone rang, after some time.

I quickly grabbed it, thinking it might be Jake...

But it was the devil! It was from Mr. Patterson...

The time was 4 a.m. There is no reason for him to call me now... Whatever he has to tell me now, I was not in a mood to listen to him. So I didn't answer. Even if I answer, I don't know how I should speak to him. I was in so much anger and disgust towards him.

I just lied on my bed until the morning without getting any sleep at all.

In the morning, I got ready to go to university. I was not in a physical or mental condition to go for the lectures. But I was afraid of making Jake worried about my education as well...

Jake called me when I was on the bus...

"How is he?" I asked as soon as I heard him.

"He is still in ICU..." Jake replied worriedly.

"What doctors said?" I asked.

"He is still unconscious... But doctors said he is getting better..."

"How his condition got worst all of sudden?" I asked.

"Someone has called him, and told him about the situation at the university," Jake said.

"What?" I asked, wondering who has done that kind of a stupid thing. Jake said he has informed everyone in the team not to tell anything with Luke.

"Doctors had advised not to give him any shocking news until he gets fully recovered. But this i***t has done the exact same thing. He has started to act violently, saying he needs to go back to the university and meet his friends... After some time, he has got unconscious." Jake replied.

"God!! Who did such a stupid thing?" I asked.

"I don't know... But if I know, I will surely k!ll him..." he said furiously.

I met Sally before the lecture. I told her what has happened. When I was talking with her, I got a call from Mr. Patterson. This is the fourth time, he called me. I just put my phone into silent.

He sent me a text as well, saying he needs to talk to me.

But I didn't want to talk with him at all.

I can do anything to protect the people I love. I won't think twice before sacrificing my life for them. But I was not ready to let Patterson win this game...

After our first lecture, I was sitting at the canteen with Sally. Both of us were so worried... Even though we didn't talk anything, it was a comfort to sit near a person who is going through the same mental battle as me...

I saw a clerk from the faculty office coming towards us.

"Sarah Anderson?" he asked, looking at me.

"Yes..." I said, standing up.

"Mr. Patterson asked you to come to his room..." he said.

What? Now he has started to send people to get me?

"For what?" I asked.

That man looked at me annoyingly.

"How am Is supposed to know. Is that even a question you should ask when a lecturer asks you to come. These students don't have any manners at all. I can complain about you." he said angrily.

"I am sorry... I didn't want to be rude... I will go... Thank you for the message." I said. There is no reason to be rude to a person who has nothing to do with my anger.

"I will go to meet him, Sally..." I said to Sally.

"Oaky... Do you want me to come with you?" she asked.

"No... That's okay..." I said. Anyway, I can't avoid him forever. He is a lecturer at this university. Let's see what he has to say. But if I say or do anything that I should not, it is on you, Mr. Patterson.

I went to his room and knocked.

"Come..." he said.

"Oh! Sarah... I am so sorry to hear about your friend Luke... He is still unconscious, isn't he?" he asked, as soon as he saw me.

How does he know about Luke?

"It is you who called him reveal the news, isn't it, Mr. Patterson?" I asked, trying my best not to slap his smiling wicked face.

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"Oh! Sarah... I am so sorry to hear about your friend Luke... He is still unconscious, isn't he?" he asked as soon as he saw me.

I was stunned by his question. How does he know about Luke?

"It is you who called him and revealed the news, isn't it, Mr. Patterson?" I asked, trying my best not to slap his smiling wicked face.

His smile got widen with my question.

"I actually adore how smart you are, Sarah... That's one thing I like so much about you," he said.

"Are you even human, Mr. Patterson? He was fighting for life in a hospital bed. Yet, you chose him as a pawn to get what you want." I screamed. I was totally out of control of my emotions. I was raged and I was crying at the same time.

"Don't you think he deserves to know what has happened to his beloved friends? On the other hand, they all got into this mess because they wanted to take revenge for him." Mr. Patterson asked calmly.

"I never thought you could be this cruel, Mr. Patterson. You knew that doctors have advised not to give any shocking news until he is fully recovered. How the hell you thought giving him this news at this time is what he deserves... I

am ashamed of my self for not being able to understand your true self. I was totally fooled. You are not a nice and friendly person as you pretended to be. You are so evil!!!! "I screamed even louder. I didn't give a sh** about who am I talking to or where are we... I don't think I have ever been this angry in my entire life.

