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## Chapter 661 An Update

"I don't want Grandma to know about Matt's current condition. I'm worried that it might aggravate her condition as well, so please help me keep it a secret."

Elizabeth's Alzheimer's was getting worse, and if she found out that Matt was heavily injured, it might be too overwhelming for her. "Don't worry. We understand." "We won't tell Old Mrs. Kings about it."

"I was planning on keeping it from her too." The three men readily agreed. They were all grownups now. It was time they learned to be more discerning when it came to sharing bad news.

"Thank you. All of you have been working so hard to try and find Matt throughout the past few months. I really... can't thank you guys enough."

A word of thanks felt meager in comparison to all that they had done, but considering the wealth and status that each of them had, there was nothing Veronica could give that would count as adequate compensation either.

In any case, it was crude to bring up money in these sorts of scenarios, and also uncalled for considering the relationship they had with Matt. Regardless, she would never forget what they had done for her and Matt.

"I've been friends with Matt for a long time now, and even though we're not related, I think of him as my brother, so you don't need to feel indebted to us." Miguel glanced at the x-ray room and said kindly, "If you run into any trouble, remember to let us know."

like you can't ask us for

to be your children's godfathers too, so we're one big family. You don't

sympathy for Matthew's predicament. Now that the couple was reunited, they hoped

his various checkups and it was time to go

gathered in the hospital director's

they watched the pile of reports

of speech, it's due to the blunt force trauma that damaged the cortical language areas of his cerebral cortex. As it has been quite some time since his injury, it's quite

the report in great

beforehand, the doctor's words still hit her like a wrecking ball that

him to ask, "Did you hear what the doctor

stared blankly for a

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Meanwhile, at Castron.

at work in his study when he

Chapter 662 Trying to Please Zac

"Hahaha... Wait. Let me send you a photo." Conrad put the call on speaker before sending Zac a photo of Matthew in his current state. He cackled and said, "Look at him now. Nothing gives me greater satisfaction." A few seconds later, Zac received the photo.

After clicking into it, he couldn't help but frown. "Tsk tsk... He looks so pitiful. I wouldn't have believed that this is Matthew Kings if it hadn't been for the other half of his face." "I know, right?"

"Leave him be for now. It might come in handy in the future." Zac stroked his jaw. "Seems like Troy Ritter is a pretty ruthless fellow. There's no telling what he might do, so make sure to keep him wellprotected. It'd be a great loss to lose such an able man."

"He didn't even manage to kill Matthew even though he was that close. Are you sure he can be trusted?"

Conrad was overwhelmingly cautious whenever it came to people that were related to Matthew. That included Troy.

"It just proves that Matthew's a hard man to kill. My men saw with their own eyes how the three shots were fired right at Matthew's heart, and yet, he still survived."

still useless now and not someone we need to be afraid of anymore. Alas, with one less rival around, it feels like things would be a little boring from

presence used to be Conrad's greatest threat. He even

able to take over Spinfluence Group with great ease. He

Veronica destroying his manhood,

"I'm trying to take over Halston Technology which is still under Matthew's name. The company is currently researching unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV), and they've reached the

and say

speaking, Zac knew that he was asking

either think of a way to acquire the company itself or acquire the entire operation that handles the core technology research. Whichever one it is, it's still going to cost a lot of

gave a broad overview of the situation

down to it, Zac was the one holding the

in funding and investments. Are you

Chapter 663 Going Into Labor

"Hahaha... Fine. I'll make some time for a trip to Bloomstead in a few days. Wait for me." Zac threw his head back with a chuckle and ended the call.

After putting the phone away, Conrad stared out the window with a dark gaze. Zac was the kind that was easily blinded by lust. Everything could be settled in bed.

Conrad was green with envy over the 45 billion that Zac got from the Spencers. Once he pocketed the whole sum, Zac would be of no use to him anymore!

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Matthew was hospitalized for treatment, and Veronica spent all her waking hours at the hospital with him, with work being the only exception. The plastic surgeon arrived in Bloomstead very quickly, and after coming up with a plan for the procedure, he began the first surgery.

It was a success, and over the following months, Matthew underwent several more facial reconstruction surgeries. Time flew by, and in the blink of an eye, it was the third of May.

