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Chapter 441 Special In His Heart

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Aiden didn't know what to do. He kept pacing back and forth outside Abigail's VIP ward. Nathan kicked him out of the room, not allowing him to enter. He wanted to be alone.

It did not take long before Stephen came back to the hospital. He saw Aiden in front of the VIP ward.

"Stephen!" Aiden called his name. "What happened to you?" he asked when he noticed that Stephen's clothes were messy and he had some bruises on his face. Aside from Nathan, someone definitely punched him.

"Where's Nate? I need to talk to him," Stephen said with urgency.

"He is inside. He kicked me out and locked the door. He is furious. Why did you do that Steph? You should have been honest with him. He is our best friend!" Aiden started to reprimand Stephen.

Bam! Bam!

Stephen pounded the door so hard using his fist. "Nate! Open this door. We need to talk!"

Nathan only responded with silence. He didn't say a word. It seemed like Nathan was ignoring Stephen.

Aiden held Stephen's shoulders while shaking his head. "Nate is in a bad mood. You know him. He is stubborn. If he is mad, it will be hard to talk or negotiate with him. He won't listen."

Stephen exhaled sharply. He was worried about Jane's safety. He wanted to beg Nathan. In Stephen's point of view, he could see Jane as the vulnerable woman he met in Country Z six years ago, not Phantomflake, the assassin.

"Nate. As your best friend... I'm begging you. Please open the door. I won't leave. If I have to kneel, I'll do it." Stephen continued convincing Nathan. Without a second thought, Stephen dropped to his knees, kneeling in front of Nathan's ward.

"Hey! Hey! Stop it! Stand up, Steph. Don't create a scene here. The doctors and nurses will see you." Aiden reacted right away upon seeing his best friend, kneeling on the floor while facing the closed door. His voice was loud enough for Nathan to hear.

It did not take long before the door slid open and Nathan stood in front of them, holding crutches to support him. He was expressionless as he stared at Stephen and Aiden.

"Why are you trying to protect, Phantomflake?" Nathan questioned Stephen, feeling disappointed. "Since when did you start caring about your patient so much that you are even willing to kneel and beg me... that you even betrayed me?"

Stephen glanced at Nathan apologetically. "I didn't betray you, Nate. It's just that... you are already stressed by the things happening around you. I don't want to trigger your negative emotions because I know how much you hate her."

"You tend to hurt people and commit mistakes whenever you make decisions out of rage." Stephen tried to explain his side.

"I planned to tell you that she already regained consciousness if this incident was fixed and the situation had calmed down," he added further.

For the first time, Aiden just shut his mouth, not spouting anything as he darted his gaze back and forth between Nathan and Stephen. He kept quiet as the two were having a serious conversation.

"What is she to you?" Nathan asked Stephen directly.

Stephen gazed up, looking at Nathan's eyes. "I think... She holds a special place in my heart..." Stephen confessed.

Aiden just watched Stephen in disbelief while Nathan frowned with a look of dismay. Of all the women there, why did it have to be her? Stephen could like other women!

"Stephen... let me remind you. That woman... kills your godson's mother... your best friend's woman! She killed Monica! The mother of my son... my woman." Nathan mumbled through his gritted teeth, his eyes set ablaze with rage.

"If you were in my position... and I killed your beloved woman... Do you think you can let it slide as if nothing happened? Are you going to forgive the killer... just because she's important to your friend?"

Stephen fell silent when he heard that question. He lowered his head, looking at the floor while clenching his fists. He couldn't refute that. He knew where Nathan was coming from. He could understand his feelings.

'Am I so selfish to ask Nathan to forgive Jane? Am I so unfair to Nathan?'

Stephen thought that just like Nathan he would do anything just to punish the person who would hurt his beloved... his loved ones.

They were still in that awkward silence when Ethan and Old Man Xu arrived. The two were surprised to see Stephen kneeling in front of Abigail's VIP ward.

"Dad? Uncle Steph? Uncle Aiden?" Little Ethan's voice caught their attention.

"What is happening here?" Old Man Xu also asked the three men.

On the other hand, Aiden felt like his angel just arrived to save him from this difficult situation. He didn't know how he would deal with them. This was the first time Nathan and Stephen argued and fought like this.

Aiden always annoyed Nathan, but at this moment, Stephen angered Nathan to the core.

Aiden immediately dragged Stephen up. He didn't want Ethan to misunderstand. The way he looked at them seemed like Stephen was being bullied by the two men because he was the only guy on his knees.

"It's nothing serious, Ethan... Uncle Xu... Stephen just slipped accidentally," Aiden lied while laughing sheepishly.

Old Man Xu raised his eyebrow, not believing his words. He shifted his gaze to his son, giving him a questioning look. He could tell that something was going on there. Both Nathan and Stephen had serious looks on their faces, and Nathan was surrounded by a dark aura.

'Did they fight? Misunderstanding perhaps? But why does Stephen kneel in front of Nathan?' Old Man Xu wondered to himself.

Little Ethan also had the same reaction. He looked at the three men suspiciously. Something fishy was going on here.

"Dad, Uncle Steph... Did the two of you fight? Are my Dad and Uncle Aiden bullying you?"

"Huh? Eh? Why me?! Why did I get involved suddenly here?!" Aiden complained exasperatedly.

"Because you just watched them argue!" Ethan spat back at him. "You should advise them to reconcile."

"Eh?! Little Young Master... you're hurting my feelings. I'm neutral! I'm trying my best to be a mediator of peace between them, but it's so hard. Why don't you talk to them, my dear godson? Who knows these two adults might listen to you?" Aiden finally found the chance to escape and let Ethan and Old Man Xu handle this situation.

"Nate, Stephen... speak up now. What is this all about?" Old Man Xu could no longer hold his curiosity. It was so rare to see Stephen and Nathan arguing.

Little Ethan bobbed his head in support of his grandpa's words. He was also in a sullen mood right now. He was sad for not seeing Phantomflake's soul inside Abigail's body.

"Hmmm. I think Ethan we should go and visit your Miss Abi. Let adults solve their own issues." Aiden grabbed Ethan's small hand, inviting him to get inside Abigail's ward.

When Ethan heard that, he reached out, tugging the hem of his father's patient clothes. "Dad! Listen to me. Mom is missing. She is not the woman lying on that sick bed. Let's search for her. Let's go back to where you were rescued."

Everyone was rendered speechless when they heard Ethan's last remarks.

Chapter 442 Conflicted Thoughts

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As expected, Nathan and others couldn't understand nor believe what Ethan was saying. They misunderstood him, thinking he was still in denial and couldn't accept that Abigail was in a coma.

They were clueless that Ethan was referring to Phantomflake... the woman he could see while bonding with Abigail for the past few months.

"I can see souls! Spirits." Ethan declared to them.

Nathan: "..."

Stephen: "..."

Old Man Xu: "..."

"Oh my gosh! You shouldn't stay here in the hospital!" Aiden covered Ethan's eyes after he recovered from his shock. "Many souls are wandering around here." But Ethan removed Aiden's hands and rolled his eyes skyward.

On the other hand, Nathan frowned when he heard that. This was not a funny joke. He motioned for his son to come closer to him. When Ethan reached his father's spot, Nathan tapped his shoulder and said, "Ethan... I know this is hard for you. But you have to accept this. Abi is sick. But she is going to recover."

Ethan crumpled his face. He knew it! No one would believe his words. 'If only Mom is here, she is going to understand me and believe my words. Just like me, she can see supernatural creatures. I think... I must find that fluffy flying cat. He is the only one who can find my mommy. Bam-Bam... where are you?'

Meanwhile, Aiden spoke again with his blabbering mouth. "Ethan, if you can see soul and spirits, have you seen your mother, Monica? Is she here? Is she guarding Nathan and you? Is that the reason you never cried before? Were you able to talk to her soul?"