"Sarah... Calm down, and take a seat first, my dear..." he said in the same calm voice.

"My dear... Don't you dare call me my dear... I am not your dear or anything..." I yelled again.

"Yeah... That's true. You are not... But who knows what will happen in the future, Sarah..." he said.

In the future... Nothing is going to be changed in the future, you j.erk... I hate you, and I will hate you forever...

"Sarah... Please take a seat... You can't solve anything by being aggressive... Let me talk to you..." he said again in a pleading voice.

"You know what, Mr. Patterson. I have nothing to talk with such a heartless person like you... I don't even want to see your evil face..."

"Sarah... It is my cursed destiny that made me a heartless person like this. Don't you think it is unfair to talk to me like this?" he asked in a disappointed voice.

"Oh, really? So you are telling me it is Jake and his family who are responsible for your evil behavior. You have done nothing wrong, all the faults are with them. God! wake up, Mr. Patterson. Jake or his family has nothing to do with what happened to your girlfriend or to your mother. Deep down your heart, even you know about that. But you just want to pass the blame to someone. You need a purpose to live, and you think taking revenge from an innocent family is the purpose you want. "I screamed.

He was staring at me for a few seconds like he saw a ghost.

- "Innocent family... Is that what your loverboy told you, Sarah... That they didn't do any harm to my Lilly or they have nothing to do with my mom's death... So you believed him?" he asked after that.
- "He didn't say me anything, Mr. Patterson. But I believe from all my heart that he or his family never did anything wrong to you or anyone you loved. Don't try to blame others for your destiny." I said.
- "Sarah... I can understand that you trust your lover more than me, but what you trust is not always the truth. Also, I don't care if you believe me or not. They have stolen everything from me. Now, it is time for them to pay. I will make them pay by any means that I can..." he said.
- "Mr. Patterson, your fight is with Jake and his family. Why do you make many more people suffer because of that? What Luke, my brother or other innocent guys have to do with this?" I asked.
- "I don't care who gets hurt in the process, Sarah... No one cared about me when I need help. Now I don't care about anyone too..." he said.
- "Yeah... Yeah... I know that. I just asked a stupid question. You are not a human to have sympathy for others." I said sarcastically.
- "But I know you care about everyone. Don't forget you still have a chance to save all your loved ones," he said, laughing.
- "No, thank you... I don't want to play your game at all. If you are done talking, I may go now." I said.
- "There is no harm in listening to what my offer is. After that, you can take any decision you want. I usually don't let people deal with me in that way, but for you, I am making an exception. You know why? Even if I said I don't care about anyone, I actually care about you... I don't like to see you are getting worried." he said, looking right into my eyes.
- "If you really care about me, you may never act like this, Mr. Patterson," I replied immediately.
- "I have done nothing wrong to you, Sarah... I said I care about you, not that I care about your loverboy or anyone else. Enough of this now. Do you want to hear my offer or not?" he asked.

What should I say? I wanted to storm off from his room after asking him to fu** off... But is that the right move to make? Many people are suffering right now, and there is no solution we can even think of. As he said, there is no harm in listening to his stupid offer. I can do whatever I want after that.

Don't call me a dumb girl... You should face the same situation I am facing right now to understand my mental status.

"Okay... Mr. Patterson... I am ready to listen." I said.

"I knew it... I knew you would take the right decision..." he said, smiling.

"I am not agreeing to whatever you are asking. I am just ready to hear your offer. That's all." I said annoyingly.

"Cool down, Sarah... I know that. Now, take a seat..." he said.

"No need... Just tell me."

"I will revoke all the punishments those guys got. They will be just suspended for two weeks from the university. They can continue their academics after that, and they can play for the university team even during those 2 weeks." he said.

"What I have to do from my end?" I asked.

"Nothing much... You have to come for a function with me, that's all..." he said, smiling.

"What? Come to a function with you?" I asked suspiciously. Is he willing to do us such a favor for just taking me to a function? That is totally unbelievable!

"Yes, that's all... Don't worry that is not some kind of an underworld function. It is kind of a big function where respectable people attend. I just want to take you as my date."

"Just going to the function... What do I have to do there?" I asked, still not believing that he will create such a mess to take me for some function. That is totally insane even for him.

"Nothing... You just have to come with me. I will give you your dress, shoes, and everything. I will even take you back to home before it gets late. Also, I promise you I will not even touch you during the function." he said.

