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Chapter 651 Nemesis

"It's me," Xavier answered. He was happy that Veronica was on high alert, but he also felt sad for her. What kind of horrors did she experience to sharpen her senses so much?

Xavier? Veronica tucked the dagger away. "I thought it was your wedding night. Why are you here?"

"Just here to see what you're doing. You did say you were too busy to attend the wedding." He stood before her, staring down at her.

The room was still dark, and the only source of light came from outside. They could vaguely see each other, but the looks on their faces were hidden.

She had no answer to his question, so she just plopped down on the couch and said, "You should leave. Antheena's gonna be worried if she finds you missing."

"She was in a great mood the whole day and had knocked herself out."

her husband, so you should stay with her no matter

"Are you lecturing me?"

reminder." She turned her attention to the

a bottle of red wine and two glasses from the wine cabinet. When he turned around and saw

took the seat across from her and placed the glass on the table. With ease, he uncorked

disappearance, her days were filled with stress

here anyway?" She leaned against the couch and rested her head on her hand, her attention fixated on

not go to turn on the lamps

comrades is true. Do you really have to go so far to reject me?" He raised his glass and took a sip,

our own families here. Staying alone in a room

worried

Chapter 652 Found Him

Guess that was the wrong thing to ask. "Let's never meet again. Antheena is sweet to you. Treasure her," Veronica said solemnly.

"That depends on what happens," Xavier replied nonchalantly and drank his wine in silence.

She eventually started feeling drowsy, and then she felt someone carrying her. Her first instinct was to defend herself, but Xavier said, "Don't move." He then took her to the bed and tucked her in. "Sleep. I have to go now."

He knew how skilled she was, but still, she was so on guard against him, even when she was almost asleep. That sight pained him greatly. Like he had been stabbed in the heart.

Veronica's eyelids weighed a ton earlier, but now they felt as light as feathers. She lay on the bed and stared at his silhouette. "Yeah. Bye." And farewell.

without even hesitating. He let out a nasal laugh and exited the room.

got into her room—nobody could stop him if he wanted to get in anyway, so she decided not to think about it. And she fell asleep soon after that. Veronica looked for Ruka after she woke up the next day, but the girl was not in her room. She called her and

and took a

sun was starting to set, but then her phone started ringing. She

"Tho—"

Young Master Matthew!" Thomas gushed the moment she picked up the call. His

eyes instantly filled with delight when she heard that news, and they started to shine. She sat up straighter, barely able to contain her joy. "You

the news. Found him in a Riversouth town. When are you coming back,

a flight scheduled

Chapter 653 Situation

Money could buy anything. The driver's eyes shone, and his scowl turned into a smile. He chuckled. "Sit tight, lady. You're gonna get there in time."

He sped up drastically before Veronica could react, and the momentum pushed her back into her seat, but she didn't mind. A smile curled her lips. Wait for me, Matt. I'm coming.

She had successfully boarded the plane ninety minutes later, but not without calling in a favor from Destiny. The driver did his job, but the pesky checkpoints slowed her down. Destiny told the staff of the air flight to wait for Veronica, and that was what they did.

The flight took off, and Veronica felt like singing. She would keep looking at the time only to realize one measly second had passed. Time has never been this slow.

later, and she hurried out of the airport. She was going to get a

handed a coat to her. "It's snowing.

she was out in the cold without a coat. She took the coat and hung it on her arm, and then she frowned.

"Positive."

us some flight tickets to Riversouth right now." Since it's really him, all I

have to take you back home so you can rest, or she's going to kill me." Thomas pouted and heaved a sigh.

a little distance from Bloomstead to Riversouth. Going by plane is the superior choice here. She checked the schedule on her phone and heaved a sigh of relief. "There's a

resignation in his eyes. "Mrs. Kings, you have to

and booked two flight tickets. It was already six in the evening when she flew back from Castron. Thanks to the difference in time zone, it was already night when she landed in Bloomstead. She had no time to rest, so all she did was catch a little break in the car. And then,

Chapter 654 Caleb's Displeasure

Veronica couldn't change in the car, not when the gentlemen were around. She didn't have any clothes to change into either, so she told Miguel to stop the car to let her get some new clothes.

