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Chapter 281 Rescuing Yvonne

Веер. Веер. Веер

The phone rang several times, but no one answered.

"Why isn't he picking up?" Veronica muttered, panicking the entire time.

Since the first call was not answered, she dialed Conrad's number once more. Alas, he picked up. "Who is this?"

"Uncle Conrad, it's Veronica. Where are you now? Are you busy?" she asked, questions flying out of her mouth.

"I'm not busy. What is it?"

Even over the phone, he could sense how anxious she was.

He was certain something had gone wrong.

However, before he answered, he could not help but think about how odd the entire situation was. Why would she call him instead of Matthew?

"Uncle Conrad, Yvie is in trouble. She has been kidnapped. She will be at the international airport soon. Can you come and save her with me?"

She knew what her limits were, so she had to ask Conrad for help.

"Okay. I'll be there soon."

After a few more questions about the situation, he hung up.

Nevertheless, Veronica still kept some of Yvonne's secrets, and she did not mention Zac's name. Otherwise, Conrad might back out in fear of Zac.

When the call ended, she heaved a sigh of relief and handed the borrowed phone back to the driver. It was then that she realized the driver was staring at her in fear through the rearview mirror.

Sensing that she spoke too loudly earlier, she was speechless for a while.

Crap.

She had just spoken about Yvonne getting kidnapped in the back of his car. Anyone would be afraid upon hearing that.

she said with a chuckle. "My friends are playing a murder game, and this

that. You scared me just now." The middle-aged taxi driver had

believed in her placating words as he eventually calmed

little too much to go to the airport for

the expenses." She always had a great poker face when she was lying. her taxi arrived at while listening to the call from if you kidnap me to Castron, I will not marry you. Don't touch me! they were already somewhere a powerful woman. There was no as she was hesitating, Conrad boarding the plane the said Conrad. "I've contacted the crew of the airport. They will find a way to could afford a private mention, "He..." to be ex-policeman, Conrad could tell that Veronica was was no way Veronica could continue lying. She had to youngest prince of knew who Zac plenty of people who had the same name, but it was rare to find anyone with responded with a the engagement a secret, but after what happened today, Conrad was Veronica's only hope of revealing the kidnapper's identity late said, "I know you can't really lay a finger on him, but you just need to take that when she normal to have anger the youngest prince of Castron in order to protect the herself was mildly shaking rescue her without hesitation last Conrad said, not willing to agree to anything

Chapter 282 Conrad Knew Zac

When Yvonne heard that, she teared up from gratitude.

If she were not being tied up, she would have pounced at Veronica to gratefully hug her around the leg.

"Ah, I admire your courage."

Zac scanned Veronica up and down. Currently, she was dressed in a well-fitted outfit with a red scarf wrapped around her neck. She looked beautiful and sweet with her neatly trimmed hair. It was obvious she was no mere thug.

"If you can defeat them, I'll let Yvie go," he said, pointing to the men sitting around him.

Veronica pursed her lips as she scanned the room.

All of these men were trained fighters who were professional mercenaries at the very least.

However, she had to do whatever it took to rescue Yvonne.

Once she returned this favor, she would never do this again... Well, she would give it a thought before acting if this happened again.

That was what she thought at that moment.

"Okay," she solemnly said. "This place is too cramped though. Why don't you guys fight me outside?"

"You're a brave woman, Miss," Zac swiftly said in agreement before shooting his bodyguards a look.

After getting the command, four of the burliest men in the group stood up.

"Even so, it is not fair to overwhelm you with our numbers," he then continued. "You'll fight them oneon-one. If you defeat all four of them, I'll do as I said."

Her lips twitched upon seeing her opponents.

No wonder she had found these men so familiar. She had been questioning her memories since she had never been overseas before.

Pondering on that thought, were these not the men who once kidnapped her and Yvonne?

Furthermore, did he expect her to defeat them all at once?

What a joke!