"What is this function?" I asked.

"That's the tricky part, Sarah... I cannot tell you about the function, other than it is a highly sophisticated, completely legal function. You are not allowed to tell anyone about my offer or this function. If you tell someone, I will get to know, and things will get worse even more than you can imagine." he said.

Without saying anything, I stayed there. The way he explained it, feels like I have nothing to worry about. But why can't he tell me about the function, and why he asked me not to tell anyone?

Am I going to get into trouble by accepting this offer? God! What should I do now?

If I don't accept it, that means many people have to suffer. When I see them going through that pain, it will surely k!ll me, thinking that I had a chance to help them.

What should I do?

"I know, it is not easy to give an answer right now. I will give you till tomorrow. Go home and think about it." he said.

I nodded. I don't know if I can make a decision by tomorrow, but it is better than saying anything right now.

"When you make the decision just think about your poor brother who has no life beyond football... Think about your parents who are going through a lot to pay for your brother's studies. Think about those other guys who are going to get their academic and sport lives ruined."

"Finally think about your loverboy and his gay best friend, who loves him with his life. Do you think Luke can bear it when the person he loves going through so many troubles? When do you think he will able to get a complete recovery with all these troubles?"

The person he loves... How the hell he knows that Luke is gay and he loves my brother? Patterson really knows everything.

"You came between both of them, Sarah... Don't you think if you were not there, Jake will love him eventually as a boyfriend?" he asked, smiling.

What the hell is he talking about, for God's sake...

To whom Jake will love as a boyfriend if I was not there...

"Don't act all surprised... Don't tell me you don't know that Luke loves Jake way more than as a friend," he said.

"Are you insane, Mr. Patterson? There is nothing like that..." I screamed.

"I am not insane, my dear... Luke loves your loverboy... If you didn't come the middle of them, I am pretty sure Jake will also start loving him eventually. Can't you see how much they are close to each other... You have completely taken away all the hopes from poor Luke... Don't you think you should at least help Luke get recovered this time, after everything you did to him?" he asked, with that evil smile on his face.

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I was already in a complete mess, where I couldn't find a way out. What Mr. Patterson just told me, knocked me down completely. Did he tell me the truth?

I came out of his office, with a burning head. I didn't know what should I do anymore.

Anyway, I cannot go to the lecture now. So I went home. I called Sally on my way to let her know. She sensed something is wrong from the way I talked. she asked me if she should come and give me a ride home. But I refused. I wanted to be alone for some time more than anything else. There is a lot to process...

There was no one at home. That was a relief. I directly went to my room and collapsed down to my bed.

I suspected that the person Luke love is Jake, didn't I? But Luke convinced me to believe that it is Shane. Why the hell I believed him? I was such a fool... I should have known that there is no way Luke loves a person like Shane. I knew exactly how much Luke hate Shane for treating me like sh!t. On the other hand, from the way he talks about Jake, I could have understood it. How many times, he has said that he is willing to sacrifice his life for Jake?

I don't know how I missed all these details... After all, I have acted super dumb during the recent past. I even sympathized for that j.erk, Patterson... I

really hate myself... I thought I am at least smart, though I am not beautiful... But it seems like I am the dumbest girl on the Earth!

However, as Patterson said, did I really come between those two? If I didn't come to Jake's life, will he actually fell in love with Luke?

Maybe that is true... Jake loves him so much... I clearly saw how he react when Luke got injured. He didn't even think about himself, he just wanted to get revenge for what they did to Luke.

They know each other for all their lives. Though I am not aware of many things in Jake's life, Luke knows every single little thing about him. Luke can understand Jake way more than I do...

Luke must be really hating me. I actually destroyed all the hopes he had for Jake...

Holding my head from both hands, I broke into tears...

I am trouble for everyone in this world. Even my parents and my brother would have a better life if they didn't have me in their lives. Jake and Luke will also have a better life with each other if I was not there. Why the hell I was born to this world? I can never have happiness or any comfort in my life. Not just that, it seems like the people around me also suffer because of me.

Maybe I should leave... To somewhere, no one can ever find me...

I don't know how long I was crying while thinking all these...

I heard my phone rang... It was from Jake...

First I thought not to answer because he can easily recognize that I was crying. I didn't want him to be worried. But on the other hand, I wanted to know how Luke is... So I answered.

"Hello..." I said, trying my best to hide I was crying.

