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Chapter 621 Buying off Troy to Kill Matthew

In order to differentiate who were their comrades and enemies, as well as to guarantee the hotel staff safety, Matthew switched every staff member to his men by approving them leaves. Furthermore, the whole hotel was rented two weeks ago. No outsiders were allowed to enter.

His meticulous arrangement was out of Zac and the others' expectation. Besides, Matthew had always been vigilant; aside from his confidants, no one was allowed to come near him.

Not only did no one gain the upper hand of the fight, which lasted for more than half an hour, Matthew was also unscathed. As a result, Zac became anxious about that.

"Earning your trust by executing Matthew? It'll be my loss. Count me out," Troy refused without a second thought.

"Come again?" Zac's sunglasses covered the cold glint in his eyes.

team." Troy turned his head. His scarred face spoke

Zac laughed. "Deal."

Kings' head? This is a steal! How can I miss

gladly accepted the

of it as a

it?" When Zac looked at Troy's indifferent expression and eyes, he hesitated momentarily before fishing out his

take it, Zac suddenly withdrew his

discern the murderous glint in Troy's eyes. Zac flashed a smile and placed the check in Troy's hand before patting his shoulder.

it into his pocket and held the pistol on

driver in black had Troy's head at gunpoint! After pausing for a second, Troy swiftly reloaded the bullets.

he had made a fuss over a false alarm, the driver slowly kept his pistol. Zac's ego was affected by Troy's words as he quickly straightened his back and

Chapter 622 Antheena's Scheme

Troy successfully entered the parlor in Atlantis Hotel upon executing some of Zac's subordinates. As soon as he laid his foot in it, the horrifying gunshots jarred into his ears nonstop.

"Troy?" Xavier, who was sitting in the lounge, called his name. Troy turned to that direction, only to see Xavier crossing his legs languidly on the couch while fumbling with his gun. Meanwhile, Conrad and Antheena were next to him too. "What are you guys doing here?" Troy halted and headed to the lounge while observing them coldly. Xavier leaned against the couch and lifted his brow. "What's the rush? It won't hurt if we wait a little longer. Matthew Kings won't get away with this."

The victory was in their hands as it seemed like they had made a comprehensive plan. "Zac sent you?" Conrad inclined his body forward as his elbows rested on his knees. His right hand was pinching a cigarette and his face displayed hints of excitement.

his head." Obviously, he was referring to Matthew's head. "Oh? Not bad." Xavier chuckled and exchanged glances with Conrad. No one knew

Antheena's phone vibrated. She inclined onto the back of the couch while unlocking her phone to read the incoming message. 'Veronica went

her eyes. Seeing how he was

standing up to warm

how Matthew would be killed. His mind would be put at ease only when he saw him dead

agree." Xavier saw eye to eye on

to the second floor, but a few gunfire were released once

Bang! Bang! Bang!

splattered midair. Xavier barely

firing a few shots at the corridor. Then, he crouched down and rolled forward. Next,

Chapter 623 Unease

"Antheena? Antheena!" Xavier shouted, but nobody answered him. He took out his phone, only to realize there was no way they could get in touch with the outside world because the cell phone signal had been jammed on the second floor and above.

"Conrad, keep an eye on Troy while I look for Antheena," he said to Conrad in a loud voice before turning around to leave. At this moment, they had arrived on the fifth floor.

Seeing the mess everywhere in the hotel, the smell of gunpowder filling the air, and the wailing people lying on the ground, Xavier looked as stoic and indifferent as an emotionless robot. Coming all the way downstairs from the fifth floor, he searched everywhere for Antheena while shouting her name, but he didn't find her. In the end, he came down to the first floor and made a phone call.

