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Chapter 491 Who Invited Him?

Day Fifty-Seven…

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[At Towerville City Airport…]

Aiden arrived first at the meeting place. He was excited about today's trip. Ethan succeeded in convincing Madam Priyanshi and Mr. Hiroshi. They allowed Abigail to go on a trip together with Ethan and Nathan.

However, as a precautionary measure, Mr. Hiroshi mobilized his men to follow and escort the group discreetly. Tatsumi became the team leader of the dispatched team. They were assigned to watch and protect Abigail and Jane at all times.

Aiden kept pacing back and forth across the waiting area. He was waiting for others to come. A few seconds later, he saw Stephen approaching.

"Where is Cherry?" Aiden looked for Cherry right away. Cherry had been staying in Stephen's place. She hadn't returned to her apartment yet.

"She went to buy some food. Relax. She is going with us," Stephen said, tapping Aiden's shoulder.

"How about Nathan? Have you heard from him?" Aiden tossed a look at the entrance gate.

"He is on the way, together with Ethan. Just calm down. We still have one hour before our flight." Stephen grabbed Aiden's shoulders and pushed him down, making him sit on the bench.

Aiden could only sigh while rubbing his hands. He didn't know why he was feeling anxious and uneasy. He just hoped this trip would be successful for his best friend's sake.

It did not take long before another figure joined them. Cherry showed up, holding two paper bags filled with different food and delicacies.

Stephen and Aiden watched her in amusement. Why did she have to buy lots of food? They could buy those things once they arrived at their destination.

"Do you plan to eat all of that during our flight?" Aiden was not able to hold himself. He questioned Cherry directly.

"Not only me. I buy these for all of us," Cherry responded, sticking her tongue out at Aiden.

Stephen could only chuckle as he watched the two.

 "Is my sister Jane here? Or she hasn't arrived yet?" Cherry was excited to go on a trip with Jane. After waiting for two years, she finally reunited with her. They were the only survivors from the assassin guild.

"Not yet. I think Mr. Hiroshi will send Jane and Abigail here," Stephen responded.

"Miss Cherry!" Ethan's voice caught their attention. The three of them turned around only to see Ethan standing next to Nathan. Nathan was wearing a casual polo shirt today matched with blue jeans. He looked refreshing in his current attire. They almost couldn't recognize him.

"Nathan truly prepared for this trip. He ought to win his woman back," Aiden whispered to Stephen.

Stephen could only bob his head. His eyes sized Nathan up from top to bottom. It had been so long since the last time they saw their best friend wear this kind of clothes. They were used to seeing him in his tuxedo and black suit.

Aiden raised his two thumbs, praising Nathan for his outfit of the day! "You look so gorgeous, Nate! Many ladies are looking at you!"

"Of course! He is my Dad!" Ethan said proudly.

"Now, we only have to wait for Abigail and Jane!" Aiden blurted out.

Nathan frowned at the mention of Jane's name. He wasn't informed that Phantomflake was coming with them. He glanced sharply at Aiden, giving him a questioning look.

Aiden could only smile apologetically while scratching the back of his head. It was Cherry's demand to let Jane join this trip. Without her, Cherry wouldn't go with him. Aiden didn't want that. Aside from helping Nathan, he had a personal agenda for this trip.

Nathan's mood changed after finding out that Phantomflake was tagging along with them. Then he stared at his son. "Do you still want to come?" He was worried that Ethan wouldn't enjoy this trip because of Jane's presence.

Ethan bobbed his head frantically. "Of course, Dad. I don't want to miss this trip."

"But Jane will be here," Nathan said worriedly.

"It's okay, Dad. I'm fine with it," Ethan responded nonchalantly.

Nathan watched his son confusedly. Something was off. He thought his son already hated Jane. But why was he not avoiding her?

"Ethan, your Dad is right. You should stay at home. You will miss your class if you will join us on this trip. Do you want to have many absences? Your grade will be affected," Aiden tried to discourage Ethan. A kid didn't suit this trip. No one would want to babysit him. Nathan would be busy with Abigail.

The moment he heard Aiden's remarks, Ethan shot his Uncle a cold sharp glare. His word of discouragement won't work on him. He also had a purpose why he decided to join them on this vacation trip.

"Gramps is expecting me to be here. Without me, he won't allow his daughters to come." Ethan spat back at him. He folded his arms together and glared at his Uncle Aiden.

Aiden could only bow his head apologetically. "I'm taking my words back."

Ethan smirked while raising his eyebrow. No one could stop him from going.

Everything was set. Finally, Abigail and Jane arrived together with Mr. Hiroshi. He would just finish some tasks before following them. He would let these young adults to enjoy this vacation without him. But he would make sure that the entire trip would be safe for them.

"Sis!" Cherry immediately ran in Jane's direction and greeted her with excitement. Stephen also waved at her, giving her a gentle smile. Meanwhile, Nathan's gaze was focused on Abigail. He ignored Jane's presence and all he could see was Abigail.

However, Abigail was surprised to see the group. She was unfamiliar with most of them. They were strangers to her. And she was overwhelmed after knowing that she would go on a trip with these people. She had the urge to go back.

She turned to her father, asking for rescue. But Jane held her hand, giving her a reassuring smile. "Don't be afraid. I'm here with you. It's alright." Abigail only calmed down a little bit when she heard her sister's reassurance.

"Okay. I'll leave my two daughters on your care. Please keep them safe," Mr. Hiroshi joined the conversation.

"Don't worry, Mr. Hiorshi. We will keep them safe," Stephen politely responded.

"Yey! We are now complete! Let's board the plane now!" Aiden declared to them. He wrapped his arms around Cherry, pulling her with him.

Others started to follow them but Jane suddenly spoke up. "Wait. We are not yet complete."

Aiden, Nathan and Stephen looked at her in confusion. Even Cherry and Abigail didn't know who was the other person.

"Huh? What are you talking about? We are complete now!" Aiden looked around and counted everyone present there.

Jane smiled meaningfully. Then she whispered on Abigail. "Someone you know is coming with us so don't be nervous."

After saying that, a running figure was fast approaching them. A guy was carrying a backpack as he sprinted toward them.

Aiden's eyes widened and his jaw dropped upon seeing the guy who showed up. It was Dave!

'What the fuck? What is he doing here? Who invited him?'

Nathan's expression darkened as he looked at Dave. He also had the same question in mind. What was Dave doing there? Who invited him?

"Sorry, guys! Am I late?" Dave apologized to them.

"Why are you here? Who invited you?" Aiden asked him straightforwardly.

"I am!" Jane stepped forward, answering Aiden's query with her dominating aura. "Why? Do you have a problem with that?"

"Ah…. Eh… N-No…"

Chapter 492 Will He Become The Death Of Her?

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The group arrived at Skyline Paradise Resort. It was a mountain resort wherein they would stay for one week. Aiden had already made all the preparations. He booked the entire place exclusively for them. No guests were allowed.

They were close to nature. They could do different outdoor activities here such as camping, mountaineering, hiking, rock climbing, sunset and sunrise watching, ziplining, and many more. They could also do star gazing at night.

They occupied five cabins. Stephen and Aiden would share a cabin. Nathan had no choice but to partner with his son, Ethan. Jane, on the other hand, would accompany her sister, Abigail since she would be the one taking care of her. Both Cherry and Dave would be alone in their respective cabins.

Not far away from their cabins, Tatsumi and his men would be staying, watching them twenty-four hours. They would do shifting. In short, Tatsumi couldn't join the group since they were guarding them discreetly.

