

## 100 Days 451

### Chapter 451 Proving Herself Through Truth Serum

Day Fifty-Two...

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Nathan felt conflicted when he heard Phantomflake's revelation. He wasn't certain if this was her tactic to shaken him. He refused to believe her. He only knew one Shining Star and that was Monica.

'Why is she claiming that she's Shining Star? Is she trying to deceive me? She is also a hacker. She might have learned about SizzlingAugust and Shining Star when she did her background check for Monica.'

On the other hand, Jane stared at Nathan intently, assessing his reaction. She could tell that Nathan was doubtful. He won't believe her no matter what truth she would reveal to him. He considered her a nemesis so he wouldn't trust her words that easily.

"Is this another scheme of yours?" Nathan said in a cold voice. The anger could be seen in his eyes. He hated it. Phantomflake was using his weakness. Shining Star held an important place in his heart.

"Don't you dare use Shining Star's name." Nathan declared to her.

Jane thought of a way to convince him. "Why are you getting affected? Do you know Shining Star? Do you know me?" Jane feigned innocence, pretending she didn't know yet that Nathan was SizzlingAugust08.

"Or perhaps do you know... SizzlingAugust?" Jane gazed at him meaningfully. She was waiting whether Nathan would admit his identity or not.

Nathan remained silent. He didn't respond to her. He could no longer stand this kind of game. He glanced at Axel, giving him a signal to use the truth serum.

Phantomflake's words were unbelievable. He couldn't distinguish lies from truths. And he hated it.

With Nathan's order, Axel traced his steps toward Jane, holding the truth serum. He used the syringe to inject the serum into Jane's neck. This was the only way he could ensure that the next words she would say were only the truth.

Jane didn't struggle or resist. She also wanted to grab this opportunity. With the truth serum, Nathan would believe her words. He would think that she couldn't manipulate things while she was under the influence of the truth serum.

Nathan and Axel waited for the truth serum to take effect before they started interrogating Phantomflake. Jane began to feel dizzy. She already experienced this once. Nathan used this truth serum once when she was still Abigail. Nathan always had trust issues against strangers, how much more his enemies?

A few minutes later, the truth serum kicked in. Nathan and Axel already noticed the changes in Phantomflake's expression.

"Sir, I think you can start questioning her now." Axel notified Nathan.

Nathan just bobbed his head, a cold glint flashing through his eyes. He moved closer to Phantomflake and started questioning her.

"Who hired you to kill Monica?" Nathan glanced at her with an icy cold glare.

Jane gazed up, meeting his eyes. She smiled and replied, "The Raven. I received the order from them."

Nathan and Axel were taken aback for a moment. They looked at each other, surprised. Phantomflake already gave away this information a while ago. This only meant she was telling the truth.

"Someone from them... knew the real identity of the Supreme Leader," Jane added. She was referring to Nathan.

Nathan clenched his fists. "Why target her? Not me?" He asked her again through his gritted teeth.

"Because... they think she is your weakness. You would crumble once she disappeared. Someone wanted you to suffer emotionally... and a great loss."

Nathan folded his hands into tight fists, his knuckles turning white. He was hardly controlling his rage.

"Where can I find them?" His authoritative voice echoed inside the white room.

Jane shook her head. "I don't know. But I'm willing to help you trace them. I'll do anything for you."

Axel: "..."

Nathan was caught off guard by Jane's last remarks. He looked at Axel, his eyes asking him if the Truth Serum truly took effect or not. What made her decide to voluntarily help Nathan?

"Sir... her body is frail and her mental state is not stable after getting tortured. So, she can't maintain her presence of mind to fight the effect of the truth serum. She is still under the influence of the serum." Axel explained to Nathan, reassuring him.

Nathan could only frown deeply. This turn of events was so hard to believe. However, he had no choice but to continue to seek answers and find the truth from Phantomflake's confession.

"How about Shining Star? How do you know her? Why are you pretending to be her?" Nathan asked a very important question that he needed to hear the answer... the truth.

Jane let out a soft giggle after hearing Nathan's question. "Of course, I know... because Shining Star is me."

"I've become a hacker because of my good friend... my mentor... SizzlingAugust08."

"That bastard... who just disappeared like a bubble without even saying a proper goodbye to me." Jane started to vent out while staring at Nathan intently.

"Do you know what I hate the most? Losing against him! I worked hard to beat him in our online game. He kept beating me and I was so frustrated."

"I defeated him once but that dumb bastard left me alone... clueless of what happened to him, making me worried sick about him. I want to beat him!"

"I searched for him, using the skills he taught me, I did my best to track him. However, he left no trace. I even thought he died. But now I know... he is still alive."

Jane's words were like daggers hitting Nathan's heart. How could this be possible? She sounded like Abigail. What she said was coincidentally similar to the story shared with him by Abigail when they talked about Shining Star.

'No way... This can't be happening. Phantomflake... can't be Shining Star.' Nathan was in denial, refusing to believe this revelation.

If Phantomflake was Shining Star? How about Monica? To think about it, Monica and Nathan never talked about the past. But Phantomflake was talking about every bit of detail she felt when she bonded with Nathan as SizzlingAugust08.

Nathan was still in his deep stupor when the intercom resounded. Chantha's voice was heard.

"Supreme Leader! We have an emergency. Young Master Ethan is here together with your friends!"

Chapter 452 [Bonus ] Temporarily Sparing Her Life

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Nathan's expression turned grim when he heard that. Ethan was not supposed to be there. For goodness' sake, they were currently in the main headquarters of the Syphiruz Mafia.

As much as possible, Nathan didn't want his son to know that he was the leader of this organization. He couldn't let his son discover that he was the leader of a mafia group.

"Why are they here?" Nathan asked.

"They are looking for you." Chantha promptly responded.

Ethan's group was standing outside the gate. They were being confronted by the guards. The guards were blocking them, not allowing them to enter without consent from their Supreme Leader.

Realizing the seriousness of this matter, Nathan decided to cut the interrogation. He already heard enough. Nathan tossed a look at Jane for one last time before he left the white room.

If the effect of the truth serum wore off, Jane would fall asleep. And once she woke up. She wouldn't remember what she said to Nathan. That was the aftereffect of the truth serum.

Nathan was being escorted by Axel. They headed to the CCTV control room first to watch what was happening outside.

Nathan's expression darkened further when he saw Stephen, Aiden, and Black Rose a.k.a Cherry.

'Don't tell me they influenced my son to do this. How dare they?' Nathan gnashed his teeth. He knew that Stephen was hell-bent to protect Phantomflake.

He could no longer tolerate this. They shouldn't have involved Ethan. Because of this, Nathan became more furious. He was already stressed after the interrogation with Phantomflake. And now, another group was trying to intervene with his plan.

'Why do they want to protect a killer?' Nathan couldn't accept this.

But somewhere to the back of his mind, he was reminded that Phantomflake was indeed Shining Star... his old friend. She was under the influence of the truth serum, there was no way she could make up a story. And the surprising thing was all her words were similar to Abigail's words.

"Boss? What are we going to do? The guards are waiting for your instructions?" Chantha asked him again, snapping Nathan out of his deep thought.

