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Ashton picked up almost instantly. "You're awake?" he said casually as though nothing was out of the ordinary.

"Where did you take Summer to?" I asked with much restraint, for I was still fuming at how he acted as he pleased. "I suppose you took my phone as well. Ashton, this is a new low for you."

I had expected Ashton to fly into a rage at my words, but he acted as if he did not hear me. "A bodyguard will inspect the house every hour," he said, in an attempt to divert the conversation. "If there's anything you need, let them know. But do not for a moment imagine you can borrow their phones. If you do, I will make sure that they will not be able to speak again for as long as they live. I'd advise you to consider their wellbeing before you make any rash decisions."

I knew from experience that he was in an aggressive mood, it was one that would not allow any room for compromise or reasoning. I gritted my teeth in resentment and tried again. "How about Summer? You could at least let her stay with me. She wouldn't affect you in any way."

"She's at Emery's. Summer is fond of the boy and wouldn't miss you and I have fulfilled her wish too. This time you are not allowed to go anywhere."

With that, Ashton slammed the phone down before I could react. It was just me and the solitude of a large empty house.

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I was in a serious enough rage to fling the phone against the wall, but as it was my only mode of communication with the outside world. Having no choice, I was forced to replace the receiver with care.

It was one thing to be on your own but another to be forced into it. I was the latter. I spent the entire morning reading, but with the high anxiety level over my situation, not a sentence entered my mind. As a result, my temper only worsened.

As Ashton had mentioned, a bodyguard made his rounds every hour. They peered down at me through the length of the corridor and left promptly. It was at this moment that I felt rather sick of studying. When I heard his footsteps coming upstairs, I gazed in its direction reproachfully.

The men were dressed in similar suits. They were actually uncouth thugs clad in refined clothing. In a fit of mischief, I wanted to scare whoever was on his rounds with a fierce expression.

This man in particular did not stop at the stairs and turned around after his examination. He walked along the corridor and to the study.

As if by instinct, I held my belly and leaned back in my chair as he approached. At this point, he had arrived at the door and faced me. I looked him in the face and frowned, as it was a very familiar face to me. But at that moment I can't quite put my finger on where I've seen him before.

He was in front of me within three broad strides and handed me a satellite phone with his long, outstretched arm.

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I snatched it from him in surprise and delight. I had only seen this in use once before by Abe. That thing could reach the outside world through the deepest of valleys and jungles. It was a treasure to outlaws and convicts.

“Mrs. Fuller, Mr. Fuller has installed a signal blocker around the villa. This satellite phone is able to make contact with the outside world. Someone will call you soon on this number. Be careful not to let anyone see that with you.”

He had just finished speaking when the sound of footsteps came rattling up the stairs. The other bodyguards were suspicious at how long he was taking and came up to look for him. “Shon, what are you doing? Shout out if everything’s fine.”

I hastily stowed away the phone at the nearest drawer. “Nothing’s wrong,” I called out, covering up for Shon. “I just couldn’t reach a couple of books up the shelf so I asked this young man to help me out.”

The footsteps stopped abruptly at the sound of my voice. They were so afraid of being caught interacting with me and losing their tongues for it that they did not respond at all.

Shon gave me a meaningful look and hurried back downstairs, his mission completed.

After ascertaining that both men’s footsteps had receded, I retrieved the satellite phone and locked myself in the toilet of my bedroom.

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Shon would have contacted the party who wished to make contact after he left; it would ring very soon. I was curious as to who had understood my situation so well that they would risk incurring Ashton's displeasure to help me.

I didn't have long to wait. A light on the satellite phone flashed fifteen minutes later and I pounced on it in a haste to answer the call.

"Hello? Who is this?"

"Scarlett? It's that you? Phew, I thought Ashton would have found out." The sound of Emery's voice flooded me with relief. I held up my forehead and looked into the mirror. All of a sudden, I was struck by the realization that Shon was Emery's driver.

Ashton had purposefully engaged a new team of bodyguards to ensure that nobody had dared to create issues. Emery put two and two together when she realized that I was unreachable and when Summer was sent to her home. She pulled some strings and sent one of her own men to place me in contact with her. Emery was a tech enthusiast and had no trouble procuring a satellite phone. She was the most fearless person I have ever met.

"Is Summer alright?" I asked, anxious at the idea that Summer thought I had abandoned her. Emery disproved my theory quickly. "She loves it here. She has

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been having lollies and following Xavier around. There is hardly any adult supervision required.”

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The lollies will ruin her teeth! Ms. Moore is spoiling her to the tee!

Unfortunately, this wasn't the time to discuss such trivial matters. I needed information on the outside. To save time, I briefly told Emery about Marcus and practically begged her for her help. “Emery, I know that you dislike Cameron and Marcus, but you really need to help me...”

Before I finished my plea, Emery cut across me. “Say no more. I will relay your message to them and hopefully, they will use the influence of the Moore family to keep the shareholders in line when you and Marcus are absent.”

Her brilliance had caught me off guard. “You're right,” I said as I nodded vigorously.

“I can help you with that.”

I was overjoyed. “Really? Thank you so much, Emery. I will make sure that Marcus repays you too.”

“Hold your horses,” Emery said impatiently. “Marcus's gratitude means nothing to me. Let me ask you. Do you know what you're doing?”

Something in her voice cleared my thoughts. She was right; I had forgotten. The year before, Emery had advised me to settle down with Ashton. But here I

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was trying to ask for her help to be at odds with Ashton. It wasn't something she was pleased to see.

I was dumbfounded for the moment.

"Scarlett, though it was over the line for Ashton to place you under house arrest, I think he is right this time. You're pregnant now, are you not?"

"Yes, I am." I had only heard from the doctor after I began helping Marcus, that was why I had not informed her.

"As long as you are aware. I won't say much on the matter. I will help you keep an eye on White Corporation. Marcus is a flirt. Though I admire him, it's between me and him and it has nothing to do with you. And as for you, I want you to think long and hard about it. You have lost two children, is it really worth putting yourself through that kind of torment again? Have a good rest. I'm hanging up now."

The beep sounded like the heart rate monitor of a dead man; shrill and unceasing. I sat frozen with the phone pressed on my ear for some moments in a daze.

It wasn't Emery's words that had woke me up. I thought that the matter of feelings did not have the propensity to incur mutual pain. I did not believe that I was the only one in the world to treat someone who has done so much for me with the highest regard. But Ashton and Emery were there to constantly remind me that there was nothing wrong with placing one's wellbeing above everything else.

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