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The entire room fell into silence.

Malcolm frowned, glancing at the dried herb in Christopher's bag.

Was this the herb that had cured Rosalyn? He had no recollection at all.

When the herb was delivered to him, he had given it only a quick glimpse before sending it to Christopher, so how could he recall what it looked like?

<u>"Of course I remember." Malcolm smiled even though he had no memory of seeing this herb before. "This was the medicine that I had brought to cure you, Mrs. Landry, so how can I forget?"</u>

Christopher could not help curling his lips into a smirk when he heard this. "Master Quinn has an excellent memory."

With that, he turned and glanced at Rosalyn, who was leaning against her headboard.

Her expression was dark. She pursed her lips and asked, "Malcolm...are you sure you remember?"

Malcolm curled his lips into a smile. "Of course. I had specially sent my men overseas to bring this back, so of course I remember."

Rosalyn stared at the dried herb for a moment before finally saying, "But this isn't the Clinging Root at all; it's just a bunch of dried grass."

Everyone in the room fell silent upon hearing this.

Malcolm glared at the dried herb so hard that it was as though his eyes would fall out of his head. A split second later, he lifted his head and smiled calmly at Christopher. "I'm just playing along with Dr. Christopher's act.

"After all, he's already using this tactic to challenge my memory, so how can I not go along with it?"

There was not a hint of nervousness on his face, as though he had really been playing along with Christopher's teasing all this while.

However, his tight grip on his wheelchair armrests betrayed him.

Luna could tell that he was indeed nervous.

He really could not recognize the dried herb at all, as opposed to what he claimed.

Luna narrowed her eyes. Since Malcolm himself was not familiar with what the Clinging Root looked like, how could he have ordered his men to find it and managed to find the right herb in the end?

Had his men stumbled upon the Clinging Root by accident?

If that was the case, then how could Joshua have fallen off the cliff without even managing to find the Clinging Root?

All of these questions circled in Luna's mind. "Well, since Master Quinn has such an excellent

memory and is even willing to go along with my act ...

<u>" Christopher smiled, tugged the man who was haphazardly putting on his mask over, and pulled off his mask.</u> "Then do you recognize him, Master Quinn?"

<u>Silence.</u>

Deadly silence.

Malcolm narrowed his eyes to glare at Christopher with a murderous look.

When this servant had accidentally dropped his mask earlier on, Malcolm had had a bad feeling about this.

His hunch was proven right.

Christopher had brought this man with him for a reason!

However, since Christopher had asked this question, he must have obtained some evidence about his wrongdoing.

If Malcolm were to deny knowing this servant, Luna and Rosalyn would grow suspicious of him...

As soon as he thought of this, Malcolm bit his lip and had no choice but to admit, "Of course I know him. This man used to work at Quinn Mansion, but I hadn't seen him for a while. I thought he had resigned and returned to his hometown. I never expected that he'd be working under Dr. Christopher now."

With that, he glanced at the man impassively and smiled. "Didn't you use to work under Hunter Quinn?

The servant paused for a moment, then quickly nodded.

Malcolm smiled. " I guess I remembered correctly."

Fortunately, he had planned ahead and sent one of Hunter's servants to spy at Swan Lake Chalet instead of his own.

Otherwise, it would be difficult to explain his way out of this situation!

Rosalyn could not help furrowing her brows when she heard this. "Christopher, what are you..."

Why had Christopher brought this servant over to play this seemingly hostile game with Malcolm? Rosalyn was not an idiot. She could tell from Christopher's unusual behavior that something was wrong.

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Christopher seemed to be targeting Malcolm in all of his verbal accusations. This was strange.

When Malcolm had given Christopher the Clinging Root, he had understood the frustration that Christopher had felt when Joshua fooled him, so the two of them should have had a harmonious relationship. Why was Christopher so harsh toward Malcolm today?

"I'm just trying to make sense of something." Christopher sneered and extended his hand toward Joshua, who was still wearing his mask.

Joshua handed him a phone.

Christopher scrolled through the call history and text messages on this phone as he stared at Malcolm impassively. "This servant whom you claimed to have left Quinn Mansion disguised himself and started working for me at Swan Lake Chalet.

"After Joshua's friend, Jude, contacted me about the Clinging Root, this man got in touch with the Quinn family, so much so that no matter what I did, whether it was something major or minor, he'd call the Quinn family." As he said this, Christopher stared at Malcolm coldly. "How are you going to explain this, Master Quinn? Is this servant contacting the Quinn family out of concern despite his termination, or..."