"Were you crying?" his concerned voice raised. I can't hide anything from him.

"I... I..." I didn't know what to say.

"Look, princess... I know this is really hard for you to bear... I wish I could be with you and comfort you, holding you to my c.hest... But I am so helpless,

princess... Right now, Luke's parents also need me here. Please forgive me. "he said sadly.

"No... Jake... Please don't apologize... There is nothing for you to apologize... You should be there... I am crying because I am so stupid... You can do nothing about that..." I said quickly.

"Shh... Never say my princess is stupid... You are not stupid, you are the smartest girl I know... You are just too innocent... But I love you for that... You don't even know how to treat people badly, no matter what they do to you. You know nothing about being cunning... You are willing to do anything for people you love. You are not like any other girl. You are so selfless... But these qualities don't make you stupid, babe... They make you unique... They make you so adorable... I am really proud that you are mine..." he said. There is no doubt he meant every single word.

However, his words made me cry harder... I wish he was with me right now...

"Please don't cry, princess... You know what happens to me when you are crying... Please I beg you..." he said.

I was silent for about a minute, trying to stop crying. How can I cry and make him even more worried?

"How is Luke?" I asked after the silence.

"He is still unconscious, Sarah... But doctors said he will get conscious soon..." he said.

"How are his parents. Mrs.Bernards must be really worried... "

"She even fainted... But now she is a bit okay..."

"Oh! God!!!"

"Shane is so worried too. He didn't even eat anything. I didn't even think he cares about anyone this much..." Jake said.

"It seems like this incident changed him a lot," I replied.

"Hmm... I don't know how Luke will behave after he gains consciousness... Doctors said we should keep him as calm as possible. He should be on bed rest, he won't be even able to go to the washroom... But just imagine how hard it would be to keep him like that since now he knows everything."

"If we can revoke your punishment that would be the only solution..." I said. Honestly, it just came out without me even knowing.

"There is no way that can happen, Sarah... As far as I know, some of our lectures have tried their best to convince the committee to at least reduce the punishment. But it was useless..." Jake said.

"Let's see, Jake... Please don't lose hope... I wish I could be with you all, but it will create unwanted problems." I said.

"That's true... Don't worry, babe... You stay safe... Go to lectures every day... Cleark is there at my house. Call him whenever you need. I asked him to stay there because you are alone." Jake said.

How much he worries about me? Though he has to leave in a hurry he still thought about my protection.

"Jake, can I ask you something?" I asked.

"Yes... What it is?"

"If you didn't meet me in the first place what would you do?"

He was silent for a few seconds...

"I don't even know, princess... I didn't know anything about loving someone other than my family and Luke before I met you. I started to learn everything because of you. It was not a month or two... I have been obsessed with you for more than 5 years now... If you were not in my life, I don't know what I will do or where I will be... Maybe I become a priest... "he said, smiling.

"What a priest? Have you ever thought about becoming a priest?" I asked with surprise.

"Not really... But I thought I would never marry anyone... Everything changed after I met you..." he replied.

"Why you asked something like that?" he asked again.

"Just asked... Okay, Jake then takes care of yourself and take care of Luke..." I said.

"Okay, princess... Take care of yourself too... I will call you later..."

After Jake cut the call, I again started thinking.

So Jake didn't even want to get married before he met me... Maybe he could have stayed single, or there was a possibility of him fell in love with Luke in a more r0mantic way... He clearly said he didn't love anyone other than his family and Luke before he meets me...

After all, I actually feel like I really came between those two...

Still, Luke loves me so much... I am so stupid to even think that Luke would hate me... He has done so much for me, and he will in the future as well...

Maybe this time, it is my chance to help him... For everything, he has done for me and went through because of me...

There cannot be a big issue of going to a function with that j.erk, right? It is just a function... But it can save many people from getting into trouble...

But I should not let Patterson make me a fool as well... I need to talk with him and get everything sorted out.

I dialed his number...

With the first ring, he answered like he was waiting for me to call him...

"I knew you would call me soon..." his voice raised.

"How I know you would fulfill your part of the agreement? I don't think you have that much power to revoke their punishment." I asked.

"You are underestimating me a lot, Sarah... But I forgive you for that... If you are not so sure, you can just wait and see what will happen. I will perform my part of the agreement before the function. But you have to keep your word and do your part." he said.

"Can you do that immediately... I am so much worried about Luke... At least can you inform the guys that you all are going to reconsider the punishment for now..." I asked.