Thomas tugged on his shirt as well as he spotted a man's fashion store nearby. "I'll get some new clothes too. I'll get cooked at this rate."

They hopped out of the car and went to the fashion stores.

Miguel lit a cigarette and took a few deep hits. There was frustration in his eyes, and he flicked the ash outside the window. "Will she take it well?" He wondered aloud.

Caleb was in the passenger seat. His arms were crossed, and his eyes were fixed on the road ahead of him. A frown was furrowing his brows. It was there the moment he saw Veronica. "She's a lot tougher than we give her credit for," he sighed.

"Yeah. She's a nice lady. No wonder Matt loves her." Miguel nodded.

whipped his phone out and unlocked it. A WhatsApp message? He opened

with falling snow, and in the forefront was a gloved hand holding cotton candy. There was a smiley on the heart-shaped

a text. 'Saw a cotton candy merchant when I came down, so I bought one. Can't believe it cost me seven dimes. Cotton candies sure

First, he was surprised, and then

He wondered why she was texting him. Maybe

staring at? You got that dumb smile on your face." Miguel was intrigued by that laugh. He turned around and

did he call her? Caleb shot Miguel a death

head. "Whoops, slip

Naruto. It's Abby," Caleb enunciated. There was a hint

moment, Miguel seemed to have put Matthew's case

Chapter 655 Meeting Him

Caleb's face fell. His frustration and anger were almost palpable. Right then, Veronica and Thomas hopped back into the car. Caleb looked at his phone and tucked it into his pocket without texting Abby back.

Then, Miguel drove them slowly to their destination. Veronica quickly told a retail assistant her size and got two sets of clothes the moment she went into the store. She changed into one of the sets and kept the other as backup.

The clothes she chose were a thin beige shirt and a black Chanel Style coat. The oversized shirt was enough to cover her baby bump.

The clothes were haphazardly mixed and matched, but they still managed to make her look tall and fair. She looked lithe, languid, and adorable at the same time. "Are we there yet?"

They were surrounded by beautiful courtyards of different shapes and sizes. They could see a flowing river on their side, and gorgeous plants decorated the riverside with greenery. The water's surface reflected the courtyards that stood in this town. Branches swayed as breezes brushed across them.

like a city made in a portrait, but Veronica had no time to admire the scenery.

and saw the hurried look in Veronica's eyes. She had longing

got news about him, her composure broke down, and it was replaced by the

kept making right turns until he found a parking spot at

stopped the

out of the car right away and looked around, but Matthew was

her heart thumping thunderously, and that was all she could hear. She had no doubt her heart would leap out of her chest if she was in a cartoon world. Even breathing felt hard for her, and her palms

glanced at Miguel, who had come out of the car, and then he gazed at the people coming out of the courtyard

with hope. Despite her nerves, she still

but what she saw made her come to an abrupt halt. The

Chapter 656 Can't Accept Reality

Thomas, who was standing nearby, immediately noticed what was happening and ran forward. "Young Master Matthew? Young Master Matthew, what happened to you?"

Thomas stood in front of the wheelchair and lifted the hollow, dangling sleeve. "Where's your arm? What's going on?"

"W-Who are you?" The woman who was pushing Matthew's wheelchair glared at Thomas as she came forward to push him away. He could vaguely hear what she said as she snapped, "What's wrong with you? Are you insane or something?"

Thomas stumbled after being shoved aside. He stared incredulously at the plump, average-looking woman with short hair. "Who are you? What's your relationship with Young Master Matthew? What happened to Young Master Matthew?"

The more he spoke, the more agitated he became. He even grabbed the woman by the collar and snarled at her.

“What the hell are you doing, Thomas?!”