Old Man Xu and Nathan shot Aiden with cold sharp glare. This guy's mouth didn't have a break. How could he mention Monica in this situation? Ethan was already stressed by Abigail's condition. And now, Aiden opened up another sensitive topic— Ethan's deceased mother.

"Nope. I have never seen my mother's soul... even once." Ethan promptly responded.

"Eh? Why? She should have visited you and your Dad once." Aiden asked the young boy exasperatedly.

"Enough!" Nathan interrupted. This was not the time to talk about this. This was nonsense.

Stephen immediately yanked Aiden's hand, signaling him to keep his mouth shut.

They were still gathered in front of Abigail's VIP Ward when suddenly Madam Priyanshi Patel arrived together with her daughter, Nadia.

"Nathan, where is my niece? What happened to her?" A hint of concern could be heard in Madam Priyanshi's voice. She had just heard the news today. Nathan called her a while ago, informing her that Abigail was in the hospital.

Nathan looked down, clenching his jaw. He didn't know how he would explain this to Abigail's family.

"I'm sorry. I failed to protect her. Someone tried to kill both of us. Unfortunately, Abi... fell into a coma."

Madam Priyanshi staggered on her feet when she heard that shocking news. How could this happen to her niece? They had just found her. Her father would be devastated once he learned about this.

"Mom..." Nadia held her mother's body to support her. She could see how shaken her mother was. Even she was flabbergasted upon hearing this.

"I'm planning to transfer her tomorrow to my medical facility. I would like to ask your permission. I'll take care of her." Nathan called Madam Priyanshi to come to the hospital so that he could ask her permission to let Abigail stay in his medical facility.

"I'm fine with it... as long as you can heal my niece. Her health is our priority. I will do everything I can." Madam Priyanshi didn't object. She agreed to Nathan's suggestion right away. She knew that Nathan would take good care of her niece. She trusts Nathan more than anyone else in the Yan Family.

"Who dare do this to my niece? I want to see her." Madam Priyanshi was feeling so anxious.

Nathan stepped to the side, inviting them to get inside. Madam Priyanshi and Nadia immediately entered the ward to see Abigail. Nathan followed them behind.

Old Man Xu tapped his grandson's shoulder. "Let's go, Ethan." The old man also urged the young boy to see Abigail.

Ethan could only sigh in defeat. Of course, he went there to visit the real Abigail. He thought he owed this woman a lot because, for the past few months, Phantomflake had been staying in this woman's body. Ethan thought Abigail was the reason why he met Phantomflake.

Stephen and Aiden were left outside.

"What is your plan now, Stephen? Nathan won't listen to you. I believe he already made up his mind. He won't forgive Phantomflake. I bet his men are already torturing her at this moment."

Aiden's remarks triggered Stephen's feelings furthermore. He got more worried about Phantomflake.

"I have to stop them. I'll ask Axel myself. I need to find out where they brought her." Stephen sounded very determined. Without wasting any more time, Stephen turned around to leave. But before he completely disappeared from Aiden's sight, he told him to see Cherry. Cherry was also worried about Phantomflake. She saw several men capturing Jane.

Aiden reacted instantly when Cherry's name was mentioned. He also left the hospital, going to Stephen's place. Aiden wanted to know what Cherry was doing. She might be shocked by what she witnessed.

"Damn! I promised Cherry that I would protect her sis. I have to convince Nathan also." Aiden murmured to himself.

He had just reached the parking lot when he called Stephen. Stephen was already driving when he answered the call.

"What?" Stephen asked him.

"Stephen! Let's save Jane! Why don't we help her escape from Syphiruz? Or shall we ask for Ethan's help? I think Nathan might listen to his son. Ethan might be able to save Phantomflake's life. What do you think?"

"I don't think it's a good idea. Nathan will hate us if we will involve Ethan here. Ethan has no idea that his mother was killed by Phantomflake. How can we ask an innocent kid to save the person who murdered his mother?" Stephen disregarded Aiden's suggestion right away.

"But I will go to your first suggestion. If things get worse, we should rescue Jane and get her out of the Syphiruz. But we need to find out where is their headquarters. Did they bring Jane there?"

"Hmm... I will leave that task to you. For now, I have to go and comfort Cherry. She might be worried sick of her sister right now."

"Ok. Let's do this. But I will try to talk to Nathan and convince him again. I don't want him to hate us just because we chose to save Jane's life." Stephen was feeling conflicted.

While Aiden and Stephen were planning to rescue Phantomflake behind Nathan's back, Nathan decided to go to the Syphiruz Headquarters. Madam Priyanshi and Nadia stayed in the hospital together with Old Man Xu and Little Ethan.

[At Syphiruz Mafia Headquarters...]

Jane and Spider's team already arrived at the headquarters. They immediately brought Jane to the dark room.

Jane looked very calm and composed, not showing any fear as she traversed through the underground prison cells. She halted on her steps when she saw someone. Madam Lu was also there in the Dark Room!

'Nathan... he suspects Madam Lu as the mastermind for what happened to us...' Jane thought to herself.

Chapter 443 The Torture Started

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[ At Syphiruz Mafia...]

Jane was brought to the dark room, being escorted by Spider and his men. She saw Madam Lu, sitting in a steel chair with no consciousness.

It looked like she had undergone some torture. Her body was covered with blood. She already knew that Nathan was the one who suspected Madam Lu.

'He can be ruthless when dealing with his enemies...!' Jane could still vividly remember the resentment in Nathan's eyes when he looked at her.

'I think Madam Lu and I will have the same fate today.' Jane thought to herself but she was calm and composed, not showing any unnecessary emotions.

Chantha and Violet also followed Spider's Team in the Dark Room also known as the torture room. They were curious about Phantomflake, the infamous assassin.

Joker and Axel were the ones who tortured Madam Lu, making her talk. Before losing consciousness, she revealed that she hired a hitman to kill Abigail.

Spider pushed Jane to the chair, making her sit. He immediately tied her hands and feet with the metal cuffs attached to the steel chair.

This chair was made for this— torture and interrogation. The members of the Syphiruz already prepared themselves for this. Phantomflake had this reputation wherein she held a strong value in her ideals.

They recalled how she stabbed herself with a poisonous dagger than let Nathan catch her alive. She has no fear of death.

As they looked at her, they couldn't help but be amazed by her calmness. She was in the hands of her enemy yet she was composed, devoid of any emotions.

"I don't think she will talk," Chantha whispered to Violet.

"I know. Supreme Leader ordered us to use all means to torture her but we are not allowed to kill her yet." Violet whispered back to Chantha.

"What are we going to do if she tries to bite her tongue? This woman is lunatic and suicidal. Remember what she did two years ago?" Chantha tossed an amused look at Jane.

Jane was tight-lipped. She just sat there with no resistance as if she already accepted her fate.

"I heard she came here voluntarily. Stephen was fighting Spider and his team but Phantomflake surrendered herself..." Violet informed Chantha, making her twin sister gasp in surprise.

"Damn! What is she planning? Why do I feel like she has a hidden motive for coming here voluntarily?" Chantha reacted exasperatedly.

Violet could only exhale sharply. She was saddened knowing that Stephen was trying to protect Phantomflake. But she couldn't judge him. She owed him. Stephen saved her life once.

"Why is he hellbent to protect Phantomflake?" Chantha asked her, feeling intrigued.

Violet just shook her head. She didn't know the answer to that. The twin sisters were still talking when Axel approached them.

"Why are you here?" Axel's eyes were fixed on Chantha, his voice surprisingly gentle.

Chantha couldn't look straight into Axel's eyes. Whenever she would look at him, she was reminded of the kiss they shared.

"Uhm... just wanna meet Phantomflake..." Chantha responded, trying to conceal her blushing face.

