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Chapter 231 The Black Knight

Day Twenty Five…

Cherry woke up early to prepare for her travel. She communicated with Spade. Spade asked her to meet in person today. He was very interested in Black Rose. They formed a good team. They complimented each other well when they attacked the Security System of the Syphiruz Mafia.

[*Chatroom Conversation between Spade and Black Rose*]

[Spade: Let's meet at Knight Cafe at the airport. I will be waiting for you this afternoon… 1:00 pm sharp!]

[Black Rose: Got it. What should I bring?]

[Spade: Laptop, Clothes, and Passport. I will travel with you to the place where Phantomflake is being treated.]

Cherry started packing her things. She prepared her backpack containing three sets of clothes, her travel documents, gadget, and a laptop.

She opened her drawer and saw her pistol. She wanted to bring one… but the airport authorities might find her weapon. They decided to have a public flight. She didn't want to ride an aircraft owned by the Red Dragon Mafia. She felt like she would be surrounded by enemies. One member was enough. She didn't want to travel along with other members.

Spade understood if Black Rose still had doubts about their alliance. She was just being cautious for her safety.

Unknown to Cherry, someone followed her last night. Aiden found out where she was staying. He was about to visit the Sparks Mansion to see Cherry but Butler Li informed him through their phone conversation that Cherry was on sick leave.

Aiden decided to drop by the supermarket to buy fruits for Cherry. He also bought a bouquet of flowers for her.

Aiden just arrived at the front of her apartment when Cherry stepped out of the house, carrying her backpack. Cherry was wearing her sunglasses, high-waist blue jeans, and white plain shirt matched with sneakers. She looked like she was going on a trip.

"Eh, I thought she was feeling sick?"

Aiden dialed Abigail's number. Aiden knew that the two were close. He observed it when he visited the Sparks Mansion. He also heard that it was Abigail who recommended Cherry.

"Hello, Aiden… Why did you call me?" Abigail asked him, surprised at this sudden call from Aiden.

"Miss Abi, I can't come to the mansion today for our session." Aiden kept visiting the mansion for the past few days, using the seduction lesson with Abigail as an excuse to see Cherry.

"Fine with me. I'm also not in the mood to hear your nonsense," Abigail flatly said.

Aiden pouted his lips when he heard that. Sometimes, Abigail talked like Nathan when interacting with him.

"Hmm. Not nonsense. Those are my words of wisdom… Seduction Technique!" Aiden defended himself.

Abigail just snorted and rolled her eyes skyward.

"Okay. I'm hanging up!"

"Wait, Abi!" Aiden stopped her.

"What do you want?" Abigail asked him again.

"Actually, I am here in front of Cherry's apartment. I heard from Butler Li that she was sick so I planned to visit her. But it looks like she is fine. She is about to go on a trip. Perhaps… Do you know where she is going?" Aiden simply asked her but at the same time, he shared information about Cherry's whereabouts.

Abigail's eyes widened in realization. She already had suspicions that Cherry might go to the Red Dragon Mafia's territory. They had to stop her no matter what.

"Aiden! I have something important to tell you. Listen to me…" Abigail's voice had become serious.

Aiden bobbed his head as if Abigail could see him. He got curious about what Abigail was going to say.

"Okay. I'm listening. Tell me."

"Cherry's life will be in danger. You must do something." Abigail wanted to give this task to Aiden.

"What? Is that group of syndicates still following her?" Aiden blurted out. Oops. It was too late. Cherry told him not to tell anyone about this including Abigail. But he had a slip of the tongue.

"So Cherry… was being chased by bad people?" Abigail repeated, asking for Aiden's confirmation.

"Yes, she is. It happened one time… and I saved her."

Abigail suddenly felt grateful for Aiden. She was glad to hear that Aiden saved Cherry and he helped her out.

"Aiden… this time… can you protect her again?" Abigail asked him. Black Rose was not someone whom he could easily deal with. But she wanted to trust Aiden's capability.

"Of course. What do you want me to do?" Aiden glanced at Cherry. She was still waiting for a taxi.

"Go and follow her! Don't let her leave the city. Then tell me where your location is, and I will come to you!" Abigail wanted Aiden to buy her some time. She would stop Cherry by herself. If they had to lock her up for a week she would do it.

Sooner or later, Bam-Bam would find her body. Cherry shouldn't be there since she would help Nathan to take her body back.

"Got it, Ma'am! I will do that!" Aiden obediently replied. If this was for Cherry's safety then he was willing to do it.

"Cherry rode the taxi. I gotta go. I will just update you later." Aiden finally hung up and followed the taxi.

Abigail, on the other hand, went to her bathroom to take a bath. She had to borrow one of Nathan's cars to follow Cherry and Aiden. If she had to apply force she wouldn't hesitate. Cherry must not go to Red Dragon Mafia's headquarters.

Twenty minutes later…

Cherry arrived at the airport. She immediately looked for the Knight Cafe. Spade was already there, waiting for Cherry. He was wearing a blue shirt and brown cargo pants. He was sitting on the corner table while facing his laptop.

Spade already told her about his clothes, including the location of his table. The two already exchanged numbers. Cherry slowly approached him. Upon reaching his table, Cherry was taken aback to see his appearance.

Spade looked younger than she expected. And he was such a cutie… not a nerdy one. Spade also glanced at her and he was put in a daze. Just like him, he didn't expect that Black Rose was such a pretty woman.

'Damn… She is beautiful.' Spade didn't know what to say.

Cherry just extended her right hand and said, "Hello, I'm Black Rose. Nice to meet you."

Spade was about to hold her hand, but to their surprise someone grabbed her hand, interrupting the two.

"Hi, Black Rose, I'm Black Knight. Nice meeting you too!" Aiden said, smiling broadly.

Black Rose: "..."

Spade: "???"

Chapter 232 A Sudden Confession!

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'What the hell is he doing here?' Cherry was looking at Aiden with disbelief. She had the urge to hit this guy who suddenly appeared from out of nowhere.

Meanwhile, Spade darted his gaze back and forth between Black Rose and Black Knight or rather Cherry and Aiden. When he met Aiden's gaze, Aiden shot Spade a cold sharp glare.

Spade just blinked his eyes while looking at Aiden. He didn't know why this strange guy was giving him a deathly glare. He didn't even know him. And how dare he interrupt Black Rose's introduction? He was supposed to hold her hand but Aiden took it away from him.

"Engr. Wu, what are you doing here?" Cherry asked him, tightening her grip on his hand. She was giving him a warning look.

"Aww! Aww!" Aiden winced because of Cherry's tight hold.

Spade laughed inwardly seeing how pissed Cherry was because of this strange guy. But he could tell that the two were acquainted with each other.

It did not take long before Cherry let go of his hand. Aiden could only endure the pain while rubbing his hand. He had to look strong in front of this guy. He sensed that the guy in front of him might become his rival.

"I just passed by and I saw you. I came here to greet you. How about you? What are you doing here? Abigail is looking for you." Aiden lied.

Cherry was taken aback at the mention of Abigail. She was still feeling guilty for leaving without saying goodbye in person. She just left her a letter. She was too embarrassed to face her. She refused Abigail's offer as she chose the Red Dragon Mafia.

She just didn't want Abigail to get involved with her problems. She wanted to fix them alone. She didn't want to be a burden to her.

Spade glanced at Cherry meaningfully. He wanted to talk to her alone but a third wheel suddenly showed up. Their flight would be at Two o'clock.