It was already noon time when they reached their destination. The group decided to take their lunch in the picnic area of the mountain resort. There was a vast grassland in the resort where they could settle and arrange their picnic sets.

The gentlemen allowed the ladies to rest while they set things up for their lunch. Picnic blankets and mats were arranged on the ground wherein eight people could occupy the space and share meals.

Aiden and Stephen picked up the food and drinks from the basket and placed the utensils and plates in their respective spots. Everyone had to sit on the ground while forming a circle so that they could face each other as they ate. The food was at the center.

"Dave, please call the ladies. Tell them we are going to eat our lunch," Aiden commanded Dave.

Dave was humble enough to obey Aiden. In the first place, he felt like he was the only outsider in the group. Dave wasn't close to Nathan, Stephen, and Aiden. He also sensed that Aiden and Nathan didn't expect that he would join them on this trip.

Jane was the one who invited him. Since Abigail was there, Dave didn't refuse the invitation. Besides, Jane didn't even ask him if he wanted to come or not. Her invitation appeared to be a command, rather than an invitation.

When Dave fetched the ladies from their respective cabins, Aiden got the chance to talk about him.

"Dave's presence here might ruin my plan! Abigail will rely on him and Dave will stick to her. How are we going to let Nathan have the opportunity to spend with Abigail without being disturbed by others, especially Dave!" Aiden lamented to them.

"This is Phantomflake's fault!" Aiden added, pouting his lips.

Stephen decided to stay quiet. He wanted to be neutral for both parties. Furthermore, he couldn't question Phantomflake's decision. As a psychologist, he could also see the importance of Dave's presence since Abigail became more comfortable when he showed up.

It would be hard for her to socialize with them right away since she didn't have any memories related to them. For her, they were all strangers. So inviting Dave was a good choice. However, the probability of Aiden's plan to succeed decreased because of Dave.

"I think she intentionally invited Dave to separate me from her sister," Nathan spoke up through his gritted teeth. He was also blaming Jane for this.

"Guys, relax. We are here to enjoy. Don't be a negative thinker. We can think of an alternative plan," Stephen said, pacifying his two best friends.

"My brain is exhausted. You two can think of another plan. My two best friends are smarter than me!" Aiden put his hands on both Nathan and Stephen.

"Okay. I will help in diverting Dave's attention away from Abigail. We can make an arrangement wherein Nathan and Abigail will be left alone in one place. Grab that opportunity to show your love and sincerity toward her, Nate." Stephen reassured them.

Nathan could only nod his head. He would depend on his two best friends. He just hoped everything would work out just fine.

'I'll do my best,' Nathan thought to himself, his eyes filled with determination.

Meanwhile, Dave reached the cabin where Abigail and Jane were staying. The two sisters already unpacked their things when they heard a knock. Jane was the one who opened the door for Dave.

"Ladies, are you hungry? The lunch is ready." Dave informed them with a bright smile on his face.

Abigail smiled back as soon as she saw him. "Come in," she softly said, inviting him in.

Dave paused for a moment, shifting his gaze from Abigail to Jane. He was asking Jane's permission first before entering the room. Jane just bobbed her head as she gave him a go signal.

Abigail immediately held his hand as they faced Jane. "Sis, this is Dave. My boyfriend!" Abigail sounded so proud as she introduced Dave to her elder sister, Jane.

Jane just let out a soft giggle and said, "Yes, I know. I already met him. And I know he is your boyfriend."

"But… Nathan is also your boyfriend. Your current boyfriend," Dave reminded them. He wanted to be fair since he could understand what Nathan was going through right now. 'And I guess, they organized this trip for Nathan and Abigail. They didn't want me here.' Dave added to his thoughts.

"Dave. My sister only remembers you. She only remembers loving you, not anyone else. So don't let Nathan intimidate you. You are my sister's boyfriend. Period!" Jane was rooting for Dave.

Abigail also agreed with her sister's last remarks. "Don't worry, Dave. I will fix this. I promise. I know my heart. And it only beats for you."

Jane's lips curled up into a satisfied smile. She was glad since Abigail only set her eyes on Dave. This situation was advantageous for her.

"Yeah. The two of you must not worry about anything else. Just enjoy this trip. Leave Nathan to me. Okay? I will make sure that no one will disturb the two of you." Jane winked at them, showing her full support for the couple.

"See, even my sister likes you for me. We have her approval. So worry not!" Abigail leaned on Dave's shoulder as she wrapped her arms around his body. She was so clingy to her boyfriend because she wanted him to feel that he was the only man she loved.

'I'm happy for my sister. She already found the love of her life. Sigh… I wonder if I can also make Nathan fall for me… Is he the one for me… or will he become the death of me?' Jane heaved a deep sigh.

Chapter 493 The Naughty Young Boy's Scheme

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Just like what they had expected, Dave never left Abigail's side. Aiden felt so annoyed since Abigail was not even considerate of Nathan's feelings. How could she act sweetly toward Dave in front of Nathan?

Abigail didn't hold herself back. She had just survived a life-and-death situation so she was grabbing all the chances to express and show how much she loved Dave. It was not her intention to hurt Nathan's feelings. It's just that when she was with Dave, she could forget others. All her attention only focused on him.

"I started to regret organizing this trip. It looks like I made things worse for Nathan," Aiden whispered to Stephen, feeling sorry for Nathan.

"Don't be. This is just our first day," Stephen whispered back, tapping Aiden's shoulder. The two best friends watched Nathan, Abigail, and Dave silently.

Aside from them, Jane also noticed Nathan's grim expression as he looked at Dave and Abigail.

'I'm sorry, Nate. But you have to see this to make you realize that you and my sister are not meant to be. She loves Dave. Only him.' Jane mumbled to herself.

While Jane was observing Nathan secretly, a pair of eyes was also watching her. The poor young boy was still waiting for Jane to approach him. He didn't know if Jane didn't care about him anymore.

'Why is she avoiding me? Doesn't she plan to talk to me anymore?' Ethan wondered to himself, feeling a little bit disheartened.

He lost his appetite. He didn't finish his food. The young boy stood up. He excused himself as he proceeded to his cabin.

Jane could only watch Ethan's back. Until now, she couldn't muster her courage to talk to him.

'Is Ethan alright? He didn't finish his food…' Jane shifted her gaze from Ethan to his plate.

She was just holding herself from talking to him. Besides, she felt like she had no right to get near the boy. Part of her was afraid to see the hatred in Ethan's eyes.

Unknown to her, the longer she was stopping herself from approaching Ethan, the more Ethan was feeling troubled. Because of this, the naughty young boy thought of a plan to test Jane.

þαṇdα-ηθνɛ|·ᴄθm Meanwhile, the group finished their lunch. Everyone decided to do what they wanted today without interfering with each other.

Aiden invited Cherry to roam around the mountain resort. Perhaps, they would go ziplining and sunset-watching.

Stephen, on the other hand, stayed by Nathan's side. He was still trying to figure out how he could help Nathan by separating Abigail and Dave for a while. Aiden left this task to him since he would focus on wooing Cherry.

As far as he knew, Aiden prepared a surprise for Cherry. He just hoped his best friend wouldn't mess this up tonight.

"What do you want to do?" Dave asked Abigail.

Nathan would like to ask her too. But Dave threw the question first. Abigail looked at Dave with sparkling eyes.

"I want to set up a tent in the camping site!" Abigail responded with enthusiasm. "Let's listen to the birds. Watch the trees. Feel the fresh air."

Dave bobbed his head. "Okay. Let's do that!"

Nathan had the urge to stop the two. But upon seeing the bright smile on Abigail's face, he couldn't bring himself to spoil their fun.

