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The thought of Finnick standing so close to Vivian just now caused Evelyn to have her heart in her mouth. Did Vivian come back to steal Finnick away from me? It must be so! Otherwise, how could they have met in this auction so coincidentally?

Looking at Vivian's dress, Evelyn balled her hands into fists under the blanket. Unexpectedly, Vivian has learned how to seduce men after five years, but I won't let her steal Finnick away!

Wheeling herself up to Finnick, Evelyn held his arm and cooed coyly, "I was bored at home, so I went out. While I was in the car, I heard that you're here for an auction, so I came to find you, and we can go home together."

Evelyn purposely emphasized the phrase "go home." After speaking, she looked over at Vivian. "Oh, it's you, Vivian. I didn't recognize you just now."

Evelyn pretended to be very enthusiastic. "When did you come back? Finnick and I are going back. Do you wanna come to our place?"

Vivian was shocked when she saw Evelyn in a wheelchair, but she immediately thought of the comments others made about the latter being a cripple before the auction started.

Initially, she felt a little sorry for Evelyn, but she inwardly sneered after hearing the latter's words and seeing the provocative look in her eyes.

Did she say so to show me that Finnick belongs to her? As expected, she still hasn't changed. She's still as scheming as ever.

However, Vivian looked at Evelyn's legs that were covered with a blanket and suspected if the latter had faked her disability. Based on her understanding of Evelyn's character, she believed that Evelyn was definitely capable to do such a thing.

But this has nothing to do with me anymore. Vivian could not help but mock herself inwardly. So what if she's faking it? As long as someone believes her.

At the thought of that, Vivian did not want to stay and watch Finnick and Evelyn being affectionate with each other, so she directly ignored Evelyn and turned to walk backstage.

Did Evelyn think that such actions and words could still provoke me like before? I only cared because I was in love with Finnick back then, but now, all I want is to stay away from him. She can't get on my nerves now.

"Hold on, Vivian, listen to me..." Finnick wanted to go after Vivian upon seeing that she was leaving. However, Evelyn held his arm tightly and refused to let him go.

"What are you doing, Finnick? Don't forget that you've already divorced Vivian!"

Left with no choice, Finnick could only watch as Vivian disappeared from his sight. Flinging Evelyn's hand away, Finnick lashed out angrily, "What exactly do you want? What were you implying in your words just now?"

He had wanted to see Vivian again, but judging from her current attitude toward him, he knew it would be hard for him to meet her again. Besides, he had not found out what she meant by her words earlier before Evelyn came and said those things.

Although he was indeed living with Evelyn now, the way she put it could easily cause misunderstandings.

Seeing Finnick get mad at her, Evelyn immediately got misty-eyed as she chokingly replied, "Finnick, Vivian is just your ex-wife, while I'm your current girlfriend. How can you go after her and leave me behind? Besides, there's nothing wrong with what I said. I just want to invite her over to our place."

Hearing this, Finnick shot her a skeptical look. When did I agree to be with her? When did I say that she's my girlfriend?

Evelyn did not notice the look on his face as she took out a handkerchief and wiped her tears, looking pitiful.

"A-Are you trying to dump me and get back with her after seeing that she's become so beautiful while I'm a disabled person? Finnick, Vivian's the one who left you back then. She doesn't love you anymore. I'm the one who loves you. Can't you see my feelings for you even after five years?"

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"Finnick, I really love you. Even though I'm crippled because of you, I've never blamed you. Over the years, you've seen how I-"

As Evelyn was talking about her grievances and feelings for Finnick, the latter interrupted her, "Evelyn Morrison, I think there's been a misunderstanding."

Evelyn was a little stunned when she heard Finnick call her full name and say something like this. "What do you mean by misunderstanding?"

Taking a deep breath, Finnick thought of the doctor's advice and hesitated for a moment, but he knew that he could not let the misunderstanding go on.

He squatted down and looked into Evelyn's eyes, saying seriously, "Evelyn, I know that you become like this because of me. I'll be responsible for you and take good care of you, but," Finnick emphasized, "you're not my girlfriend. I don't have feelings for you either."

"That's impossible!" Evelyn screamed in distress. Then, she grabbed Finnick's hand tightly. "Finnick, you promised me five years ago that you will stay with me forever. You can't break your promise!"

"Five years ago, I did promise to stay with you and take care of you, but I did not promise to be in a relationship with you. Evelyn, what happened between us had already passed. Don't live in the past anymore, okay?" Finnick patiently persuaded Evelyn. He wanted to free his hand from her grip, but it was too tight.

"Impossible! You're lying!" Evelyn bawled, "For the past five years, you've been taking care of me, doing whatever I say, and agreeing to all my requests. I don't believe that you don't love me!"

"I take care of you because I'm the reason for your injury. It's because of guilt and not love. Do you understand?"

After hearing Finnick's words, Evelyn realized that he had always kept a proper distance from her all these years and had not even touched her. She had thought that he took care of her so carefully because he loved her. So it's not because he loves me?