She could not even defeat one of them.

of the plane while you wait. After all, what if you run in

the entire time, there

expect him to speak so

"No problem."

woman. Thus, he excitedly agreed to the deal and

the plane. She

it seemed he only wanted

not like that attitude,

after, the few of them left the plane. Standing in the middle of an empty field, she was quivering on the inside as she stared

was she

shot Yvonne an upset look, intending to signal her to

her and had her gaze fixated on

was smoking while the cold wind

good. At least, Yvonne will get to know what kind of person

"Girl, stop dawdling."

stepped forward and spoke in English as he curled a beckoning finger at Veronica. A mocking smirk was plastered on

She remembered him well.

he was the leader of

the scarf from her neck, she thought hard about

an unexpected voice piped

a long

familiar voice. Wait... isn't

Veronica

out of this? What was with the change of

"Conrad?"

had not realized Conrad was there until he spoke up due to

stand before Zac that the latter

rushed over

here, Conrad?" Zac asked,

ask you that question. Why didn't you call me when

two men happily chatted away, ignoring everyone

chance for what it was, Veronica dashed over to Yvonne and removed her

soon as she could speak. To her surprise, Yvonne actually

Veronica was speechless.

What the hell!

blind?

Chapter 283 Yvonne Adores Conrad

After a few long pauses, Zac finally acquiesced. "Fine. I will let her go this time because you asked me to. However, there will not be a next time. You can't interfere again, Conrad."

"Of course."

Lifting his wrist to look at the time, Conrad then said, "It's not even eight yet. Let me treat you to some sushi as thanks."

"Sure," Chris swiftly agreed.

"We'll leave you two to catch up, Uncle Conrad." Veronica picked up her bags and dragged the untied Yvonne away. Before anyone could say a word, the two women were already dashing away.

They both ran for a long time before they stopped as if they were afraid Zac would change his mind.

"Huff. Huff."

Yvonne panted loudly, exhausted by the sprint.

Meanwhile, Veronica glared at her and smacked her on the head. "Girl, is your lust stronger than our friendship? You would rather push me out to die than to let the two of them argue?!"

Love is so stupid.

Veronica did not know what else she could say about the situation.

"Ouch! That hurt." Yvonne pouted as her hands moved to cover the spot where she was hit. "Don't be angry. I know Zac well. He would never lay a hand on a woman, but he would also never hold back against a guy. I like Conrad, so I tried to protect him."

Veronica felt so disgusted that she did not know how to explain the anger in her.

"Fine. I won't be saving you again." She huffed and walked away.

"Don't worry. I will not be asking you for help anyway. Everyone has their limits. Although Zac would not lay a hand on a woman, I'm afraid he would start playing tricks on you."

Yvonne walked with Veronica by her side. Subsequently, the former pulled her jacket tighter around herself and continued, "Would you have ignored me if I had not saved you last time?"

"Of course."

Veronica pulled her bag higher. "I am not a saint. How can I risk death to save you when I am already in a tough position? It's impossible."

"Oh, I just love how straightforward you are," Yvonne replied with a laugh. "Let us get sushi as well. Wait, no. Why don't we get some BBQ skewers? It'll be my treat."

as they walked out of the airport.

Yvonne was deep in

you thinking about?" Veronica

and blushed. "Roni, do you think Conrad likes me too? Why else would he wade

"Oh, for goodness ... "

wanted to save me even though

there was a happy yet shy smile on her face while

him as thanks?" Veronica asked with

is willing, I have no problem with that," Yvonne replied with

him for long, yet you want to marry him. Don't you think you are rushing it? Oh, perhaps you are more loyal to your lust for pretty men and

was very handsome. He exuded a unique, mature aura that made him

Yvonne fall to Conrad despite having only known him for

found out Yvonne fancied Conrad,

away and leaned

thought she was never going to answer the question, Yvonne

blunt way of admitting her affections for

"You..."

tell her to move

Despite having only spent a few years overseas, he was now close friends

He was dangerous.

could not bring herself to say anything when she saw how deeply in love

some food before heading back

until it was past 11

sushi with Chris, she was worried that messaging him too

up at her ceiling. Her mind

Ding!