Meanwhile, Violet noticed the strange interaction between the two. She gazed back and forth and she observed them. Something was off.

'Hmm, why aren't they fighting today? The cat and dog of Syphiruz?' Violet smiled inwardly while silently watching the two.

"Axel, are you going to use the Truth Serum to make her talk?" Violet butted in.

Axel shook his head and responded, "Not yet. Supreme Leader wanted us to torture her first, making her realize the consequence of her crime against our Supreme Leader."

"How are you going to torture her? She just regained consciousness. What if her body collapses instantly and dies without confessing?" Chantha expressed her thoughts.

"The doctor said she's healthy so you don't have to worry. Besides, we will try to keep her alive unless our Supreme Leader gives us a go signal." Axel turned to Phantomflake.

There was no remorse in her eyes as if she never regretted anything.

"We will use water first... the traditional method," Axel said meaningfully.

After that, he called Spider's attention. Everything was set. They would drown her a little by putting a soaked cloth inside her mouth while pouring water on her face.

"Let's get started." Axel declared to them.

On the other hand, Jane already anticipated what was going to happen next. She could see the items before her eyes. They were going to torture her in various ways as part of her punishment.

'Nathan is ruthless and has no mercy when it comes to his enemy. He resents me so much.' Jane smiled bitterly at that thought.

When two men held her head, pulling her hair down to make her face the ceiling, Jane just closed her eyes, not saying a word. She just felt someone grabbing her jaws, forcing her to open her mouth.

She was prepared mentally for this torture. She also wanted to do this. She had to suffer for the wrongdoings she did to Nathan and Ethan.

Spider began pouring water on her face. It was so hard to breathe but Jane didn't struggle nor complain. She needed to feel the pain because she felt like she deserved this.

This water torture was repeated several times within ten minutes.

"Cough! Cough!" Jane gasped for air when Spider finally stopped and removed the cloth from her mouth.

"Phantomflake... you dare challenge our Supreme Leader... now you will suffer more... to the extent that you want to beg us to kill you," Spider spoke to her mockingly. He also laughed sardonically, enjoying what he was doing.

Phantomflake was a well-known assassin in the underground world, that's why, Spider found satisfaction in this, torturing the legendary assassin.

But Axel and others had noticed one thing— Jane's eyes filled with determination. Surprisingly, she wasn't resisting nor provoking them. She was just silent in her chair.

"Tsk, tsk, tsk... Why do I feel like the water torture doesn't affect her that much?! We need to level up our method." Spider rubbed his palms together while grinning from ear to ear.

But the smile in his eyes disappeared when he met Jane's sharp eyes. For some unknown reason, Spider got intimidated by the way she looked at him.

'Why do I feel like she is telling me— Is that all you've got?' Spider pursed his lips in annoyance. He felt like Jane was looking down on him.

"Now, let's move to the second part! I will make you scream!" Spider threatened her. But his threat just fell on deaf ears. Jane totally ignored him.

Her nonchalant reaction provoked him further. Axel, Chantha, and Violet could feel that Spider was very annoyed.

"Joker, give me the picana electrica," Spider asked his comrade who was standing next to Madam Lu's spot. They also used this device to give an electric shock to Madam Lu a while ago during her electric torture.

Jane's eyebrow twitched a little when she saw the device. Her body was still soaked with water and now they were going to torture her using electric shock.

'Damn. How long can I stay awake? I wonder if Nathan is watching us right now...I want to see him... talk to him...'

"Do you have something to say before I start?" Spider sneered at her.

"I want to talk to your Leader," Jane stated without reservation.

Everyone was stunned when they heard that. They didn't expect Phantomflake to say a word and make such a request.

Chapter 444 The Result Has Come Out!

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Phantomflake knew that Nathan was in the hospital. But she still requested to talk to him. She was willing to confess and reveal who called the hit, putting a price on Monica's head. But she wanted to have a conversation with Nathan personally. She would only confess in front of him.

"Is she courting death? Our Supreme Leader hates her so much. Who knows he might kill her today after using the truth serum..." She paused and embraced her own self as she added, "I don't want to see the evil side of our Leader. He is scary!" Chantha could feel the goosebump just imagining Nathan's angry look.

Axel and Violet nodded their heads as they agreed to Chantha's last remarks. On the other hand, Spider laughed sarcastically.

"Do you want to suffer miserably before dying? It looks like you want our Supreme Leader to torture you by himself. Hmm, just speak now and tell us who ordered you to kill the beloved woman of our Supreme Leader." Spider looked at her meaningfully.

Even if Phantomflake would reveal the truth and name the mastermind for this assassination, Nathan still ordered them to make her suffer from various torture.

"Perhaps, are you thinking of negotiating with him just to save your ass?" Spider directly said, mocking her. "Are you afraid of dying now, Miss Phantomflake?" Spider kept taunting her.

Jane could only shoot him a cold sharp glare. Spider's tone was very annoying. She wanted to punch the guy in his face. If only her hands were not tied down on the chair, she would have already punched this guy.

"Let's proceed!" Spider stated. His comrade, Joker, switched on the device- *picana electrica*, setting a certain volt, enough to give her pain but not too much to kill her or lose consciousness.

Spider used the two prods, pressing the tip to Jane's hands. The device sent an electric shock to Jane's body. But Jane clenched her fists and gritted her teeth to stop herself from screaming. She wouldn't give them the satisfaction to hear her whimpers and groans while suffering from electric shocks.

"Speak now! Tell us everything you know!" Spider began pressuring Phantomflake as he raised his voice.

But Jane just remained tight-lipped. She wanted to talk to Nathan. She had some important things to tell him.

Seeing how stubborn she was, Spider motioned for Joker to increase the volt before electrocuting Phantomflake once more. Jane's lips bled from her biting. She tried her best not to scream in pain. But her body was sweating a lot and she could feel that she was getting weaker and weaker by the second.

After five consecutive tortures using the picana electrica, Jane was now breathing heavily and her body was sweating profusely. But she was still awake.

Spider was going to use the highest voltage of the electric current when suddenly the door of the Dark Room was pushed open. Everyone's attention was shifted to the front door. Nathan had arrived. He was still walking on crutches.

As soon as he entered, his eyes met Phantomflake's gaze. He didn't know why but his heart skipped a beat upon seeing the light of hope in her eyes as she looked at him. Nathan was taken aback for a moment.

'Why is she looking at me like that?' Nathan mused to himself. He wasn't used to seeing the gentle look in her eyes. The indifference was gone. Two years ago, Phantomflake stared at him with her cold eyes, devoid of any emotions. But now, it felt different from two years ago.

"Supreme Leader!"

Everyone inside the Dark Room greeted Nathan politely. Spider and Joker stopped torturing Phantomflake as they welcomed their Supreme Leader.

Nathan ignored others. His eyes were fixed on Phantomflake as he traced his steps toward her. She looked like a mess. Her clothes were soaked with water and sweat. Her white shirt became see-through that could no longer hide the sensitive part of her upper body.

"Leave us!" Nathan ordered, making his men puzzled. They didn't expect him to throw them out in the middle of the torture.

"Eh? Is he going to torture her by himself?" Chantha nudged her sister's shoulder as she asked her in a low voice.

Violet just shrugged her shoulders. "Don't ask. Let's just obey our Leader's command."

"Get that woman out here," Nathan added. He was referring to Madam Lu who was still unconscious in her chair.

"Okay, Boss!"

With Nathan's command, everyone left the Dark Room, transferring Madam Lu to another prison cell.

Now, Nathan and Jane were left alone inside. He watched her, conflicted. Phantomflake was his enemy but he could still see her as a woman. The reason he ordered others to leave was because part of him didn't want his men to see her exposed body.

"I've been waiting for you..." Jane mumbled in her hoarse and weak voice.

Nathan frowned deeply when he heard that. "Why? Are you going to beg me?" His voice was as cold as the winter snow. "Afraid of dying now?"