He just knew that he had to give way just for today, letting Abigail have fun together with Dave.

Nathan could only look away and turn around. He could no longer bear to see the woman he loved happy with another guy. He should be the one by her side.

Nathan clenched his fist, walking away without looking back. Stephen and Jane watched Nathan. The two exchanged meaningful glances with one another.

When Jane was about to follow him, Stephen held her arm thus stopping her. He shook his head and said, "Just stay here. Nathan wants to be alone. It's not a good idea to follow him at this moment, especially if it's you."

Stephen knew that Nathan still held a grudge against Phantomflake.

Meanwhile, Jane was reluctant to listen to Stephen's advice. But Stephen spoke again to convince her.

"I will talk to Nathan. You don't have to worry about him."

Jane could only sigh helplessly. 'How can I make a move on Nathan if Stephen is around?'

Jane massaged her temples. 'I will find the right timing to approach Nathan later on.'

Stephen was the one who followed Nathan.

"Bro!" Stephen called Nathan's attention, making him stop.

"Why are you here?" Nathan asked him coldly.

"Nate, go to Abi. I will ask Dave to accompany me to buy some beers and wine." Stephen would like to try this strategy.

"Don't run away, Nate. Follow the desire of your heart," he added, as words of encouragement to Nathan.

Nathan contemplated for a moment. In the end, he agreed to Stephen's suggestion.

"Okay. I'll go to the camping site."

Stephen smiled at him and tapped his shoulder. The two went to the camping site where Dave and Abigail were getting ready to set up their tent.

Nathan hid while Stephen approached the couple.

"Sorry for disturbing the two of you… but can I ask for Dave's help? I need to buy food supplies and drinks downtown. I can't find others. Can you accompany me?" Stephen requested him politely.

Dave didn't say yes right away. He looked at Abigail first, consulting her. "Downtown is far from here. Will you wait for me?"

Abigail bobbed her head. "Sure. Take your time. Please drive safely."

When Dave and Stephen left, Nathan came out from his hiding spot and traced his steps toward Abigail.

She was taken aback when Nathan suddenly showed up from out of nowhere.

"Mr. Sparks?" Abigail didn't know how she would greet him. The uncomfortable feeling was still there. Nathan looked very intimidating.

"May I join you?" Nathan asked her softly.

Abigail hesitated for a moment. But as a sign of respect to Nathan, she allowed him to stay.

"Let me help you in setting up this tent." Nathan continued what Dave didn't finish.

Abigail could sit quietly as she watched Nathan. No one spoke between them. The awkwardness could be felt around them.

Nathan had a lot in mind. He kept himself busy as he built the tent for Abigail.

'How should I interact with him? What should I say?' Abigail chewed on her lower lip.

For some unknown reason, she could feel her heart beating rapidly inside her chest. She was nervous. Then she just found herself staring at Nathan intently, watching his every move.

'Oh gosh. This man… he is gor–' Abigail didn't finish her words. She shook her head and pushed that thought to the back of her mind when she remembered Dave.

'I shouldn't admire him…' Abigail scolded herself.

It took him twenty minutes to finish setting up the tent. All his unhappiness disappeared when he noticed that Abigail's eyes were fixated on him.

'She had been watching me for twenty minutes now… Will she be able to remember me through this?' Nathan remained hopeful.

Nathan was about to take a rest and sit beside Abigail when Jane came running to them.

"Nate! Ethan is missing!" Jane informed Nathan as soon as she reached their spot.

"What? My son?"

Chapter 494 An Enemy In The Wild

Proxy Connection Failed!

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"What? My son?" Nathan asked her with disbelief. There was no way his son would go missing.

"He went to our room to rest," he said, his eyebrow furrowing in a deep frown. He doubted Jane's words for a moment. He thought she was just trying to ruin his moment with Abigail.

Meanwhile, Jane narrowed her eyes at Nathan when she sensed that he was doubting her. She would never use Ethan as an excuse. This was a serious matter. She would never lie about this.

Just a few minutes ago, Jane received a call from Tatsumi. He informed her that one of his men saw a little boy leaving the resort. The young boy was carrying a backpack with him.

At first, they thought the young boy was following Aiden and Cherry who went to the view deck for the ziplining. But later on, they saw him through the telescope passing through a different trail. Then he suddenly disappeared from their line of sight.

The place where they last saw the young boy was the path where the danger zone warning was hung on the tree trunk.

"I just checked your cabin, but there was no sign of Ethan there. The cabin's door was locked. We need to find him!" Jane was worried about Ethan.

Tatsumi and his men were already on the move to find the young boy. But Jane wouldn't feel at ease. She wanted to search for him herself.

"Mr. Sparks, I think we must inform others. This mountain is not safe for a five-year-old kid. He shouldn't roam around without an adult's supervision. We must find your son as soon as possible." Abigail spoke up, expressing her concern for the young boy.

Nathan turned to Abigail, holding her shoulders. "You should stay in your cabin and wait for us. We will search for Ethan. You can't go with us. Understand?"

Jane felt a pang of jealousy as she watched how kind and thoughtful Nathan was when treating Abigail. Even at this moment, he was thinking of Abigail's health and safety.

"I agree. You are still recuperating, sis. You should stay here. Wait for others to come." Jane supported Nathan.

Abigail could only sigh in defeat. "Okay. I understand. I will contact them. You should go now and find Ethan."

Nathan nodded his head. He was obedient when it came to Abigail. He listened to her, but not to Jane. "Go back to your cabin first. Don't stay here alone." Nathan paused for a moment and turned to Jane expressionlessly. "You should accompany your sister."

Nathan would like to make sure that Abigail would never be left alone for her own safety. Jane couldn't say no since her sister's safety was one of her priorities.

After making sure that Abigail and Jane went to their cabin, Nathan left the resort to find his son. Jane immediately called Cherry. Her phone call was answered right away.

"Cherry, where are you? Can you go back here to the resort? There is an emergency!" The sense of urgency could be heard in Jane's voice.

"What happened, sis?" Cherry asked her back. Cherry and Aiden halted on their steps as she listened to Jane.

"Just return asap. I need you here!" Jane didn't explain further. She just needed someone who would stay with Abigail so that she could go and help Nathan in finding Ethan.

After hanging up the phone, Cherry told Aiden that they had to go back to the resort. Because of this, Aiden's surprise for Cherry was ruined. He had to postpone it because Cherry insisted on returning to the resort. Between Aiden and Jane, Cherry would prioritize her sister, Jane.

Aiden had no choice but to follow Cherry back to the mountain resort. When they arrived, Jane ran into them.

"What is the emergency, sis?" Cherry asked her worriedly.

"Stay with Abigail while I'm not around. I have to look for Ethan. He went missing! He traversed through the woods alone." Jane informed Cherry.

"What?! Ethan left and went to the forest alone?!" Aiden blurted out exasperatedly, his eyes getting wide.

"I don't have time for this. The two of you should stay here and accompany my sister. Keep her safe." Jane ordered in her authoritative voice.

Aiden could only shut his mouth while Cherry bobbed her head in agreement. "Okay, Sis. Leave this to me."

When she heard that, Jane didn't waste any more time. She started her journey into the woods, searching for Nathan and Ethan. She could no longer contact Tatsumi. They might be in a spot with low signal coverage, or worse, they were out of coverage area.

Jane was walking at a fast pace. She wanted to catch on to Nathan. Fifteen minutes had passed since he left the resort. As she traversed to the woods, the weather suddenly got bad. The rain started to pour down. Because of the thick clouds, the forest became darker than before.