Christopher's expression darkened. "Did the Quinn family send him to spy on me?"

Luna's heart leaped into her throat when she heard this.

Christopher was very explicit about what he was trying to say.

Malcolm had failed to recognize the fake herb just now, and on top of that, the Quinn family had sent someone to spy on Christopher...

The color drained from Luna's face.

At this moment, Malcolm reached out to grab hold of Luna's hand.

Luna, who had been worried that someone would discover Joshua's presence, had gone along with every one of Malcolm's whims all this while, even if it meant engaging in intimate displays of affection.

However, when Malcolm reached out this time, Luna withdrew her hand.

Malcolm's hand was met with air.

His expression darkened when he realized this, and he lifted his head. "I didn't know you had such a good sense of humor, Dr. Christopher. Why would the Quinn family be spying on you? Besides..."

He glanced at the servant and added, "This man used to work for Hunter, and I'm not familiar with him at all."

With that, he glanced at the man, whose head was lowered, and asked, "Tell me, why did you attempt to get in touch with us that day? Did someone send you to spy on Dr. Christopher?"

Despite being gentle, there was a hint of hostility in Malcolm's voice.

The servant lowered his head and did not reply.

After a long while, he bit his lip and lifted his head, avoiding Malcolm's gaze. "I...

"The reason I had tried to get in touch with the Quinn family was that I had accidentally left something behind, and the butler didn't return it to me yet, so I had no choice but to call multiple times to check on that..."

"You liar!" Christopher furrowed his brows and snapped, "That wasn't what you told me at Swan Lake Chalet! "

Christopher, who was usually calm and level- headed, was so frustrated that his face turned red. " Alright, since you say you were calling them to retrieve your belongings, then why did you happen to call every time I made a move?"

The servant answered meekly, "It was just a coincidence."

"A coincidence?" Christopher was so angry that his chest rose and fell rapidly. He had always been able to suppress his anger and had not lost his temper in a long time!

Malcolm Quinn was such a deceitful man!

Previously, before arriving at Landry Mansion, the servant had admitted everything and even volunteered to come along with them to tell the truth.

However, as soon as he encountered Malcolm, he was so scared that he changed his statement immediately!

Seeing how furious Christopher was, Joshua furrowed his brows, walked over to the bag, and handed something to him.

Christopher laid eyes on the item Joshua gave him and realized it was a phone containing the video that Lucas had obtained that morning!

He quickly strode over to Malcolm to show him the video. "How are you going to explain this, then?"

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Malcolm narrowed his eyes as he watched the video that Christopher showed him. The video had clearly captured Jude and Hunter's exchange in the background.

Despite putting on a calm endeavor, Malcolm was cursing Hunter under his breath.

He had already ordered Hunter to destroy all evidence that would point to his involvement!

That b*stard must have thought it was enough to destroy all the security footage at the airport.

However, he had forgotten that this was the airport entrance, and on top of that, Merchant City was frequented by tourists during fall, so plenty of people would be milling about, taking photos and videos.

The fact that Christopher could find this video meant that there would be plenty of others.

Malcolm narrowed his eyes and lifted his head to stare at Christopher. "I 'm not sure. Maybe this man, Mr. Jude, had some business exchange with Hunter."

As he stared at Malcolm, Christopher could not help thinking how shameless this man was.

He had already managed to bring out evidence of his wrongdoing, yet he was still denying the truth!

Just as Christopher was about to say something in return, Luna, who had been standing next to Malcolm all this while, suddenly piped up, "Jude

couldn't have had a business exchange with Hunter."

She narrowed her eyes as she watched the video once more. "On the day that Jude arrived in Merchant City, he had come to see me.

"According to the time stamp in the video , he had left the airport after this, and it matched up with the time he had come to see me at Tea Cottage."

With that, she glanced at Malcolm and continued, " Everyone knew that Jude had given Christopher a bunch of dried grass to humiliate him. Inside the video, Jude had given something to Hunter as soon as he stepped out of the airport, and after that, he had come to visit me at Tea Cottage, so when did he have the time to see Christopher and give him the fake Clinging Root?"

Christopher could not help curling his lips into a smirk when he heard this. "Ms. Luna has a very sound logic."

With that, he pointed at the man that had appeared at the end of the video, clutching a backpack as he waited at East 2 Gate. "That day, this man claimed to be Jude Smith and handed me the dried grass.