A reply was received her phone. 'No. Today must have been quite terrifying did not think he would message filled with concern and love. 'Thank you for your help, 'Don't mention it.' don't I treat you to a meal as thanks 'I would be honored.' 'Then, it's settled.' Chapter 284 Concurrently Dating Two Women Veronica was busy with the operations of her bridal company the next morning when her assistant, Shirley, knocked on the door and entered. "Veronica, there's someone looking for you."

As she was in the midst of her errands, Veronica raised her head. "Who?"

"Young Master Xavier," Shirley replied.

"Let him in."

Veronica couldn't understand Xavier at times. She had previously hurt him and his sister at the warehouse, which had maimed Melissa. As a result, Hendric had immense hatred for her, so why would he allow Xavier to look for her this time?

When she thought about the time at the hospital's stairwell and

Hendric's eventual assault on Xavier, she could not help but feel somewhat complicated.

"President Murphy, what are you busy with?"

While she was pondering on the reason behind Xavier's visit, Xavier had entered the office.

"What President Murphy? Are you trying to tease me?" Veronica laughed as she gestured at the couch. "Come, let me grab you a glass of water."

She rose to her feet and walked to the water dispenser where she made him a glass of tea. Then, she went over and sat across from him. "What brings you to Encounters today?"

Ever since Encounters Bridal Store was opened, Xavier had never paid her a visit here.

"I have a friend who is about to be married, so I have recommended her to visit your store. That being said, since we have such a close friendship, you need to give a discount," he slowly answered as he took the glass and sampled the tea.

Although he was asking her to give a discount, he was actually recommending clients to her store in reality.

As such, she was grateful. "That won't be a problem. It's not a big deal." she slowly lowered her head, after which her expression adopted did that day, but never once did she feel that she had owed Melissa anything. Melissa was Veronica couldn't help but feel that such a woman was that held the glass of tea paused for a second while there was a slight flicker of light in his eyes. "She's gradually recovering, but the doctor mentioned that she a pity," Veronica sighed with knew that he did not want to elaborate we have lunch together? At the same time, I can't reject your request, can perused Veronica's operation plan while holding a discussion with

them left the office and headed straight for a Turkish restaurant. However,

noticed all of the employees were off on their lunch break except for the receptionist, who was still

saw him approaching her, she quickly walked

neck, making him look slightly younger and

Roni?" he asked as he

likely catch a bite," Shirley replied with full honesty and told Matthew

she did not notice the man's

at the side and took

her voice trembled as she asked, "President Kings, is there

I'm a tad bit worried for Roni. She's from the countryside and isn't well aware of how cunning people can be. I'm worried." He frowned slightly and sighed

Veronica had a feud with each other. Why does it look like it isn't the case? If that's not

She was doubtful.

the woman thought. Then, he explained, "Handling a bridal store is somewhat like an experience for Roni. She can't even manage a small bridal store

President Kings, you are really far-sighted. No wonder we suddenly lost our business after operating so well. What you just mentioned makes

from Matthew were from the bottom of his

was training Veronica, what he considered was not just relieving her psychological burden, but to remove people's perception of her as relying on the Kings Family for support. At the same time, he hoped that such a method would force her to

expected Veronica to be

Otherwise, judging from her indolence, there's a fear that she won't work this hard. So, Shirley, in the future, you have to

Chapter 285 A Private Battle

"What a coincidence, Miss Murphy, Young Master Xavier. You guys are also here to have a meal?"

The moment Ruka spoke, both of them turned their heads and saw her in a lacy black skirt with an outer coat that was made from animal fur. Not only that; she was even holding Matthew's wrist.

Veronica's eyes zoomed in on Ruka's hand that was on Matthew's wrist and found it irritating. She was cursing herself for such bad luck in her heart since she never expected that she would run into Ruka and Matthew at such a place.

What a small place Bloomstead was.