"I can do that... Everything will be done with two-three days. So you are willing to take my offer?" he asked.

"Yes, I am..." I said confidently. I know my decision can lead me to some very complicated situation as well. Jake would k!ll me if he knew this. But I don't see any other solution right now. Won't Jake or Luke do the same thing if they have to face a situation like mine? They don't hesitate to do things for me. This is my chance to help them.

"How can I be sure you will keep onto your word? What is the guarantee I have?" he then asked.

"You have my word, Mr. Patterson... I promise you. I never break my promises... "

"I know you are a good girl... But if I asked you to believe me like that, would you believe me?" he asked.

I didn't say anything. I won't believe him, there is no doubt...

"I know most certainly, that you won't trust me... But I trust you, Sarah... You know why? " he asked.

I didn't say anything.

"Because you mean to me more than you can ever imagine... You may hate me but remember I will never hate you... So don't break my trust, please... If you ever break my trust, even I don't know what I would do. I will destroy everyone... I will k!ll you and then k!ll myself..."

He is not joking. This is more serious than I ever thought. What have you got yourself signed up for, Sarah?

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The next day morning, I woke up with the same outfit I had last day. I didn't even want to take a wash and change clothing. I didn't even go down to the

kitchen. It is really surprising why mom or dad didn't yell at me to come and cook dinner.

However, I was just lying down on my bed until morning. But I hardly got any sleep. Even when I fell into sleep, I had nightmares, and they made me wake up sweating all over. One time I saw that Mr. Patterson took me to a cliff and push me down the cliff. Another time, I saw Jake was tied up to a metal column, and Patterson was beating him with a baseball bat. Jake's whole body was covered with bl00d, and he was screaming with pain.

I don't know how I will be able to go through these few days until Patterson's function. I just hope all of these nightmares would be ended at least after that. If not, I don't know how would I be able to live with the regret about my stupidity.

However, now I have to face my life. I can't just lie down on my bed until his stupid function.

I took a wash and changed clothing. Then I went down and prepared breakfast for us. Dad came to the kitchen when I was cooking.

"Are you not well? "he asked.

"No, dad... I am fine." I replied quickly.

"Hmm... Mom didn't come home last night. She had to work overnight." He said casually.

"How did you eat? I am so sorry. I couldn't cook dinner." I apologized.

"I ordered food. I left some food for you in the fridge. I thought you were sick, didn't want to disturb you." He said with the same casual tone. Then he took his morning tea, which I have poured to his mug, and went to his room.

Dad is acting weirdly sometimes. What I meant by weird is that he sometimes acts as he cares about me. But it only happens when mom is not around. However, overall, dad is more sympathetic to me than mom or Shane...

After finish cooking, I left home to go to university. Today I have a lecture with Mr. Patterson. I should go early to the lecture hall, and find a place where he cannot see me easily.

Jake called me when I was on the bus...

"Sarah... You won't even believe what has happened." He sounds so exciting.

"What? What has happened." I asked.

"Our dean called me in the morning. He said they are going to reconsider our punishment because they have got many requests from our lecturers for that... He also said that they got requests from our football team sponsors to reconsider this decision." he said happily.

Great! That means what Patterson said was true. He has already started working.

"That's great news, Jake... Everything is going to be alright... How is Luke now?" I asked.

"He gained consciousness... But doctors gave him some injection to put him to sleep for some more time. Doctors said his body needs rest more than any medicine."

"He will be very happy when he hears the news, right?" I asked.

"Of course, princess... This news gave all of us hope when we were totally lost. You know what, Shane even h.ugged me when I told him about this." Jake said, laughing.

"It seems like you two are getting along pretty well, after all..." I said, laughing.

"Of course, ... No matter what he did, he is going to be my brother in law. So, we should get along pretty well..." he replied, still laughing.

I can just ignore all the mental battles I am having right now when I hear his laugh... Your happiness is all I want, Jake... If I can keep you laughing happily like this, I am willing to sacrifice anything... I love you more than anything, babe...

"Everything is going to be alright, isn't it, Jake? We will have a happy time pretty soon, right?" I asked.

"Yes, Princess... Just wait a bit more... With this news, I feel like I got a new life... Now I am certain that all of these would end soon. After that, let's start from where we left that night, okay, princess..." he asked playfully.

I laughed at what he said. Same time, my whole face turned red, remembering about that hot, r0mantic night I was having with him.