"Engr. Wu, you should go. You shouldn't be here," Cherry said in her cold voice. She and Spade had to talk about something and they would have to check in after half an hour. Spade asked her to meet there for a few briefings.

But Aiden didn't plan to leave her with that pretty boy. Besides, Abigail already gave him the order not to let Cherry leave the city. She said that it was for Cherry's sake.

Without asking their permission, Aiden sat next to Spade. He even wrapped his arm around his shoulder.

"Hello, Bro. What's your name?" Aiden avoided looking at Cherry. She was glaring at him because Aiden ignored her words.

Spade felt annoyed by Aiden's confidence and playful attitude. He was acting friendly now. He knew Aiden was just faking it since a while ago, Aiden was looking daggers at him.

"I'm Spa—" Spade stopped midway after seeing Cherry's intense gaze. He almost forgot. He shouldn't give away his alias.

"I'm Xander… how about you?" Spade forced a smile to appear friendly in front of Cherry.

"I'm Aiden. Nice meeting you, Bro. What is your relationship with Cherry?" Aiden asked him directly, picking up the untouched coffee in front of him and taking a seep.

Cherry facepalmed because of Aiden's shamelessness. He took Spade's coffee without even asking for his permission.

"You don't have to know…" Cherry pouted her lips and crossed her arms over her chest.

Spade gazed up at Cherry. 'So her real name is Cherry. Nice name… her lips are like cherries.' Spade smiled inwardly at that thought.

Aiden secretly glanced at his phone. He was wondering if Abigail was already in the airport. He already told her about their current location.

Cherry already looked annoyed and he was afraid that Cherry would beat him up. She was strong for a woman. He couldn't afford to be embarrassed in front of his rival.

"Engr. Wu… I am here to talk to my friend. Can't you feel that you are not welcome here? Can you please give us some privacy?" Cherry could no longer take it. Aiden's presence was stopping Spade and her from talking about Phantomflake and the Red Dragon Mafia.

Spade let out a soft chuckle. He was glad that Cherry was sending Aiden away. However, Aiden was so stubborn. He wouldn't listen to her since Abigail was more frightening than Cherry. He shouldn't fail this task.

He just put on a pitiful face and pretended to be hurt. "Why are you so harsh to me?"

Cherry was at a loss for words. Aiden was like a child… a crybaby. 'Come on. Man up a little!' Cherry rubbed her forehead.

A few seconds later, they heard their flight announcement.

"Good afternoon passengers. This is the pre-boarding announcement for flight A2RB to Country J. We are now inviting the passengers to proceed to Gate 3. Please have your boarding pass, passport, and identification card ready. Regular boarding will begin in approximately ten minutes from now. Thank you."

"That's our flight! Let's go!" Spade stood up and closed his laptop, putting it inside his backpack.

"Eh? Leaving already?" Aiden also stood up, roaming his eyes around the Cafe. He didn't see Abigail.

[Abi! Where are you now? I don't know if I can stop Cherry. Their flight's announcement has been announced. They are going to the boarding gate now.]

Aiden sent Abigail an urgent message. Spade and Cherry exchanged glances with one another. Cherry immediately grabbed Spade's hand. She was thinking of dragging him as fast as she could to escape from Aiden. She didn't want to be bothered by this rich and playful bachelor.

[Aiden: Miss Abi, where are you now?]

[Abigail: I'm near the airport. Please buy me more time. If you let her leave, you will be dead meat to me!]

With no choice left, Aiden swiftly moved, grabbing Cherry's elbow tightly thus stopping her both. Cherry and Spade turned in his direction, giving him a questioning look.

"What are you doing, Engr. Wu. Let go of my hand." Cherry sounded mad already. She didn't have time for his childishness.

Spade was about to remove Aiden's hand that was holding Cherry when suddenly Aiden let go of her elbow but he stepped forward, blocking their way.

The next thing he did surprised Cherry and Spade, including everyone who was inside the Cafe.

Aiden kneeled in front of Cherry, grabbing her two hands. Without breaking their eye contact, Aiden said, "Cherry, please don't leave me. Don't come with him. Please choose me."

Cherry: "..."

Spade: "..."

Aiden didn't stop talking. He even spoke loudly so that everyone inside could hear his next words.

"Cherry! I LIKE YOU! PLEASE BE MY GIRLFRIEND!"

Everyone cheered when they heard that sudden confession from this gorgeous guy kneeling in front of a pretty lady. The three of them became the center of attention inside the Cafe. They were intrigued by how Cherry would respond to his confession.

"Oh my! This is a love triangle!"

"Oh, the woman is so lucky. Two handsome boys are fighting over her!"

"Take pictures…"

Click! Click!

Others took live videos of this interesting scene.

"Wait… the guy… he looks familiar. Is he Aiden Wu?!! The famous Aiden Wu??!"

Chapter 233 Abigail's Threat

Day Twenty Five...

Cherry was completely at a loss for words. She didn't know what kind of prank this was. Aiden Wu was confessing to her in front of the public, asking her to be his girlfriend.

'He has got to have a few loose screws in his head to do this to someone he barely knows.' Cherry thought to herself while eyeing Aiden in disbelief.

Then she looked around, noticing that the people's attention was glued to them. She didn't want to be the center of people's attraction in this Cafe.

She clenched her fists tightly and slammed her eyes shut. She had the urge to beat someone for making her feel embarrassed.

Cherry wished that the ground would open up and swallow her whole in order to hide from these people.

'This is his fault. Why the hell is he doing this to me? Can't he just leave me alone?' Cherry was almost losing her patience.

They were in this kind of awkward situation when Abigail arrived and entered the Cafe. She blinked her eyes in confusion.

'Eh? What is Aiden doing there, kneeling in front of Cherry? Cherry looks so mad. I told him to buy me some time... not to create a scene.' Abigail facepalmed as she watched the three of them.

The crowd began cheering for them, urging Cherry to answer Aiden.

"Miss Beautiful, choose now between the two men!"

"If you don't want any of them, you can just give him to me."

"Choose Mr. Aiden Wu! Many ladies dream of receiving a proper confession from him!"

"OMG! The suspense is killing me."

The cheering of the crowd made Cherry become more annoyed. She didn't wish to have this unwanted attention. She just wanted them to shut up and leave her alone!

When Cherry could no longer stand the nosy bystanders, she pulled her hands away from Aiden and marched out of the Cafe, going to the nearest comfort room. She needed to calm herself down. Someone just ruined her mood today.

Since Cherry entered the Lady's comfort room, Spade and Aiden couldn't follow her. That was the time Abigail made a move. She chased after Cherry. She was following her behind.

When Cherry entered the cubicle, Abigail waited outside. She heard Cherry shriek inside with annoyance. Abigail could only smile. It looked like Aiden got on her nerves. But she had to praise him for doing his job well. He bought her a lot of time. Now they could stop Cherry from leaving the country.

A few seconds later, Cherry came out of the cubicle. Then suddenly someone hit her on the back of her neck, making her fall unconscious. Abigail launched a sneaky attack from behind, knocking her down.

Abigail immediately caught Cherry's body before she fell to the ground. Picking up her phone using her free hand, Abigail called Aiden.

"Abi? Where are you?" Aiden's voice was heard from the other line as soon as the call got connected.

"Come here... at the south entrance. Wait for me at the main door of the lady's comfort room." Abigail gave him instruction which Aiden obeyed instantly.

Upon reaching the Lady's Comfort Room, Aiden was surprised when Abigail passed to him Cherry's unconscious body. He immediately carried her in his arms. "What happened to her? Why did she pass out?"