Just then, Skyler darted over and pushed Thomas away. “Stop it!”

explained, “Sorry about that, Sadie. This is a friend of mine. We

Her tone instantly became soft and gentle as she asked, “Scotty, they’re all
stared at them

forward and asked

has been looking after

stammering, “He’s... mute... and...

“N-No. That’s impossible...”

found him, but even then, she could not accept the fact that

holding out for three months, she finally crumbled. All her hopes were dashed.

a bed of needles that were stabbing into every fiber of her being.

don’t... don’t

sigh. “I’m sorry. I should’ve

clutched her chest and her mouth. She didn’t want to try, but her tears kept streaming down

Chapter 657 Veronica’s Anguish

Then, Skyler came over to Matthew and tugged at his collar. “Here. See the scar on his collarbones? I did that by accident when we were fighting once. The wounds from three shots he took on your wedding day are still here as well!” “Caleb and I have seen them already. Veronica, you...”

Miguel sensed the anguish Veronica was feeling. His heart ached for her as he said, “I chose to tell you because I trusted that you’d be able to accept reality.”

Veronica pushed Miguel away and stumbled over to Matthew. Her eyes were red and glistening as she sniffed and choked out, “Matt, do... do you still recognize me?”

He looked up at her cluelessly. After flitting his eyes between her and that woman, Sadie, he shook his head. “What does shaking your head mean? You don’t recognize me anymore?”

Veronica’s eyes widened as her tears cascaded down her cheeks. “Have you really forgotten everything?”

At that moment, she did not know whether it was a blessing or a curse to have found Matthew again. No matter how strong she was in the face of insurmountable pressure, right now, she could not face the reality of the situation.

“Don’t despair, Roni. If something happens to you, it’ll only hurt those who care about you and bring joy to your enemies.” Skyler looked at Veronica both exasperatedly and sympathetically as well. “I won’t let those who hurt Matt get away with it. Once I get my hands on him, I’ll make his life a living hell. He’ll have a fate worse than death.”

glinted murderously as they

straightened up. “You don’t need to look at me like that, Young Master Skyler. If I ever see my brother again, I

“Bullsh*t!”

Are you sure you’re willing to hurt him? Matt saved you and your brother’s lives, brother’s the one who wronged Young Master Matthew, not me.

fury. “As I said, even if he’s my brother, if I get my hands on him, I’ll take

“That’s enough!”

her tears. “Can’t

to accept right away. She wanted some

he tried to think of something to say in comfort,

end, he

wiped her tears. She took

man in the wheelchair and stared at him. The handsome man she knew was gone, and

Chapter 658 Deepest Gratitude

Before Sasha came, she had already heard about Matthew’s condition and had prepared herself for it. That was why she could not resist mocking Veronica when she first saw her.

However, when she came close and saw Matthew’s appearance, she finally understood what Veronica was feeling earlier. “And who are you?”

Sadie, who had been standing behind Matthew, stared at Sasha doubtfully. All at once, she was overwhelmed with curiosity regarding Matthew’s true identity.

Sasha ignored Sadie. Instead, her manicured fingers reached out and felt Matthew’s empty left sleeve. Instantly, her tears began to flow. “How could this happen? Matt, aren’t you supposed to be invincible? Why did you let yourself end up like this?”

Her hoarse voice trembled as it spoke. Everyone’s hearts were heavy as they took it all in. Veronica’s feelings were complicated as well.

After a pause, she said to Sadie, “Thank you for saving my husband. I’ve been searching for him for three months now. Since he’s still alive, he should come home with me.”

Regardless of Matthew's current state, he was still her husband. She wanted to take him back to Bloomstead and get him treated there.