Nathan took his time, just watching his son on the CCTV monitor. He could hear Ethan's voice as he bravely faced the guards.

"Bring me to my father, now! I know he is here!" Ethan said in his authoritative voice. He wasn't intimidated by the big guys with firearms.

"Children are off limits here. You should go home. You've mistaken. Your father is not here!" The guard was firm. He wouldn't let them pass through.

"You are lying! I tracked his location. And it led me here!" Ethan insisted.

Now Nathan figured out how his son was able to find this place. He miscalculated it. He had forgotten that his son was a genius who followed in his footsteps in hacking.

"Ethan, step back. Let me talk to him," Stephen finally intervened. Ethan was getting impatient, that's why he began talking to the guards impolitely.

"I'm your Boss' friend. Please call him. We are not here to create a scene or make trouble. We just want to talk to him." Stephen sounded so calm.

On the other hand, Aiden was trying to keep Cherry from causing trouble. If he was not holding her shoulders, Cherry would have punched those guards and attacked them. Just like Ethan, she was getting impatient. She wanted to see her sister Phantomflake as soon as possible.

After a while, Ethan turned to the CCTV camera and faced it. "Dad! I know you are here! Don't hide from me like a coward. I'm not going to leave here unless you show yourself up!"

Nathan could only sigh in defeat while rubbing his temples. Ethan inherited his stubbornness. He was indeed his son.

"I'm going out." Nathan declared, exhaling sharply.

Chantha and Axel could only bob their heads. But before he left, Nathan ordered something from Axel. Axel was utterly shocked when he received Nathan's command. He watched her back with complicated emotions in his eyes.

Chantha didn't hear Nathan's command so she was curious when she saw the look of surprise in Axel's eyes.

"What command did our Supreme Leader give you?" Chantha asked Axel expectantly.

Axel blinked his eyes several times before answering Chantha. "He wants me to draft a contract. It looks like our Supreme Leader decided to spare Phantomflake's life in the meantime."

"What? Oh no! For how long he will keep her alive? Three days? Five Days?" Chantha grabbed Axel's shoulders, shaking his body.

Axel shook his head. "For Forty Eight Days."

Chantha: "..."

And just like that, Chantha lost a bet against Phantomflake.

'Oh no! Looks like I'm in trouble!' Chantha bit her lower lip while putting on a pitiful face. She never had imagined that their Supreme Leader would suddenly spare Phantomflake's life. He had a great resentment toward her. What made him change his mind?

'Perhaps, it is related to Shining Star? They mentioned that name several times inside the White Room!'

On the other hand, Nathan finally headed out, showing himself to his son. Ethan had been throwing a tantrum.

"Why are you all here?" Nathan sounded so displeased when he confronted them.

"Dad!" Ethan ran in his direction. Upon reaching his spot, he hugged his legs and gazed up with a pleading look in his eyes. His mood changed entirely upon seeing his Dad.

"Dad, where is Miss Jane Frost? I wanna see her. Please." Ethan used a different strategy. He tried to use his charm to request something from his father.

Nathan frowned, darting his gaze back and forth between Ethan and his two friends. Aiden immediately hid behind Stephen's eyes since Nathan was giving them a deathly glare.

"Why do you want to see her? Did your Uncle ask you to do this?" Nathan asked Ethan.

But Ethan shook his head frantically. "No Dad. It's my own decision. Don't get mad at Uncle Stephen, Uncle Aiden, and Miss Cherry. I want to meet Miss Abi's good friend. I've heard that Miss Abi is very close to Miss Jane."

Ethan changed his approach. He was now cautious with the words he would utter since no one wanted to believe him.

"Where is Miss Jane, Dad? May I see her?" Ethan put on a puppy-eyed look as he begged him.

"Not now. She is currently resting. You will see her... next time."



Stephen, Cherry, and Aiden were caught off guard when they heard. Was he serious? Did he mean it?

"Promise, Dad? I'm going to see her?"

Nathan fell silent for a moment, feeling conflicted. He couldn't let his son get closer to the murderer of his mother. But he couldn't say no to Ethan.

After careful consideration, Nathan bobbed his head. He didn't want to think about it. He was already exhausted. He felt like every ounce of his energy was drained today.

'How could there be two Shining Star? I have to get to the bottom of this. I'll keep her alive and make use of her. But I will eliminate her if she is of no use to me.' Nathan didn't know if he made the right decision of sparing her life in the meantime. But there were things he needed to investigate first.

Chapter 453 The Godfather Is Back

Day Fifty-Three...

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[ At Sparks Mansion... ]

Early this morning, Nathan received an unexpected visitor. Mr. Hiroshi showed up in front of their gate along with his right-hand man, Kazuki. Nathan just asked for his DNA sample but he didn't expect that Mr. Hiroshi would go back to Country M by himself.

Nathan invited him inside. The three of them settled down in the living room.

"What happened to you? Did you get into an accident?" Mr. Hiroshi asked Nathan as he noticed his injured arm and leg.

Nathan fell silent for a moment. He was contemplating whether he would share with him what happened to him and Abigail. He was aware that this old man became so fond of Abigail.

"Abigail and I got into an accident..." Nathan decided to tell him.

"What?! How is she?" Mr. Hiroshi raised his voice. There was a hint of worry on his face.

"She is in a coma..." Nathan spoke with a disheartened tone.

Mr. Hiroshi was shaken when he heard that. Abigail was like a daughter to him. How could this happen?

"Where is she? I want to see her."

"I moved her to our medical facility. I will accompany you to the place." Nathan would also bring Mr. Hiroshi to the medical facility to get a DNA sample from him. With their current technology and advanced equipment, he could get the result as early as today.

Without delaying any more time, Mr. Hiroshi, Kazuki, and Nathan drove to the Medical Facility. Mr. Hiroshi didn't bring any guards today. He was in low profile. The Red Dragon Mafia was now targeting him. The Red Dragon Mafia became Mr. Hiroshi's enemy when he found out that a member of the Red Dragon was the one who had shot Abigail before.

It did not take long before they reached the medical facility. Mr. Hiroshi was saddened when he saw Abigail's current condition. He felt like his heart was being squeezed right now. He missed talking to her. He missed seeing her smile and her bright personality.

"How did this happen?" Mr. Hiroshi asked Nathan with a cold voice. "I thought you were going to protect her? You failed again, Nathan!"

Nathan could only lower his gaze. He felt ashamed to face him. Mr. Hiroshi was right. He failed to protect Abigail once more.

"I'm sorry. I became so careless. There are still people who are after her life. But I'll make sure to catch them all." Nathan swore to him.

Mr. Horishi clenched his jaw and said, "If you need my assistance, I'm willing to help. Let's catch those bastards!"

Nathan glanced at him, feeling grateful. Mr. Hiroshi offered him help just to catch those bastards.

"I will not refuse your offer, Mr. Hiroshi." Nathan gladly accepted it.

"Just tell me anything you need. I will mobilize my team. I will send them to you and make use of them as you like!" Mr. Hiroshi was furious because Abigail's life was put in danger again. He had become so attached to her.

"This is noted, Sir." Nathan was polite when talking to this old man.