"Because of too much stress caused by your shamelessness," Abigail replied matter-of-factly.

Aiden: "..."

"You put her in that embarrassing moment. She passed out because of the surge of her anger level. In short, she got hypertension because of you."

"Eh? Why! I just did what I had to do, otherwise, you would beat me up!" Aiden said with his innocent eyes.

Abigail waved her hands, trying to hold her laughter. "No one told you to make a scene. Anyway... just bring her to your car and leave the airport as soon as possible. Lock her up in your place for the meantime." Abigail patted Aiden's shoulder. She was about to walk away when Aiden spoke once more.

"Where are you going? Are you not coming with us? I'm afraid Cherry will kill me once she wakes up." Aiden sounded very worried.

"Don't worry. She won't kill you. Besides, I'll follow you once I'm done talking to the guy who she met here."

Aiden could no longer refuse her so he turned around to leave. Who knows that Xander guy aka Spade would try to stop him from taking away Cherry? Without a second thought, Aiden left the airport with Cherry.

Now, Abigail went to see Spade. Spade was standing outside the Cafe, still waiting for Black Rose. But little did he know, Aiden already took her away.

Abigail was carrying Cherry's backpack as she walked towards Spade. Spade smiled thinking that Black Rose was the one approaching him. The smile on his face disappeared when he turned and saw Abigail. The woman was wearing a cap and a mask to hide her face from the public.

'Who is she? What is she doing here? Why is she standing in front of me?' Spade mused to himself, his eyes silently sizing her up from top to bottom.

To his surprise, Abigail pushed him and pinned him to the wall. He was caught off guard by her sudden attack.

Before he could say a word, he felt something sharp at his neck. Damn! The woman was holding a small dagger. And she was surprisingly strong. He was immobilized in his spot.

'Damn. Is she an assassin? But we are here in a public place. Is she not afraid to get caught?' Spade tossed a look at his surroundings, contemplating whether he should scream to attract people's attention.

"One wrong move and I will cut your neck here." Abigail threatened Spade with her stone cold voice. Spade felt the chill spreading throughout his body after hearing her warning.

"W-Who are you? W-What do you want?" Spade's lips were trembling from anxiousness. His body began to sweat. This was the first time he was put in this helpless situation. Was he going to die? Did their enemies send this assassin?

"I'm here to give you a warning... Spade..."

His body stiffened at the mention of his name. This woman knew his identity. He was too scared to speak up.

"Stay away from Black Rose. Don't try to use that woman. And... you should tell your Boss... he should return Phantomflake's body to where she should belong... otherwise, he and your organization will meet their demise."

Spade: "..."

'Fuck! Who is she?! She even knows about Phantomflake! She knows that Phantomflake is now in our custody!' Spade couldn't think at this moment. He was being attacked by this mysterious woman.

'Is she another member of Phantom's Assassin Guild? Another survivor?'

Spade wanted to see her face but she was wearing a mask. All he could see was her sharp emerald eyes.

Abigail smiled inwardly. She missed threatening someone like this. She could tell that Spade was so nervous. But of course, she didn't plan on killing him. She wouldn't kill as long as she was in Abigail's body. She wouldn't turn Abigail into a killer.

Spade almost forgot to breathe. Before he knew it, Abigail already let go of him. She even fixed his collar. "How is your laptop? Have you fixed it? Try to contact Black Rose again and I will send you another virus."

Abigail said her last warning before turning around to leave. Spade just looked at her departing back, shocked!

'Wait! Is she SizzlingAugust08?'

Chapter 234 Aiden's Reward

Day Twenty Five…

Abigail left Spade in a deep trance. She felt very satisfied after threatening the hacker of the Red Dragon Mafia. She had to admit that Spade and Black Rose did well with their teamwork as they were able to break into the security system made by SizzlingAugust08.

But it looked like Nathan was not that active any more as Ethan was the one using his old account.

Making sure that Spade was not following her, Abigail walked faster, blending herself into the crowd. She picked up her phone and checked Aiden's message. Aiden gave her the address of his private villa.

Twenty Five minutes later, Abigail arrived at Aiden's private villa. His butler, Izekiel, was the one who welcomed her at the gate.

"This way, Señorita," Izekiel guided her inside. Aiden reminded his butler to treat Abigail with utmost respect so Izekiel called her Señorita. However, he sounded too formal that Abigail was not used to being called like this.

Abigail just smiled awkwardly as she followed Butler Izekiel. When they entered the house, Aiden was browsing his phone, his eyes open wide and his jaw dropped.

Izekiel and Abigail exchanged glances with one another, wondering why Aiden had a baffled look on his face.

News traveled so fast. Now, Aiden became a hot topic on the social media platform and the online world.

[Aiden Wu, the ultimate Cassanova, proposed to a beautiful woman. But her identity is still unknown.]

[Aiden, one of the Magnificent Trio, kneeled in front of a woman at the Knight Cafe.]

[Aiden Wu, "The Playboy" got involved in the Love Triangle.]

[Aiden confessed to a pretty woman but got rejected for the first time!]

[Big news! Aiden Wu was rejected by a woman.]

There were several videos and photos of Aiden and Cherry that the netizens posted on social media.

Aiden felt so embarrassed seeing those posts. His bashers made him look like a loser. Now, they got the opportunity to mock him.

Aiden switched off his phone and threw it on the sofa. He didn't expect that his actions a while ago would backfire on him. He felt like his manly reputation had been ruined.

He didn't mean to confess. It was just his strategy to make Cherry stay. He forgot that people around them could recognize his face. He overdid it.

"Damn those jealous men! They can laugh at me today. But later on, I will show them. I will make that woman my girlfriend!" Aiden declared, raising his fist in the air.

"Cough! Cough!" Butler Izekiel cleared his throat to make their presence known to Aiden. He seemed lost in his own world. "Master, Señorita Abigail is here."

Aiden put on a puppy-eyed look as soon as he saw Abigail. He approached her while pouting his lips.

"Miss Abi… the netizens are now making fun of me because of what happened in the airport." Aiden sounded like a child telling on his sister after getting bullied.

Butler Izekiel bit his lower lip, trying to hold his laughter. He didn't know why Aiden was acting so childish in front of Abigail.

"It's your fault for making that scene," Abigail responded nonchalantly. "You have to blame yourself."

Aiden motioned Butler Izekiel to leave them. When his butler was gone, Aiden began defending himself.

"I did it to buy you some time. See… I did my job well. After the humiliation I got, what is my reward? I think I deserve one," Aiden demanded shamelessly.

Abigail's eyebrows were drawn together as she looked at Aiden. Well, thinking about it, Aiden did a great job in stopping Cherry from leaving.

After a while, a mischievous smile appeared on her face. "Sure. Why not? You truly deserve a reward. But I will give you a reward that I think you need the most."

Aiden's eyes sparkled in anticipation. "What kind of reward? Tell me. Tell me!" He even tugged Abigail's hand. He was eager to hear his reward.

Abigail leaned closer to Aiden, pressing her right hand on his chest. Aiden's eyes widened and he just stood frozen in his spot.

'Hey… Hey… don't tell me she is thinking of rewarding me… a 'good time'.' Aiden blushed at that thought. But at the same time, he cringed as he realized how frightening Abigail could be.

He shook his head frantically, erasing the lewd thoughts in his mind. Aiden held his breath, waiting for her next words.