'Damn! I forgot to bring anything!' Jane scolded herself. She was in a hurry to leave the resort a while ago. Despite the pouring rain, Jane continued exploring the forest going to the mountaintop.

"Where are they?" She mumbled. She ignored the cold wind and raindrops. She just focused on finding Nathan and Ethan. Her heart was pounding so hard against her chest. Her worry and concern for Ethan intensified when the rain became heavier than before.

'Did he bring an umbrella? The path is slippery and the cliff is so steep. I'm also worried about Nathan. His injured leg hasn't completely healed yet.' With those thoughts in mind, Jane took her steps with urgency, searching the area. Her clothes were already soaked with rain. But the cold didn't bother her.

After a few minutes of walking in the rain, she finally found a familiar figure. Nathan's back was facing her. He was standing near the cliff and he was staring at something. Jane followed his line of sight and gasped!

She saw a wild boar just a few minutes away from Nathan. The wild boar was so big and it looked angry at him. The wild boar stepped back, getting ready to charge forward and attack Nathan.

This wild boar aimed to make Nathan trip and fall to the ground by hitting him with his sharp tusk. If Nathan would be hit by its sharp tusk, he would suffer serious injuries in his lower part.

Jane didn't think twice. Just when the wild boar was about to attack Nathan, Jane stepped forward, pushing Nathan to the side. Nathan was caught off guard by her sudden appearance. Before he could even react, he just found himself being tossed to the ground as he watched the wild boar running in Jane's direction.

In that split of second, his heart jumped inside his chest and he called her name. "Jane! Watch out!"

But his warning was useless! He saw Jane lure the boar to the edge of the cliff. Nathan felt like his surroundings suddenly stopped when he witnessed Jane falling off the cliff together with the big wild boar.

"Noooo!" He shouted in horror. Things happened so fast that he wasn't able to move and stand quickly.

Chapter 495 The Missing Boy

Day Fifty-Seven…

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At that crucial moment, Nathan had never expected that he would feel some kind of worry toward Phantomflake when he witnessed how she fell off the cliff together with the wild boar. Though he was still shocked by the turn of events, he managed to stand up and dashed toward the edge of the cliff.

He needed to find out what happened to Jane. She couldn't die like this! Never again!

With large strides, Nathan reached the edge of the cliff with a pounding heart. How could he explain this to Abigail if something bad happened to her sister? Furthermore, he couldn't let her die just yet.

Nathan looked down, feeling so nervous. He didn't know why his heart was thumping so hard against his chest. Then his eyes widened in both shock and relief when he saw Jane clinging to the branch of the tree.

Jane tried her best to grab the branches, but her hands were slipping away. The rain made them slippery. Before she could ask for help, a hand held her right hand. She looked up only to see Nathan's face.

She was taken aback for a moment. Did she just see a hint of worry in his eyes? Or perhaps, she just imagined it because it disappeared in just a split second. Nathan was now staring at her with an angry look on his face.

'Eh? Why is he mad at me? I just saved him.' Jane lamented to herself.

"What are you waiting for? Pull yourself up!" Nathan's deep cold voice echoed in the area, snapping her out of her deep thought.

Jane could only grab his hands and crawled herself up. Nathan also pulled her to reach the top of the cliff. The both of them were panting and slumped their body to the ground. Nathan was in a sitting position while Jane was lying her back on the ground, facing the sky.

She let the rain fall on her face as she closed her eyes. She almost died a while ago. She never thought Nathan would help her up. But surprisingly, he rescued her despite the resentment he felt toward her.

Then a small curve appeared from the corners of her lips as she smiled happily. 'He saved me. Nathan saved me…' Jane wanted to savor this moment.

But Nathan spoke up only to ruin her moment. "Are you crazy?! Do you want your sister to hate me? Why did you do that?! I don't need your help. I can protect myself!" Nathan burst out, scolding her.

Jane opened her eyes, arching her eyebrow. She sat up and faced Nathan while glaring at him. He wasn't grateful to her at all!

'Tsk. The audacity of this guy!' Jane pursed her lips, feeling annoyed.

"I saved you because I wanted to! Because I'm worried about you. All I can think of a while ago was to keep you safe. I don't have any ill intent!" Jane punched Nathan's chest as she couldn't hold her anger and frustration.

Jane stood up and distanced herself from him. When Nathan looked at her, he noticed several bruises and cuts on her hands and face. Her clothes were also in a messy state.

'Doesn't she feel cold at all?' Nathan wondered to himself. She was wearing thin clothes as compared to him. He was wearing his jacket.

"There is no time to waste. We shouldn't argue. We should find Ethan." Jane said in her firm tone.

Then Nathan realized that Jane was not supposed to be there. "Why are you here? You should be staying with your sister."

"Don't worry about her. Aiden and Cherry are with her." Jane promptly responded. "Stop thinking about my sister. You should focus on searching for your son!" She also scolded Nathan.

Jane turned around without waiting for Nathan. She became more worried about Ethan. If they encountered a wild boar, Ethan might also encounter one. They had to find him as soon as possible.

Meanwhile, Nathan just found himself following Jane. She was right. They must find Ethan first. He was the one in danger, not Abigail. The two continued their journey, exploring the mountain to find Ethan under the pouring rain.

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[At the Mountain Resort…]

Aiden kept pacing back and forth across the room. He hadn't heard anything from Nathan and Jane. Cherry and Abigail were also getting worried about them since the rain continued pouring. The weather was getting worse every second.

It did not take long when Stephen and Dave arrived at the resort. They returned as soon as they heard the news that Ethan went missing.

Stephen: "What is the update?"

Dave: "What happened here?"

Both men asked Aiden in unison. He just shook his head. "Jane and Nathan left to find Ethan. An hour had passed but we hadn't received any news from them. Should we contact the police so that they could help us with this search?"

Aiden didn't know what to do. He felt somehow responsible for this. He was the one who organized this trip. He won't forgive himself if something bad would happen to Ethan.

"Yes, we should inform them!" Dave suggested.

"I'll go and find them!" Stephen made his decision. He was concerned about Jane. How could she go to the woods without considering her health? She wasn't fit enough to explore this mountain area.

"I'll come with you!" Dave volunteered to accompany Stephen. He was the police and it was his duty to find a missing person.

"Okay. I want to come but Jane ordered me to stay here to watch over Abigail. I can't disobey her," Aiden said, scratching the back of his head while smiling sheepishly.

"Don't worry. We can handle this. Just call the police to ask for back up," Dave replied.

Aiden could only bob his head in agreement. 'Damn, I'm afraid that our vacation trip will end up a catastrophe!'

Dave and Stephen were about to leave when someone suddenly showed up. The three men were flabbergasted when they saw the little kid who went missing. Ethan was holding a tiny umbrella, walking towards them.

"Ethan!!!" Aiden was the first one who reacted, running in his direction. Upon reaching the young boy's spot, he immediately hugged the boy and carried him in his arms.

"Where have you been? Everyone is worrying about you!" Aiden said exasperatedly. He didn't know if he should scold the boy or feel relieved because he returned, safe and sound.

"Uncle. Put me down," Ethan complained. Aiden immediately released Ethan.

"I wanted to explore the mountain but it started to rain so I decided to go back," Ethan nonchalantly said as if he didn't stir the whole resort when he suddenly went missing. Then he looked around searching for someone.

"Where is Miss Jane?" he innocently asked them. "And my Dad?" he added.

"They went to look for you. You made them worried sick! Don't you know that! I told you not to create trouble. Don't leave the area without an adult's supervision." Aiden began lecturing the young boy.