Veronica, who carried on working as her belly continued to protrude further and further, suddenly felt a sharp pain in her lower abdomen. Liquid started trickling down her thighs, so she quickly said to Yvette, "T-Take me to the hospital, now."

May and she didn't think that

room was frantic. Immediately, they started checking in on her. "Are you

You're going

can't believe how dedicated to work you are. You're even holding a meeting

her to

Technology thought highly of Veronica, and their concern for her

to the driver's seat while Yvette stayed with Veronica to keep her steady. The car sped straight

they arrived at Saint Private Hospital, Veronica was taken into

Shirley all rushed over as soon as they got the news. They gathered outside

he could only sit in his wheelchair and stare at the delivery room in

expression was grim. He glanced at Thomas and asked sternly, "Veronica's labor date was right around the

Miss Murphy was worried that Conrad might take the company away, so she has been working overtime every day

Chapter 664 Twins

"I'll hold the baby. Let me take a look at my grandson." "Yeah. I'll hold the other one." Miguel and Skyler stepped forward and took the two bundled-up babies from the nurses. They brought them over to Matthew.

"Look, Matt. It's our little princess. She's adorable." "Matthew, look at this little rascal. He looks just like you when you were a baby. I recall seeing your baby photos before. You looked just like them." After listening to the two of them, Matthew looked at the babies, and his formerly heavily-disfigured face morphed into a smile.

There was a smile on Crayson's ordinarily stern face as well. He used his right index finger to stroke the little baby girl's face and chuckled. "Look at her brows. She's going to take after Veronica."

"Haha... Mr. Crayson, she hasn't even opened her eyes yet. How do you know she looks like Veronica?" Shirley teased. Everyone chuckled along with them.

Soon, Veronica was wheeled out of the delivery room. She was unconscious after expending too much energy during labor. She had bled out a lot as well.

group filed into the hospital ward behind her and quickly busied themselves with the cots for the

everything that happened, the two children were like a ray of sunlight that appeared after the

of the babies started crying and the other followed suit,

and stared at the two cots beside her before flashing everyone a

over

arms and brought her over to Veronica. She giggled and

little guy. I think he's calmer than his sister." Monica brought the other baby

replied softly, "Yeah. We talked about this before. Our daughter will be Ada Kings, A-D-A, while our son will

amusement. "Roni, isn't

Ada is a simple name, but it means 'happy'. I want

life. Veronica didn't want her children to go down the

Chapter 665 The Babies' First Month

"Carry on with work. Ask the others to come in." She waved Thomas off. Soon after he left, Crayson, Matthew, and Yvette returned to the room.

Veronica said to Yvette, "Yvette, hurry up and find two confinement ladies to help with the babies. I'll ask the hospital to discharge me tomorrow. There's still a ton of work waiting for me at the office."

"That's nonsense! You just gave birth. It's fine if you put off work for a little longer." Crayson was worried about Veronica. He didn't want her to start working so soon.

Even Matthew nodded along and gestured for her to rest instead of returning to work. Veronica smiled. She knew they were concerned for her. "I'll be fine. It was a natural delivery, not a Cesarean section."

After C-sections, the mothers would need to remain in the hospital for at least two weeks, but when it came to natural deliveries, the women could be discharged after a day or two. It was even possible to get out of bed right after giving birth too.

The next day, Veronica was forced to remain in the hospital to rest. Tony and Daniella rushed into the city bringing eggs and chickens with them. They showered Veronica with concern.

surgeon worked on making the disfigured half of Matthew's face resemble what he used to look like based on the photos

whole family moved back into

personally saw to all of Veronica's meals as she stayed with her throughout

to lose baby weight right after giving birth. She weighed 103 pounds when she was discharged

she didn't breastfeed and didn't stay up all night

two babies out on a walk around the large villa compound, Crayson went into Veronica's study and closed the door behind

"Veronica, it's already ... "

return to the hidden

her eyes off the

call to Thomas. "Get in touch

"Yes, Mrs. Kings."

acknowledged her instructions without further

looked up at Crayson with a

reaction. "Halston Technology is very important to you. Why did you decide to sell it off all of a

Chapter 666 A Partnership with Zac

Three days later, Conrad purchased Halston Technology for 4.5 billion. One week later, Veronica got a bunch of people to keep watch around Pinewoods Villa to make sure that Matthew and the kids were protected. Then, she headed to Castron with Thomas and Crayson. They were planning to meet the hidden clan once they arrived.