"I feel like I want to k!ss your rosy, warm I!ps right now, babe... God! I miss you so much... After we get married, I don't think I will be able to keep my hands off from you even for a minute..." he said.

I felt like everything is back to normal already... How devastated both of us were... We couldn't even think about what will happen the next day... We were afraid to even think about that. But now he is even talking about marrying me... After all, it seems like I have taken the right decision no matter what will happen afterward.

"I miss you too, Jake... I am so happy to let you hold me every minute of our lives together..." I said.

"Love you a lot, princess... Let's get married soon... Now, take care of yourself until I come back..." he said, placing a k!ss on the phone...

Sally literally ran to me when she saw me.

"Where the hell were you, Sarah... How many times did I call you? I was so worried." she said, angrily.

Poor Sally... I saw her calls. But I was not in a mood to answer. I felt so bad about keeping her worried about me.

"I am so sorry, Sally... I was out of my mind. But you know what, forget everything, I have to give you good news." I said.

"Good news... It is even nice to hear that there is good news," she said.

"Our dean has called Jake in the morning. They are going to reconsider their punishment." Even before I finish what I was saying, she screamed with happiness and h.ugged me.

"That is not good news. That is the most wonderful news I have heard." She said, happily.

"It is like a miracle, isn't it? Even yesterday evening, they said they are not going to reevaluate their decision. But this morning, they have changed it." she said, after releasing me from her arms.

"Yes... It is indeed a miracle." I replied immediately. How can I tell her, what I have to do to make this miracle happen?

"I called Jake in the morning. He said Luke is also getting better. It seems everything is getting back to normal. What a relief?" Sally said, smiling.

"Yeah... Everything will get back to normal very soon..." I said, looking at her smiling beautiful face. It is after many days I have seen smiling like this.

Finally, I could become a reason to bring a smile to my loving one's faces, right?

During the psychology lecture, I sat in a place that is not clearly noticeable to Mr. Patterson.

As soon as he came to the lecture hall, he looked around. I knew what his eyes were looking for. I looked down and started to fake reading my notes.

During the lecture also he looked at me from time to time. I don't know how he managed to notice me...

However, the lecture was perfect as always. No matter how much I hate him, I still love to listen to his lecture. That's the only reason I came to the lecture when I even hate to be near him.

"Miss Anderson... Please stay for a few minutes after the lecture." Mr. Patterson said after he finished his lecture for today. I was packing my things to go out as soon as possible. But now I have to stay... I have to talk with him alone...

I walked up to his table after everyone left.

"You look happy, Sarah... You look even more beautiful today. Anger, hate, and unhappiness don't suit to your beautiful face... So stay happy like this." He said.

"Mr. Patterson, why did you ask me to stay?" I asked, ignoring everything he said. He has no right to talk to me like this, after everything he put us through.

"I think the reason for your happiness is Jake told you about the dean's call... As I promised you, I have started my work." He said.

"Yes... He told me. " I replied.

"Since now you know I have started doing my part, can you please start doing your part too?" he asked.

"What do I have to do?" I asked. He just asked me to come for a function with him. Now, what the hell is he asking?

"I want to take you to a dress designer. They have to take your measurements to design you a dress for the function."

"What... I can't... I didn't agree to go with you anywhere else. I don't need a dress design. I have a good dress." I said.

"You don't know about that function, Sarah... It is more sophisticated than you can even imagine. You need a new dress to match that." he said.

"But I can't go with you anywhere else," I said quickly.

Without saying anything he stared at me sadly.

"Okay, then if I give you the address, will you go there alone, and give the measurements," then he asked.

I first thought of refusing to go, but then I decided to agree. He has already started to work. If I don't obey him, don't know what he will do.

"Okay... Send me the address. I will go... May I leave now?" I asked. Without waiting for him to reply, I turned around to go.

"Sarah... Wait..." he said quickly.

I looked back at him.

"I spent a whole night talking to people and making necessary arrangements to fulfill my promise. Can't I at least have a smile from you?" he asked. The way he asked it, could melt anyone's heart. But I was not ready to fall in his traps anymore...

"If you really care about my smile, you will never make any trouble to my friends, Mr. Patterson. Don't act all innocent and caring... I know very well that you are even ready to k!ll me to get your revenge..." I said angrily. Then I stormed off...