"By the way, I received your message. You were asking for my DNA sample. Let me ask you this... Have you found my missing daughter?" Mr. Hiroshi remembered the reason why he went to Country M today. He was expecting a piece of good news from Nathan. He thought Nathan wouldn't ask for his DNA sample for no reason. He might have got a clue about his missing daughter's whereabouts.

Nathan looked at him with conflicting thoughts. He wanted to grab this opportunity to use the Sawada Clan's connection.

"I don't want to give you false hope. But I will give you an update as soon as I confirm something. But for now, I need you to trust me. Will you give me a sample of your DNA?"

Mr. Hiroshi just sighed helplessly. "Fine. I'm going to trust you because of Abigail. She has full confidence in you."

"Before that, Mr. Hiroshi... there is something I wanna confess to you." Nathan didn't want to hide his other identity from him.

"What is it?" Mr. Hiroshi asked him expectantly.

"I'm the leader of the Syphiruz Mafia." Nathan declared to him.

Mr. Hiroshi: "..."

"I decided to keep my identity because I know you don't trust me... or the mafia group. I had no choice. But now, I don't want to keep this from you." Nathan revealed it.

Mr. Hiroshi narrowed his eyes at him. "Does she know?"

Nathan bobbed his head. "Yes. Abigail knows my connection with the Syphiruz Mafia. And she accepted it."

Mr. Hiroshi heaved another sigh of defeat. "Alright. I can accept it... as long as Abigail is fine with it."

Nathan felt relieved when he heard that.

"Okay. You can get my blood sample now." Mr. Hiroshi didn't question Nathan anymore.

"Thank you, Mr. Hiroshi. I will inform you as soon as I find your daughter." Nathan reassured him.

Nathan called the nurse who would get Mr. Hiroshi's blood sample. While they were waiting for her, Nathan opened up another topic.

"Mr. Hiroshi... have you heard about the organization called the Raven?" Nathan didn't sleep last night just searching and tracking this organization. But to his disappointment, he didn't get any significant information.

He doubted if this organization truly existed or not. But Phantomflake mentioned it. And she was not lying because of the Truth Serum.

"The Raven?" Mr. Hiroshi rubbed his chin as he tried to think whether he heard of this organization or not.

"I haven't heard of it. But I can ask someone to verify and look for this organization. Why? Do you have any conflict with them?" Mr. Hiroshi asked him.

"Yes. The Raven was the organization that hired someone to kill my ex. For the past two years, I've been trying to get my revenge. But I just found out who called the hit two years ago. The assassin finally confessed."

'Ans that assassin might be your missing daughter,' Nathan added to his thought while staring at Mr. Hiroshi meaningfully.

"Alright. Will you forget about your ex once you get your revenge? Will you devote yourself to only one woman?" Mr. Hiroshi challenged Nathan.

"Yes..." Nathan replied.

"Fine. I'll help you locate them." Mr. Hiroshi said without hesitation. "I'm doing this for Abigail."

"But once you find my daughter, I promise to devote myself and my organization to you." Mr. Hiroshi added. "I will do more... than what you expect me to do."

"Find her soon."

Chapter 454 The Contract

Day Fifty-Three...

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Mr. Hiroshi left the medical facility after talking to Nathan. He requested him to take good care of Abigail. He already ordered Kazuki to start tracing the Raven. Nathan had mixed emotions when the old man left.

He wanted him to become an ally. However, the fact that Phantomflake might be Mr. Hiroshi's daughter would make things complicated for them. But he had to gamble on this. Besides, he still needed to find out if Phantomflake was telling the truth about her identity as Shining Star.

He would give her the chance to prove it. And at the same time, he would use her for his benefit. Nathan was still waiting for the result of the DNA test when he received a call from Joker. They caught the hitman who was hired by Madam Lu.

"Boss... we caught him. We are currently in his place. We already interrogated him. We found out he hadn't made a move yet. He was not the one who attacked you and Miss Abi in Caceres Hill." Joker informed Nathan.

Nathan frowned, a hint of disappointment could be seen in his eyes. "So... he is not the real culprit. We haven't found him yet." Nathan assumed that another party was involved. Perhaps, the same person who caused Abigail's accident before.

"What are we going to do with him, Boss?" Joker consulted him.

"Eliminate him," Nathan coldly said.

"Got it, Boss."

Nathan didn't care if he wasn't the one who caused their accident. He still accepted the mission of hurting Abigail. He had to eliminate him to keep Abigail safe.

After talking to Joker, Nathan proceeded to Abigail's ward. For the past few days, she didn't show any improvement at all. Nathan felt exhausted and very drained from the things happening around him.

"Abi... when are you going to wake up? I don't know what to do... I'm getting tired of all this." Nathan felt like he still had a lot of things to do... so many mysteries to solve.

He wasn't sure if he was making the right decision. Shining Star, Monica, and Phantomflake were troubling his mind.

Nathan spent his time just watching Abigail. He couldn't afford to lose another important person in his life.

He was lost in his thought when one medical staff approached him. "Sir, the result is out."

Her voice snapped him back to the present. He stood up and took the document from the medical staff. Nathan stared at the paper for a long moment before flipping the pages.

His eyes widened in surprise when he saw the result. The DNA samples were matched. This proved that Mr. Hiroshi and Phantomflake were father and daughter. Nathan crumpled the paper in his palm. He slammed his eyes shut while taking a deep breath.

'It's confirmed. Phantomflake is the missing daughter of Mr. Hiroshi.'

After gathering his emotions, Nathan called Axel. The phone rang for a few seconds before it was answered.

"Sir? Do you need something?" Axel asked Nathan curiously.

"Are you done preparing the contract?" Nathan responded with a cold tone.

"Yes. Sir. I already drafted the contract. It is good to go."

"Bring it to the headquarters. I'll be going there to discuss this with Phantomflake." Nathan had to do these precautionary measures. He had to hold Phantomflake by her neck so that she wouldn't betray

him. She was cunning and he didn't know what was running in her mind. She might have prepared so many tricks to deceive him.

Nathan immediately left the Medical Facility to make a deal with Phantomflake.

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[ At Syphiruz Mafia Headquarters... ]

Jane blinked her eyes with amusement. She was looking at the food served to her by Chantha. She hadn't eaten anything for two days now. Finally, someone gave her some food.

"Don't worry. I didn't put poison in your food. Go. Dig in. I know you are hungry." Chantha urged her to eat.

"Uncuff me so that I can eat," Jane demanded.

Chantha frowned deeply while eyeing her suspiciously.

"I'm going to eat. I am not planning to escape. I'll behave. Besides, I have no strength to fight you right now." Jane reassured her.

Chantha sighed in defeat. She had no choice but to remove her binds. She just stayed there, watching her as she ate her food. Chantha hadn't informed Jane yet that she won the bet.

Chantha could only sigh deeply, regretting her actions. 'I shouldn't have accepted the bet.' She scratched the back of her head, feeling problematic.

"Chantha, can I also take a bath after this?" Jane requested.

Chantha, on the other hand, was taken aback. "How did you know my name?"



"I heard from Axel," Jane lied.

"Huh? He talked about me. What did he say?" Chantha asked Jane expectantly.