Beep! Beep! Antheena's phone rang several times, but no one answered the phone. Xavier made a few more phone calls in a row, but they went unanswered. At this moment, he knitted his brows and tightened his grip on his phone as a bad feeling came over him.

off before dialing a

that Antheena must've gone to look for Veronica. Even though he wasn't certain about Veronica's location, he saw with his own eyes the direction in which the helicopter left at the time. Therefore, he had no

showed up at the scene in the hotel and met up with Conrad before anyone realized it. They kept some distance from Troy

Miguel on the sixth floor, but they were moving very slowly

quickly trotting up to

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lightning speed whereas a dozen sedans were slowly moving forward in

the living room at the villa on Primrose Hill while drinking uneasily from the glass of warm water she was holding in her hands. "Destiny, can your people make

## Chapter 624 A Storm Is Brewing

Veronica was on pins and needles. She stood up, walked to the door, and stood in the yard, ignoring the breathtaking scenery of overlapping mountain peaks that stretched as far as the eye could see at a glance.

It was fall, and the sun wasn't as scorching hot as it had been in the hot summer. A breeze kissed the side of the hill and greeted her with a slight chill while ruffling her hair. After walking a few steps toward the villa's entrance, she turned around and looked in the direction of the back of the hill while waiting endlessly. At other times, she'd only think that time flew like an arrow. At this very moment, however, every passing second was torture to her, making her feel so awful that she nearly fell apart.

Chuff... At last, following the roar of the helicopter engine, she saw the helicopter taking off slowly from the back of the hill. The spinning helicopter blades created a strong gust of wind that rustled the trees.

was flying slower than when it arrived early on. She clutched her cell phone while praying for Matthew's safety, knowing that today would be a game of life and death. When danger was inevitable, it was better to deal with it once and for all

in an attempt to comfort her when he came to her side and saw the worried look on her face. "As Young Master Matthew had said, all you have to do is protect

to gain control over the Spinfluence Group, but Matthew was the biggest obstacle to it. However, Matthew was too formidable to be overpowered using business methods, so he had no choice but to solve the

the helicopter fly into the distance until it was reduced to a black dot in the blue and white sky and finally disappeared from her sight. Pursing her red lips lightly, she mumbled, "I-I believe in him." Yes,

"It's getting windy ... "

the sky. A strong wind blew

ped a beat. "Thomas,

she finished her sentence, a flash of lightning streaked across the sky, followed by

thundershower this afternoon according to yesterday's weather

Chapter 625 Where Are You Going, Miss Murphy

As Veronica gazed into the distance, clouds of wispy fog slowly rose from the hillside, forming a landscape that looked like an incredibly picturesque fairyland. However, the rain unsettled her even further. She had never been as restless and worried as she was at this very moment.

Bang! Bang! Bang! Suddenly, there were gunshots sounding from the foot of the hill, and the sound reverberated in the mountains.

The bodyguards keeping watch outside the villa were alerted at once. In an instant, they adopted a defensive posture, and some of them even ran downhill in an attempt to check out the situation.

"Miss Murphy, somebody's coming." Destiny hurriedly pushed the bedroom door open and came in. She said, "You have to hide at the back of the hill with me right away. Mr. Crayson says there's a hidden cave at the back of the hill that's absolutely safe."

Veronica's hands clenched into fists by her sides. All of a sudden, she felt that she had spent years practicing martial arts for nothing as she couldn't put her fighting skills to use at this very moment. She looked back and said to Destiny, "Give me a gun."

"Come on, put on the raincoat first," Destiny said. It was raining cats and dogs outside, so she feared that Veronica might catch a cold, which would affect the baby in her womb.

turning down the offer, Veronica quickly took the raincoat from Destiny and put it on before taking the gun and the bullets from the latter. Then, she came downstairs and headed for the back of the

reach there by threading their way through thistles and thorns, so they had no choice but to

continuously in the valley behind them while pulling at their heartstrings. Awakened by the sound, the birds on the trees flapped their wings and flew into

the sound of gunshots had gotten closer and closer to them. It seemed that there was another bunch of people

a bullet was fired in their direction. It hit the bodyguard in front of Veronica, causing him

while

were mercenaries dressed in army camouflage who made their way through the dense forest with agile

away," Destiny said while pointing to Veronica the location of the cave at the back of the hill. After that, she ran to the north with

over there!

up to

"Hurry up!"

## Chapter 626 Antheena's Madness

"Miss Murphy, I always have a strong hatred for people who bite the hand that feeds them. I've saved your life, so I'm gonna kill you... so that we're even," said Antheena. Then, she raised her hand, aimed her Desert Eagle at Veronica, and fired at her.

