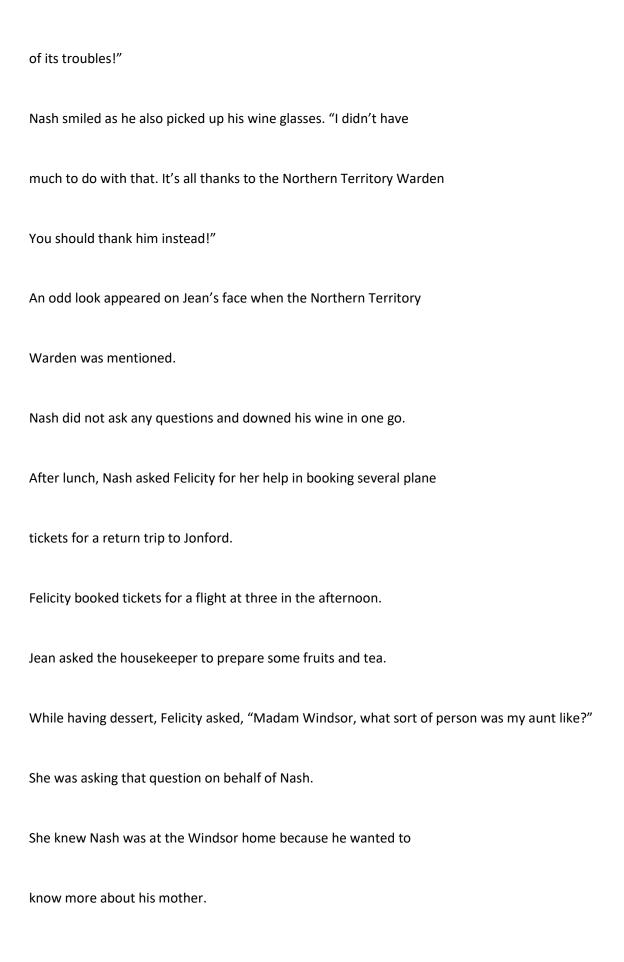
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| At the grand luncheon, Felicity put her phone down and gave Jean a curious look. "The most influential |
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| individuals in both the business and political spheres are at my house, Madam Windsor. Don't you think |
| it's a little inappropriate for you to be here?" |
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| it's a little inappropriate for you to be here?" |
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| The elegant-looking woman seated at the head of the table smiled demurely. "I've never been to Snyder Estate ever since your aunt |
| passed!" |
| Felicity glanced at Nash before she then asked, "Madam Windsor, can |
| I ask you a question?" |
| "Yes, go ahead!" |
| "You" |
| Felicity thought the question was slightly awkward and did not know |
| how to begin her sentence. |
| "Go ahead and ask what's on your mind. I don't bite!" |
| Jean put her cutlery down gently. |
| Felicity drew in a deep breath and summoned her courage to ask, " |

| Rumor has it that you were once a nun. Is that true?" |
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| Jean gave Felicity a startled look. "Who said that?" |
| "So, does that mean this isn't true?" |
| "It's not true!" |
| "Then, why aren't you married?" |
| "Can I refuse to answer this question?" |
| Jean had a rueful look on her face. However, she did not seem |
| offended. |
| Felicity shook her head and said, "No, you must answer it!" |
| Jean's eyebrows began knitting themselves together slowly. |
| Then, Nash spoke up, "Don't interrogate her, Felicity. We've all got |
| secrets we'd like to keep to ourselves." |
| Felicity stuck her tongue out. "Fine, I'll stop asking questions!" |
| Jean picked up her wine glass and changed the subject. "Mr. Calcraft, I'd like to thank you on behalf of the Windsor family for ridding Sagen |



Jean perched on the couch elegantly, a look of reminisce appearing in her eyes as she said, "She was a kind, gentle, and sensible lady. I used to describe her as a ray of sunlight because she would bring warmth to every place she went!" Felicity sighed. "I can imagine just how popular she must have been back in the day!" Jean chuckled. "The number of love letters I was asked to pass to her was enough to fill several large bags. The rich and handsome heirs of the business and political spheres were interested in her. "The current governor of Sagen actually spent two years trying to woo her, while the current patriarch of Capiton's Zuniga family actually ran away from home for her!" Eric could not help clicking his tongue after hearing what Jean said. Do you have any pictures of her? I'm curious what she looks like!" After a moment's silence, Jean retrieved a wallet from her LV handbag and took a colored photograph out of it. She handed the picture to Eric. There were two gorgeous-looking women in the photograph.

on her head. Her hair was braided into two braids that hung down her chest, and she had a gentle smile on her face.