Jane just smiled inwardly. She was aware that Chantha and Axel were like dogs and cats, always fighting and arguing. But they couldn't hide the chemistry between them. Axel protected Chantha before.

"He said you're annoying," Jane responded, letting out a soft giggle.

Chantha pouted her lips and narrowed her eyes at her. "Hmmp!"

"Annoying but CUTE." Jane emphasizes the word 'cute'. She just wanted to tease her.

Chantha's expression brightened up because of her last remarks.

"Really? When did he say that?" Chantha tried to conceal the smile threatening to show up from the corners of her mouth.

"Just ask him." Jane focused on her food.

Speaking of the devil, Axel arrived and entered the white room. Both women turned in his direction. He was holding a document as he approached the two ladies.

Axel had a serious look on his face so Chantha didn't bother him. She just silently watched him.

'Why is he here?' Chantha mused to herself.

"Our Supreme Leader is on his way," Axel declared to them.

Jane chewed the food in her mouth before she spoke up. "I can't remember what happened yesterday. But I believe your Boss got the answer he wanted to hear from me."

Axel and Chantha exchanged glances with one another. They could feel Phantomflake's overbearing confidence.

'Did she already anticipate the end result of the interrogation? She doesn't look nervous or afraid.' Axel thought to himself.

'She is so lucky to stay alive...'

Chapter 455 The Clauses Of The Contract

Day Fifty-Three...

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Axel and Chantha were both amused by Jane's confidence. There was no hint of fear and anxiousness in her eyes.

"Yes, he got some answers. But he gained more questions and mysteries to solve." Chantha responded while taking a deep breath.

"Do you plan to make things hard for our Supreme Leader? As expected of the infamous assassin. Phantomflake. What else do you have on your sleeve?" Axel asked her, worried about the mental health of their Supreme Leader.

Nathan couldn't sleep lately. And he was so stressed and exhausted by the things happening around him. He was also troubled by the fact that Phantomflake was the missing daughter of Mr. Hiroshi.

Her assassin guild had been annihilated two years ago. But now, she regained the title of the Young Miss of the Sawada Clan. She would become the heir of this powerful clan.

"Our Supreme Leader has arrived," a member of the Syphiruz Mafia declared, making the people inside the white room know about Nathan's presence.

Followed by his announcement, Nathan entered the room. He was still wearing the same stoic expression as he faced Phantomflake.

"Supreme Leader!"

Both Axel and Chantha acknowledged his presence, greeting him in unison.

Nathan just gave them a simple nod. Then he motioned for Axel to give him the document. Axel handed it over to him immediately.

"Leave us," Nathan mumbled in his authoritative voice, shifting his gaze to Phantomflake.

Chantha and Axel quickly stepped out of the room, giving Nathan and Jane some privacy to talk. Nathan made sure to switch off the CCTV cameras inside that white room so that no one would hear their conversation. He only wanted to keep this discussion between them.

Jane stopped eating as she focused her full attention on Nathan. The guy didn't look good. He appeared to be tired, and haggard, dark circles could be seen under his eyes.

'He is under a lot of stress lately. I am worried about him. He hasn't completely recovered from his injury yet. I don't want him to get sick.' Jane was saddened by that thought. Her feelings were transparent in her expression.

Nathan was taken aback to see a hint of worry in her eyes as she looked at him.

'She is giving me such a strange gaze once again.' Nathan couldn't get used to it.

"Do you want to finish your food first before I start discussing something with you?" Nathan toned down a little bit.

Jane was caught off guard by Nathan's sudden thoughtfulness.

"No. I'm fine. What do you want to discuss with me?" Jane was now all ears on him.

Nathan stared at her meaningfully and responded. "I'm accepting your offer. I'll let you live for 48 days... but you will work for me and you will do everything I will say. Obey all my commands."

"47 Days to be exact," Jane interrupted him.

"After that, give me your word... As you said, if I still want to kill you after, you are willing to die in my own hands..."

"Yes! I'll do that. I promise. I won't escape nor harm you." Jane reassured him.

But Nathan couldn't trust her completely so he needed to threaten her.

"Yes. Don't try to scheme against me. One wrong move... I won't only kill you... but... I'll kill your sister first." Nathan was referring to Black Rose aka Cherry.

Jane could understand why Nathan wanted to hold Cherry as his hostage. He was aware that Black Rose was very important to her.

"I know. I understand. I won't do anything to put her in danger. I will leave her life in your care. I won't betray you." Jane mumbled with so much conviction.

"Just don't say those words. Show me with your actions." Nathan coldly said.

Nathan gave the document to Jane. "Here. This is our contract. I won't harm you in the next 48 days. But you have to cooperate with me. Do as I say."

Jane accepted the contract document, her eyes scanning the content and clauses of the contract. She read six important clauses stipulated in the contract.

[ 1. She will work under him for 48 days and must fulfill every task he will give her. ]

[ 2. She is not allowed to disappear from his sight and the spying eyes of the Syphiruz members. She will always be accompanied by a member of Syphiruz. ]

[ 3. One mistake means death. She must not plot any scheme against him. ]

[ 4. She shouldn't seek help and assistance from other groups. Once caught, it will be an instant punishment. ]

[ 5. After 48 Days, she is willing to die at his hands. ]

[ 6. She must never tell anyone about the torture she experienced at the hand of Syphiruz and keep her identity as Phantomflake, especially to the Sawada Clan. She shouldn't stir a conflict between the Syphiruz Mafia and the Sawada Clan. ]

After reading the contract, Jane could tell that Nathan was planning to put her under strict surveillance. Someone would be watching her twenty four seven.

But Jane frowned upon reading the last clause. Why did he mention the Sawada Clan in the contract? She had no connection with the Sawada Clan.

"You have to sign this as proof of our agreement. No external faction is allowed to intervene with our contract." Nathan emphasized this because he was thinking about the Sawada Clan. He thought Phantomflake might ask the Sawada Clan to protect her against him.

"Wait. I'm confused about the last clause. Why did you include the Sawada Clan in the contract?" Jane asked him, puzzled.

"You will know soon. Just sign the contract. I am warning you once again. You are not allowed to confide with your subordinate about our contract. If you don't want Black Rose to die, you should keep your mouth shut and you must behave." Nathan reminded her once more.

"I know what to do. I'm not a fool. I am aware of what you are capable of doing. You can be a devil with no mercy. I will not go against you this time. Because I want to live longer," Jane replied.

"I assure you. I will serve you and do anything you want to pay for my crime," she added.

"One more thing... I want you to stay away from my son. Avoid him as much as you can." Nathan added another rule.

Jane wasn't happy when she heard that. 'He forbids me from getting closer to Ethan...'

Chapter 456 Her First Task

Day Fifty-Three...

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Jane had the urge to object. She didn't want to avoid Ethan. However, she could understand Nathan's motive. He was just thinking about Ethan.

In his eyes, Phantomflake was still his enemy. Though she revealed to him that she was Shining Star, she could feel that Nathan was still reluctant to accept the fact.

He would investigate further. He wanted to figure out and find the truth behind the two Shining Stars. Of course, Jane was willing to help him in this investigation and solve the mystery.

"Don't worry. I will never hurt your son. I will ask his forgiveness when the right time comes." Jane gazed at him intently.