Jane's lips curled up into a faint smile, her eyes not leaving his face. The crease on Nathan's forehead deepened further when he saw her smile.

'Why is she smiling?'

Jane's strange behavior was giving Nathan one shock from another. She was so different from the way she was acting two years ago.

"I have something to tell you. I'm going to confess now."

Nathan eyed her suspiciously. He didn't know if he could trust this woman's words. What if she would only give him false information? Phantomflake was also known for being cunning and crafty.

"I can't trust you." Nathan only thought of one way— make her confess using the truth serum.

Jane was about to say a word when Axel interrupted them. He looked troubled when he entered the Dark Room. He was holding his phone.

"Why are you here, Axel? I told you to go out!" Nathan was displeased by Axel's sudden intrusion.

"I'm sorry." Axel apologized right away. "Supreme Leader, come with me first! There is something urgent you have to know!" Axel appeared to be worried about something.

"What is it?" Nathan asked him confusedly.

Axel darted his gaze back and forth between Nathan and Phantomflake. "I can't tell you here, Boss. Come with me first."

Both Nathan and Jane were puzzled as to why Axel was looking so worried. 'Did something happen to Abigail?'

The two immediately thought of Abigail. They became worried as well when thinking about Abigail's current condition.

Without wasting any more time, Nathan followed Axel outside.

"Tell me. What's going on here?" Nathan braced himself. He didn't want to hear a piece of bad news related to Abigail.

"Master, it's a call from our AI team in SYP Twilight Corporation," Axel informed him.

Nathan felt relieved when he heard that. At least, it had nothing to do with Abigail.

"What did they tell you?" Nathan asked him curiously. He wondered how important this information was since Axel even interrupted his confrontation with Phantomflake.

"Master, the team you assigned to generate the young photo of Mr. Hiroshi's missing daughter to a grown version already has the results. And one photo generated by our AI system showed... Phantomflake's face."

There was a moment of complete silence.

"Supreme Leader... There is a possibility that Phantomflake might be the missing daughter of Mr. Hiroshi of Sawada Clan."

Chapter 445 Paternity Test Between The Two

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"What did you just say?" Nathan had conflicting thoughts right now. His mind didn't want to absorb what had just been said by now.

Chantha and Violet exchanged glances with one another. They were also surprised when they heard Axel's last remarks. They knew that Syphiruz Mafia had been eyeing to form an alliance with the Sawada Clan for years.

They had to curry the favor of Mr. Hiroshi, the godfather of the Sawada Clan, by finding his missing daughter. And who would have thought that Phantomflake might be the missing daughter?

"Is this a good thing or a bad thing?" Chantha whispered to her twin sister. The two ladies had been observing Nathan's reaction. They saw his mixed emotions. Maybe he was flabbergasted by this.

"Both!" Violet stated matter-of-factly. "Good... because if Phantomflake is the missing daughter, this means our Supreme Leader succeeded in his task given by Mr. Hiroshi. But the bad thing is that... Phantomflake is his mortal enemy. He wants to kill her. And now, we are torturing her. How do you think Mr. Hiroshi will respond once he learns that we hurt and torture his daughter?"

"This will become a war between Syphiruz and the Sawada Clan." Joker butted in.

The two ladies looked at him, taking a deep sigh.

"Then we should keep this a secret from the Sawada Clan. We can't tell them we found Mr. Hiroshi's daughter. Through this, we can avoid the war." Spider suggested.

"I don't think our Supreme Leader will be intimidated by the Sawada Clan. He is stubborn. If he wants revenge, then he will do it his own way." Violet also expressed her thoughts.

Chantha bobbed her head in agreement with her twin sister. Nathan wouldn't care about going against a big organization. If he wanted to avenge the death of his beloved woman, Nathan would even kill Mr. Hiroshi's daughter. That's what they thought about their Supreme Leader.

"We should kill Phantomflake before the Sawada Clan learns about her existence," Joker said with conviction. "Supreme Leader should not hesitate."

"This is not our call. Let's wait for his final decision." Violet just focused her attention on Nathan who was still talking to Axel.

"They have generated ten images... and upon checking and tracking their identities... Phantomflake is the one that appeared on our data bank. The other photos got rejected because the AI-generated photos do not have identities." They heard Axel explaining to Nathan.

"What are we going to do now, sir?" Axel knew the possible consequences of their action. Axel didn't know if Nathan would kill Phantomflake after getting the name of the mastermind. But one thing was for sure, if Phantomflake happened to be the missing daughter of Mr. Hiroshi, they shouldn't let the Sawada Clan know that they held her as a hostage and made her suffer.

Nathan crumpled his face. He was displeased by this situation. He promised Abigail that he would help Mr. Hiroshi to find his missing daughter. But he didn't expect that Phantomflake might be the one they were looking for.

"Calm down. We haven't confirmed it yet. It's just based on AI-generated images. For now, we have to do a paternity test between Mr. Hiroshi and Phantomflake. But we must do it discreetly, He must not know that we already found a possible match for his missing daughter." Nathan gathered his emotion, analyzing the situation critically.

"Okay, sir. I got it. I will contact Mr. Hiroshi. But I am worried. Mr. Hiroshi is very keen and sharp even in a simple detail. He is meticulous. What if he will notice something once we try to ask for his DNA sample?" Axel expressed his concern. It was also hard to get a sample DNA from Mr. Hiroshi without his consent. The members of the Sawada Clan and his right-hand man were very protective of him.

"I will talk to him... myself." Nathan simply said, rubbing his temples. He suddenly got a headache because of this.

Then Axel glanced at the closed door of the Dark Room. Phantomflake was still inside. Nathan already read what was on Axel's mind.

"Let's stop for now. Transfer her to the white room. And bring the truth serum." Nathan gave his order.

Phantomflake was willing to cooperate now. He could no longer see the resistance in her eyes. It seemed like the person in front of him was different from the Phantomflake he knew. Why did she suddenly become vulnerable? Two years ago, Phantomflake held so much pride and ego, choosing death over being captured by Nathan alive. She even tried to take her life just to avoid Nathan's revenge.

Spider was a little bit disappointed. He was enjoying what he was doing a while ago, inflicting pain on the infamous assassin. But now, they had to stop the torture. He couldn't defy their Supreme Leader's order.

"Okay, Sir. I got it." Axel responded.

Nathan went back to the Dark Room to finish his conversation with Phantomflake. However, to his surprise, the woman sitting in the chair had fallen asleep. She was so exhausted from the torture she received from Spider. Her physical body was still trying to adjust. She was still frail and weak.

Furthermore, Jane finally let her guard down when she saw Nathan. She felt secure just seeing his presence and she finally let her body fall asleep. She didn't fight the dizziness and sleepiness anymore. For some unknown reason, she found her comfort because of Nathan's arrival.

Spider and Joker stepped forward to carry Jane when Nathan stopped them using his hand gesture. Then he looked at Stephen, his right-hand man, motioning him to carry Jane, instead of the two men.

Axel quickly followed Nathan's every command. Axel removed the cuffs binding her hands and feet. And just when he was about to lift her up, Nathan removed his jacket and used it to cover Jane's soaked body.

"Chantha, Violet... make sure to change her clothes. Let her rest for a while. We will continue the interrogation with the truth serum... tomorrow." Nathan notified the ladies.

Everyone was puzzled why Nathan suddenly became generous toward Phantomflake. He even let her use his own jacket to cover up her upper body.

Even Nathan didn't know why he acted that way. His body just reflexively moved on its own accord.

Maybe, subconsciously, he remembered that this woman was important to his best friend, Stephen. Or maybe, because she might be Mr. Hiroshi's daughter. Nathan wasn't certain about either of the two. Or perhaps, he thought that Phantomflake was a bit different from the assassin he knew before.