Aiden jolted when Abigail pinched his chest. She was just testing how sturdy his chest was. "I think you need to train physically. You look so weak to me. If you will face Cherry, you will certainly suffer a few beatings. So what you need right now is to learn how to fight like a man!"

Aiden: "..."

"That will be your reward. I can train you personally." Abigail said, smirking widely.

Aiden blinked his eyes, gasping. He didn't expect that kind of reward from her. Should he feel glad or insulted? But he had to admit that Abigail had a point.

They were still in that very close position when two men entered the living room. Nathan and Stephen were both shocked to see Aiden and Abigail together.

Abigail's right hand was still pressed against Aiden's chest and she was slightly leaning on him. Two pairs of sharp eyes greeted Aiden's eyes.

"Nathan? Stephen?" Aiden called their names, making Abigail turn in their direction since her back was facing the two a while ago.

Abigail was caught off guard seeing the two, most especially, Nathan. Her cheeks burned as soon as their eyes met. After that passionate moment last night, this was the first time they saw each other.

Nathan's gaze shifted from Abigail's face to her hand that was still holding Aiden's chest. As if she was caught by her boyfriend cheating, Abigail immediately pushed Aiden away from her, causing him to fall back on the sofa.

Nathan's expression turned grim but he never uttered a word. It was Stephen who broke the awkward silence.

"Miss Abi, what are you doing here?" Stephen darted his gaze back and forth between Abigail and Aiden. They looked suspicious to him.

Aiden just smiled sheepishly and scratched his face. "I invited her… how about the two of you? I didn't remember inviting you to come over today?"

Aiden's last remarks made Nathan's grim expression darken further. He clenched his fist tightly and he had the urge to punch his best friend, Aiden.

Nathan turned to Abigail, giving her an intense gaze. "Butler Li asked my permission to let you use my car. So this is where you were going?" Nathan sounded upset and disappointed.

Abigail could only bite her lower lip. Why did she feel like Nathan was mad at her for being there?

"I–" Abigail could feel the tension with the way Nathan was questioning her. "I came here to fetch Cherry. She passed out a while ago and Aiden brought her here."

"Cherry? Who is she?" Stephen hadn't met Cherry yet.

"The Main Chef at Nathan's Mansion–," Aiden responded but immediately closed his mouth when Nathan shot him a cold sharp glare as if telling him to just keep his mouth shut.

'Why is Nathan being grumpy again?'

Chapter 235 Busted!

Day Twenty Five…

Sensing that Nathan was still in his grumpy mood, Abigail decided to flee by saying, "I'm gonna check on Cherry. See you later, guys."

Without waiting for their response, Abigail went upstairs to find Cherry. She might be sleeping in one of the rooms.

The three men could only watch her back. When Abigail disappeared from their sight, Nathan and Stephen shifted their gaze back to Aiden, giving him a questioning look.

The two men were about to interrogate Aiden since Aiden and Abigail were both acting suspiciously. Was there something going on between the two?

"Hey! Hey! Don't give me such a look. I'm not doing something bad. Besides, Nathan gave me a task to befriend Abigail before, remember?" Aiden used it as an alibi.

"Now you can forget about that task. You are not good at spying," Nathan promptly said in his cold tone. He already changed his mind. He didn't want Aiden to get closer to Abigail.

Aiden just blinked his eyes in confusion. It was very seldom for Nathan to take his orders back. What made him change his mind?

"By the way, what happened? You really surprised us both after seeing Abigail here. Why was she holding your chest? Did the two of you just kiss?" Stephen's question made the atmosphere become more chilly. Nathan was now looking daggers at Aiden.

'I wanna zip this guy's mouth!' Aiden lamented to himself.

"Of course not! She just pinched my chest! That's all."

Stephen gasped when he heard that while Nathan squinted his eyes on Aiden.

"Hey! She just told me that I needed to work out! No other meaning behind it!" Aiden insisted.

"So who is this Cherry? Why did you bring her to your private villa? We thought this is your sacred place. No woman is allowed to be here. Now, Cherry and Abigail have already set foot in here." Stephen continued to interrogate Aiden.

Aiden could only scratch the back of his head. "Those two do not act like a woman. They are more masculine than me! So they are exempt from the rule!"

Stephen: "..."

Nathan just remained quiet.

Fortunately, Stephen and Nathan were busy tracking down the culprits who took Phantomflake. They didn't have time to browse the internet. If they did, they would know what happened in the airport involving Cherry and Aiden.

"Now… It's my turn to ask you. Why did you drop by here without even telling me?" Aiden asked his two best friends.

"Nathan needs to unwind so I brought him here." It was Stephen's idea to go to Aiden's place. Nathan's emotional state was unstable because of Phantomflake's disappearance so he thought bonding with him would help Nathan to divert his attention.

"An enemy took Phantomflake," Stephen whispered to Aiden. Among the three, Aiden was the last one who heard the news.

"WHAT??!" Aiden gasped and immediately covered his mouth since Nathan was giving him a sharp glare.

'No wonder Nate is in a grumpy mood!' Aiden thought to himself.

But little did he know, Nathan had another reason why he was in a bad mood today– seeing Abigail and Aiden together in his private villa. If they didn't drop by, Nathan wouldn't know that Abigail was there in Aiden's private villa.

Nathan thought Abigail went shopping as Butler Li said so. That's the alibi Butler Li used when he asked Nathan's permission to let Abigail use the car. Nathan was upset knowing that Butler Li and Abigail lied to him.

Aiden asked his cooks to prepare snacks for everyone. He also picked several canned beers for them to drink. He already understood why Stephen brought Nathan there.

The three men began drinking, not mentioning Phantomflake at all. Nathan was silent. But he kept on glancing upstairs from time to time as if he was waiting for someone to descend from the stairs.

'Is she trying to hide from me? How long is she going to stay upstairs? Don't tell me Aiden and Abigail lied about Cherry?' Nathan suspected the two once more.

When Stephen went to the kitchen and Aiden answered a phone call, Nathan stood up and simply went upstairs to find Abigail. He was curious about what she was doing right now.

Meanwhile, in one of the guest rooms, Abigail was having a confrontation with Cherry. Cherry was now awake.

"Are you the one who knocked me down in the airport? Why did you do that, Miss Abi?"

Cherry sounded so upset. She was supposed to travel today with Spade. She was going to see Phantomflake. But Aiden and Abigail ruined everything.

"I did that… to protect you!" Abigail didn't know how long she could hide the truth from Cherry. The Black Rose she knew could be as stubborn as she was. Not giving her a proper explanation would only result in more suspicions.

"Who are you? I'm not asking anyone to protect me. Who gives you the right to do that? We didn't even know each other!" Cherry pushed Abigail away. She was truly upset. She missed the chance to see Phantomflake, her beloved sister!

Cherry was about to leave the room but Abigail grabbed her shoulders, stopping her.

"Phantomflake! She gave me the right to protect you, Black Rose!" Abigail finally said it.

Cherry froze the moment she heard that. She turned to look at her, her eyes filled with disbelief.

"You know Phantomflake… and me, Black Rose?" Cherry asked her with a flabbergasted look in her eyes.

"Yes, I know Phantomflake and you. I am a member of Phantom's Assassin Guild." Abigail declared to Cherry.

Bam!

Just when those words escaped from Abigail's mouth, the door was pushed open and Nathan emerged from it.

Abigail felt like her heart jumped out of her chest and her entire body was splashed with cold water the moment she met Nathan's bloodshot eyes.

'Did he hear everything?' Abigail felt so anxious and her heart began to race rapidly inside her chest.