Stephen approached them, motioning for Aiden to stay quiet. "Ethan, come. We need to talk."

Ethan blinked his eyes before nodding his head. For some unknown reason, his Uncle Stephen looked scary at this moment.

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Stephen and Ethan proceeded to his cabin where no one could overhear them. Little Ethan was anxious since Stephen looked very serious. Upon reaching his cabin, Stephen invited him to sit down.

Ethan obediently sat down opposite Stephen. They were now facing each other. The young boy lowered his head, avoiding Stephen's eyes. With the way Stephen was looking at him, he somehow felt guilty for doing something bad.

"I'm not here to scold you. Your Uncle Aiden already made his point a while ago. And I have to admit that your Uncle Aiden was right." Stephen took a deep sigh.

Ethan just remained silent. He knew that he disappointed Stephen. Despite that, his Uncle Stephen was very calm while talking to him.

"The mountain is not a child-friendly place for a five-year-old kid like you. You shouldn't wander off without us. What you did was so reckless. Now… tell me honestly." Stephen paused for a moment, placing his hand over Ethan's left shoulder.

"Why did you do it? What is your motive?" Stephen asked him frankly. He could sense that Ethan had a reason for his action. However, he couldn't figure it out. He won't do something reckless without a goal in mind.

Ethan clenched his fists and remained tight-lipped. How could he tell Stephen that he did it because he wanted to know if Jane still cared for him?

"Right now… your Dad and Miss Jane are wandering in the mountain under this heavy rain just searching for you. Are you not worried about them?"

When Stephen mentioned that, Ethan lifted his head and looked at him with mixed emotions. 'She still cares for me… But why… Why is she not talking to me? Was it because I hurt her feelings when I ran away and ignored her before?' Ethan came to a realization.

"I'm sorry, Uncle… I acted without thinking of the consequences." Ethan finally apologized for the trouble he caused by leaving without telling them. "I just did it… because I felt like I was being neglected by someone. I wanted to know if that person would still care about me."

Stephen frowned when he heard that. He wasn't certain if Ethan was referring to Nathan or Abigail. "Ethan, you have to understand. Your dad is trying his best to get close to Abi. And you know that Miss Abi couldn't remember you… so it's just natural that the way she treats you is now different from the past."

Ethan chewed on his lower lip. 'I'm not referring to my Dad or Miss Abi… but Miss Jane…'

"Yes, Uncle. I understand. Again… I apologize for my misbehavior." Ethan bowed down. Deep down, he somehow felt guilty. But part of him was rejoicing because this incident proved that Jane was concerned about him.

Stephen exhaled deeply before patting his hair. "Now, go and change your clothes. You got soaked from the rain. We don't want you to catch a cold." Stephen dismissed the young boy. He couldn't get mad at him. However, he was worried about Jane. The rain continued pouring.

Ethan was about to leave when he suddenly halted on his steps. "Uncle, do you think my Dad and Miss Jane were together?" Ethan asked him expectantly.

"I don't know. But I hope they are together. I will go and find them. I'm not sure if they have already read my message. I texted them that you were back."

"Uncle. Don't go. Just stay here and wait for them. I don't want you to catch a cold too. Miss Jane and my father are adults. They could easily find their way back here." Ethan said this because he didn't want his Uncle Stephen to disturb the two. He was aware that Jane was trying to win Nathan's affection once more.

Stephen wasn't able to respond. He was contemplating whether to go or not. He didn't want to make it obvious that he was worried sick about Jane.

"Okay. I'll wait for the rain to stop before searching for them. Go and change your clothes now."

Ethan's lips curled up in a satisfied smile. He was glad that he was able to make Stephen stay with them.

'I hope she and Dad are just fine.' Ethan turned in the direction of the mountain forest.

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Meanwhile, back in the mountain forest, Jane and Nathan were still clueless that Ethan managed to go back to the resort safe and sound. Jane looked more worried than Nathan himself.

Despite her injuries from the fall, she continued wandering around, searching for Ethan. Nathan just followed her behind, silently observing her. He didn't know if Jane was putting up an act so that he would appreciate her gesture by showing her concern toward his son.

When he could no longer watch her pretentious act, Nathan grabbed her elbow, stopping her. "Can you slow down a bit? Stop acting already. I should be the one worrying about my son. Why are you pretending that you care about him?"

Jane was tired of this. Nathan could only see her bad sides. He always assumed the worst things about her. Couldn't he see her sincerity? Nathan was too blinded by his anger and resentment that he couldn't see the goodness in her heart.

"I'm not going to argue nor defend myself. Nothing will change your impression of me. I will find Ethan no matter what. And I will not ask anything from you. I don't have any expectations from you. I just want to see him safe!" Jane pulled her hand away from Nathan. She turned around and moved forward. She didn't want to waste time.

Nathan was caught off guard by her sudden outburst. He felt her anger a while ago as she shot him a cold sharp glare. He took a deep sigh. Subconsciously, he continued following her.

As time went by, Jane could already feel the fatigue. She slowed down a bit as she felt her body getting weak and tired. Her legs also began to hurt. And the cold weather was making things worse for her.

"Damn it! I have to find Ethan before I lose all my strength. Where are you, kiddo? Please be safe." Jane mumbled to herself. Before she knew it, she stumbled and almost fell to the ground. Fortunately, Nathan was there to hold her, preventing her from hitting the ground.

"Careful," Nathan blurted out as he caught her waist in his arms. Their bodies made contact with each other and Nathan noticed that Jane was already burning up.

'She has a fever.' Nathan thought to himself.

Then Jane steadied herself. His warmth made her less cold. 'Damn! My body is not yet fully recovered.' Jane cursed inwardly. Back in her assassin days, cold weather like this was just nothing to her.

"I think we need to take shelter first. It seems that the rain will not stop pouring." Nathan suggested. He could already feel that Jane was exhausted from walking nonstop.

Jane was about to refuse but Nathan spoke again. "I can see the cave nearby. Who knows my son is there, waiting for the rain to stop."

Jane bobbed her head with a hopeful look in her eyes. "Yes. Let's check the cave!"

Nathan heaved a sigh of relief. Finally, Jane listened to him. Nathan guided her to the cave to take shelter for a moment until the rain stopped. Jane's body was already trembling from the coldness. At this moment, Nathan took his jacket off and put it around her back.

Jane turned to him and said with a serious look on her face, "If you want to give me warmth… then why don't you hug me instead? Your wet jacket will just make me freeze!"

Nathan: "..."

Chapter 497 Ravish Him

Day Fifty-Seven…

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Nathan was rendered speechless because of Jane's bold remarks. She even sounded sarcastic when she told him that his wet jacket would only make her freeze. Jane started to sneeze as well.

Nathan could only take his jacket back, removing it from her body. He was about to distance himself from her when suddenly Jane closed their gaps, wrapping her arms around his body as she leaned on his chest.

Nathan's body stiffened as soon as their bodies made contact with each other. He could feel her hot temperature but she was shivering from the cold.

"Hug me," she ordered him. "I don't want to die from hypothermia. I bet you don't want that to happen either. You are the one who is going to kill me, right?" she sneered at him mockingly.

"Yes. I am," Nathan responded absentmindedly. He was contemplating whether to push her away or not. But in the end, he just stood there like a statue, letting Jane embrace him.

When she didn't feel any resistance from Nathan, Jane tightened her grip, sinking further into his body. She even sniffed his scent as she leaned her face on the nook of his neck.

Nathan cursed himself inwardly when his body started reacting to her embrace against his will.