Nathan just stayed silent. He didn't want to comment further. But deep inside, the idea of apologizing to Ethan was valid. He deserved to get an apology from the murderer of his mother.

Jane signed the contract. She accepted all the conditions given by Nathan. She had to start all over again. Now, she needed to gain his trust before she could win his heart.

'Sigh. I'm back to zero. And I am running out of time. Aside from making him fall in love, I must investigate things related to Monica and the people who are after Abigail's life.'

"I'll give you time to tidy yourself. I'll bring you to someone." After saying those words, Nathan turned around and left the white room.

Chantha went back to guide Jane. She requested to take a shower before leaving the Syphiruz Headquarters. She felt relieved because Nathan spared her life, giving her a chance to accomplish her mission.

"Chantha, I signed a deal with your Supreme Leader. It seems that... I won our bet. I'm not going to die just yet." Jane let out a soft giggle as she teased Chantha.

Chantha pouted her lips. "Yeah. I know. You won! Do you have a request? If you want me to do things that might harm my Supreme Leader, I won't obey your command." Chantha made it clear to her.

"Don't worry. I'm not going to hurt your Leader. I owe him already."

Chantha nodded her head. "Good. I think we are clear about this condition. I won't do anything that might danger our organization and our Supreme Leader. That's the limitation of our deal."

"I understand."

Soon, the two ladies reached Chantha's quarter. "Welcome to my quarter. Here is the bathroom. I already prepared your clothes. Do you need my assistance? If not, I'll be waiting outside together with my Supreme Leader."

"No. It's okay. I can stand alone and I can wash myself." Jane regained some energy after she ate some food. Though her body was still frail, she could now move well.

Jane spent twenty minutes in the shower. She felt refreshed after cleaning herself up. When she stepped out of the room, Chantha and Nathan were already standing outside.

"Let's go!" Chantha grabbed Jane's hand as she escorted her. They were following Nathan behind.

"Where are we going, Big Boss?" Chantha asked Nathan upon reaching the car.

"Don't ask. You'll find out later." Nathan was not in the mood to entertain Chantha.

Since Nathan asked his chauffeur to go home without him, Axel became the driver while Chantha sat down in the front passenger seat. Jane and Nathan occupied the back passenger seats.

The entire journey was quiet. Chantha and Axel could only exchange glances with one another. The atmosphere was so awkward. They could still feel the tension in the back passenger seat.

In the end, Jane took a nap, grabbing the chance to recover her body from fatigue while Nathan also leaned his back and closed his eyes, not saying a word.

It did not take long before they reached a villa. It was a new villa. Chantha and Axel were not familiar with the house.

"Why are we here?" Chantha whispered to Axel when he parked the car.

"I don't know. Our Supreme Leader just gave me the address," Axel responded in a low voice.



Axel stepped out of the car to open the door for Nathan. Chantha followed suit. Jane was already awake when they arrived at their destination. She frowned the moment she saw the villa. It was a medium size house.

"Starting today... You will stay here together with Chantha." Nathan declared to them. It looked like he was entrusting Chantha to monitor Phantomflake's movement.

Chantha: "..."

'Eh? I wasn't informed ahead. Does it mean I will babysit Phantomflake? Gosh!' Chantha gazed at Axel, asking for his help. But Axel just feigned ignorance.

"Chantha, Axel... you may leave first. Go and buy supplies." Nathan dismissed them.

When Chantha and Axel left, Nathan and Jane entered the house.

"I'll give you my first command that you must obey and fulfill." Nathan started the conversation with her.

"Okay. Just tell me." Jane was willing to do anything for him.

"You have to pretend to be the missing daughter of Mr. Hiroshi. I already prepared everything. Even the fake paternity test. Convince him to form an alliance with me." Nathan put down some files related to Mr. Hiroshi.

Jane was rendered speechless. 'What? He wants me to deceive the old man... I thought he was searching for Mr. Hiroshi's missing daughter?'

But little did she know, she was indeed the real daughter of Mr. Hiroshi. Nathan didn't want Phantomflake to know yet. He wanted her to believe that she was only doing her task of pretending to be Mr. Hiroshi's daughter.

Nathan already made some preparations. Furthermore, he calculated that Mr. Hiroshi would conduct another DNA test to make sure that Nathan found his real daughter. This was just a game of wits for Nathan. He would also test Jane through this. Would she really cooperate with him without making trouble for him?

"Okay. I will do it. But... aren't you worried that Mr. Hiroshi might find out we are deceiving him? You must find his daughter as soon as possible!" Jane urged him. She couldn't bear to lie to the old man for so long. She knew how much this old man was yearning to see his daughter. She hated the thought of deceiving the old man and giving him false hope.

"Just do as I say. Don't question me." Nathan coldly said.

"Okay."

"I will bring you to him... tomorrow. So be ready. You should keep your identity as Phantomflake from him." Nathan reminded her.

Jane just bobbed her head. They were still talking when Nathan received a call from the Sparks Residence.

"Dad! Where are you? You promised me yesterday that I would see Miss Jane today! Bring me to her, Now!" Ethan's voice resounded from the other line.

Nathan glanced at Phantomflake with conflicting thoughts. "Alright. I will give you the address."

"Yey! Thanks, Dad! Send the address now!" Ethan was so happy because his Dad would fulfill his promise.

Ethan immediately hung up the phone. When the call ended, Nathan exhaled deeply, rubbing his temples.

"My son wants to see you. You have to act coldly and indifferently in front of him. Don't be friendly toward him. Make him hate you so that he won't try to interact with you again."

Jane was greatly affected by Nathan's words. How could she do that to Ethan?

Chapter 457 Can't She Remember Me?

Day Fifty-Three...

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Jane had conflicting thoughts regarding Nathan's request. She wasn't sure if she could bear to ignore and act rudely in front of Ethan. He was so charming and sweet. She didn't want to hurt his feelings.

But then again, she realized the young boy hadn't seen her yet. "Wait. Why does your son want to see me?" Jane asked Nathan curiously. She couldn't think of a reason why the young kid was dying to meet her.

"I don't know. He might be curious about you. Perhaps, Black Rose and Stephen influenced him. They used my son just to protect you." Nathan sounded so displeased.

"He had seen you once... in Stephen's place," he added.

Jane recalled that moment. All of them were trying to stop Ethan from seeing her. They didn't want Ethan to meet the patient who killed his mother.

"I can't..." Jane wanted to express her thoughts but Nathan interrupted her.

"Heed my advice. Just stay away from my son. Don't entertain him and just ignore him as much as you can."

Jane pursed her lips. Her heart was now clenching just thinking about avoiding Ethan and acting coldly toward him.

'I want to hug, Ethan. I miss him already. I'm afraid... I may fail to control my feelings.' Jane was in a dilemma. She wished to show her sincerity to Nathan by obeying his every order and not offending him. However, part of her desired to get close to Ethan once again.

Seeing the reluctance in Jane's eyes, Nathan grabbed her wrist tightly. "Don't you dare use my son for your benefit! I won't let you get close to him... ever. You already hurt him when you stole from him the life of having a mother." Nathan blamed Phantomflake once more. His resentment could be seen in his eyes.