At the sight of this, the bodyguard immediately stepped forward to shield Veronica with his body. "Watch out, Mrs. Kings!"

In the nick of time, Veronica shoved the bodyguard away with all her might and fell to the ground with him to dodge the bullet. However, as soon as she fell over, she saw the other bodyguard getting shot with no ability to fight back. The bodyguard collapsed, whereas the other two dodged the bullet by quickly hiding behind a big tree.

Lying prostrate in the thorny bushes, she aimed her gun at Antheena and her men and fired a few shots with quick precision, taking down two of the mercenaries.

The bodyguard who had fallen over with her quickly fought back by shooting the mercenaries. He said in a whisper, "Run, Mrs. Kings. We'll be hanging on here."

"Okay." Not daring to keep on fighting, Veronica hurriedly crawled away on her belly.

to the side in an attempt to leave the battlefield. On the other hand, the few

hurting the babies in her womb. She had been hospitalized for two weeks in order to keep the babies, so she was really afraid that she would lose the two adorable

second, she quickly passed through the dense forest. However, before she could run far, a voice spoke

It was Antheena's voice.

for the big tree on her

the tree bark flew in all directions, and a wisp of smoke emerged as

I've used you, but I didn't touch a hair on your head.

She could sense the tree trembling slightly when the bullet hit the trunk. Pressing herself closely against the

that he wouldn't forget you unless you were dead," Antheena said loudly. "You hurt

the name Xavier used

Chapter 627 You Look Beautiful in Your Wedding Dress

Antheena clenched her teeth in pain, but her left hand didn't tremble at all as it held the gun. "You probably don't know that I'm good at shooting with my left hand, do you?" She could shoot with both hands, but she definitely shot with greater accuracy when she shot with her left hand instead of her right.

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Veronica was shot in the left arm. The pain of her skin being burned caused her to stagger a step back before she barely managed to steady herself. She pointed her gun at Antheena, who aimed her gun at the former.

Bang! Bang! Without the slightest hesitation, the two fired at each other at great speed. Just then, a cry of alarm suddenly sounded in Veronica's ear. "Watch out!"

Before she could look sideways to see who it was, she was shoved hard and fell over. The instant she fell over, she saw who it was.

was none other

chest. After he was shot, there was a faint spattering of blood from his wound, and he

Antheena didn't manage to dodge the bullet across from them, either. The bullet ended up hitting her in the left

strength in her left hand. Her face pale with pain, she took a few steps back while staring unblinkingly at the man who showed up all of a sudden as her blue eyes widened in disbelief. Why is he here? How did he come

Veronica blanched in shock before she quickly got up and rushed to Xavier's side. "Are you crazy? Don't you know that the shot would

Veronica's heart, so the bullet hit him several centimeters below his heart. However, a large amount of blood instantly gushed from his wound, soaking his black shirt and dyeing

on the ground, he looked at the woman whom he longed for day and night and who kept him awake at night. When he saw the panic-stricken and worried look on her face,

what to say for a moment. She had changed her clothes and was wearing a thin

Chapter 628 Xavier Is Dying

As he spoke, his pained expression eased into a smile, but blood gushed from his lips with every word he said.

Terrified by the sight of this, Veronica nearly broke down as feelings of guilt, remorse, self-reproach, and surprise welled up within her. "Shut up and stop talking, will you?!" she chided. Then, she pried another bullet casing open without realizing that her voice was quavering and that she was already on the verge of a breakdown.

Her left arm was wounded, and more blood would flow from the wound as she clutched the bullet in her hand with all her might. However, she couldn't be bothered about that much. She simply didn't want Xavier to die, nor did she want to see him die because of her.

