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Filled with rage, Samuel looked oppressive, and his intimidating aura scared the doctors to their wits.

At that point, it dawned on them that they might have gotten the wrong person.

Dr. Johnston blinked with a blank face. Feeling pressured by Samuel's hostility, he said admittedly, "Um... We... We're so sorry for disturbing you. We should take our leave now and let you rest."

The rest of the doctors followed suit.

Natalie heaved a sigh of relief after they left.

"Thank God you're here." She took the initiative to wrap her arms around his neck and hugged him lightly. "Otherwise, they'd hound me endlessly, thinking that I'm the one who operated on Christopher."

At that moment, Samuel's flame of desire which had not been entirely put out, flared up again.

When Natalie threw herself at him and held him by the neck, he had an Adam's-apple-jump.

She could sense his muscles tensed up and his nerves stretched taut all of a sudden.

Knowing what was going to befall her, Natalie let out a dry chuckle and released him, only to have him pull her back into his embrace.

"Nat, don't you think I deserve some reward?"

"What reward do you want?" She attempted to derail the negotiation.

Yet, Samuel insisted, "The type of reward for adults. You know, I like that sort of... reward."

Right before she had a chance to advise him to control himself in the hospital, he sealed her lips with yet another kiss.

"Mm..."

Having gone through a dangerous encounter, Natalie had thought things through.

She liked Samuel and appreciated everything that he had done for her. She had no qualms about that man. In fact, she felt immensely connected with him in all aspects, and she enjoyed their relationship very much.

Mm... Shame? What's that? Forget it.

At that thought, Natalie ran her legs around Samuel's strong waist, setting off another episode of passionate intimacy.

A long while later, she fell asleep in his arms, totally exhausted. He hugged her tighter while letting out a satisfied grin which rivaled that of a Cheshire cat.

Have a good rest...

Coincidentally, Yandel paid Natalie a visit the moment she woke up.

Seeing her unkempt hair and glowy skin, he teased, "Boss, I can see that your road to recovery involves extra effort, time, and even energy."

Natalie shot a killer glance at him and shut him up at that instant.

Samuel knew that he was not in the position to interfere with some of Natalie's affairs. "You guys have a chat while I go get dinner ready." So, he left after coming up with an excuse.

"Okay."

Samuel walked out of the ward, leaving Natalie and Yandel alone in the room.

"Boss, you're right. The Nichols didn't suspect anything the police told them and signed the papers almost right away. At the same time, they have also dropped the request to have a post-mortem," Yandel reported the updates.

Biting her lips, Natalie's heart sank.

"Although Thomas and Yara weren't involved in it directly, they still got themselves entangled in Sophia's kidnapping case. Fortunately for them, the Bowers family is letting it slide. They calculated the risks and protected themselves. All of them are so eager to close the case, and nobody seems to care about Melissa's death. Something fishy must be going on behind the scenes..."

"Boss, why do you think that Melissa fell head over heels for me?" Yandel was puzzled. "I've only met her thrice, and we had about ten exchanges of text messages. I didn't even show her any good attitude when I was at the Nichols residence. Why would she still act like that?"

"Before going to the Nichols residence, I threw a bait to get Melissa hooked." A cold glint flashed across Natalie's eyes. She added, "However, someone must have sown the seeds of doubt and intensified the hatred in her once we left the Nichols residence."

"Is it something like a hypnosis?" Yandel had never seen Melissa lose her mind. He could only imagine the ample possibilities.

"I'm not sure." Natalie knitted her brows. "Her emotions were on the extremes. Rage, exhilaration, ruthlessness, cruelty... These can't be achieved through hypnosis."