'Does the life or death situation change her? She's been a coma for two years.' Nathan thought to himself as he watched Phantomflake being transferred to another prison room.

"Boss, you shouldn't be here. You must go back to the hospital. You haven't completely recovered yet," Violet approached Nathan.

"It's fine. I have a score to settle. I must confront Phantomflake, myself."

Violet and Chantha just nodded their heads.

"Anyway. Did Madam Lu confess?" Nathan recalled the second reason why he went there.

"Yes. She confessed to hiring another hitman to hurt Abigail. I already dispatched our elite team for this manhunt. They are now tracking the hitman's location." Violet informed Nathan.

But Nathan still had a nagging feeling. Aside from Madam Lu, there was another person behind Abigail's accident before. What if they were still targeting her until now? But what was the real motive?

Chapter 446 The Real Owner Of The Body

Day Fifty-Two...

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[At Dave's Police Precinct...]

Dave couldn't sleep last night. He had been thinking about Abigail. He couldn't get her out of his system no matter how hard he tried. He didn't look good lately. His comrades noticed that Dave always had a sullen mood ever since he came back.

"Hey, Dude, are you alright? You are low-spirited again today. Why don't you apply for sick leave?" Dave's comrade approached him, tapping his shoulder.

Dave was spacing out at his desk while facing the computer. His mind seemed to wander off somewhere.

"I'm fine. By the way, what happened yesterday? I heard all our units were dispatched and mobilized yesterday?" Dave was out of the office yesterday so he wasn't able to join the team.

"Oh, yeah. Something big happened yesterday. Do you know the CEO of SYP Twilight Corp? The mighty Nathan Sparks?"

Dave's interest was piqued when Nathan's name was mentioned. "Yes, I know him. Why? Is your mission had something to do with him?"

"Yes, Dude! He went paragliding together with his girlfriend yesterday. But someone tried to kill them by shooting their parachute. Nathan Sparks was fine. But his girlfriend was in critical condition."

Thud!

Dave dropped his mouse when he heard that. He immediately stood up with his face filled with worries. He even slammed his table as he asked his comrade, "What happened to Abi? Where can I find them?"

His colleague was surprised by his reaction. "At Towerville's Hospital. Why?"

"I have to check on her!" Dave stormed out of his office, his face looking so grim and worried.

Riding his motorcycle, Dave rushed to the hospital to see Abigail. He was silently praying that she would be fine. His heart was pounding so hard. His colleague told him that Abigail was in critical condition.

'No. This couldn't be. Something bad happened to her once more. And I was not there to protect her.'
Dave regretted every moment he wasn't there for Abigail.

A few minutes later, Dave arrived at the hospital. He asked the information desk regarding Abigail's room. The nurse refused to give him the details because Nathan forbade anyone from giving out Abigail's room to strangers.

Who knows if the killer is still looking for Abigail?

"Nurse Choi, please tell me where I can find Abigail Scarlett," Dave begged the nurse-in-charge in the administration area.

"I'm sorry, sir. But we received an order from the higher-up to keep our patient's information and room number confidential. We can't disclose her exact room number. Miss Scarlett's life has a threat," the nurse explained to Dave.

Dave picked up his police badge and his identification, showing it to the nurse.

"I'm a police officer. I am in-charge of this case. I need to see her." Dave was determined to find his way to Abigail's VIP room.

For safety purposes, Nathan ordered the hospital not to let anyone come to the VIP ward. Only authorized personnel, nurses, and doctors are allowed to enter. The threat to Abigail's life hadn't been completely removed yet. Aside from Madam Lu, they didn't know the other parties who were after Abigail's life.

"I'm sorry, sir. But we can't disclose the information even to the police unless you have permission from Mr. Sparks," the nurse insisted.

Dave was getting annoyed. He was dying to see Abigail but the nurses remained tight-lipped, keeping her room number from him.

"Where is Mr. Sparks? Tell him I'm here. He knows me." Dave was still trying his luck. The nurse hesitated for a moment. Nathan Sparks seemed moody today so they were afraid to talk to him.

"Uh, sir—"

Before the nurse could reply, a group of men in black passed by. Dave noticed the Sparks family's seal on the men's pin. They were Sparks Family guards, summoned by Nathan to watch the vicinity. They would also escort Nathan and Abigail as they transferred Abigail to the Syphiruz Medical Facility.

Dave immediately followed the men in black suits, hoping that he could see Nathan. When the team leader noticed Dave's presence, he blocked his path to confront him.

"Why are you following us?" The head guard questioned Dave in his authoritative voice.

"I'm a police officer. I want to talk to your Boss, Nathan Sparks." Dave was direct to the point.

The team leader frowned and eyed Dave from top to bottom and vice versa.

"Our Boss does not allow any visitors today," He promptly responded.

Dave was losing his patience. Why was it so hard for him to see Abigail? He felt like the gaps between them were getting larger and larger. Things had changed. Unlike before, he could freely see her whenever he wanted.

Dave clenched his fists, trying to control the rage deep inside his heart. "If I didn't accept that mission... If I hadn't left her... would things remain the same between Abigail and me?"

Dave was thinking of the what-ifs when someone called him.

"Uncle Dave!" A tiny voice of a child was heard from behind. Ethan was with his grandpa when he saw Dave talking to their bodyguards.

Dave's face brightened up when he saw Ethan. The little boy was like his saving grace in this period of time.

"Ethan..." Dave greeted him back.

The bodyguards gave courtesy greetings to Chairman Xu and their young master Ethan.

"What's going on here? Ethan, who is he?" Old Man Xu asked his grandson.

"Grandpa, he is Uncle Dave, my mom's friend. I think he is here to see her." Ethan introduced Dave to his grandfather. He was close to Dave because he was Abigail's good friend.

Old Man Xu bobbed his head and turned to Dave. "Abigail will be transferred to our facility today. You can visit her there any time. My son is preparing the transport."

"Chairman Xu, May I see her now? Please... I have to see her." The worries and concerns were evident on his face.

"Grandpa, go ahead. I will accompany Uncle Dave. He has the right to see her." Ethan said, glancing at Dave meaningfully. He moved closer to Dave and held his hand. Ethan guided him to Abigail's VIP ward.

When they reached the ward, they saw two men in black suits standing on guard. They were there to prevent strangers from entering Abigail's ward. This was part of safety and security.

Since Ethan was with Dave, the two guards stepped to the sides, allowing Dave and Ethan to enter the ward. Dave's heart sank seeing her in this current condition. She was unconscious and several tubes connected to her hand and nose. She was also wearing an oxygen mask.

Dave gritted his teeth and shut his eyes. He could feel the heaviness and raging fury in his heart. Who did this to Abigail?

"Uncle Dave," Ethan softly called his name while squeezing his hand. It was his way of comforting Dave. When Dave opened his eyes, he met Ethan's gaze.

"Ethan..." Dave couldn't utter a word since his emotions were unstable.

"Don't worry, Uncle Dave. My Dad will treat her. He will cure your friend. Your old friend is back..." Ethan tried to console him.

Confusion resurfaced in Dave's eyes. 'Why did Ethan sound so distant? Did I just imagine it?' Ethan didn't even mention Abigail's name just like how he used to.

"What do you mean my old friend is back?" Dave asked him.

"The real owner of this body is back," Ethan stated matter-of-factly, making Dave more confused.

Chapter 447 Ethan Found An Important Clue

Day Fifty-Two...

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Ethan's words didn't make sense to Dave. Perhaps, he was referring to Abigail's memory. In order for his woman to be back, she should remember those memories with him.

Dave stroked Ethan's head, giving him a grateful look. "Thanks, Ethan." He knew that the young boy just wanted to comfort him.

Ethan just smiled faintly and shifted his gaze back to Abigail. "Is she so important to you, Uncle Dave? Do you love her?"