Xavier coldly raised his head, but didn't look at Ruka. Rather, his fierce gaze met Matthew's cold eyes. "Since you are here with such beauty, President Kings, Roni and I won't interrupt you guys."

As a fellow man, he knew Matthew's thoughts all too well, which was why he decided to block their path of escape.

"Yes, yes. Since you are having a date with Miss Dame, we won't be interrupting you guys. Since it is a couple's date, it's better for you guys to head to the private room instead," Veronica quickly added for the fear that Matthew would sit next to them and ruin an innocent meal.

Hilton Restaurant was one of the top restaurants in Bloomstead. Although it was not gigantic in size, it had a quiet and exquisite ambience, which drew both the middle and upper class to visit the place often. Yet, not many people chose to have their meals here.

When Matthew looked at Veronica, there was a trace of luster and resentment in his dark eyes. It was as if to say that she would always treat him to eggs and milk. If not those two items, it would be the cheapest dish that she could purchase at One Piece Restaurant. Why is it that she's treating Xavier at the upper class restaurant like Hilton Restaurant?

Such a stark difference in behavior was enough to irritate him.

"It's better to be alone than with someone," he commented before looking at Ruka. "Ruka, do you mind that we share a table?"

It was evident that Veronica and Xavier were seated there, but Matthew turned the tables on them and did not allow them to speak since he knew that he would be rejected, regardless of who asked.

Ruka turned to the side and her beautiful, angelic eyes gazed at the noble man in front of her as she felt the arrogance that he had in front of Veronica. Such a feeling only left her feeling awful.

Master Xavier and Miss Murphy,

Veronica to protest. "Excuse me, you should be

corners of Matthew's lips curved upward into a smile as

directly took a seat next to Xavier while Ruka sat next to Veronica, which left the both of them feeling

herself swearing, I have never lowered myself to such

noticed Matthew and Ruka, the waitress came over and handed the

did not accept the menu, but rather instructed, "The same as

have ordered is

Matthew's expression dimmed. He was so displeased that he answered, "It doesn't

follow his order and closed the menu while saying

it was forced on her, at least she was dining it with him.

you will have to pick up tonight's

clearly." Matthew narrowed his eyes and shot a warning in her direction as if he wanted to threaten

thought of

the people at the next table having a discussion. "You know, when I had my meal at One Piece Restaurant

"Oh, really?"

right; I heard that someone reported that

that the dishes at One Piece Restaurant

chefs that the restaurant has hired have prepared dishes for the state banquets. All of their ingredients are guaranteed to be the freshest and the best. Not to mention, it is all sourced from natural methods without the use of

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conversation. When she looked at Matthew again, she noticed that he had a fiercer glance,

"Hehehe, since we have bumped into each other, how can I allow you to pick up the tab?

for the meal, she had intentionally perused the meal while the waitress clearly informed that there were discounts today, such

Chapter 286 Matthew's Car Accident

When Veronica arrived at the front, Ruka was behind her as they departed together.

Now that they were suddenly left alone together, there was a solemn air hanging above Matthew and Xavier.

"President Kings, It's a known rumor that you're not close to women, but I think you're just not content with what you already have." Xavier gave a gentle snort while mocking Matthew as he lowered his head to slice the steak on his plate.

Matthew's jade-like fingers raised the wine glass and swirled it a few times before he took a sip of it. Then, he calmly answered, "Young Master Xavier, you still have the time to poke your nose into the affairs of others. I suppose that means... you're not busy enough."

Just that sentence alone was enough to act as a deterrent.

"I, Xavier Crawford, will never back down from anything." After saying that, he set aside his cutleries and turned his head to the side to address Matthew. "And that includes Veronica Murphy."

Xavier was issuing a challenge to Matthew. As an observer by Veronica's side, it was clear to him how much Matthew fancied her even though she was unaware of it.

Forget about Matthew and Ruka, the way he looked at Veronica was different from the way he gazed at Ruka. One was with indifference whereas the other was with passion.