"I swear... I won't do anything to harm your son. I have no ill motive toward him. Don't misunderstand." Jane mumbled desperately.

But Nathan wouldn't buy her words. There was a long way to go before he would start believing and trusting her words.

"Just know your place. I'm just letting you see him today. But this won't happen again. So do your job. Make him hate you. Show me your sincerity." Nathan challenged her.

"Okay. I'll do my best," Jane responded while looking down. She avoided his eyes.

'Nathan... You are so cruel. You can hate me as you want... but please... don't make Ethan hate me.'

Jane's heart sank as she clenched her fists. She didn't have the courage to tell him those exact words.

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Meanwhile, at Sparks Residence, Ethan called Cherry, informing her about the address. The young boy promised her that they would see Jane together. Both of them had been worried for Jane. The two agreed to share this information with Stephen.

After a while, Stephen fetched Ethan from the Sparks Mansion together with Cherry before they headed to the address given by Nathan.

"Miss Cherry, I'm so excited. I'm going to meet Miss Jane!" Ethan shared his feelings with Cherry.

Cherry just let out a soft giggle. She stroked his hair and responded, "Yeah. Me too."

Because of Ethan, Cherry was confident that Jane was safe. Nothing bad could happen to her as long as Ethan was with them. Still, she was wondering why Nathan's men took Jane away. Her question hadn't been answered until now.

While the two were gleefully conversing at the back, Stephen was still feeling anxious. He was worried about Jane's health. 'Did Nathan torture her? Is she alright? I wish she didn't get hurt at all.' Stephen knew Nathan's character and behavior. He was not so forgiving to his enemies. However, knowing that Jane was still alive, Stephen already felt relieved.

It did not take long before they reached their destination. When they arrived at the villa, no one welcomed them. So the three just entered the living room to look for Jane and Nathan.

Nathan and Jane were sitting in the living room when they noticed the newcomers. Nathan's expression darkened because Stephen and Cherry tagged along with Ethan. He thought his son would be the only person who would come today.

'Why are they here? I didn't invite them.' Nathan didn't hide his displeasure with the unwanted visitors. He was still upset with Stephen.

But Ethan didn't have the time to apologize to his father. His attention was focused only on Jane. The two met each other's eyes. There was a hint of longing in their eyes. But Jane tried her best to keep her emotionless front.

On the other hand, Ethan could no longer hide his wide smile.

"Mommy!!!" Ethan failed to hold himself from calling Jane his mommy. He immediately ran in Jane's direction. He pounced on her and hugged her tightly upon reaching her spot.

Jane: "..."

Cherry: "..."

Stephen: "..."

Nathan: "..."

Everyone was flabbergasted when they heard Ethan. The look of surprise could be seen on their faces. What the hell was that? Ethan calling Jane Mommy?!

Nathan's face darkened further when he saw Ethan hugging Jane. And what he couldn't accept was his son called the woman who murdered his mother... Mommy!

Meanwhile, Jane was caught off guard. Her body stiffened when the young boy wrapped his arms around her. She didn't expect Ethan to hug her and even called her Mommy.

'Why? Did I hear it right?'

Jane was about to hug the boy back but her eyes caught a glimpse of Nathan's scorching gaze. He was giving her a warning look. Instead of embracing Ethan, Jane had no choice but to push him away.

"W-Who are you? Don't touch me. I hate... kids..." Jane reluctantly said, her voice cracking a little. Jane looked away because she couldn't look at Ethan's face. She was afraid to see the hurt look in his eyes.

Ethan was utterly shocked beyond belief when Jane pushed him away. He glanced at her with a confused look. 'Mom? Did she forget about me? She couldn't remember me?'

"It's me. Ethan! Can't you remember me?" Ethan approached Jane, grabbing her hand.

Jane could feel the lump in her throat. 'Wait. What's wrong with Ethan? Why is he calling me Mom? Can he really recognize me?'

Ethan felt like crying because Jane was acting cold as if she didn't know him at all.

Seeing the sad look in his eyes, Jane's heart clenched. She was sorry for Ethan. 'I'm sorry, Ethan. I have to gain your father's trust. I can't approach you for the time being.'

Chapter 458 You Will Eventually Like Her

Day Fifty-Three...

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Ethan was fighting the urge to cry. He was still holding Jane's hand as he looked at her with a questioning gaze.

'Now that she's back to her original body, she can no longer remember me...!' The sadness was evident on his face.

Meanwhile, Jane was on the verge of losing her mind. Who would have thought that seeing Ethan sad could give her the worst feeling in the world?

She wanted to hug him and comfort him but she couldn't. Nathan was there, watching her every reaction. She gazed down, her eyes staring at Ethan's small hands.

Before she could say a word, Nathan intervened. He held his son, pulling him away from Jane.

"Ethan, she didn't know you. Don't be confused. She is not your Mom." Nathan's voice was so cold. He narrowed his eyes on Jane.

Ethan darted his gaze back and forth between Nathan and Jane. The two were looking at each other meaningfully.

After a while, Ethan sighed deeply and decided to apologize.

"I'm sorry, Miss Jane. I mistook you for someone." Ethan gazed down, avoiding Jane's eyes. He was shaken because he thought Jane couldn't remember him. He felt so lost today because he didn't know if Jane's memory of him would come back or not.

But as long as she was safe and sound, Ethan already felt relieved. He wouldn't give up. He believed that Jane would still remember him.

Ethan looked around, searching for a magical creature. He thought Bam-Bam would be the solution to his problem. He might have known something. Unfortunately, Bam-Bam was not around.

Meanwhile, Cherry approached Jane, hugging her. She was glad that she was fine.

"Sis... How are you? Are you hurt?" Cherry asked her, checking and assessing her body.

Jane gave her a faint smile and replied, "I'm fine. Don't worry about me. Mr. Sparks brought me to his medical facility to have another check up. I'm feeling better now."

Jane lied because she didn't want Black Rose to worry about her. Furthermore, she had to keep what happened to her. She shouldn't tell anyone that Nathan and his men tortured her a little.

Stephen, on the other hand, was silently observing Jane. He didn't completely believe her. He knew his best friend. He might have done something to her.

Stephen also stepped forward. He grabbed Jane's wrist, feeling her pulse. Nathan was displeased seeing how worried Stephen was for Phantomflake.

"You have to come with me. My father still needs to examine your condition." Stephen sounded worried.



Jane reflexively glanced at Nathan. She was waiting for his decision. Stephen noticed how Jane sought Nathan's approval so he turned to face Nathan.

"Nate, can I bring her with me? She still needs to do some laboratory tests. After making sure she is fine, I'll bring her back here." Stephen just wanted to know that Jane was physically healthy. He would be at ease if his father would examine her.

Nathan hadn't responded yet when Little Ethan intervened. "Dad, please allow Miss Jane to do the examination. It's for her health. Besides, she is Uncle Stephen's patient."

Nathan's expression turned darker. Everyone was showing concern for Jane, including his son.

"Okay. But wait for Chantha and Axel. Chantha will accompany you." Nathan would like to ensure that Phantomflake wouldn't escape.

For now, he was satisfied with Jane's performance. As long as Ethan and Phantomflake wouldn't be closer to each other, Nathan would feel at ease.