"Yes. She is important to me. I can't bear to lose her. And I love her..." Dave admitted to Ethan. He didn't want to lie to this young boy.

"Uncle Dave, let me apologize on my father's behalf. I know... you might be thinking that he stole her from you. But that was not the case." Ethan could only see things differently. He was the only one who knew about Phantomflake's existence.

"Don't worry, Uncle Dave. I will find her... my Dad's real woman." Ethan added, reassuring him.

Even though some of Ethan's words were strange and weird, Dave tried to understand him. He never questioned him.

"Ethan, thank you for helping me. Because of you, I was able to see Abigail. I promise... I will catch the culprit and investigate this case thoroughly." Dave was so determined to find the culprit whoever did this to Abigail.

Ethan and Dave continued watching Abigail in silence. As Ethan looked at her, suddenly he recalled something. His eyes lit up when finally he found a clue where he could start finding Phantomflake.

Abigail reminded him of the patient he saw before. 'Oh! That's right! I remember. I saw Mom... a patient who looks exactly like her... in my Uncle Stephen's house.'

Ethan snapped his fingers when he remembered it. At first, he thought his eyes were just playing tricks on him. But now he thought of the possibility that the patient in his Uncle Stephen's house might be the real body of his mom.

"Uncle Dave, I'm sorry. But I have to go. I must check something!" There was a hint of urgency in Ethan's voice.

"Where are you going?" Dave asked him curiously.

Ethan smiled at him cheerfully and said, "To my Uncle Stephen's house. I will search for my Dad's woman! My mom!"

Dave: "..."

Ethan didn't wait for Dave to say another word. He dashed out of the room. He was excited, hoping he could find Phantomflake there. He found hope!

Upon leaving Abigail's VIP ward, Ethan headed to the parking lot where his grandfather was waiting for him.

"Grandpa! Can we go to Uncle Stephen's house? I have to confirm something." Ethan was still panting when he talked to his grandpa. He ran so fast because he was in a hurry.

"Okay, Grandson. I will drop you off at your Uncle Stephen's house."

Ethan bobbed his head with a bright expression on his face. Old Man Xu noticed the changes in his grandson's mood. He was no longer low-spirited. He wondered what happened.

"Where is your Uncle Dave?" Old Man Xu asked after motioning for their chauffeur to start the car and leave the hospital.

"I left him there. Don't worry Grandpa. Uncle Dave is a trustworthy person."

"Hmm. Okay. But I'm just worried. You left him there. Your father is a jealous man, remember." Old Man Xu could sense that Dave was not only a friend. That guy had feelings for Abigail. He could see how worried he was a while ago.

Meanwhile, Ethan just let out a soft giggle. "Grandpa, don't worry. I will fix things. Uncle Dave and my Dad didn't love the same woman."

Old Man Xu could only sigh helplessly. His grandson was talking strangely once more.

It did not take long before Ethan and Old Man Xu reached Stephen's house. He just dropped Ethan there because he had to go to the office. He would just ask the chauffeur to fetch Ethan once he was done visiting his Uncle Stephen.

Ethan quickly alighted from the car and rushed to Stephen's entrance door. He found Cherry and Aiden in the living room.

"Uncle Aiden, where is Uncle Stephen?" Ethan immediately looked for Stephen.

"Ethan, he is not here. He had just left... going to your father," Aiden responded. "Why are you here?"

"I came here to see the patient whom my Uncle Stephen is keeping in that room!" Ethan pointed his finger upstairs.

Cherry and Aiden exchanged glances with one another. Both of them were thinking of the same thing. Maybe Ethan could help them bring back Phantomflake.

"Ethan, the patient is not here anymore." Cherry sounded sad and disheartened.

"Huh? Why? What happened to her?" Ethan suddenly got worried.

"She finally regained consciousness... However, your Dad's men took her away." Aiden informed Ethan, hoping this kid would do something. Though he didn't know why Ethan was looking for Phantomflake, he would seize this opportunity to get his help.

"What? My Dad took her?" Ethan's eyes went round.

"Why don't you ask your father where he brought her?" Aiden urged Ethan.

He ignored Stephen's warning. The last time they talked, Stephen was against the idea of seeking Ethan's help to save Phantomflake from his father's wrath. However, Aiden just wanted to help Cherry bring back Phantomflake safe and sound. Aiden was truly a rule breaker sometimes, doing things on impulse.

"Why did my father take her?" Ethan became more curious. 'Does he know her already?' He mused to himself.

"We don't know..." Cherry replied. She was anxious because until now she didn't know the reason why Nathan's men captured Phantomflake.

"But your Dad... seems angry at her. We are worried about her. By the way, Ethan... why are you looking for her?" Aiden asked the young boy expectantly.

"Because I want to know her. You and others forbade me from seeing her before. Now, I want to know why Uncle Stephen kept the patient here," Ethan responded.

"Uncle Aiden, let's go back to the hospital. I will ask Dad about her whereabouts." Ethan requested.

Aiden bobbed his head frantically while grinning from ear to ear. He liked how Ethan reacted. 'I knew it! Only Ethan can help us. He will confront his father!'

"I'll come with you. I want to ask Nathan myself why he took my sister." Cherry decided to tag along with them.

Chapter 448 The Uncle And Niece

Day Fifty-Two...

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[At Vincent Condo Unit...]

Vincent bought this place for his niece. He just transferred here to Country M for one purpose.

"Uncle Vince! Let's play!" The young girl approached Vincent who was having his coffee on the balcony.

Vincent's lips curled up into a smile upon seeing the charming girl, tugging his hand.

"Wait. Let me finish my coffee first." Vincent chuckled when the little girl pouted her lips. She looked so adorable.

"Okay. Finish it faster! I missed playing with you!" The young girl complained. "You should stay here. It's boring here when you are not around." She put on a pitiful face.

Vincent let out another chuckle. He pinched her cheeks and said, "Okay, my Little Mia. I'm going to stay here for two months. Are you happy now?"

Her face brightened up when she heard that. "Yey! Thank you, Uncle!"

"By the way, how's the new school? Have you adjusted already with your new classmates? I'm sorry I'm not able to watch your school presentation during Family Day." Vincent sounded apologetic. He was supposed to attend the Family Day but he wasn't able to since he had a business meeting at that time. Furthermore, he was avoiding someone.

"The new school is fine. However, there are lots of bullies there. But I met a cute charming boy. He is also smart. His name is Ethan." Mia's eyes lit up as she mentioned Ethan's name.

Vincent smiled inwardly when he heard that. "Did you get close to him?" This was what he wanted, Mia getting closer to Ethan.

Mia shook her head and replied, "Ethan doesn't like to mingle with other students. But he is kind. He is just aloof to strangers. I am hoping that he and I will become friends."

"I also met his father and his mom. They are such a sweet couple. How about you Uncle? When are you going to introduce me to your girlfriend?" Mia put her hands on the sides of her waist. She spoke like a grown woman.

Vincent could only smile sheepishly while scratching his face. "Hmm. I'll bring your Aunt Helena here... soon."

Vincent hadn't introduced Mia to Helena yet. He was hesitating because Helena didn't like children. He didn't know how she would react once she met Mia.

Mia was such a lovely child. In the papers, Vincent was her Dad, her legal guardian. But he preferred to be called Uncle. He wanted to keep their relationship like this.

"Mia, just continue being a good girl. Who knows Ethan will grow so fond of you later on? You can also invite him here once in a while to play. I would love to meet him." Vincent hid his real motive very well.

The innocent child was clueless about his evil plan. Vincent would do anything just to make trouble for the Sparks Family. Hurting Nathan and Old Man Xu would give him satisfaction and joy. They ruined his family. Now, it was his turn to ruin them.

'They have to suffer and experience my pain. They don't deserve to be happy.' A cold glint flashed through Vincent's eyes.