Finnick went on, "Evelyn, two people get together because they love each other, and only in this way can a relationship last. Do you really want me to be with you because of guilt?"

"I don't care!" Realizing that Finnick might really not love her, Evelyn panicked as she tightly grasped his hand and said, with a pleading expression, "Finnick, I don't care about that. I don't care about the reason you're with me. I just want you to be with me. I've lost my legs now. If you leave me, I'd really have nothing anymore!"

"Listen to me, Evelyn-"

"No, I don't want to listen, and I don't care!" Evelyn got a little hysterical. "Finnick, you can't leave me! You can't! You're all I have now, Finnick! I don't care if you love me or not. I just want you to be by my side! I—"

"Evelyn!" Freeing his arm from her grip, Finnick grabbed her by the shoulders and shouted, "Evelyn, listen to me!"

At that, Evelyn finally quietened down and looked at Finnick with a tear-streaked face. Seeing Evelyn like this, Finnick did not have the heart to say what he was about to say, but he knew that he couldn't hesitate anymore.

"Evelyn, I can't do it. Even if you don't mind, I can't force myself to be with you because of your injury. If I really do that, I'll be irresponsible toward both of us."

"You're lying! These are all excuses. You just can't forget about Vivian William, right? Otherwise, why didn't you tell me these things before? Why are you only telling me now, after she came back?"

"You're right."

Evelyn was dumbfounded, having not expected him to admit it so straightforwardly. When she came back to her senses, she cried even harder.

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"Finnick, Vivian doesn't love you anymore. She's moved on. Otherwise, she wouldn't have walked away just now. Finnick, just get over her, okay? Let's start over. We'll definitely be happy together. Trust me, okay?"

"Even if she doesn't like me anymore, I'll still try to win her back." There was a look of determination in Finnick's eyes when he looked at Evelyn. "Evelyn, I can't forget Vivian. I can't live without her. At first, I planned to go to A Nation to find her when you can live on your own, but now that she has come back, I'll never let her go again."

"What about your promise to me?" Pushing him away, Evelyn yelled at him emotionally, "Does your promise not count anymore?"

Saying nothing, Finnick did not know how to explain to her as he had indeed broken his promise back then. As silence engulfed them, Evelyn continued to sob.

"I'm sorry, Evelyn. I can promise you anything other than this," Finnick said guiltily after a long time.

"Fine. It's okay if you don't want to be with me." Evelyn had a look of revenge on her face. "Just promise me you won't be with Vivian as well. As long as you can promise me, I won't talk about being with you anymore."

Finnick kept silent.

"What's the matter?" Evelyn mocked, "Didn't you just say you can promise me anything?"

"Evelyn," Finnick pinched the bridge of his nose as he asserted, "Don't be unreasonable. I'll never give up on Vivian."

After speaking, he did not bother to wait for her response and directly left.

It seems that it's impossible to make it clear to her. I have to think of other ways.

"Come back, Finnick!" Watching him walk away, Evelyn shouted frantically, "Are you going to leave me, a cripple, here all by myself? Are you even a man?"

But Finnick didn't look back. It was not that he was really cruel, but he had heard far too many threats like this and grew desensitized to them.

"Ah!" Clutching at the armrest of the wheelchair, Evelyn screamed, completely ignoring the fact that she was in a public area.

It's your fault, Vivian! It's all because of you that Finnick said those things to me! Why did you come back? Why didn't you die abroad?

Evelyn inwardly cursed Vivian with the most vicious words, her eyes gleaming with a frenzy of hatred.

Vivian, since you have the nerve to come back, I'll definitely not let you off. Just you wait! I can force you to go abroad once, so I can do it again! No! This time, I'm gonna take your life!

By the time Vivian got changed and came back out, she saw that Finnick and Evelyn had already left. As a wave of relief washed over her, she felt a hint of disappointment for some reason, but she could not figure out where that emotion came from.

Shaking her head to dismiss all the messy thoughts in her head, she left the hotel. What happened between them had nothing to do with her now.

When she walked to the entrance of the hotel, she was surprised to see Evelyn outside. At that moment, Evelyn was looking around at the entrance as if waiting for someone.

She's not waiting for me, is she? Vivian had a bad feeling about it and started to get a headache as she really didn't want to deal with her.

But it turned out that her hunch was accurate as Evelyn immediately maneuvered her wheelchair toward her upon seeing her.

Vivian turned around and wanted to leave when she suddenly thought of something and stopped in her tracks. She was no longer who she was five years ago. Even though she felt an unexpected panic rising inside her when she saw Finnick, she still had the confidence to deal with Evelyn.

Therefore, she decided to see what tricks Evelyn was pulling, since the latter had deliberately waited for her out here. She didn't want to get unknowingly set up by her again.

With that thought in mind, Vivian turned around and waited for Evelyn to come up to her.