"Ethan, we should go home now. I already fulfilled your request." Nathan didn't have any intention of allowing Ethan to tag along with Stephen and Jane.

Ethan could only bob his head with a disheartened look on his face. He was very sad and disappointed because Jane couldn't remember him.

He glanced at Jane but she wasn't looking at him. He could feel that Jane was avoiding him.

'Why do I feel something strange about Mom? Did she really forget about me? Or perhaps... she is just pretending?' Ethan suspected.

'I have to test her to find out. But since her health is our priority, I won't bother her for now. Uncle Stephen must examine her condition first.' Little Ethan was trying to understand the situation.

He looked at her one last time before he followed his father. Nathan was so determined to separate his son from Phantomflake.

When they rode the car, Ethan asked his father. "Dad, are you mad at Miss Jane? Do you hate her?"

Nathan was taken aback by Ethan's direct question. "Why do you ask?"

Ethan looked at his father intently. "I could feel it. You are acting rudely toward her. I can also see the hatred in your eyes whenever you look at her."

Nathan just fell silent. 'Because she killed your mother.'

No matter what, Nathan couldn't bring this up to Ethan. He wasn't aware that his son knew that his mother was assassinated. Nathan assumed that his son believed that his mother died in an accident.

As much as possible, Nathan didn't want Ethan to know the truth behind Monica's death. For him, Ethan was still young and he wouldn't understand it. This was not the right time to reveal what happened.

"Ethan, Miss Jane, and I are not that close. I'm always indifferent to strangers. Don't give meaning to that." Nathan wanted to dodge Ethan's question.

"She's a cunning woman, Ethan. Don't get close to her." He warned his son.

But Ethan just ignored his father's warning. 'Why do I feel that my Dad is hiding something from me? Where is this resentment coming from? Why does my father hate Miss Jane?'

"Dad... didn't you feel anything when you met Miss Jane?" Ethan asked him innocently. "Don't you see any similarity between Miss Jane and Miss Abi?"

Ethan was dying to say that the woman whom his father liked was none other than Miss Jane. But he knew that his father wouldn't believe him.

"Nothing. I feel nothing." Nathan promptly responded. He was blinded by his anger and hatred so he couldn't see any similarities at all.

Ethan just heaved a deep sigh. "Dad... you have to be honest with me. Why do you hate her?"

'I have to know why my Dad is cold toward Miss Jane so that I will know how I can make the two reconcile. Dad and Miss Jane should be together!'

"Ethan, I'm tired. Don't ask me some irrelevant questions. I don't hate her. It's simply that I don't like her."

"No, Dad, you are wrong! You will eventually like her. Trust me! Mark my words." Ethan declared matter-of-factly.

Chapter 459 Opening Pandora's Box

Day Fifty-Three...

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When Chantha arrived from buying supplies, Stephen informed her that she would bring Jane with him. Nathan was already aware of it.

As per Nathan's order, Chantha had to stick with Jane all the time. In the end, Stephen, Jane, Cherry, and Chantha left the villa together.

Jane was very quiet during the entire journey. Cherry also noticed her downcasted look. She thought she was not feeling well.

"Sis, are you sure you are just okay? You don't look good." Cherry expressed her concern for Jane.

"I'm fine," Jane simply replied.

Little did she know, Jane was just sad because of Ethan. She already regretted lying to him. She was not used to treating Ethan like that.

"How's Abigail's condition?" Jane changed the topic. She hadn't heard any news related to Abigail.

"It's still the same. Sigh. I miss Abi." Cherry sighed deeply.

"Have you caught the culprit?" Jane's question was directed at Chantha.

"Nope. We haven't traced the real culprit. We caught the wrong hitman." Chantha replied truthfully.

Jane frowned deeply. She wondered who wanted Abigail dead. She needed to find out and protect Abigail. This was the least she could do for her.

"I'll help you with your investigation," Jane suddenly volunteered.

But Stephen reacted. "No, you can't. You haven't fully recovered yet. You just woke up from a coma. Your body is still weak and frail. See. You look so pale."

"I agree. Sis, you should focus on your recovery. I will help them." Cherry butted in.

Jane just fell silent. She had no time to rest. She only had 47 days left. No matter what they said, she would still do what she needed to do.

Then she remembered the last request she made from Stephen. The DNA test result.

'Damn! I made that request as Abigail... I doubt if Stephen will give me the result. I strictly told him not to give the result to anyone but me.' Jane rubbed the space between her brows as she recalled their conversation.

She asked Stephen to do the paternity test of the two DNA samples. But she didn't inform him who owned those samples.

'I can find ways to hack and see the result. But... How will I ask him about the hospital without being suspicious? Only Abigail and Stephen knew about this.' Jane suddenly became problematic.

"Is your head aching?" Stephen asked her worriedly when he saw her rubbing her brows.

"No. I'm okay. I'm just thinking about something."

Cherry and Stephen exchanged glances with one another. It seemed that Jane was keeping things from them.

As they continued their journey, Jane already came up with a plan. She would search for the result. She believed that Stephen already got the DNT test result.

After thirty minutes, they reached Doctor Zhou's private clinic. Stephen's father was already waiting for them.

Chantha and Cherry were left outside while Stephen brought Jane inside the clinic. Stephen's father was glad to see her.

"You are finally awake, Miss Jane Frost. My son has been worried about you." Dr. Zhou was very friendly toward Jane. He could tell how much care his son had given to her as his patient.

"Thank you for taking care of me when I was sick, Dr. Zhou," Jane said politely.

Stephen could only smile as he listened to their conversation.

"No need to thank me. This is my duty. Treating patients and making them healthy." Dr. Zhou let out another chuckle.

"Dad, you have to examine her now." Stephen interrupted his father. Their priority was to check Jane's condition. He was worried that Nathan's men did something to her and she was just keeping it to herself.

"Alright. Wait here. Don't interfere with my work. Miss Jane and I will go to the examination room. Just entertain the two ladies outside." Dr. Zhou was sending his son off.

Stephen could only sigh in defeat. "Okay, Dad." He glanced at Jane one last time.

Jane just gave him a reassuring smile before she left.

While Dr. Zhou and Jane were traversing through the hallway going to the examination room, Jane started a conversation with Dr. Zhou.

"Dr. Zhou, does your son know a hospital where they can release a Paternity test result as soon as possible?" Jane began to collect some information. Luckily, Dr. Zhou talked a lot.

"Oh. Yes. Just a few days ago, he asked his Uncle for a favor. It was his Uncle's laboratory clinic. He already got the result. Why? Do you want to conduct a paternity test too? Are you looking for your father?"

Jane smiled at him faintly. "Yes. I just learned who is my father today. But to make sure, I might need to conduct a paternity test." She just said it as an excuse. She already confirmed that Stephen got the result.

"By the way, my son also has a private room here. Ask him to show you around in his office. When he was studying medicine, I gave this room to him. Sometimes, he is also doing his work here." Dr. Zhou revealed something to her.

Jane's eyes lit up when she heard that. 'Hmm, who knows he hides the result in his room. Yeah. I should check it out later.'

"Dr. Zhou, where is his room?" Jane asked him expectantly.