Thump! Thump! Thump!

With heavy footsteps, Nathan closed their gaps and grabbed Abigail's wrist. With eyes burning with fury, Nathan dragged Abigail out of the room, leaving Cherry behind.

"Nate…" Abigail tried to call him. She wanted to ask something but her words died down on her mouth as she noticed Nathan's deathly glare.

'Damn it! He heard everything! He definitely heard everything!' Abigail was panicking deep inside. She didn't know what she should do. What was Nathan going to do now? Was he going to kill her?

Nathan's grip on her wrist tightened further. He continued dragging her forcefully until they descended the stairs. Fortunately, Abigail was able to catch up with him so that she would not fall or stumble.

Aiden and Stephen were surprised and confused when they saw the angry Nathan dragging Abigail.

Stephen: "Nate?"

Aiden: "Abi?"

But Nathan and Abigail just walked past them. Nathan pulled her at the garage. Upon reaching his car, he opened the door and yelled through his gritted teeth, "GET INSIDE!" Abigail could only obey Nathan.

Stephen and Aiden were following them behind. But before they could catch up with them, Nathan started the car and sped off, leaving Aiden's garage.

"What is happening?" Aiden asked Stephen.

"Don't ask! Let's just follow them. Nathan's emotions are unstable. I'm afraid that he might hurt Abigail!" Stephen motioned Aiden to give him his car key.

Chapter 236 Gunshot

Day Twenty Five…

Nathan was furious after overhearing Abigail's conversation with Cherry. Though he didn't hear everything, the word Phantom's Assassin Guild was enough to trigger him, stirring his emotions.

Nathan was always doubtful of Abigail's identity and her intention of approaching him and Little Ethan. And he heard it from her mouth that she was a member of Phantom's Assassin Guild.

He felt betrayed once again. When he was softening towards Abigail, he found out that she had connections to Phantomflake and her guild.

Was she the mastermind for the disappearance of Phantomflake? Was she the one who leaked the information about Phantomflake and the location of the Medical Facility?

Nathan remembered that Abigail had been in the Medical Facility before. She also saw Phantomflake. Now, Abigail became his primary suspect.

How about the stabbing incident in Country F? The man who stabbed him might be Abigail's accomplice!

Nathan was so mad that he wanted to hurt Abigail at that time. But for some unknown reason, he couldn't do it. He just found himself dragging her out of that room and bringing her to his car.

Now, they were speeding off the highway with 200 mph in his speedometer. He was driving at full speed while gripping the steering wheel tightly.

She could feel a bone-chilling aura radiating off him. With just one look at him, she could tell that he was exploding with anger.

Abigail didn't know what to say. This situation was very suffocating for both of them. She regretted saying those words.

'Shit! I'm doomed! How will I explain myself to him?' Abigail was racking her brain so hard, thinking of a perfect alibi.

She wasn't afraid of the speed of the car. There was no way Nathan would intentionally crash the car. But she was more afraid of a confrontation. Her mind was blank and nothing good came into her brain.

'C'mon! Phantom… fix this mess. Talk to him.' Abigail was encouraging herself.

After a while, Nathan finally broke the silence and spoke to her. "Where is Phantomflake?! Where did you hide her?"

'Oh, Shit! Now, he is suspecting me that I was responsible for my body's disappearance!' Abigail had the urge to hit her head. This was her fault for not being cautious. She scolded herself inwardly.

"Nate… Slow down… I don't know what you are talking about…" Abigail feigned ignorance. But Nathan wouldn't buy that.

"Confess now… while I am still controlling myself from hurting you," Nathan warned her coldly. He looked so serious.

"I didn't hide her…" Abigail retorted. She was telling the truth.

Nathan punched the steering wheel, venting out his anger and frustration.

"Talk now, Abigail!" He yelled at her.

"I'm telling the truth, Nate…" Abigail said helplessly.

"Don't you ever call my name!"

They were exiting the Towerville City now. Nathan continued speeding off, choosing a path that was less traveled by people.

'We already left the city. Where is he planning to go?' Abigail was on high alert, secretly observing her surroundings. Nathan didn't have a gun right now so she heaved a sigh of relief.

'If he hid his gun… maybe he is planning to shoot me in an isolated area?' Abigail was thinking of the worst case scenario. With his violent tendency, Nathan had the capability to hurt her.

Abigail could no longer hold herself. She hit her head using her hand and said, "I'm such an idiot!"

Nathan was taken aback when he saw her hitting her own head while calling herself an idiot. If he was not mad, he might find this gesture cute and charming.

Nathan finally slowed down a little bit. Unknown to them, there was another car following them from behind. Since Abigail and Nathan were busy with their confrontation, they didn't notice that they were being tailed by a black sedan car.

After seeing that they were already in a remote area, Nathan parked the car near the old tunnel. Abigail heaved another sigh of relief when Nathan finally stopped the car.

'This is it. What is he going to do now?' Abigail watched Nathan as he alighted from the car. She was following his every movement.

Nathan moved to her side, opening the car door. "Get out," he commanded in his authoritative tone.

Abigail was at fault here so she was acting like an obedient child right now, following his every command.

Abigail stepped out of the car silently. The moment she closed the car door, Nathan shoved her body to the car, holding her shoulders as he pinned her to the side of the car.

His right hand grabbed her by the neck but his grip was not enough to strangle her. He was just holding her in place.

"Tell me where is Phantomflake! Don't make me repeat myself!" Nathan uttered, grinding his teeth. Abigail was stubborn and she refused to confess. How could he make her confess without hurting her?

"Don't test my patience, Abi… I can kill you here… without people knowing." Nathan began to threaten her with words.

Abigail kept her mouth shut, refusing to utter a word. More words often result in more mistakes.

'As long as he is not pointing a gun, I can defend myself from him,' Abigail thought to herself. Then from a distance, Abigail saw a car, just a few meters from them. She squinted her eyes at that suspicious car.

After a while, Nathan let out a humorless laughter, his eyes burning with rage. It was a bone-chilling laughter coming from the devil.

"You fooled me, Abigail Scarlett. You are indeed a great actress." Nathan mumbled with a mocking smile on his face.

The hand that was holding her neck was brought to her face, pinching her jaw as he forced her to look him in the eyes.

"You intentionally approached Ethan and me for your revenge… You are a member of the Phantom Assassin Guild. Do you think I will let you hurt my family? Abigail… this is your last chance… to save yourself."

Abigail just smiled at him and said meaningfully, "Nathan… just trust me this once."

Before Nathan could say a word, Abigail anchored her arms around Nathan's shoulder and turned around, switching their positions.

Nathan thought Abigail was going to fight with him but to his surprise, he saw a guy pointing a gun at them. Nathan's eyes widened at the realization. They were not alone in that place.

Nathan didn't hear the sound of the gunshot but he saw the man pulling the trigger twice. The guy wearing a mask and a cap was using a gun with a silencer!

"Nathan… go…" Abigail mumbled. With her remaining strength, she turned around and kicked a stone, hitting the guy's hand that was holding the gun.

At that certain moment, Nathan realized that he wasn't hurt at all. No gunshot wound! But when he looked at Abigail, her body was already falling to the ground.

Blood! He saw blood! And those blood belonged to Abigail. She had been shot. And this scene triggered bad memories in the past. Nathan stood frozen in his spot. This scene reminded him of the moment Monica was shot in front of him. But this time… it was Abigail.

The gunman was about to pick up his gun and shoot Nathan again but another car arrived.

