

JUST IN TIME

“Control on your own emotion is one of the most powerful things. All you have to do is listen to your heart and follow my voice. Are you ready?” I asked the man who was brought here by the FBI. “Yes,” he told. “Tell me when did you see the man to kill the woman?” I asked. He said, “I was sitting in my car when I saw a man with scars spots on his face come with a knife and attack the girl. He was asking the woman about someone but I couldn’t listen clearly.” “What else happened there?” “A little boy, scared. The man tried to kill him too. But another woman came, staged the man, took the son with her, and fled on a boat.” “Can you describe the woman who took the boy?” “She had a big tattoo on her wrist written Allina on it.” “Alright, your journey ends here. Now you are coming back to consciousness slowly.”

“Anything else you want to know officer?” I asked one of the FBI agents. “You did a lot, Arthur. Thank you,” the agent said. “As a private investigator of the mind, it is my duty to help the government as much as I can,” I said to the agents and left from there.

There are certain moments that never leave you. Like the moment I first saw her. She was like a heavenly charm to me. I was shocked by thinking the name. Allina, written on the tattoo on the wrist. Yes, that was she. She had the same tattoo on her wrist too. It’s been 3 months since she left me without saying anything. What happened to my Allina! How could she just leave me without a word? Is she in some trouble? Or she was just playing with my emotion? A lot of questions arose in my mind. I have to find her.

Hoping to find a hint, I searched all of my client’s file records as Allina used to come here too. And my doubt was right. One file is missing. It was one of my clients named Juliana, who was the second wife of a wealthy man named “Vincent Keller”. But he has recently died and Juliana stopped visiting me a few months ago. Why Allina would steal the recording of Juliana? Is there any connection between them? But they barely know each other. I spend hours repeatedly and came to know about Vincent Keller’s first wife and son.

I confront Mr. Keller's widow, Tessa, whose memory has been damaged because of her husband's recent death. In a moment of lucidity, she told me that Keller doesn't like sharing. And he sent a man named Alfred to kill a woman and her son. He lives on the coast of the new town. She doesn't know about her husband's second marriage. I realize that Juliana's son was likely the second child of Vincent Keller and thus a potential heir to his fortune. Investigating, I learn that Juliana was recently murdered and her little son was kidnapped by a woman who matches Allina's description.

I went to Alfred's address, caught him, and made him speak through hypnosis. He confesses that he killed Juliana because of money. To get the information about Juliana, he sent Allina to me as a con. But later she fell in love with me that's why Alfred tried to trap Allina too. But when he killed Juliana, Allina staged him and took Juliana's son, and fled, stashing him at an unknown location.

I remember Tessa saying that **Keller doesn't like sharing**. This means Vincent Keller's legitimate son Victor Keller doesn't want to share his inheritance with his half-brother. So I went to Tessa's place and confront Victor, who hired Alfred to eliminate Juliana and her son. I call the FBI agents who were investigating Juliana's murder case and expose the real face of Victor Keller behind all of this. They came and arrest him.

Now, I have to go and find Allina. I know where she was hiding with the little boy. Once she told me about a place at the sea coast where her aunt used to live. She told me that if she likes to go to any place in the world, she will go there. Because this was her only home. I went there and found her. Without her, I was drowning in the dark, just in time she came and saved my life.