Andrew Patterson's POV

I stared for a few minutes at the direction she stormed off...

I know she hates me... She doesn't even like to be near me... It hurts me so much. I really miss the way she talked with me early days... How much I loved to look at the way she talks and smiles...

You are correct, my angel... I am willing to do anything to take my revenge. But I can never k!ll you. To be honest, I can never hurt you either...

I came up with this plan, because other than taking my revenge, my only ambition is making you mine... You don't know how much I love you, angel... Your stupid lover boy can't even think of competing with me...

You have no future with him, my angel... The more you get close to him, the more trouble you will get into. But I can keep my angel happy and comfortable... We can have a beautiful life together with our beautiful kids...

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After my discussion with Mr. Patterson, he sent me the address to his dress designer. I went there in the evening. I can imagine how sophisticated his function will be according to the standard of his dress designer. There is no doubt that this place is only for high-class, wealthy people. They won't even hire a person like me to at least work there. All of their employees were also very fashionable and elegant.

I wish I agreed to come with Mr. Patterson to this place. I don't even know what to do. I was so afraid that I will make my self a fool in front of all these sophisticated people.

Fortunately, nothing of that sort happened. I just went to the welcome desk and told the beautiful young lady that Andrew Patterson sent me here. I was treated like a princess right after I said that.

While two girls fully attendant to my work for the whole time I was there, several other people involved in my work from time to time. They gave me food and drinks as well...

They wanted me to select a design for my dress. Actually, Mr. Patterson has already selected 3 designs. I had to select one from them.

No matter how much I hate him, he has good taste. That I must admit. All three designs were so beautiful. I didn't know how to select one from them. If this dress is for some other function, I can't even imagine how much I would love to wear one of these beautiful dresses to it. But this function is just an agreement. An agreement to save my loving ones. I have no excitement about that.

So I just selected a design without thinking much. Whatever I wear, I have to go with him. So why should I bother?

However, after finishing my work there, I called Patterson and informed him.

I think he already knew I went there. He was very happy that I obeyed him. He promised me to fulfill his part of the agreement as soon as possible.

Everything started to get back to normal, step by step.

Jake has given the happy news to Luke. So his condition was getting better too... Shane came home after he made sure that there is nothing to worry about Luke anymore. But Jake stayed with Luke for some time more.

After like four days, our dean asked all the guys to come for a meeting with the vice-chancellor.

We all were impatiently waiting to know the final decision after the meeting. I was waiting with Sally in the canteen. I already knew what will be the final decision, still, I was nervous. That meeting time felt like an eternity.

Finally, I got a call from Jake...

With shaking fingers I answered it.

"Sarah... Our punishment is withdrawn. We are suspended for only two weeks. Since we have already suspended for a week now, it is just one week more. We all can play for the university team as well. We all just have to support community work for one month that's all. Everything worked out just as we thought. This is a miracle, princess... Even I didn't think they will reduce our punishment to this level!" he literally screamed with happiness.

How happy he is? Thank you, God, for his happiness...

"I am so happy, Jake... I don't even have words to explain..." I said.

"I know, princess... I will call you later, babe... I have to inform Luke as well... Anyway, we have to celebrate this." he said.

I smiled at his excitement.

"Okay, Jake..." I replied.

"So..." Sally asked as soon as I cut the call.

I explained to her the final decision. She h.ugged me with happiness. Her eyes were filled with happy tears...

"This all feels like a dream, Sarah... How many things happened within a very short period. However, that dream turned out to be a sweet dream finally..." she said happily.

I got a text from Mr. Patterson after that.

"Even if I can't see you now, I can imagine how your face may lit up with a beautiful smile. I have done what I said. I can't wait to take you to my function."

This j.erk! He is the one who stole my smile in the first place. Now he is trying to be innocent!

"Thank you, Mr. Patterson. I will do my part of the agreement too…" I sent him.

Luke called me in the evening.

He sounds so happy. Like he is fully recovered.

"I feel like I have never been sick, Sarah... I am so happy and refreshed," he said happily.

"So when can you come back?" I asked. I wanted to ask him about what Mr. Patterson told me. I have to talk about that openly with him. I think that will help him also. Then he doesn't have to hide his feelings from me. But I have to wait till he is fully recovered.

"I will be discharged soon. But mom and dad want me to stay home for a few days. After that, I can come back." he said.

"We miss you a lot here, Luke..." I said.

"WE! Who are WE?" he asked, smiling.