"Okay, Uncle. As long as you will stay here with me. I will do anything! I will be a good girl." The innocent child smiled at him while bobbing her head.

The two were still having a conversation when Vincent received a call from his assistant. He excused himself for a moment to answer it.

"Sir, both Nathan, and Abigail are alive. But the woman is in a coma." Vincent's assistant reported to him.

Vincent's eyebrow twitched in a deep frown. "Ok. I got it. Just continue to monitor them."

"One more thing, Sir... Mr. Dave visited the hospital today. He looked furious when he left the hospital."

Vincent fell silent for a moment, figuring out what he would do next.

"Assign someone to follow Dave. Keep an eye on him." Vincent gave his order. "Any more updates?"

"Yes, Sir. I found some interesting information. Phantomflake is now awake. And Nathan's men took her away."

Vincent's eyes widened in surprise at the mention of Phantomflake. A series of emotions could be seen on his face.

'She's alive...'

"Sir, are you still there?" The assistant wanted to confirm because Vincent suddenly became silent from the other line.

"How did you find out she's alive?" Vincent asked his assistant. It's been so long since the last time he heard the news about Phantomflake.

"Upon monitoring the happenings in the hospital, we spotted Phantomflake visiting Abigail's ward. It looks like Phantomflake knows Abigail." The assistant continued feeding Vincent with information.

On the other hand, the crease on Vincent's forehead deepened further. How could that be possible? Abigail and Phantomflake knew each other?! This was the first time he heard of it.

"What is their connection?" Vincent asked him again, feeling confused and puzzled.

"I don't know exactly, sir. But I will continue to dig for information." The assistant reassured him.

Vincent just stayed silent. Then Dave's face popped up in his mind. He wondered if Dave knew something about this.

"Contact our men... mobilize our spy. I have to see what the Syphiruz Mafia is planning to do against Phantomflake." Vincent had a nagging feeling about this.

"Got it, sir."

When the phone call ended, Vincent could feel stressed. He massaged his temples and exhaled sharply.

"Uncle, is there something wrong?" Because his mind was preoccupied, he failed to notice that Mia was already in front of him, tugging the hem of his shirt.

He looked at her, feeling conflicted. "Oh, everything is fine, Mia. Do you wanna play now? I'm sorry for keeping you waiting." He smiled and stroked her hair.

Mia giggled giddily. "It's okay, Uncle. I know you are busy. I'm just grateful that you still have time to entertain me and play with me. I truly appreciate it, Uncle." Mia expressed her feelings. She was always grateful to him.

"Don't flatter me too much, young kid." Vincent pinched her cheeks.

"Master! You have a visitor!" The butler suddenly came out of nowhere, catching the attention of Mia and Vincent.

"Who?" Vincent wasn't expecting a visitor today.

"It's me, Babe! Surprise!" Helena came out from her hiding spot. She decided to surprise Vincent today.

Both Vincent and Mia glanced at her with surprise.

"Uncle, who is she?" Mia asked him with her innocent eyes.

Helena was also shocked upon noticing the young girl's presence. "Uncle? Is she your niece?"

Mia bobbed her head in response to Helena. "How about you?"

"I'm your Uncle's girlfriend, Helena." Helena introduced herself.

When Mia heard that, she turned to Vincent and questioned him. "Uncle, why does she look different? She is not the woman in your wallet."

Helena and Vincent were caught off guard by Mia's last remarks.

"Do you keep a woman's photo in your wallet?" Helena asked Vincent exasperatedly.

Vincent darted his gaze back and forth between Mia and Helena. He didn't know whom he would answer first.

"Ladies, calm down first. Don't look at me like that. Why do I feel like you are thinking that I've committed a crime." Vincent tried to put on a smile.

"Mia, this is Helena, my current girlfriend. No other woman."

"Then who is the woman in your wallet?" Mia was referring to the picture she had seen before.

"She is... your mother."

Chapter 449 Jane Frost

Day Fifty-Two...

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Aiden, Cherry, and Ethan headed to the hospital to see Nathan. They were going to ask him about Phantomflake's whereabouts. This time, Aiden was confident to face Nathan since Ethan would back them up.

"Little Ethan, why did you suddenly become curious about the patient?" Aiden kept asking the young boy while driving the car.

"Because she looks familiar to me. By the way, Uncle Aiden and Miss Cherry, what happened to that patient? Do you know the name of that patient?" Little Ethan asked them back.

"She was in a coma for two years. And her name is Jane... Jane Frost," Cherry was the one who answered him.

Ethan's eyes shone brightly when he heard that. He was now grinning from ear to ear as if he had just won the lottery.

'Yey! I knew it! That's my Mom! She's my Mom! She is back to her original body. That's why she regained consciousness!'

Ethan was as happy as a clam. He would never forget what Phantomflake revealed to him.

["I have another identity... not as Abigail Scarlett... I'm Jane Frost... That's my real name. My soul got lost and I am possessing this body temporarily."] Ethan could still remember those exact words Phantomflake had shared with him.

'I don't have to go somewhere. My Mom is with Dad. But why did he capture her? For what reason?' Ethan mused to himself.

Setting aside those lingering questions in his mind, Ethan was very excited to meet Jane. As he promised her, he would always recognize her soul in whatever body she was in.

On the other hand, Aiden and Cherry exchanged glances with one another, wondering why Ethan's mood brightened up suddenly. He didn't look sad anymore, unlike yesterday. What made him happy?

"Uncle! Can you drive faster? Dad might leave the hospital since he is transferring Miss Abi to our medical facility." Ethan urged Aiden to drive faster.

"Yes, Boss! I'm on it." Aiden said, speeding off.

However, the moment they arrived at the hospital, Nathan was no longer there. They were now in transit, going to the Medical Facility. Stephen was also following them. He didn't get the chance to talk to Nathan because he was being avoided by him.

Aiden's group and Stephen were both chasing after Nathan. They proceeded to the Medical Facility where Abigail would be staying in the meantime to receive her treatment.

Aiden's group and Stephen met each other at the entrance of the medical facility.

"Why are you here?" Stephen questioned Aiden, his gaze darting from Cherry and Ethan. Stephen looked at his best friend suspiciously. 'What is he planning? Making some trouble again?'

Aiden just smiled at him sheepishly, feeling a little bit guilty. But there was no backing down now. Ethan was now involved here. He was the first one who approached them, asking about Phantomflake's whereabouts.

"I'm just Ethan's driver today. He wants to talk to his father so Cherry and I accompanied him," Aiden said as an excuse, hiding his real intention from Stephen.

"I don't buy that. Please, don't make trouble here, Aiden." Stephen sounded so serious. He was so stressed lately so he wasn't in a good mood.

Aiden just pouted his lips and turned to Ethan, asking for his support. Soon, Little Ethan stepped up to defend his Uncle Aiden.

"Don't get mad at him, Uncle Steph. I was the reason why they were here. I asked them to drive me here because I want to talk to my father regarding your patient. I heard that he took her away from your place."

Stephen frowned when he heard that. When he looked at Aiden, the guy was no longer looking at his eyes. He was guilty. 'I knew it. His blabbering mouth revealed something to Ethan once more. I've already warned him but he didn't listen.'

Stephen shot Aiden with a cold sharp glare. Aiden could only hide behind Cherry. Stephen, surprisingly, looked frightening today. He was mad at him.

"Ethan, don't get involved here. This is a concern between your Dad and me. I'm here to talk to him. We will settle our issues by ourselves. No need to intervene." Stephen didn't want Ethan to confront his father about Phantomflake. Nathan would be displeased by this. He might think that they were using Ethan just to save Phantomflake.

"Uncle Steph, you can't stop me. I have my own issues and concerns, that's why I'm here," Ethan stubbornly replied.

'I'm here to find my Mom.' Ethan added to his thoughts.