Chapter 237 She Took The Bullets For Him

Day Twenty Five…

Aiden and Stephen were finally able to catch up with Nathan and Abigail. They saw their car being parked near the tunnel.

But the moment they were inching closer and closer to their spot, Stephen and Aiden noticed that something was off. There was another car parked on the other side of the road.

Stephen frowned when he saw Nathan just standing in front of his car. 'Where is Abigail?'

"Stephen, Look!" Aiden pointed his finger at the guy who bent over to pick his gun up.

Both Aiden and Stephen were shocked beyond belief when they took a closer look at what was happening there. Abigail was lying on the ground unconscious while a gunman was trying to take another shot, aiming at Nathan.

Nathan seemed like he was frozen in his spot. He was not in his right mind at this moment. Stephen could tell that Nathan was in a state of shock wherein a flashback happened as this scene triggered the traumatic event he experienced in the past.

Aiden gasped when Stephen pulled something inside his bag. "Oh my gosh, why are you bringing a gun with you?"

"For a situation like this!" Stephen replied matter-of-factly, a cold glint flashing through his eyes. He rolled down the car window and fired at the man who was holding a gun.

Bang! Bang!

Instead of shooting Nathan, the attention of the gunman was diverted because of Stephen. He exchanged fires with Stephen as he tried to flee. This was now the time to leave.

'Mission Failed!' Jack thought to himself. He was supposed to shoot Nathan but someone protected him.

Before Stephen and Aiden could catch him, Jack immediately rode his car and sped off.

"Should we catch him!" Aiden asked Stephen.

"No, stop the car. I think Abigail is hurt!"

Stephen and Aiden rushed out of the car and sprinted towards Nathan and Abigail. Aiden focused his attention on Abigail while Stephen held Nathan's shoulders.

"Nate! Get a hold of yourself!" Stephen shook Nathan's body, waking him up from his deep stupor.

On the other hand, Aiden's panicking voice was heard. "Oh no! Miss Abi is bleeding a lot! She has been shot!"

Stephen and Nathan looked down, seeing Aiden kneeling in front of Abigail's unconscious body. Nathan finally sobered up when he saw Abigail's face. A hint of concern flashed on his face.

Nathan moved down, scooping Abigail in his arms. Nathan and Stephen exchanged glances with one another and they already understood each other.

Stephen opened the car door at the back passenger seat, letting Nathan enter the car while carrying Abigail. Stephen didn't waste time as he stepped into the driver's seat.

"Aiden! Let's go to the nearest hospital."

Aiden nodded his head and ran in his car's direction. Both men started their respective cars in a hurry. Nathan tried to find Abigail's gunshot wound and pressed his hands against them to stop her bleeding.

Nathan was having conflicting thoughts right now. He was mad at Abigail but he didn't want her to die.

"Stephen! Drive faster!" Nathan requested. He was anxious and restless.

"I know. Just calm down, Nate. She will be alright!" Stephen was worried for both Nathan and Abigail. He was worried that what happened to Abigail would open Nathan's wound in the past. Nathan suffered from PTSD when Monica died. And just a while ago, Nathan showed some symptoms of a PTSD attack.

Nathan slammed his eyes shut and clenched his teeth. He wanted to calm down but he couldn't. His body was trembling caused by intense distress and nervousness.

Abigail was shot three times! One at her back, her right shoulder, and her stomach. She continued losing more blood.

'You can't die, Abigail… you can't die… We are not yet done talking.'

As Nathan said those words, another flashback appeared in his mind. A scene where Phantomflake was lying in his arms.

'Yes. Just like her…. You shouldn't die just yet. Our confrontation is not yet finished.' Nathan was silently praying in his mind.

Fifteen minutes later… they arrived at the nearest hospital. Nathan rushed Abigail to the emergency room while Stephen called Axel. He was the one who informed Axel to track the culprit.

"If you have to hack the CCTV cameras on the street, do it just to find him. The plate number of the Black Sedan car is XYW220," Stephen informed Axel.

"Got it, Doc. I will communicate with our IT team." Axel responded. "Please send me the exact location and coordinate where the incident happened. Is Master Nathan just fine?"

"Yes. He is fine. But Abigail got shot three times. She took the bullets for Nathan's sake. She is currently undergoing a major operation. Let's just pray that she will be fine." Stephen said in his sad tone.

Axel fell silent for a moment. Young Master Ethan was the first person that came to his mind. What would happen once Little Ethan found out that something bad happened to his Miss Abi?

"Move now, Axel. We don't have time to spare. This is the second time Nathan's life was put in danger. The enemies are getting bolder and bolder."

Axel didn't expect that Stephen would be more involved with their Supreme Leader's business. He could feel his concern and at the same time, his anger.

As far as he knew, Stephen was always there to support Nathan. He accepted the fact that his best friend was a leader of a mafia. And he didn't judge him. Stephen was one hundred percent supporting Nathan.

"Okay, Dr. Zhou. We will do our best to catch the culprit." Axel hung up and started to move.

Aiden also arrived at the hospital. He saw Stephen at the entrance of the Emergency Room.

"How is Abi?" Aiden asked Stephen. He looked around searching for Nathan and Abigail.

"She was transferred to the Operating Room. Come… Let's check on Nathan. He might still be in a state of shock."

Aiden and Stephen went inside. They just hoped that Abigail would survive this. They were afraid that Nathan would blame himself once again because of what happened.

"Sparks' bodyguards are on their way. After the operation, if everything is fine, we will transfer Abigail to the City Hospital." Stephen patted Aiden's back. "BTW, Nice drive. I'm glad we came on time," he added, praising Aiden.

Chapter 238 An Emergency Situation

Day Twenty Five…

Nathan was sitting in the waiting area outside the operating room. He looked absentminded while staring at his bloody hands. The blood in his palms belonged to Abigail. She lost too much blood.

She got three gunshot wounds. But he only saw the gunman pulling the trigger twice. He assumed that the first gunshot hit Abigail the moment she turned him around, switching their positions.

"Why did she save me? Why did she protect me? I thought she wanted revenge since I destroyed the Phantom's Assassin Guild. Is this one of her schemes? But she might die." Nathan became more confused now. He couldn't understand why Abigail protected him.

Nathan was still lost in his thoughts when the door of the operating room slid open. One nurse was rushing out. Nathan stood up and asked her. "How is she?"

"A few minutes after the surgery started, the patient's heart suddenly stopped. The doctor is now trying to revive her. She lost more blood. I am going to get more."

Nathan glanced through the glass window and saw the doctor applying CPR (Cardiopulmonary resuscitation). He felt like it was his heart being squeezed right now. 'Is Abigail going to die? No!!!'

Nathan folded his hand into a tight fist. He didn't know if he could still watch this scene. He felt like his heart was going to burst at any moment. Why was he getting affected so much? He was supposed to feel nothing.

It did not take long before Aiden and Stephen joined Nathan. Stephen tapped Nathan's shoulder as if he was telling him that everything would be fine.

Aiden, on the other hand, was shaken the moment he witnessed how the doctor was trying to revive Abigail. Just a while ago, Abigail was smiling at him. She even volunteered to train him. Aiden couldn't help but tear up watching Abigail in this state.

"We must catch the culprit who did this to her!" Aiden mumbled through his gritted teeth. He felt sorry for Abigail.

The three men were just able to breathe normally when the doctor succeeded in reviving her. Her heartbeat came back.

"Let's just wait," Stephen mumbled, pulling Nathan back to the bench.