"No, I just..." Thanks to his injury, Xavier's handsome face betrayed a feeling of frailness that softened the sharp outlines of the scar on his face while lending him a feeling of tenderness. He raised his left hand with difficulty in an attempt to caress her face with a tender look in his eyes, but he was too severely wounded to raise his hand. In the end, his hand fell to the ground weakly before it could touch her face. He smiled, and his lips seemed even paler. "I just wanted to caress your face..." heart profoundly, causing tears to gush uncontrollably from her eyes and blur her vision. "I'm telling you to keep still! Don't you hear me?!" she

a sound of

heard the sound very clearly,

nearby, whereas Antheena was helped up

upon her gunshot wound. Seeing her blood-soaked tank top, how pained

her eyes widened as all kinds of emotions flashed across them. In the end, enduring the pain in her right arm, she tremblingly took

Xavier nodded slightly. Then, he said as if with all his might, "W-When I said the

startled at once before the conversation she once had with him on the bedroom balcony of her castle in Castron crossed her mind. When she

Chapter 629 Kill Me, and You'll No Longer Be Distressed

She looked at the buddies standing next to her as the faces of those deceased buddies flashed across her mind. Only then did she realize how stupid and ridiculous she was. "Let's go..." she said before passing out instantly as the words used up all her strength. The few mercenaries held her up and left with one of them carrying her on his back.

Their movements didn't disturb Veronica's actions, but how could she not understand the meaning behind Xavier's words with her cleverness? Her nose twinged even more. Tears kept welling up in her eyes, and her heart ached so terribly as if it was being ripped apart. Overwhelmed with guilt and self-reproach, she felt deeply indebted to him.

"Bear it for a moment. Your wound is bleeding too much." She wiped her tears away with her right hand before producing a lighter from her pocket. After darting a worried look at him, she stuffed the thin shirt she had taken off in his mouth.

Knowing that she was doing all this to stop his bleeding, Xavier was very surprised. At the same time, he nodded, but he didn't have the strength to speak. And besides, he couldn't speak with her shirt in his mouth for fear that he might bite his tongue in pain.

Not daring to hesitate, she lit up the lighter right away, producing a small flame that was

move!" Veronica held him down and prevented him from moving to avoid

wound to quickly stop the bleeding and cause the wound to scab over with gunpowder, but Xavier looked increasingly pale. Veins stood out on his forehead, and

looked as though he wished he were dead, Veronica subconsciously held him in her arms and patted him gently on the shoulder. "The pain will go away very, very soon..."

easing the pain

pull her shirt out of his mouth. Then, she put the shirt behind his back and tied them to the wound, finishing the makeshift bandage with a knot. After doing all of this, she slumped to the ground listlessly and

the dark

Chapter 630 Losing Contact With Matthew

After a long time, somebody came and rescued Veronica and Xavier. It was Thomas. When he saw Xavier, he pointed his gun at the latter in an attempt to get rid of him, but Veronica stretched out her hand and stopped him. "He's the one who saved me," she said.

Thomas knitted his brows, thinking that she was being sentimental. "Mrs. Kings, we'll bring endless trouble upon ourselves if we don't kill him right now."

"In that case, just wait until he has fully recovered and leaves. You guys may do whatever you want by then." Tilting her head to one side, she looked at Xavier—who was lying on the ground—with a frown and a complicated look on her face. "But now, no one's allowed to touch him!" she said in an authoritative tone that brooked no objections.

Thomas clenched his fists angrily. In the end, he let out a snort and signaled to the bodyguards behind him to take Xavier away with a wave of his hand.

The group safely returned to Primrose Residence. Everything inside was fine; perhaps those people didn't stop here after they broke in and failed to find the person they were looking for. Naturally, the inside of the villa wasn't damaged.

was brought to her bedroom

left arm, and the bullet has to be removed. Do

before shaking her head. "No, I don't need it." She was now pregnant. If she were to use an anesthetic, it'd do great harm to the

with it, then." Sitting down next to her, Destiny began to clean the wound and removed the bullet

teeth. However, she didn't hear any cry of pain from the latter. Her incredibly strong endurance and astonishing willpower beat her expectations, and for the very first

removing the bullet, she quickly stitched the wound before

drenched all over with sweat, and

for a while." Destiny took away the dirty and bloodstained sheet beneath Veronica. Then, she stood up, packed up

hadn't heard anything about Matthew so far, nor had she seen Crayson, Skyler, and others. This unnerved her very much, and