Matthew lightly tapped his wine glass with his index finger and noticed Xavier's reflection that was as smooth as a mirror. Then, with a calm expression, he elegantly sampled the red wine. "It also depends whether you have the ability to do so too."

"Ah." When he heard what Matthew said, Xavier laughed. "For me to have a meal with her illustrates that I have the ability."

Provocation. What a provocative statement. Matthew was not exasperated while facing someone like Xavier. If he were to be angry, he would have lost his temper earlier. It was because he knew that Veronica did not have the hots for Xavier.

She was merely behaving this way because of her feud with Matthew.

Meanwhile, over at the ladies, Veronica went to the sink to wash her hands after using the public toilet. As she stood in front of the mirror, she looked at her reflection and reached out to comb her hair that had been messed up by the wind with her fingers.

she did so, she noticed Ruka approaching her with folded arms and staring at

are you doing by looking at me like that? Those who are unaware would think that you swung this way,"

the hots for him, why aren't you keeping your distance from

Veronica turned on the faucet and washed her hands, she retorted, "Those who couldn't find their way

they had suffered from

she sighed. "As a human, you should know better

at the banquet the other day that Veronica said those words

are trying to feign knowledge in front of me. Are

then you should keep him close to her. If someone else decides to snatch him from you one fine day, that won't be your fault. It will be his since there won't

small smile after she said those words. "You can be rest assured, though. I, Veronica Murphy, won't stoop

tissues into the trash

slightly narrowed. A brief smile appeared on her lips because

dining area was still the same when both women returned to their seats, there was a trace of a storm brewing in the

tab after the meal while Xavier went on his way. Matthew and Ruka also went

taken a few steps at the parking

tracks and

fur. Then, she walked toward him in her pair of high heels. "You have done so much for her, but it doesn't look like it's

shade of charcoal while his thin lips parted. "Do what you are supposed

uttering such a

with another woman? You should know well that she

Resort as his girlfriend, it would agitate Veronica to the point where she would realize

ruse had not worked even after a few

rather... he chose not to ponder about it. Hearing her words, he stopped and

Chapter 287 Confessing to Conrad

Propping her face up with her hands, she tilted her head and looked at the man in front of her while being immersed in his stunning looks.

Even though Yvonne was all about looks, she would not blindly love someone because of it.

On the other hand, Conrad was different. Besides his looks, he had treated everybody politely while being an easy person to get close to.

The man, who was seated opposite her, took a look at the menu before placing it in front of Yvonne. "Ladies first."

"Okay then."

This is the man I like. He really is attentive toward women.

Maybe it was because she liked him so much, every move of his would be looked upon positively by her.

Opening the menu, she ordered a few dishes before she asked, "Conrad, what do you like to eat? I can order it for you." This way, she could also discover his preferences. "Hilton Restaurant is best known for its beef wellington, so I'll have one in medium rare. Also, I would like a serving of pasta."

"Okay. What else do you like? The caviar and truffles here are also quite tasty."

Conrad only nodded after listening to her recommendation. "I will have a try then."

"Alright. I'll order one set of each then."

Pressing the button, Yvonne called for the waiter.

After a short while, the waiter walked in. She repeated the dishes that they chose before returning the menu to him.

in the room after the

thumb's nail to scratch her

taken back to Castron this time, I don't know when I would step foot

against the seat with crossed legs and arms as he sat there imposingly. "Zac seems to like you a lot,"

down at the table, Yvonne shook her head. "I do not like him, though. One shouldn't force love. Besides,

into Conrad's eyes as if she was expecting him

with an elegant smile. It was at this moment that nobody

only by a few seconds, it felt more like an

already made her hints obvious, but Conrad did not

you like?" he

breathe out of nervousness as she gripped her hands even tighter to the point where she

"I... I..."

hint of shyness in her gaze, she looked up at

topic. It

I... Actually, the one I like is you,

Zac's advances. At that time, she naively thought

Conrad, where she deeply fell

time was not a requirement when it came

at the right person to make her

cup trembled as he slowly looked up 'bafflingly' at the shy woman.

lips. She felt that it was due to nervousness that her lips were a bit dry. She

to the man I like right now.

are friends?

her nervousness with frustration. "You're right. I hate his guts. So what if I like you even

she had

Chapter 288 Conrad's Ploy

"Of course I am. Why wouldn't I be afraid?"