"When I finally met Jude Smith in person, I knew that I had been tricked, so I sent my men to track down this fake Jude. In the end, I found his corpse in the garbage dump on the outskirts of the city.

"His dead body was still dressed in the clothes he had been wearing in this video. According to the coroner, he had died the same day that he appeared in this video. On top of that..."

Christopher turned to stare at Malcolm. "We found a badge that identified him as a former bodyguard of the Quinn family."

The evidence was as clear as day.

Luna clenched her fists next to her and finally felt relieved.

It turned out Joshua did not humiliate Christopher with fake grass at all. The herb that Jude had brought to Merchant City was the real Clinging Root after all.

Joshua...had indeed tried his best for her.

Even though all of this happened a week ago, and Luna had already returned to the Landry family out of despair, at this moment, she was delighted to find out the truth.

She had not trusted, nor had she fallen in love with the wrong person.

Joshua...had indeed tried his best to win her heart back.

Even though they could never reconcile again, Luna was still happy about this.

However, all this upset Rosalyn. She furrowed her brows and stared at Malcolm with a displeased look. "What is going on, Malcolm?"

After all, the only reason Rosalyn had agreed to marry Luna off to Malcolm was that she thought Malcolm would treat her well. After all, this man was willing to go to such great lengths to save her, so he surely would treat Luna well in the future.

However, all of this evidence suggested that Malcolm had tricked Joshua and taken the credit for saving Rosalyn!

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Joshua had been the one who had found the Clinging Root.

Malcolm and Hunter had simply used the fact that Jude and Christopher had never met in real life before to trick them!

The Landry family had even thought that Malcolm was their savior and given the Quinn Group plenty of business privileges.

Malcolm glanced at Rosalyn with a pitiful expression, then glanced at Luna. Finally, he lowered his head and confessed, "It was all my fault..."

He let out a sigh and continued, "I knew that Mrs. Landry needed the Clinging Root for the antidote, and I was nervous to prove myself, but..."

He lowered his head to stare at his legs. "But I'm already a cripple, and I can't afford to go searching for it myself, so I asked my cousin Hunter to help me

Malcolm closed his eyes with a pained expression and leaned against the headrest of his wheelchair. "I had been reminding Hunter of this search every day and even gave him everything I had left in exchange for this favor. Finally, he promised me that he'd think of a way. "After that, you all know what happened. He returned with the Clinging Root, and I brought it to Swan Lake Chalet immediately for Dr. Christopher. "

As he said this, Malcolm let out a sigh. "I had no idea that Hunter had...done all this behind my back. I thought he had sent his men out to search for the Clinging Root, but I was wrong."

Malcolm clenched his fists and started pounding on his limp legs. "It's all my fault! Why am I so useless? If I cou1d've stood up and searched for it myself, none of this would have happened...! "

With that, he lifted his head to stare at Christopher, then at Rosalyn, with tears clinging onto the edge of his eyes. Then, he gave them each a bow. "I had only found out about this today. I apologize for my ignorance and I apologize on behalf of my cousin brother, Hunter."

With that, he stared at Rosalyn with an earnest expression. "As for the privileges that the Landry family had given us, I'll return it immediately, and we can sign a new contract.

"If you still think it's inappropriate that the public thinks of me as the Landry family's savior, Mrs. Landry, I can hold a press conference to tell

everyone the truth."

With that, he turned to glance at Christopher. " Dr. Christopher, if you think that I have insulted you just like Joshua had, that you want something to make up for it, then please tell me. The Quinn family can give you anything you want."

Christopher narrowed his eyes. "Anything I want?"

A vein on Malcolm's forehead popped, and a glimmer of malice flashed through his eyes.

However, he still replied with a smile, "Of course, anything you want."

Christopher smiled when he heard this. "Truth be told, I didn't suffer much from the consequences of your actions at all. If anything, I had simply been tricked.

"However, you stole credit for Joshua's noble actions and caused him and Luna to be separated... The person whom you

should make up for is Joshua, not me."

Malcolm narrowed his eyes and said coldly, "So how do you want me to make up for that, Dr. Christopher? Should I cancel the engagement that I had just announced this morning?"

Christopher chuckled. "You've been working toward this engagement for a long time; to ask you to cancel it would be unrealistic. On top of that, you had just announced it this morning, and now, it's no longer concerning just you and Luna anymore."

With that, he shrugged and said, "My request is simple; let Luna come with me to Swan Lake Chalet to have a quick chat with Joshua. "Do you agree to my terms, Master Quinn?"