Meanwhile, Conrad gave Zac a call. "I've already purchased Halston Technology, and Veronica and Crayson are on the way to Castron. I bet their next step will be to visit the hidden clan," Conrad uttered.

"I heard about this." Zac had a woman in his arms, and she was massaging the man's firm muscles. "We need to find a way to capture Matthew and bring him to Castron as well."

arrange for that to be

an eye over all of Matthew's companies. This would be the best time for you to snatch

He would then purchase them at a low rate. He could leave Matthew with nothing to his name in just a span of two months. Whenever this thought

and she was dressed in a gray, casual outfit. She was

an even line above her shoulders. She shot an icy glare at the woman sitting beside Zac before giving him a look. Zac immediately got what she meant. "Be a good girl and wait for me outside," he uttered while giving the girl a squeeze on her waist. The girl nodded and let herself out

couldn't help but sigh when he next looked at Tiffany. "You and Veronica look practically like the same person. I would have thought you were her if you hadn't told

to have a partnership with you if I didn't look exactly like her, right, Prince Zac?" An icy look surfaced in Tiffany's eyes at the mention of Veronica. She despised Veronica after everything

## Chapter 667 Tiffany's Plan

Tiffany really wanted Zac to be on her side, so she had no choice but to tell him everything that she knew. "There was some internal conflict going on with the hidden clan a few years ago, and the head of the hidden clan's left party, Tanya Ledger, tried to overtake the head of the clan.

She murdered the head of the clan, Nadine Elrod, while Nadine's daughter, Hayley Elrod, escaped. Later on, Hayley gave birth to Veronica. As you know, they place more importance on girls compared to boys, so after Veronica was born, they used their new skills to clone another girl.

I... am that girl. Throughout the years, Randy and I stayed in the Larson Residence just to catch the attention of the public. They used me to redirect the attention in order to protect Veronica, who was hidden the whole time."

"Initially, Veronica didn't have to appear in public before returning to the hidden clan. Unfortunately, things didn't go as planned, and Randy was diagnosed with leukemia.

good match for it, so Veronica was the one who ended up doing it. The transplant was a success. In order for Veronica to be willing to help with Randy's

Tiffany uttered. She then let out a scoff. Her grip

the clan, Tanya, found out about my existence. She tried multiple times to

building. Fortunately, Hendrey managed to plan things out and save me before taking me away from Bloomstead. It was only after that that I understood the purpose of my

here to be Veronica's replacement, and my job was to protect her while she returned to the hidden clan. However, those people later realized that Veronica was too smart and

use me as their final weapon. If something happened to Veronica, they would use me as their dummy for a lifetime. Or if they

cigarette for herself. She popped the ball that gave the cigarette its flavor, placed it below her nose, and sniffed it before putting

knew that whatever he had heard was the truth. He shrugged helplessly. "I sympathize with your situation, but I don't think I can be of much

Prince Zac." Tiffany raised her hand to brush her fringe aside before she curled her red lips into a smirk. "The hidden clan is located beyond Chapter 668 Tiffany's Hunting Her Down

Tiffany continued speaking after that. "Your benefits are way higher than your risks here. If we succeed, we'll join forces and enjoy our victory together. If we fail, then... No. I believe we wouldn't fail with the power that you have, Prince Zac."

"Hahaha..." Zac tilted his head back to laugh when he heard her words. However, she couldn't seem to understand what was going on in his mind when she looked into his eyes, which looked like endless pits of darkness.

"You're a smart woman, Miss Larson. How are you sure that I'm not going to fail?" Zac always knew about the grudge Tiffany held against Veronica, but he never knew how greedy and wild she was.

"Everyone knows how powerful the prince is. There's no need for you to be all humble. Also, perhaps you don't know this, but I saw the primary prince, Alfred, heading over to meet that person," Tiffany stated.