"H-Hug me," she whispered in her trembling voice.

Nathan stubbornly stayed still, refusing to hug her back. But Jane would never let this chance slip out. Maybe her fever was making her delirious by doing this shameless thing in the middle of their search.

She already admitted to herself that she needed to take a rest to regain her energy back before they could continue their search. She was afraid she might collapse even before they could find Ethan.

"I feel cold… my legs are going to give in at any moment," Jane complained in her low voice.

With her remaining strength, Jane pushed Nathan down and she made him sit on the ground.

"What the hell are you–" Nathan wasn't able to finish his words when Jane suddenly covered her mouth using her right hand. And without a second thought, she positioned herself on top of him and straddled him.

They were now looking at each other's eyes. "Just behave and keep me warm." Her fierce and bold personality was coming out. This was her real self in her dominating aura… the Lady Phantomflake people used to know.

She would never allow Nathan to crumple on her feelings again and dominate her. She tried humbling herself in front of him but he never appreciated it. It didn't work on him.

So she had to be herself and showed him what Phantomflake was truly capable of doing. She won't throw away her pride anymore just to humble herself in front of this aloof and cold devil.

"Who are you to order me around?" Nathan scowled at her in disbelief. "Get off me before I throw you away!"

Jane hooked her arms around his neck and brought her face closer to his. Nathan had to look away to avoid her. He should feel disgusted by their closeness. But he couldn't.

'What's wrong with me? Is it because somewhere in my subconscious... I already consider her as Shining Star?' Nathan lamented to himself.

He was having an internal battle within himself when he heard Jane's soft giggle.

"Relax, Nate. You are as stiff as the tree. I'm not going to ravish you. I don't have enough energy to do that," Jane said teasingly.

Subconsciously, Nathan's cheeks reddened when he heard that. Another giggle escaped Jane's mouth. She couldn't stop herself from laughing when she noticed how uncomfortable Nathan was with their current position. 'Did he blush? Or is it just my imagination?'

"Are you playing with me, Phantomflake?" Nathan raised his eyebrow, his expression turned grim.

"Of course not. I'll only play with SizzlingAugust," Jane said, making Nathan speechless.

'I'm SizzlingAugust,' Nathan mumbled to himself, pursing his lips.

Jane's expression suddenly became serious. She stared at him intently. Without a warning, she moved her hands, cupping Nathan's face.

Not breaking their eye contact, Jane said, "I wonder what he looks like. Is he as handsome as you?"

Nathan opened his mouth only to close it again. He didn't know how he would respond to that. He never revealed to Jane that he was SizzlingAugust. But unknown to him, Jane already knew his identity.

Meanwhile, Jane was assessing Nathan's reaction. Until now, he remained tight-lipped about his identity. He didn't want to admit in front of her that he was SizzlingAugust.

"I think I should ask my father to look for him."

Nathan frowned and grabbed her wrists. He pulled her hands away from his face. "Why do you want to find him?"

Jane smiled at him meaningfully and responded, "Before I die in your hand, I want to meet him. I'll play with him for one last time and I will tell him how grateful I was because he taught me well. I became an expert hacker."

"Is that your only goal for meeting him?" Nathan asked her again.

"Nope." Jane paused for a moment, her eyes scanning Nathan's face down to his body. "Maybe I should sleep with him once," she shamelessly said.

"Cough! Cough!" Nathan choked when he heard her last statement. 'How could she say that?'

Nathan arched his eyebrow, giving her a questioning gaze as if he was asking her 'Are you serious?'

"Don't give me such a look, Nate. He is my first love! So I will make love with him once before you kill me!" Jane just wanted to tease this guy who refused to reveal his identity. And she was enjoying his mixed reactions.

'Her first love? But she had a baby with another guy.'

"What made you think that he would agree? It didn't cross your mind that he might be already married or committed to another woman?" Nathan asked her with disbelief.

"If that is the case..." Jane paused and pushed Nathan down, making him lie on the ground while she was still on top, bending down as she placed her hands on the sides of his head. "I am going to use force and ravish him."

Nathan: "..."

Jane had the urge to kiss Nathan. However before she could do that, they heard someone calling her.

"Lady Jane!"

Both Jane and Nathan turned at the entrance of the cave only to see Tatsumi.

Chapter 498 He Made Her Feel Hotter

Day Fifty-Seven...

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Jane and Nathan were interrupted by Tatsumi's sudden arrival. Seeing his presence, Nathan managed to pull himself together. Without a warning, Nathan pushed Jane off him.

"Ouch!" Jane winced when her butt hit the ground. She wasn't paying attention when Nathan pushed her. She even hurt her wrist when she used it for support.

'Damn you, Nate! Not a gentleman at all!' Jane cursed him inwardly, rubbing her wrist.

Tatsumi, on the other hand, immediately rushed in her direction. He helped her to stand up. "Lady Jane, are you okay?"

Nathan stood up, brushing the dirt off his clothes. He pretended as if he wasn't pinned on the ground by Jane. It was too embarrassing on his part as another person witnessed them in that awkward position.

'Do I have to explain? This guy might misunderstand.' Nathan asked himself.

"You are burning up!" Tatsumi gasped as soon as he noticed her hot temperature. He placed his hand over her forehead to check her once again.

"You have a fever!" He blurted out as if it was a big deal.

Nathan just rolled his eyes as he watched the two. "It's just a fever. It won't kill her." He wondered why Tatsumi was there.

Tatsumi shot Nathan a cold sharp glare before shifting his attention back on Jane. "What happened to you? You are covered with bruises and cuts."

Tatsumi immediately covered her body with his coat. It was waterproof and it could give her warmth.

"Oh. I'm fine. I just fell from the cliff while fighting a wild boar."

"What?!!" Tatsumi yelped exasperatedly. He checked her body from top to bottom, checking for any serious injury.

"We should go back now. We have to treat your wounds. You are also burning up!" Tatsumi didn't hide his concern for her. He totally ignored Nathan's presence.

He didn't know why Jane was on top of Nathan a while ago. He was curious but this was not the time to ask them about that.

"I can't leave. We need to find Ethan first." Jane objected.

"Don't worry about him. He is in the resort now." Tatsumi informed them. He received information from one of his men that the missing boy had returned.

Both Jane and Nathan felt relieved when they heard that.

"Let's go back." Tatsumi turned around and motioned for Jane to ride his back. "Come, Lady Jane. I'll carry you on my back."

Nathan pursed his lips as he watched the two. He couldn't understand why he suddenly felt annoyed by Tatsumi. The guy treated him as if he was invisible.

Jane, on the other hand, contemplated for a moment. It felt so awkward to ride someone else's back. If it was Nathan who offered her this then she wouldn't think twice.

"Don't worry about me. I can still walk," Jane politely refused him.

Nathan smiled inwardly when he heard that. But Tatsumi wouldn't take no for an answer.

"Your father gave me the task to take care of you. You are my responsibility, Jane. Hop in. I'll carry you. If you don't want this position, then we will do a princess-carry. What do you think?"

"Don't force her." Nathan intervened.

Jane glanced at Nathan, feeling puzzled. It was so unlikely of him to cut in. She darted her gaze back and forth between Tatsumi and Nathan. Both men were exchanging looks at each other, a heavy tension surrounding the two.

'Are they going to fight because of me?'

Jane shook her head, pushing the thought to the back of her mind. She shouldn't have high hopes for Nathan.

"Fine. Stop arguing. Since Nathan was the reason why I got injured, I think it's his responsibility to carry me back to the resort." Jane declared to them, smirking at Nathan.