"Axel is now on the move to catch the culprit. We will hear an update from him soon," Stephen spoke up once again, reassuring Nathan.

He just wanted to lessen the burden in Nathan's heart so that he wouldn't feel the guilt. Nathan shouldn't blame himself for what happened.

Nathan just bobbed his head, his eyes still fixed on the closed door of the Operating Room.

"Aiden, go home first. Get clean clothes for Nathan. His clothes were soaked by Abigail's blood. Also, prepare the transfer of Abigail to the Towerville City Hospital."

Stephen was acting like the Big Brother among the three, giving order and at the same time supporting his younger brothers in times like this. He had this good leadership in this emergency situation.

Aiden bobbed his head, following Stephen's instructions. He said goodbye to Nathan and Stephen. He just left the hospital when he remembered that Cherry was still in his house.

"Damn! I forgot about her. What should I do if Cherry will escape again? Abigail trusted me, telling me to keep an eye on Cherry. I should not fail her. How will I be able to face her once she wakes up after the surgery?"

With those thoughts in mind, Aiden stepped on the pedal, speeding off. He had to come home asap and ensure that Cherry would not go anywhere.

After half an hour, Aiden finally reached his private villa. He sprinted inside the house, searching for Cherry.

"Where is she?" Aiden asked his butler.

Butler Izekiel was about to answer when someone spoke up from behind them. "Are you looking for me?"

When the two men turned around, Cherry was already standing there.

"Where is Abigail?" Cherry asked once more. She didn't leave the house because she was waiting for Abigail. Their conversation a while ago was interrupted by Nathan. She still couldn't believe that Abigail was a member of Phantom's Assassin Guild. She still needed to talk to her and confirm the truth.

"Abigail… is in the hospital right now. Something bad happened to her." Aiden informed her about the sad news.

Cherry was stunned for a moment when she heard this. She didn't want to believe it at first. But seeing the sullen look in Aiden's eyes, she could tell that Aiden was not lying.

Cherry: "W-What happened to her?"

Aiden: "She was shot."

Thud!

Cherry's leg gave in as she stumbled because of the bad news.

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Meanwhile, not only Nathan's side was facing this trouble, but also the Red Dragon Mafia, most especially the medical staff present in the Sanitarium.

An unknown phenomenon was happening to their VIP patient. Phantomflake's body bled so much for an unknown reason. When the doctor checked her body, they saw the sources of the blood– three wounds that were similar to a gunshot wound!

How could this happen? No one entered her ward except the assigned doctor and nurses. No one was carrying a gun! Where did she get that wound?

But treating the patient was the most important thing. They had to stop her bleeding so they transferred her to the Operating Room. They had no time to spare.

The doctor and the nurses became more restless when the patient's blood pressure dropped and suddenly a cardiac arrest happened to the patient.

They were in that emergency state when Bam-Bam appeared inside the Operating Room.

"Uh-oh! What's going on here? Did they do something to her?" Bam-Bam flew closer to Phantomflake's body. He assessed her body and saw her bleeding too much.

"Oh no! This is not good! I think… Something happened to Phantomflake who is currently inside Abigail's body!" Bam-Bam got worried about her.

"Master! What happened to you?!"

"I have to see her! I have to go back to her and find out what happened! It's no fun dying too early. Today is only the 25th day of her mission!"

But before Bam-Bam left, he cast a spell on Phantomflake's body as the doctor began pumping her chest to revive her.

Chapter 239 Interesting Truth About Abigail

Day Twenty Six…

Eighteen hours after Abigail's operation, she still remained unconscious. She was already transferred to the Towerville City Hospital. Her condition was already stable.

Three bullets were taken out of her body– one bullet from her right shoulder, one from her back just above her right ribs, and one from her stomach. Fortunately, no internal organs were damaged or hit by the bullet. Abigail could still be considered 'Lucky'.

Aiden was the one who processed the documents for Abigail's transfer. He made sure to choose the VIP ward for her though Nathan didn't order it.

Stephen drove Nathan home last night as he needed to rest both physically and mentally. Aiden and Cherry stayed in the hospital, watching over Abigail. They were waiting for her to wake up. But the doctor said she might wake up after Twenty Two hours.

While Aiden and Cherry were having breakfast outside, Bam-Bam showed up in her VIP Ward.

"Master!!! I just disappeared to find your body and now this happened to you!" Bam-Bam exclaimed exasperatedly as he landed on the sickbed, bouncing on the cushion near Abigail's head.

He was invisible and only Abigail could see Bam-Bam. But Abigail was still unconscious. To find out what happened to Abigail, Bam-Bam put his paw on Abigail's forehead and tried to scan her memory.

Through this, Bam-Bam could see what transpired yesterday and how Abigail ended up in this situation.

"Uh-oh, it looks like my Master got in trouble. She was too reckless for saying those words. Nathan overheard them. Tsk, Tsk, Tsk. She should have been more careful with her words." Bam-Bam clicked his tongue while shaking his head.

"Don't tell me Nathan was the one who shot her?" Bam-Bam assumed as he could see how furious Nathan was.

"Black Rose is to blame. She was so stubborn and didn't want to listen to my master… so my Master had to say those words for her to listen." Bam-Bam kept on talking as if he was a critique of the situation.

"Oops! What a twist and turn of events! She got busted by Nathan… but she saved his ass! Now, what is going to happen after she wakes up? Will Nathan forgive her?" Bam-Bam scratched his face using his paw.

After a while, Aiden and Cherry came back to the ward. That was the time, Bam-Bam had to disappear. Besides, Abigail was still sound asleep.

On the other hand, Nathan and Stephen also dropped by the Syphiruz Mafia's headquarters. Axel and the IT team were still tracking the culprit.

"How is the situation here?" Nathan asked Axel.

"We were able to track the location of the black sedan car. But as we expected, the car was abandoned in a remote area on the outskirts of Towerville City.

"However, the moment our men arrived, the gunman was gone. He already erased his trace. He is a professional. He even knew that we could track him and his car easily." Axel explained.

"Don't you have any more leads?" Stephen joined the conversation. He was hoping that Axel and his team were able to find a clue about the mastermind of this assassination attempt.

"No… but we have to consider that those people who wanted our Supreme Leader to be dead must be his business competitors. No one knew that our Supreme Leader was Nathan Sparks. His real identity was still a secret to the underworld." Axel shared his opinion.

Nathan and Stephen fell silent for a moment. So if his enemies in the underworld didn't know his real identity yet, then they wouldn't send someone to kill Nathan Sparks in the broad daylight, unless, some enemies already found out who was the Supreme Leader of Syphiruz Mafia.

If this was the case, then Nathan would be in serious danger. Many more people would come after him, targeting him.

"Axel, just leave us alone. I have to talk to Nathan first," Stephen spoke up, with a serious expression on his face.

There were lots of unanswered questions. And this time he wanted to ask Nathan about Abigail.

"Yesterday, when you stormed out of Aiden's place while dragging Abigail… what was that all about Nathan? Why did you bring her to that remote location? Were you not thinking that both your lives are in danger? Someone is after your life… and someone was also trying to kill Abigail."

Nathan looked down, clenching his fists. "I heard her… saying she was a member of Phantom's Assassin Guild…"

Stephen was stunned for a moment when he heard that.

"A-Are you sure about that, Nate? Did you not mishear it?" Stephen was also surprised at the mention of Phantom's Assassin Guild.

"I don't know… but I heard what I heard… and those words stirred my emotions. I failed to control my rage. I didn't expect that someone was tailing us."