Alfred Francis was the primary prince of Castron, and he was the king's favorite son. Zac was just the secondary prince, and the king's love for him was merely superficial.

between Zac and Alfred for years now, and they never got along with each other. The 'person' that Tiffany was referring to was the mysterious

knitted his brows together and clenched his fist with his cigarette still

She pulled her phone out to validate the statement that she had just made. "I'm sure you're familiar with this place, Prince Zac," she uttered while showing him the

the main hall of Antheena's castle. Zac's muscles were tense as he glared at the footage with a burning hatred in his eyes. After being silent for a long while, he finally spoke. "How should I know if I can trust you as

that our success will give us what each of us wants. After all, I'll still need your help in the future, and you're not going to lose anything by helping me now." Tiffany had brought up the matter of her seeing Alfred in Antheena's castle because it indicated that he was forming a partnership

words, if Zac didn't seize the opportunity that Tiffany was offering him, he would lose to Alfred. If that happened, Alfred would naturally

for a moment before agreeing to Tiffany's

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decide on their plan to return to the hidden clan. Veronica and Thomas had gone to the

Chapter 669 Matthew's Held at Gunpoint

Castron had a relatively low population density, and there were even fewer people to be seen around them since they were on the outskirts of the city. The streets didn't even have any street lights.

Veronica got out of the car, and she had to rely on their car headlights to see that there were three cars behind them and two in front of them. More than ten men pushed their doors open and got out of the five cars.

Someone who was in the van at the back was pushed out in a wheelchair. Veronica felt her heart sinking when she saw the person. "Matt?" she uttered.

"Hey, Veronica. It's been a while." A familiar female voice sounded in the crowd, and Veronica turned over to find Tiffany walking out from the group of men. She was dressed in a tight, black suit, and she had a bob cut that seemed to sharpen her features. She looked extremely foxy and seductive.

It was then that Veronica realized how she hadn't seen Tiffany in more than a year. "Tiffany, why... Why did you kidnap Matt?" Veronica asked before sending Thomas a side glare. "What are you guys doing? Why didn't you tell me that Matt got kidnapped?" she hissed.

Master Crayson didn't allow me to. Furthermore, they all said that they were looking for Young Master Matthew

who was sitting in the wheelchair,

you mean you're fine?! You got kidnapped!"

lovebirds are making my eyes well up with tears." Tiffany walked over to Matt and held onto the handles of his wheelchair before looking down

and ugly man without an arm... He's even mute now. Ah... how heartbreaking," she uttered. "Let go of him!" Veronica wanted to protect her husband. "You

come up with a detailed plan before meeting Veronica

didn't want to meet you at first, but we're siblings, after all—I wanted you to know what was going on before you died, just so that you could find peace in your afterlife." Tiffany sounded extremely arrogant

pulled a gun out to hold it against his temple. "Kneel down,

tied down, so he was practically no different from a farm animal that could be slaughtered at

## Chapter 670 He's Finally Back

Since Matthew was mute, he couldn't say anything. He could still sign words with his hands even though they were tied, but he was just thrashing around and shaking his head frantically at this point. Tiffany felt at peace just to see how desperate and helpless he looked. She spread her lips into a smile as she saw him wailing in pain. Her laugh made her sound almost like a mad woman.

Veronica narrowed her eyes before turning to look at Thomas, who was standing beside her. They exchanged glances and communicated only with their eyes. The very next second, Veronica lifted her hand up and pointed a gun directly at Tiffany before firing.

Bang! Her attack was swift and accurate, and it hit Tiffany directly in her chest. "Ah!" Tiffany let out a loud cry. The bodyguards immediately tried to shoot Thomas and Veronica when they saw what

happened. However, Thomas and Veronica had already done a backflip to land behind the bodyguards by then.

The bodyguards had fired their guns only to realize that they had shot their colleagues who were standing on their opposite end. "Ah..."

the wrong person..." are you guys doing?!" a "Help me..." someone called. guys are supposed

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at Matthew, who was sitting in the wheelchair. She shot him once, and her

run," she cried. Then, both she and Thomas ran in opposite directions while shooting anyone who chased after them. About 20 minutes later, Veronica managed to get

was alone in the dark, and she had no idea where Thomas had gone. She could hear faint gunshots in the distance, but she was too tired to continue running, so she simply sat in silence while waiting for Thomas to deal with the rest of the people. All of a sudden, she heard a

and blinked before spreading her lips into a smile. "I was about to find

This was a voice that Veronica hadn't heard in eight months. There was a twinge of pain in her chest when she first heard his voice. The pain seemed to spread all across her body, and it made a lump grow in