Sadie shook her head. "How do I know if you people are good or bad? He's lost his memory now and doesn't recognize any one of you. I won't let you guys take him away."

you 150,000," Sasha said to Sadie

You can't protect him, Veronica. You'll only
genuine. All

his looks were ruined, she didn't

like daggers that stabbed

head and gutted

at Sasha

being able to form a

of nonsense are you spewing,

after those words and

and Thomas

agree that Matthew's heavy injuries were related to

"Is it nonsense?"

turned red with anger. She glowered at Skyler and shoved him. "Drew, how can you say you're best buddies with Matt? Look at his condition right now! How can you say

whatever he wanted and lived a life of freedom. Look! Look at him now! Look at the terrible state he's in right now! Don't

Chapter 659 Insatiable Greed

"Veronica Murphy!" Sasha shrieked. Her eyes were round with fury. "I gave you a chance before! Matt said he loved you and wanted to marry you, so I came to accept that and didn't try to ruin your wedding. I did my best to give the two of you my blessing. But what about you? You caused him to end up like this! Does he have to die before you're satisfied?"

In her rage, she wagged her finger at Veronica. "You know, for the past three months, if it hadn't been for Drew and the others holding me back, I would've marched right over and made you pay for this!"

Veronica had been tormented for the past three months due to Matthew's disappearance, but Sasha was no better. She was either drowning herself in alcohol or sending people out to look for Matthew. All she wanted was to find him before Veronica did.

Unfortunately for her, her wish had not been granted. She was a step too late.

Veronica took a deep breath to compose herself. She glanced at Matthew before stating calmly to Sasha, "Let me thank you on Matt's behalf. He's a lucky man for being loved by you, but Sasha, he's the father of the two babies that I'm carrying right now. So what if he's injured? Even if he's in a coma, I would still stay by his side and take care of him his entire life." "You..."

"That's enough, Sasha!" Sasha wanted to continue lashing out, but Caleb couldn't stand it anymore. He spoke up and admonished her. "Matt was prepared for everything from the day he married her, even death."

"They're married now. Legally, they're husband and wife. Stop causing a scene," Miguel added. "Y-You guys..."

These were all her closest friends once, but they were now all standing up for Veronica. She was infuriated, but she could not refute them.

Matthew before saying softly to him, "Matt, do you want to leave with her or with me? I'll do as you say. As long as you're

between the two women reached its

was at

her mind. "Hang on. Since you're all his friends, I'll let you take him away, but you must give me 750,000 as compensation, or else, don't even

"Fine!"

"Alright."

Veronica and Sasha agreed at

was a

agreed right away. Did I ask for too

late for me to ask for

a reward for saving him. If we add in the cost of treatment and daily expenses, you'll need

fingers up

"Sure."

"Sure."

Chapter 660 Facial Reconstruction Surgery

Who knew what would happen if Sadie's demand for 1.5 million was met? She might start demanding more in the future. "Yes, Mrs. Kings."

Thomas nodded and walked over to Sadie. "Please give me your bank details. I'll get the finance department to make the transfer now."

"Huh? Oh. Great. Fantastic. I have my bank details right here on my phone."

Sadie was ecstatic at the sudden windfall of 900,000. She couldn't care less about Matthew now. After pulling up her bank details on her phone, she recited the account number out loud for Thomas.

Five minutes later, she received a text informing her that 900,000 had just been transferred to her bank account. Veronica pushed Matthew's wheelchair herself as she headed off.

Sasha didn't want to let them leave. She tried to stop Veronica, but Skyler dragged her to the side and said quietly, "It's better if Matt stays with Roni. If Adrian finds out that he's with you, both of you might get beaten up together. When that happens, who's going to save you guys?"

too relied

her shoulder. "Take a word of advice from a friend. Just carry on with your

can't believe how heartless you are, Drew. We're childhood friends, but here you are defending an outsider!" "I'm just telling it like

what kind of spell that witch put on

such ridiculous things." Skyler waved

climbed into the car which took them to a nearby tarmac with a helicopter

on the rooftop of Matthew's Saint Private Hospital. After disembarking from the helicopter, he was immediately wheeled off for a full

now and it'll be quite a while before he can fully recover. Once we get out of the hospital,

was a private villa that was completed last year.

looked like a castle straight out of a

their marital home, but in the end, Veronica did not have a chance to move in

glanced among themselves before nodding at