Stephen remained quiet, letting Nathan explain further.

"I think, Abigail is a spy. She approached me and Ethan for her revenge. She might be the one who leaked the information about Phantomflake's location. She must have planned this from the very start. The people who took Phantomflake might be her people… her accomplices." Nathan came up with this conclusion.

"But… there is no way she knew that you are the Supreme Leader of the Syphiruz. She only knows you as Nathan Sparks, the CEO of the SYP Starlight Corp." Stephen had this doubt.

"A person who wants revenge will never sacrifice her life just to save you. Nathan, I'm not defending Abigail… but I am grateful for her… she took those bullets to protect you."

"But what if… this was part of their schemes… she wanted me to feel indebted to her by saving me…" Nathan was still doubtful and suspicious of Abigail.

Despite her heroic act, he didn't want to trust her as he was afraid to be betrayed once more. He hated that feeling. When he first confronted her, he was devastated, thinking Abigail deceived him.

Stephen was always suspicious of Abigail since the start… because he was protective of Nathan, his best friend. But because of this incident, he felt like he wanted to trust Abigail because she saved Nathan. Stephen wanted to give Abigail a chance… a benefit of the doubt!

"But you were the one who chose to go to that remote area. You forced Abigail to go to that place. How could you say that it was pre-planned by them?"

Nathan rubbed his temples and said, "I don't know what to think anymore. My mind is in a mess. I don't know what should I believe in."

Stephen took a deep sigh and approached Nathan. He held his shoulder and tapped his back. "I understand… but listen to your heart… what does it tell you at this moment? Does your heart want to believe her or not?"

Nathan was not able to answer that question. He knew the answer but he wanted to deny it.

"Let me think it through…" Nathan simply mumbled, wanting to end this conversation.

And just right in time, Joker entered the room. "Supreme Leader… I'm finally done with the task you gave me last time. I completed my investigation with Abigail Scarlett. And I found out a very interesting truth about her."

Nathan and Stephen exchanged glances with one another after hearing that. Now, they were going to see and learn more about Abigail Scarlett.

Chapter 240 Conduct DNA Test

Day Twenty Six…

Nathan approached Joker instantly, closing their gaps. He held his shoulders and shook his body while asking him, "Tell me. What did you find out about her? Is she a member of Phantom's Assassin Guild?"

Nathan was dying to hear the truth. He couldn't be at ease without learning everything about Abigail. This woman was making him nuts. She began to affect him so much.

Joker was confused for a moment, darting his gaze back and forth between Nathan and Stephen. "Huh? Member of Phantom's Assassin Guild? Supreme Leader, what are you talking about?"

Upon investigating Abigail's background and digging for more information about Abigail, Joker didn't find anything that would connect her to the Phantom's Assassin Guild. This relation didn't come out in his investigation at all.

"The interesting truth about Abigail which you were talking about… perhaps, is it about Abigail being a member of Phantom's Assassin Guild?" Stephen was the one who repeated Nathan's question. He knew that his best friend wouldn't feel better unless this certain question would be given an answer.

Nathan's grip on Joker's shoulders tightened further. And he looked at him straight into his eyes. Nathan was anticipating Joker's response.

Joker shifted his gaze back and forth between Nathan and Stephen once more. He couldn't understand why both men were insisting that Abigail was a member of Phantom's Assassin Guild.

After a while, Joker shook his head frantically and said, "Master Stephen and Supreme Leader, I don't know why you are asking me this but there is no such thing in the result of my investigation. Miss Abigail has nothing to do with the Phantom's Assassin Guild nor any syndicates or organizations in the underworld."

"Miss Abigail Scarlett is very clean. But she has a sad past, because she was abandoned when she was just a child," Joker informed the two.

"Are you sure about that?" Nathan asked him again. This time he loosened his grip on Joker's body.

"Yes, Supreme Leader. I couldn't be wrong. I already conducted a very thorough investigation and I dug deeper about her past." Joker was confident with his answer.

For some unknown reason, the heaviness in Nathan's heart suddenly disappeared when he heard those words from Joker. He trusted his subordinate. There was no way Joker would lie to him.

"So what do you mean by an interesting truth about Abigail?" Stephen wanted to clear this thing.

Joker's eyes lit up as he recalled a very significant piece of information he had discovered about Abigail's identity.

"Supreme Leader… Master Stephen… you will be surprised when you hear this… I didn't expect this as well."

"Just tell us!" Nathan could no longer wait further.

"Abigail Scarlett might be an heiress… the missing heiress of the Yan Family," Joker cheerfully said to them.

Nathan: "Yan Family?"

Stephen: "Yan Family?"

Both Nathan and Stephen spoke at the same time. They had creases on their foreheads.

Joker bobbed his head once again and elaborated on his statement.

"You know Madam Priyanshi Patel, right? She has been searching for her missing niece… the youngest daughter of her deceased sister. Her missing niece might be none other than Abigail Scarlett."

Nathan and Stephen were both rendered speechless. The Yan Family and the Patel Family were both powerful families in this country. They indeed belonged to the top 5 richest families in Country M.

"But Supreme Leader… the more I dug deeper on this, the more odd things I discovered," Joker said meaningfully, rubbing his chin.

"What is it?" Nathan and Stephen uttered in unison. The two men were both interested and intrigued.

"The day her suicide attempt happened was also the day she was supposed to meet the hired detective of Madam Priyanshi. Madam Patel hired topnotch detectives for several years now just to find her missing niece."

"Do you find it odd as well? Abigail was supposed to meet the detective to confirm her identity but she suddenly committed suicide, jumping from the 13th Floor of the building?" Joker continued to share his thoughts with them.

"I think Miss Abigail was telling the truth. Someone tried to kill her and staged it as suicide!" he declared.

Nathan subconsciously clenched his fists. He was mad… but this time, not because of Abigail. The rage and hatred he felt inside his heart were directed to the person who tried to harm Abigail just to hide the truth.

'Is the reason why Abigail is being targeted… because of this inheritance from the Yan Family?' Nathan tried to figure out the real motive of the mastermind for eliminating Abigail.

"If the people who wanted Abigail dead came from the Yan Family… then Miss Abigail is really in big trouble. This is about a big amount of inheritance… we are talking about here," Stephen mumbled, smirking.

"This is like members of the royal family fighting for the throne!" Stephen added, the smug smile on his face never left.

Then Stephen removed Nathan's hands that were still holding Joker's shoulders. "See, Nate. I think… we are wrong to judge her. It looks like Abigail has no connections with the Phantom's Assassin Guild. You might have misheard it."

Nathan just pursed his lips, thinking so hard. 'Was I truly wrong? Did I mishear it?' Nathan mused to himself.

The result of Joker's investigation was foolproof. Even if Nathan would try to do different investigations and dig deeper into Abigail's identity and her past, they would never find any connections between Abigail and the Phantom's Assassin Guild.

Abigail had never met any members of that guild. Abigail tried her best to make ends meet every day. She worked hard to get what she had today in the Entertainment Circle. Phantomflake was never involved in her life.

"Now, what are you going to do now, my friend?" Stephen asked Nathan.

Nathan just frowned deeply as he met Stephen's gaze. He didn't have to spell it all out. Of course, he had to do something for Abigail.

"Joker, I have another task for you," Nathan spoke, exuding with authority.

"Do this discreetly. None from the Yan Family should know this. You have to do a DNA test for Abigail and Madam Priyanshi. Let's confirm first if the two are related by blood."