Nolan (44, M, Black)

Nolan is a commanding and dominant figure haunted by his desires. As an African American man, he brings a unique perspective to his understanding of power dynamics. Nolan is drawn into a dangerous game of control and surrender when he becomes the target of Carter's relentless pursuit. As secrets unravel, including Carter's past relations with Nolan's son, Nolan must confront his own dark desires and make choices that will redefine his boundaries.

Carter (22, M, Black)

An enigmatic young man with a tumultuous sexual history steeped in degradation, Carter possesses a seductive allure that captivates those around him. Skillful in the art of pursuit, he sets his sights on Nolan, igniting a cataclysmic collision of pleasure, pain, and forbidden desires. As his past is exposed, Carter grapples with the consequences of his actions and seeks redemption in the face of their intense connection.

INT. KITCHEN - NIGHT

Nolan stands opposite Carter with his back to the refrigerator, his expression a storm of emotions.

Carter places an extension chord on the kitchen island.

NOLAN

(voice trembling)

I don't care enough to discipline you.

CARTER

(whispering)

Don't say that.

Silence hangs heavy between them. Carter finally breaks it.

CARTER (CONT'D)

Being HIV-positive, it messes with your sense of boundaries.

NOLAN

What?

CARTER

When I found out, I felt numb. Pain became the only way I could feel something.

NOLAN

(frustrated)

Why are you telling me this shit?

CARTER

I became reckless.

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Am I supposed to feel sorry for you?!

CARTER

No.

NOLAN

You remember, you lured me into fucking you raw.

CARTER

I love you.

NOLAN

Your love, only wanted me to share in your sick turmoil.

CARTER

(defensively)

I'm undetectable.

NOLAN

You're still toxic.

CARTER

I wasn't trying to get you sick.

NOLAN

You're pathetic. You let my son slut you out!

CARTER

His dominance was cruel, your dominance is love.

NOLAN

Are you fucking crazy?!

CARTER

(fighting back tears)

I didn't think I was worth anything back then.

Nolan turns away, struggling to process this painful revelation.

CARTER (CONT'D)

(tearfully)

Your son and Pruitt... they took advantage of me.

Nolan, unable to escape the truth, looks back at Carter.

NOLAN

(gritting his teeth)

So why did you drag me into this mess?

CARTER

(whispering)

His screen saver.

NOLAN

What?

CARTER

You're on PJ's screensaver.

NOLAN

So that's why...

CARTER

(regretful)

Yes. So when I saw you that night, walking toward me.

Nolan shakes his head in disbelief.

CARTER (CONT'D)

(barely audible)

I took a chance.

NOLAN

No, you played me.

CARTER

I was desperate.

NOLAN

(concedes)

I know.

CARTER

(teary-eyed)

And then... then I fell in love with you.

Nolan, unable to handle the truth, loses his composure.

NOLAN

(in denial)

Get the hell out of here.

CARTER

(exhausted)

I can't do this with you tonight.

Nolan, torn between anger and affection, watches Carter head upstairs.

NOLAN

(softly)

What?

Carter, without looking back, delivers a final truth.

CARTER

(resigned)

I ain't going nowhere. And you and I both know it.

Nolan, left alone in the kitchen, picks up the extension cord.

Character Report for "NOLAN"

NOLAN: (voice trembling)

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NOLAN: What?

NOLAN: (frustrated)

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NOLAN: (gritting his teeth)

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