"The last room in the left wing of this building."

Jane just bobbed her head. She already made a mental note to sneak into that room without Stephen's knowledge.

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An hour later...

Jane was done with her examination. She excused herself from Dr. Zhou who was busy interpreting the result of her physical examination and laboratory test.

Stephen was preparing for the snacks of the ladies. Jane grabbed this opportunity to sneak inside Stephen's room. It was locked but Jane found way to unlock it.

She was amazed to see how organized Stephen's room was. It was spacious. It contained a large bookshelf with hundreds of books about Medicine.

'Sigh. Stephen is very studious. I wonder if he already read all the books here.'

Jane looked around and saw Stephen's photos. She smiled upon seeing the younger version of Stephen, Aiden, and Nathan. They were in one frame.

"These three men... are truly best friends," Jane mumbled as she watched the photo. She was saddened knowing that Stephen and Nathan were in conflict because of her.

"I don't want them to fight because of me." Jane exhaled deeply.

After a while, she approached Stephen's desk. He had a desktop on his table.

"Black Rose didn't find my patient's record when she searched his private clinic and even his house. What if Stephen kept those files here?"

With that thought in mind, Jane immediately switched on Stephen's computer. She wanted to try her luck. Who knows she might find her patient's record here.

Jane was able to hack Stephen's password in just one minute. She quickly went through his files, looking for her files. It took her a while before she found a folder with her file name.

But to her surprise, the file was protected with another password. She tried to use Stephen's previous password but it was unmatched.

"Damn. He set a different password. He truly put so much effort into maintaining the confidentiality of my record."

Jane began to work on Stephen's computer again, figuring out to unlock the password of the folder. And finally, she was able to open the folder.

She immediately clicked the files to read. A few minutes later, a loud thud was heard when Jane dropped something. A look of utter shock could be seen in her eyes. Jane felt like she had opened Pandora's box after seeing a file in the folder. It was the same file Black Rose had seen before.

"I... I was pregnant...? Did I get pregnant? How come..."

Chapter 460 Stephen's Rage

Day Fifty-Three...

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Jane's face became paler as if she was drained of blood. Her body shook in utter disbelief. And she felt her heart constricted. She read the report over and over again, hoping that her eyes were just tricking her. But to her dismay, her name was written in the pregnancy report.

"I got pregnant... How? Why? Who is the father?" She cringed at that thought. She never let herself get close to a guy.

Jane covered her face using both hands, trying to remember anything. But she could recall nothing. Her memories didn't include her pregnancy.

This discovery shook Jane. She didn't know how she would react or what she should feel about this. She was even confused.

She stood up only to fall back. Her head ached and her heart continued to clench. She felt dizzy. Before she could support herself, she fainted and collapsed.

Meanwhile, in the guest lounge, Stephen and others were wondering why Jane hadn't joined them yet. His father was done with interpreting her examination so he went to see Stephen and others only to be surprised that Jane was not around.

"Dad, where is Jane? Is she not with you?" Stephen asked his Dad worriedly.

"She went to the comfort room a while ago. She hasn't come back yet?" Dr. Zhou asked his son back.

Chantha and Cherry exchanged glances with one another. Chantha thought Jane had escaped so she immediately dashed to search for her in the comfort room. Cherry and Stephen also moved, following Chantha behind. When they reached the comfort room, there was no sign of Jane.

"OMG. I think she tried to escape!" Chantha mumbled, smacking her forehead. "I have to report this to Nathan."

"She won't do that. She has no reason to do that!" Cherry reasoned out. "Let's keep searching! What if something happened to her."

Stephen and Cherry agreed on the same matter. They split up, searching for Jane while Chantha immediately reported this incident to Nathan, alerting him. Nathan was in his house when he received Chantha's message.

Without wasting any more time, Nathan asked his chauffeur to drive him to Dr. Zhou's clinic. He was enraged by this news. He knew it! Phantomflake couldn't be trusted. He scolded himself for believing her that she won't try to escape.

On the other hand, Ethan noticed the dark expression of his father when he left the house. "What is happening this time?"

Ethan contemplated whether he should follow his father or not. "Hmm. Since my father left... I must see Mommy. I have to confirm something. I have to talk to her without my dad's presence."

Ethan immediately called his Uncle Aiden. He needed a driver. After informing his Uncle Aiden, Ethan asked his Uncle Stephen about their current location. He would go there secretly... behind his father's back. But little did he know, Nathan was also on the way to Dr. Zhou's clinic.

Back at Dr. Zhou's clinic, Stephen, Cherry, and Chantha kept searching for Jane around the building. When they didn't see her, Dr. Zhou approached his son.

"Son, there is one place you haven't searched yet. Your own office. I mentioned it to her a while ago. But your room is locked. Do you think, Jane went there?" Dr. Zhou informed him.

As soon as he heard that, Stephen ran hurriedly, going to his office.

It did not take long before he reached his office. To his surprise, the room was not locked. Having his suspicion, he pushed the door open only to see Jane lying unconscious on the cold floor.

"Jane!" A panic-stricken voice was heard as he called her name. He closed their gap in a short while. He scooped her in his arms and carried her.

He didn't have time to think about why Jane was there inside his office. He stormed out of the room, bringing her to the closest ward.

"Huh? What happened to her, son?" Dr. Zhou asked his son when he saw him carrying Jane's unconscious body.

"I don't know, Dad... I saw her unconscious inside my office." Stephen was anxious. He put her down and his Dad immediately checked her vitals.

"What is her result?" Stephen asked his father with a serious tone.

Dr. Zhou looked at his son with uncertainty. "Son, I'm sorry to tell you this. But did someone torture her? I saw some marks on her body—"

Dr. Zhou hadn't finished his sentence yet when Stephen suddenly punched the table near him. His eyes were set ablaze. Dr. Zhou was speechless. This was the first time he saw his son losing his cool. He could see the anger in his eyes.

At that moment, Nathan showed up with a confused look on his face. Chantha said Jane had escaped. But how come Jane was there inside the ward together with Stephen and Dr. Zhou?

Nathan walked closer to the sick bed to make sure that it was Jane who was lying on the bed. But even before he could get near Jane, Stephen blocked his spot. The crease on Nathan's forehead deepened when he noticed Stephen's angry look.

Stephen stopped him from approaching Jane. "How could you torture a woman who had just woken up from a coma?!" Stephen said those words through his gritted teeth, surprising Nathan.

"See what you have done to her! She collapsed because of you! Why don't you just kill her now? Why do you have to make her suffer more?" Stephen lost his temper. It was so unusual for this to happen. Even Nathan was caught off guard.

Stephen grabbed Nathan pulling him to the storage box containing some surgical items. He picked up a scalpel and said, "Here. take this! Go. Stab her to satiate your anger. But you have to stab me first before you can go to her." Stephen challenged Nathan.

"Stephen. What is the meaning of this? Please calm down. Nate, don't listen to him. Let's talk this out in a calm manner." Dr. Zhou stepped into the middle, separating the two men.

Nathan was silent. He held the scalpel tightly while looking into Stephen's eyes. The two men didn't break their eye-to-eye contact. The atmosphere inside the ward grew heavier by the second.