Nathan squinted his eyes at her. He didn't expect that Jane would be shameless enough to say that.

"What? You don't want to take responsibility? Then you are not a real man. C'mon, Tatsumi. Let's go back." Jane held Tatsumi's arm.

Nathan got provoked by her last remarks. Before Jane could make a step, Nathan grabbed her shoulder.

"I'll take responsibility," Nathan said in a serious tone.

Jane blinked her eyes in amusement. She didn't expect that her provocation would work on him.

"Okay. Then carry me on your back." Jane looked very satisfied.

Nathan carried her with a dark expression on his face. He had never imagined he would do this for her.

Tatsumi could only sigh in defeat. Jane was the Boss. He couldn't disobey her.

'Wait. Is there something going on between them? But Nathan is her sister's boyfriend.' Tatsumi mused to himself as he watched Nathan carrying Jane on his back.

When the three of them left the cave, the rain finally stopped. Tatsumi was clearing the path for them. It was already 5:00 pm when they reached the resort.

Everyone was waiting for them. Stephen was the first one who approached them. Nathan finally put Jane down.

"Boil water for Miss Jane," Tatsumi instructed them. "She has a fever."

Stephen quickly checked her temperature. "What happened to you?" Jane's appearance was a mess— her dirty wet clothes, her cuts, and her bruises.

"I slipped…" she lied.

"Go, wash and change your clothes before I tend to your wounds." Stephen's heart clenched seeing her in this state. In his eyes, she was such a fragile woman.

Jane could only bob her head. She turned around only to find out that Nathan was long gone.

"Where is Ethan?" Jane asked Stephen expectantly.

"In his cabin. Don't worry. He is fine." Stephen reassured her.

She wanted to see Ethan but she looked like shit right now. She decided to take a quick bath. When she entered their cabin, Cherry and Abigail were surprised to see her covered with bruises.

"Sis!" Both ladies called her in unison. "Are you hurt?"

Jane just let out a soft giggle. "This is nothing. I'm going to have a hot bath first."

She proceeded to the bathroom. She took off her clothes and let the hot water fall on her head and body. She closed her eyes and the first thing that entered her mind was Nathan's handsome face.

She had seen different emotions on his face today. Just thinking about him, her heart started pounding crazily against her chest. She almost lost control of herself. If Tatsumi hadn't arrived, she should have kissed Nathan against his will.

Jane smacked her lips as she rubbed her body with bath soap. She couldn't get Nathan off her mind.

"I miss his kiss… and his touch," she mumbled. The warmth of his still lingered in her mind. She wanted him… to feel him.

As she ran her fingers against her flesh, she imagined Nathan touching and kissing every part of her body… the parts she was touching right now with her fingers.

She wanted to feel his lips nibbling and sucking on her neck and collarbones while his palms were kneading and squeezing her breasts.

A surprised moan escaped her mouth as she gently squeezed her breasts. Then her one hand slid down between her legs, touching her most sensitive part. She was wet down there.

She bit her lower lip and thought to herself, 'Damn! I feel so hot not just because of my fever… but because of Nathan… because of our body contact a while ago.'

Chapter 499 DESIRE

Day Fifty-Seven…

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Because of the bad weather, their respective plans got ruined. Everyone just dined together before going back to their respective cabins.

Aiden was hopeful that tomorrow would be a sunny day. No more rain. He prepared a surprise for Cherry.

Meanwhile, Tatsumi finally joined the group since his presence was no longer a secret to them. Dave became his roommate. They would share the cabin.

Jane felt a little bit better when she took the medicine for the fever. Stephen treated her bruises and cuts. He stayed there for a moment, taking care of Jane.

After a while, someone knocked on the door.

"Come in," Stephen said.

Little Ethan pushed the door and entered the cabin. He saw Jane lying on the bed with a cold towel on her forehead. Stephen, on the other hand, was sitting next to her bed.

Ethan felt guilty when he saw her bruises and small cuts on some parts of her face and arms. He blamed himself for what happened.

"Ethan?" Jane was surprised when she saw the young boy. Then she smiled because Ethan was safe and sound. Nothing bad happened to him.

"Uncle Stephen, may I talk to Miss Jane… alone?" Ethan asked Stephen politely.

"Okay." Stephen stood up and tossed one last glance at Jane. "You should sleep early. Understand?"

Jane bobbed her head and replied, "Yes, Doc. I will."

Stephen let out a soft chuckle before stepping out of the room. Jane sat up, waving her hand as she motioned for Ethan to come closer.

"I'm glad you are safe… Ethan." Jane didn't hide her concern for the child. She got worried sick when she heard that he went missing. She didn't want to feel that fear again. She cared so much about this young boy.

"Miss Jane…" Ethan lowered his gaze. He looked at his fingers as he apologized to her. "I'm sorry for causing trouble today. Because of me, you got hurt."

Seeing the sad look on his face, Jane could no longer follow Nathan's order. She didn't care anymore if Nathan would get mad at him. But if her days were already numbered then might as well do what she truly wanted.

Jane pulled the young boy into a warm hug. Ethan was caught off guard and just stayed still.

"No need to apologize. The most important thing is that… you are safe. Ethan… I know you hate me… but I promise that I will do my best to make it up to you. I will wait until you will forgive me for my crime. Between us, I should be the one apologizing to you. Sooner or later, I will atone for my sin… I hope when the right time comes… I will get your forgiveness."

Her sincere words touched Ethan's heart. He had proven to himself that no matter what she did, he couldn't hate her. He became so attached to her.

Ethan didn't say a word. He just bobbed his head and buried his face into her chest as he hugged her back. He missed her.

Meanwhile, Jane felt like a heavy feeling had been lifted off her chest when she said those words to Ethan. She was just being true to herself. She didn't want to avoid Ethan anymore.

'I will have to talk to Nathan about this.' She made a mental note.

"Can I sleep here tonight with you and Miss Abi?" Ethan asked her permission.

Jane thought the young boy just wanted to spend time with her sister, Abigail. Abigail was with Dave at this moment.

"Hmm. Sure. You can stay here. My sister will be back in a while. Let's wait for her." Jane let go of Ethan. Then she ruffled his hair.

"Thanks, Mom– I mean Miss Jane." Ethan had another slip of the tongue. But Jane didn't pay much attention to it. "Get well soon."

"Thanks, Ethan…"

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[11:25 pm…]

Everyone was already asleep at this moment. Nathan woke up at the sound of knocking.

He rubbed his eyes and turned to the other bed. His son was not around. He remembered that the young boy decided to sleep in Abigail's cabin.

'Is my son back?' Nathan got off the bed and traced his steps toward the door.

He opened it only to be surprised by the person standing outside. It was Phantomflake.

"What are you doing here?" he asked her in a cold voice. But Jane didn't respond.

Nathan frowned and asked her again. "What do you need?"

Jane's lips curled up in a seductive smile and replied, "You. I need you!"

Nathan was taken aback by her bold answer. Before he could even reply, Jane suddenly pushed him as she barged into his room.

Bam!

Jane closed the door behind them.

Click!

She made sure to lock it.

In his sleepy state, Nathan was receiving one shock from another. How dare she do this to him?

"I will use force and ravish you," Jane said those words sensually as she began to take her robe off. She stripped her clothes one by one in front of Nathan while staring at him intently.

Nathan's eyes widened in shock. It seemed that he became a statue as he stood frozen in his spot just watching her remove her clothes.

Jane let her clothes fall on the ground, leaving her body with only undergarments on. And in one swift move, she pushed Nathan to the bed, his back hitting his soft cushion.