Conrad admitted it honestly. "He's the prince of Castron, who has the love of his citizens. And I am just a normal citizen. How can I hope to go against him? What I really need is time. Time to make me able to go against him on an equal level. It's only by then that I can protect you, my little princess."

Little... princess?

His sweet words made Yvonne blush instantly.

Lovesick, she could not think properly as she only nodded profusely. "Don't worry. I won't tell Zac about this. No... I won't tell anyone about this so as to prevent him from knowing about it. I will fight for more time for you to become stronger."

Aside from Conrad, even her parents were no match for Zac.

Nonetheless, in this relationship, Conrad was the passive one as she was the one pressuring him. After all, the person behind her was Zac, a person who could get whatever he wanted in Castron.

She had a responsibility and the duty to help Conrad hide their relationship so that Zac would not suspect him or get rid of him secretly.

"Okay. I believe you."

Nodding, Conrad fell into momentary silence before suddenly asking, "Don't you think that this makes me look kind of useless?"

"What are you talking about?"

Yvonne smiled and shook her head. "You're doing great. You're already the hero in my heart."

The memories from the previous night resurfaced as she felt that Conrad was her knight in shining armor.

for Veronica, she felt even more admiration

can try to get along for a while. But, if anyone finds out and our relationship gets known to Zac, I'm afraid that my

"I know."

nodded repeatedly with an innocent

Knock, knock.

on the door, the waiter entered, and enjoyed their meal after the dishes up the steak thoughtfully, stabbed one of the pieces with a fork and faced "Yes?" a piece of steak opened her mouth and ate it. Oh, how juicy and delicious it might be the best beef wellington was because the dish was not like had passed while they ate and but I cannot stay with you for too long. I still have a client I You need to meet a more moved even though he had to meet a time as there are a lot of matters needing my attention." Shrugging I can get back nodded, he took the napkin off of his neck and walked to her side before touching her hair and kissing sudden intimacy made Yvonne blush like a tomato as she immersed herself in the sweetness "I'll be going now." "See you." recovered from this affectionate attack after a long time, when the man lip, she covered her face with her hands. "Oh my god, oh my god. This is so embarrassing. He actually accepted my confession. Also, did he call me first time she felt this nickname sound thought that this was the love that she her, though, Conrad exited her private room only room with exquisite makeup and an elegant while sipping on her coffee patiently until she stood upon his appearance. Chapter 289 A Trap for Veronica

The mention of Veronica made Tiffany solemn. She even tightened her grip on the cup.

"Do you know who's in the next room?"

Conrad suddenly asked.

Curious, Tiffany shook her head. "I don't."

"It's Yvonne."

"Yvonne?" Perplexed, Tiffany asked, "Isn't she... Veronica's friend?"

The man nodded. "Yup."

He then sipped from a cup of water before continuing, "That dumb broad likes me. She even confessed to me. Do you think I would pass up on a chance like this?"

"What do you mean?"

"What I mean is that she is Veronica's friend ... "

Even though he did not finish his sentence, he thought that Tiffany should have understood his intentions.

As expected, Tiffany thought about it for a moment and asked, "Do you want to use her?"

"When the time comes." He admitted to his plans.

"What about me?"

"You? You and I are on the same side. We're allies. After all, we have the same enemy, Matthew." He smiled slyly.

Looking down, Tiffany drank her coffee while considering Conrad's words. Nevertheless, she chose to believe him in the end.

After all, everyone in Bloomstead knew about Conrad's past, which was also his weakness.

This was why Conrad had been staying abroad for so many years.