Well... Some people love you a lot, even if you don't know about that. It is a good thing that Shane decided to tell Luke the truth about his feelings towards him. Then I don't have to hide anything.

"We mean Me, Sally and your other friends..." I replied, smiling.

"Ha... Ha... I will come back soon, darling... "he said, laughing.

Jake had to go to his home the next day because his dad needs him for some urgent business work.

Though Jake said we must celebrate this, we didn't get any time to meet alone before he leaves. Since Luke is also not there to help us, it was so hard to find a proper time.

We could just talk to each other over the phone. But that time was also limited as he was so busy.

However, the day to go for the function also arrived.

I didn't tell anything about the function with anyone as I promised. As Mr. Patterson said, the function is at a big hotel in the capital. So I just told dad that I would be late to come home. I was thinking about what should I tell Jake. If I lie to him, there is a high possibility he senses that I am lying. So I decided I should not tell him anything. Since he is also busy, he won't call me much. So that won't be a problem.

On that day, Mr. Patterson asked me to go to that designer shop in the afternoon. He told me that they will help me get dressed, do makeup and everything. So I went there in the afternoon.

I was totally awed by the dress they have designed for me. I don't even know if a girl likes me worth wearing such an elegant dress.

However, today is almost like Luke's birthday. I got dressed in a beautiful dress with expensive jewelry. They made me look like a princess... The only difference was on Luke's birthday, I was extremely happy and excited, but today, I was crying inside... I just wanted all this drama to be finish soon. I was feeling like I cheat Jake... That feeling was k!lling me.

After I get dressed, Mr. Patterson came to pick me up.

When he saw me, he stared at me without saying anything.

"Shall we go?" I asked, annoyingly.

"Yeah... But... You look exactly like an angel, today." he said.

"Money can turn any ugly girl to an angel, Mr. Patterson," I replied with the same tone.

"I agree... But it is not the case with you. You are beautiful even without any of these... But today you look even more beautiful." he said, not taking his eyes off me.

"Shall we go? I just want all these to be finished soon. I agreed to go for a function with you. Not to let you fl!rt with me. I don't even want to look

beautiful in any other man's eyes. I want to look beautiful for my Jake, only for him. "I said angrily.

I know I was harsh. Mr. Patterson's face got darker. He looked sad. But why should I care? He has no right to put me in a situation like this.

However, after that, he didn't say anything. He opened the door for me and then he drove silently.

He has arranged a helicopter to go to the capital. It was the first time I got to ride in a helicopter, but I didn't feel any excitement.

Mr. Patterson was also silent for the whole ride.

He has arranged a black limousine for us to travel to the hotel where the function held.

When the car stopped at the hotel entrance, I was totally speechless. The hotel was the most luxurious in the country. I have just heard about this hotel, but I never thought it is this big and sophisticated.

We had to go through several security procedures since we entered the hotel gate.

What Mr. Patterson told me was true. This must be a function for very highclass people. I don't think even if I earn my whole life I would be able to have a party in a place like this.

The function was arranged as an outdoor party. Decorations and everything were so elegant.

I felt really small and worthless when I observe the people who have attended the party. There were a lot of people whom I have seen on television. Some of them are celebrities, some of them are big business people, some of them are high ranking government officers and politicians. Mr. Patterson is also from a high-class family, so he is a perfect match for this occasion. But I don't have to do anything with these big people. I don't belong here... Why the hell he wanted to take me to this function?

Fortunately, Mr. Patterson went for a corner table where people don't notice much. Still, a few people came to us and talked with him. They all asked about

me as well... They all wanted to know if I am his fiancée. Mr. Patterson just laughed and said "No... She is one of my best friends..." Else I would k!ll him!

"What is this function for?" I asked after some time.

Without saying anything he smiled.

"Well... Mr. Patterson... There is no harm in telling me now. We are already here. Whatever the purpose of this function is, it is not like I am going to run away..." I said.

He stared at me for a few seconds. Then he smiled.

"Just a birthday party, dear..." he said casually.

"Birthday Party? But whose birthday party it is?" I asked.

"Be patient... You are about to know..." he said with a smile. Well... That smile seemed so mysterious to me. Whose birthday party, it really is?

"Ladies and Gentlemen... I warmly welcome you all to this fabulous evening! I am Don Sherman. I am the compere for this very special occasion. "

Well... It seems like I am about to find out.