She climbed on the bed, positioning herself on top of him. Nathan was confused. Their current position was similar to their position in the cave.

'Damn it!' Nathan cursed inwardly. He felt like he couldn't control his body. Instead of pushing her away, he just stayed still, anticipating what she would do next.

Not wasting any more time, she bent over and captured his lips. She kissed him hungrily as she began to remove his clothes– starting at his shirt, going down his pajama.

Nathan groaned in her mouth when her fingers touched his bulge through his boxer shorts. Nathan couldn't understand why he was letting this woman dominate him. The most surprising thing was that he didn't feel disgusted at all.

Then Jane began grinding her lower body against him, making him groan more. He could feel his boner getting harder as she continued grinding her body against him. She became in control and Nathan became powerless over her.

Before he could stop it, Nathan just found himself moving his hands- one hand grabbed the back of her head to deepen the kiss while the other one cupped her right breast, kneading it through her bra.

And in one swift move, he flipped her, changing their positions. Jane was now the one pinned under him as he was on top of her. They didn't break the kiss.

Jane's hands were wrapped around his neck as she arched her back, giving him more access to her round breasts. Nathan managed to pull her bra down, releasing her soft breasts from their confines. Next, he removed her underwear.

Nathan had no control over his body anymore. It was not listening to his mind. With the desire clouding his rationality, he parted her legs and positioned himself, ready to enter her. In one swift move, he thrust inside her roughly. Once in, he began pounding so hard, thrusting in and out of her.

Thud!

Chapter 500 Stay With Him Tonight

Day Fifty-Seven…

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Nathan was in the middle of this heated passion when he heard a loud thud. At first, he didn't mind it. But the noise continued. It became louder and louder. It turned out the wind was blowing outside, hitting the windows thus creating a loud sound.

Nathan snapped his eyes open only to realize that he had woken up from his hot dream! He blinked his eyes several times while looking at the ceiling, trying to steady his breathing. He felt so hot and his body was sweating profusely.

He sat up and looked around. He didn't see Jane. He immediately covered his face using both hands and groaned in annoyance. He didn't know what had gotten into him. Why did he dream of Jane? The most terrifying thing was that it was an erotic dream with the person he loathed so much.

He cursed himself over and over again as he felt his own body reacting to that dream. He pulled the quilt to hide his bulging erection. His little brother was awakened by that wet dream. Nathan didn't know whether to get mad at himself or feel embarrassed.

He was shocked beyond belief. He couldn't get over it so easily. He questioned himself why he had to think of her and even see her in his dream. The words which Jane exactly said to him in the cave, he heard those words again in his dream.

'Maybe… it somehow affected my subconscious because… I knew that I was the guy she was talking about. I'm Sizzling August.'

Nathan was still in his deep thoughts when he heard a knock outside his door. The knocking sound snapped him back to the present. He took his phone and checked the time. It was already 11:45 pm. Who was the person knocking outside?

Nathan contemplated for a moment. As he watched the door, Nathan's heart began to race. What if Jane was the person standing behind that closed door? He wasn't ready to face her after that erotic dream. Furthermore, his boner was still visible.

'It's best for me to ignore it. And just pretend that I am asleep.' Nathan thought to himself.

But curiosity won over him. He wanted to know who came to see him. Or perhaps, he was expecting to see someone. But Jane had no reason to seek his presence. As far as he knew, she was also upset with him. She was offended by his words as he doubted her sincerity toward Ethan.

'If the person who disturbed my sleep is either Aiden or Stephen… I will really scold them.' Nathan lazily got off the bed and made his way toward the door.

Upon reaching the door, he stopped for a moment, taking a deep breath. He was trying to calm himself first. That passionate moment was still fresh in his mind. He tried his best to erase and forget the memory of his dream.

Soon, he opened the door and his eyes widened in shock when he saw the person outside. 'What the hell?! It's Jane!'

Upon seeing Jane's face, Nathan slammed the door close as if he had seen a ghost!

Bam!

'Wait?! Is that really Jane? Or am I just imagining things?'

Nathan opened the door once more. And the next thing he saw was Jane's dark expression.

"So Rude! Slamming the door right after you see my face?" Jane complained.

Nathan blinked his eyes several times and Jane was still standing there.

"W-Why are you here?" Nathan stuttered a little, his cheeks burning. Her appearance reminded him again of his hot dream. He gulped hard as his eyes subconsciously scanned her body from top to bottom. He heaved a sigh of relief when he noticed that she was wearing different clothes from his dream.

Meanwhile, Jane was staring at Nathan intently. She somehow found him too appealing in his pajama. But she noticed something. Nathan's shirt was soaked with sweat. And his cheeks were red.

"Are you sick?" Jane extended her right hand, placing it over his forehead as she checked his temperature. She was worried that Nathan also caught a cold after being drenched in the rain this afternoon.

When her hand touched his forehead, Nathan's heart skipped a beat. In his mind, he saw a danger sign. With that, he stepped back, distancing himself from her. He even turned to the side, hiding something from her.

"I'm fine," Nathan replied, avoiding her gaze. "What do you want from me?" Nathan reflexively asked her. Then a part of his dream popped up in his mind again. He asked her a similar question and Jane replied, "You. I need you."

"Nothing. I was just passing by when I heard a strange sound coming from your cabin. I thought you were in pain."

Jane couldn't sleep as she kept thinking about a lot of things. And Nathan was one of those things. In fact, he had been bothering her mind ever since they returned. She decided to walk around and her feet ended up bringing her to Nathan's cabin.

"Why are you outside? The wind is blowing and it's cold out there. Is your fever gone?" Nathan didn't mean to show concern for her but those words came out of his mouth naturally.

"Don't worry. My fever is gone. I'm feeling better now," Jane responded with a faint smile.

Nathan's eyebrow twitched as he pursed his lips. "Who said that I'm worrying about you?"

"Oh. Yeah. I forgot. You didn't care about me even a little bit," Jane murmured, hiding her disappointment.

The two suddenly became silent. They could feel the awkward atmosphere surrounding them. But Jane didn't want to go back to her room just yet.

"Ethan told me a while ago that he brought his laptop. May I borrow it? I want to play an online game to kill some time. I am not yet sleepy." Jane asked Nathan.

"Online game?" Nathan was reminded of his moment with Shining Star. Well, the woman in front of him was the Shining Star he used to know.

"Yes. An online game. I heard from Ethan that your company developed a new version of the online game I used to play with my friend, SizzlingAugust. Do you want to play a match with me? A duel?" Jane invited Nathan for a challenge. She wanted to grab this opportunity to spend time with him and prove to him further that she was the real Shining Star.

Surprisingly, Nathan didn't refuse. He immediately accepted her challenge. Besides, he knew that he wouldn't be able to sleep after that dream. And part of him wanted to see and remember how Shining Star played their games.

"Okay. Come in." Nathan invited her in.

Jane smiled inwardly, rejoicing. 'Even though we argue a lot... tonight, I just want to stay with him.'

There was a long couch inside the cabin. Jane sat there while Nathan picked up his laptop and Ethan's laptop. Jane silently watched him as he moved across the room.

Soon, the two settled down on their respective seats and started to play. Once the game started, the two became so focused. They lost track of time. Nathan was so engrossed in fighting Jane that he forgot to hide SizzlingAugust's playing style. Jane took that opportunity to test and corner him.

"Nate… why do I feel like… your playing style is the same as my friend. Are you SizzlingAugust?"

Nathan's body stiffened and his hands stopped moving when he heard her question.

'Damn! Did I give away my identity?'