"I tried telling everyone what I know but no one believed me! Now, I'm doing it. My Way!" The young boy added with so much conviction in his words.

Cherry and Aiden had the urge to clap their hands and commend Ethan. He was bravely confronting Stephen, how much more his father?

"Ethan, you are still a child. Things are a bit more complicated than what you know... and what you think." Stephen tried to make the young boy realize that there were things he couldn't understand fully.

"Uncle... I don't care about those things. I'm just here to find Miss Jane Frost. That's all." Ethan didn't want to argue further with Stephen. He moved ahead without waiting for them. Cherry followed him behind. This was her first time in this facility.

Meanwhile, Stephen immediately grabbed Aiden. "We will talk after this."

Aiden could only bob his head in obedience. Stephen looked scary when mad. Soon, the four of them entered the facility, searching for Nathan. Unfortunately, Nathan left as soon as Abigail was settled inside her ward.

"Where is my Dad?" Ethan asked the medical staff.

"Young Master, your Dad left as something urgent came up. You can call him and ask where he is going." The medical staff didn't expect to see the young master today.

Little did they know, Nathan was on his way to the Syphiruz Mafia headquarters. Phantomflake requested his presence once more.

"Fine. Just let me borrow your laptop! I'm going to track him." Ethan was already losing his patience. He could no longer wait to find out where his Dad brought Jane.

Everyone was rendered speechless as they gazed at Ethan with disbelief.

'What? This young kid knows how to track someone's location?'

Chapter 450 I'm Shining Star

Day Fifty-Two...

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[At Syphiruz Mafia Headquarters...]

Jane was sitting in the white room. There was no window, no food, and no drinks. Her hands were bound with metal cuffs. Nathan and others were still cautious of her. They were preventing her from committing suicide once again.

As she looked around, the room was empty. Her stomach growled as she hadn't eaten anything since yesterday. This made her weaker.

'I'm still adjusting to my frail body. I have to regain my strength. However, I feel like my body will collapse at any time. I should settle things with Nathan and leave this place as soon as possible.' Jane thought to herself, taking a deep breath.

She wiggled her wrist. There were already red marks around them. "I'm not going to kill myself. Can you uncuff me now?" Abigail looked at the CCTV. She could tell that someone was watching her through the monitor.

It did not take long when the speaker inside resounded. "We can't trust your words." Chantha was the one watching her over.

"When is your leader coming back?" Jane asked her.

"Phantomflake... are you trying to sway our leader?" Chantha asked her expectantly. "Aren't you angry at him? Why do you keep looking for him?"

"I'm going to settle things with him," Jane admitted. She was comfortable talking to Chantha because she bonded with her before as her bodyguard.

Chantha let out a chuckle and said, "My dear, settling things with him means your death. Are you ready to die in his hands now?"

Jane's lip stretched out into a mischievous smirk. "Why do I feel like I won't die just yet? Do you wanna make some bets with me?"

Chantha raised her eyebrow when she heard that. Phantomflake was taunting her. But little did she know, Phantomflake loved to do some bets. She also did it before when she encountered Butler Li. Later on, the butler became her confidant and accomplice.

Chantha fell silent for a moment, rubbing her chin. She was reluctant to say yes because even she herself wasn't sure if Nathan would kill Phantomflake now, especially since they learned that she was the missing daughter of Mr. Hiroshi, the leader of the Sawada Clan.

'Hmm. But our Supreme Leader won't be intimidated or be scared of the Sawada Clan. If he wants to kill her, he won't hesitate. He won't be swayed by the fact Phantomflake is Mr. Hiroshi's daughter.'

Chantha smiled inwardly before agreeing to make a bet with her. "Sure. What kind of bet?"

"If Nathan won't kill me in one week, I will win this bet. You have to fulfill my three requests." Jane confidently said. "Oh, and one more thing. You have to delete this video. No one should know about our bet."

Chantha felt so amused while watching Phantomflake's overbearing confidence. 'What made her confident?'

"Hmm. Okay. It's a deal." Chantha agreed. She thought one week was too long. Knowing her Supreme Leader's temper, she assumed that he would be unforgiving and merciless.

'Uh oh! Speaking of the devil. Here comes my Boss!' Chantha immediately searched for the recordings to simply delete their conversation. She could see on the CCTV monitor that Nathan was on his way to the white room. Nathan was now being escorted by Axel.

"I'm going to see a good show. I have to call my twin sister, otherwise, she might miss this!" Chantha didn't waste her time as she called her sister over.

On the other hand, Nathan and Axel finally entered the white room. Nathan's expression remained stoic and indifferent. He was surrounded by a chilly aura as he looked at her.

But Jane had a different expression upon seeing Nathan. There was a hopeful look in her eyes.

Axel just stood by the side, holding a bag containing a truth serum. They would use this to make Phantomflake confess. Using the truth serum, they would be certain that she won't lie to them.

"You made me wait for too long." Jane broke the silence first, greeting Nathan with a disappointed look in her eyes.

But Nathan just remained silent. He didn't like the way Phantomflake changed her attitude toward him. She was supposed to hide her emotions and maintain her cold expression. But she was showing the other way around.

Amidst the silence inside, Jane's stomach made some noise.

Growl!

Jane could only bite her lower lip in embarrassment. "I'm hungry," she uttered.

Axel: "..."

Nathan: "..."

They didn't expect that a mighty assassin like Phantomflake would suddenly complain about being hungry. It was so unlikely of her to behave this way, especially in front of her enemy.

'What's wrong with her? She is acting so strangely.'

"Remove my cuffs. Let me move and stand. My body is feeling so numb." Jane complained once more.

Both Nathan and Axel were at a loss for words. Phantomflake was acting like this was her territory, feeling at home.

Axel simply stole a glance at his Supreme Leader, observing his reaction. Though Nathan was expressionless, he could see a gleam of amusement in his eyes.

"Fine. Let's settle this now. Supreme Leader. To prove to you that I am willing to confess, I will tell you now who called the hit. You can verify it later, after injecting me with the truth serum." Jane did all the talking since the two men were startled by the way she acted.

"The Raven... There is an organization called the Raven. They were the ones who called the hit. It seemed that they knew your personal life... and your real identity as Nathan Sparks, that's why they hired me to kill your woman, instead of killing you."

A cold glint shone in his blue eyes as he clenched his teeth. He folded his fingers into tight fists.

"And I want to apologize... for what I did..." Jane sincerely said while looking straight into Nathan's eyes.

Nathan was taken aback for a moment when he heard her sudden apology. He had never expected that. Even Axel opened his mouth in utter shock. What the hell was happening here? Phantomflake was apologizing for what she did?!

"What kind of joke is this?" Nathan asked her through his gritted teeth. He refused to believe her. He thought this might be her strategy to stay alive.

"I'm not kidding... I'm telling you this because I still want to live. I have unfinished missions. I can't die just yet. So... Here I am, humbling myself in front of you."

"Just give me... forty eight days... if after that, you still want to kill me, then I am happy to offer my life. I will accept death... the death you want for me." Jane began to negotiate with him.

Chantha, Violet, and Axel who were watching on the sideline were flabbergasted by this. No one had imagined this. Their attention was now focused on their Supreme Leader, anticipating his decision. Would he listen to her plea or not?

"Sir, don't trust her." Axel butted in. He was worried that this was just part of Phantomflake's evil scheme.

Nathan had conflicting thoughts right now. "Why? Why do you want to live? What is your unfinished mission?"

Jane's gaze never left his face. She never broke their eye-to-eye contact. She smiled at him faintly before answering him.

"I want to live because of SizzlingAugust. We still have an unfinished match. I have to defeat him..."

Nathan was rendered speechless at the mention of his alias. Why and how did Phantomflake know him?

"Aside from being Phantomflake, I have another identity. I am Shining Star."

Nathan: "..."