Now that he was back, he harbored grand ambitions.

the seventh oldest in the Kings Family, he could only watch as his rightful

excluding him, anyone would be

Tiffany raised her cup. "Let's toast to the destruction of

"Cheers."

toast signified their

a moment while I

held onto a bit of suspicion, used the excuse of going to the toilet to lightly open the next door. As expected, she saw Yvonne sitting

moment, all her

strong ally like Conrad is my

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mad. Even though

not know

for the entire day, she only wanted to go back to

same busy workload until one day, she needed to go to

had said that tonight was the annual get together

Elizabeth, she needed to acquaint herself with

with her before they went, so

around strangers if she had a

have dialed is unavailable. Please leave

replied was a

at her phone, Veronica then called again, only for it to

made her think. Is

of it as she

lying on the bed with

Troy was accompanying him.

said, "President, there is something that I don't know if

"Say it."

crash, Matthew was already on his

elegance. But, out of fear that she didn't know how to catwalk, Ivana discussed with her how to promote the product using 'puppy love' as the highlight of their story. But, who knew that Hendrey would show up at the event and make a mess of everything. According to the medics, Miss Murphy

typing as he frowned.

with

moment, Matthew

voice message of Veronica being jealous, which was recorded

felt his mood

Cough, cough...

the outside, he could not make any sudden or large movements. Especially

you feeling alright?" Shocked, Troy immediately set his laptop on the

scolded Matthew harshly, "You should just rest quietly. What you have are internal injuries, so

"We will pay closer

them several times

this state, so he could only let Troy

Veronica could not contact Matthew, so she bought some supplements and took them to the residence. Even after

then that she knew that Matthew was abroad on

think much

at the residence until nine or so, Veronica stumbled out

about to leave

to find a servant to

Conrad, I'll

somewhat dizzy Veronica then waved toward

Chapter 290 Beware of Conrad

"You're finally awake."

A sudden voice scared her.

She then turned around to see Xavier curled up due to the cold with a pillow on him.

"Why are you here, Xavier?"

Scratching her head, Veronica clearly remembered that she had a bit too much to drink yesterday at Kings Residence and was about to ask the servants to send her back when Matthew insisted on taking her home instead. So, why is Xavier with me now?

"I called you last night only to have Conrad pick up. As he didn't know where you lived and was suddenly preoccupied, he drove my car instead, wanting me to send you back. It was only when I picked you up that I realized you had moved. So, I could only bring you to a hotel under those circumstances."

Xavier sat up from the sofa, rubbing his neck. "My neck's all sore after sleeping on the sofa."

"Are you having a stiff neck?"

Feeling somewhat apologetic, Veronica got out of bed. "Should I bring you to the hospital to check it out?"

He moved his neck around and answered. "It's fine. I can bear with it."

Since he had put it that way, Veronica did not say anything else. "I'll freshen up, and then we can go for breakfast."

"Okay." He agreed.

Going into the bathroom, Veronica stood in front of the sink and looked at herself in the mirror while sighing lightly...

I was too careless this time.

have fallen asleep in

know how I managed

been Conrad, I wouldn't even dare to

I was really careless.

She scolded herself.

done. At half past

insisted on eating in the hotel

They separated after breakfast.

the start till the end, Veronica

before going to her

Knock, knock, knock.

work until someone knocked on her door

the door was none other than

placed it happily on the office

"The little princess?"

Veronica pouted. "Ew,

sound sweet?"

nice when Conrad called

found a black forest cake, tiramisu,

"What made you so happy? Just spit it out

seems like she has something joyful to share with me if she came

you sure are

then sat down on the sofa before hugging the pillow and looking at Veronica. "I'm in a like she was experiencing the innocence of puppy love the tiramisu in her hands when she paused. "Who obvious? You can't possibly be thinking that I'm dating "Is it Conrad?" a beat as the dessert in her hand aside before she walked to Yvonne's side and sat anyone, but you're different. After all, we risked our lives together, so we're kind of the question at once.