Her smile was one of the most beautiful things one could ever lay

One was in a white dress and had a cream-colored round hat perched

| their eyes on. |
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| The other person was wearing a long green dress, and her hair was also braided into two braids. She was using her fingers to poke her cheeks and had crossed her eyes to make a funny face. She seemed |
| adorable. |
| Eric handed the photo to Nash and said appreciatively, "Indeed, she's beautiful. There's an air of elegance about her!" |
| Nash took the photo and could not help grinning when he saw his mother in her youth. "No wonder she gave birth to a son as good- |
| looking as I am" |
| "Don't get all cocky You're not even half as good-looking as Jaxon |
| is!" |
| Felicity grabbed the photo from Nash's hands and was stunned by |
| her beauty. "She's gorgeous As expected of the Snyder family's |
| wonderful genes!" |
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| Melody turned her head slightly to look at the photo, and she suddenly felt a little ashamed of herself. |
| The woman in the photo had an ethereal air about her. |

| All of a sudden, she found herself at a loss for words as to how to |
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| describe Ruby. |
| If she really had to describe her, it would be that she seemed |
| unsullied and angelic. |
| Felicity returned the photo to Jean. "Who's the lady making faces in the photo, Madam Windsor? She looks so dumb!" |
| Jean said awkwardly, "That's me!" |
| Felicity was stunned. "No way, she looks completely different from you. You seem so regal and elegant, while the lady seems to be more of the bubbly and cute kind!" |
| Jean stared at her younger self in the photo and said dolefully," |
| People change!" |
| Felicity guessed that Jean's personality must have undergone such a massive change because of how hard Ruby's death had hit her. |
| Jean took another photo from her wallet and handed it to Nash." You're my best friend's son, and you also rid Sagen of Dominic. Giving you money seems rather debased, so I thought I could gift you this photo instead. I hope you'll like it!" |
| Tears brimmed in Nash's eyes after he took the photo and looked at |

| It was a photo of Ruby, whose hands were placed gently on her |
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| swollen belly. Her eyes were full of love and adoration as if the child she was carrying were her entire world. |
| "Thank you This is the most valuable gift I've ever received in my |
| life!" |
| Nash's eyes turned moist. |
| For as long as he could remember, he had been practicing cultivation on Tili Mountain alongside his master. He had never experienced any |
| sort of parental love. |
| The photo he held was filled with maternal love for him. |
| "Back when I took this photo of Ruby, she held my hand and told me," |
| Jeanie, be my baby's godmother after he's born. You need to love my baby too!"" |
| Tears appeared in Jean's eyes when she recalled the time she a |
| Ruby had climbed Divinity Mountain together. It was the last time s |
| had ever seen Ruby. |
| Nash got up and knelt before Jean. "Please take me in as your godson, respected godmother!" |





Nash listened quietly and laughed with her from time to time.

When she finished talking about their days in university, Jean abruptly

asked, "Do you know how your mom and dad met?"

"Yes, my dad told me the story before!" Nash said as he nodded.

"It was Valentine's Day, and your mother and I were selling roses. We

made a bet that whoever made fewer sales would have to treat the

other to dinner. I set up shop at Divinity Mountain and sold everything

in less than half an hour.

"Meanwhile, your mother headed to Sagen's town square and only

returned late at night... For the next few days, she kept heading out by

herself and even asked me to loan her some money several time

"The Windsor family was already one of the Elite Families then, wh

the Snyder family had just risen up the ranks to become a Second

Tier Elite Family.

| "They were expanding their businesses, and there wasn't much free- flowing cash in their family. Hence, your mother did not have much money on her despite being an heiress. |
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| "I did ask her why she needed so much money, but she didn't tell me |
| anything. It took me following her and finding out she was cozying up |
| with a man to realize she was in a relationship! |
| "To be frank, your father was quite a bastard then. He was in a total slump after getting scammed of all his money, and your mother was the one keeping him alive. In other words, he was a kept man!" |
| A disgruntled expression appeared on Jean's face. |
| Nash laughed. "I didn't know that!' |
| Jean grinned victoriously. "I hired some people to beat him up after that, and he went to get himself a proper job!" |
| An odd look appeared in her eyes after that. |
| The corners of Nash's lips curled upward slightly. "What happened |
| after that?" |
| After a moment's silence, Jean shook her head and said, "Your father loved your mother greatly, and he would always spend his monthly |
| salary on her!" |

Nash continued asking, "Then, when did you appear in their lives?" A startled look appeared on Jean's face upon hearing that. "What your father tell you?" "He didn't say anything, but I can tell there was something going o between you two as well! "Haven't you spent all these years unmarried because you're waiting for him?" Nash had a half-smile on his face as he gazed at Jean. "Don't get any ideas, Nash. Nothing happened between your father and I!" Jean said gently with a firm look in her eyes. "I'm not getting any ideas. I just want to listen to your stories!" Nash spoke nonchalantly. Jean lowered her head and remained silent for a long time. "You know, I can still guess parts of the story even if you don't share anything. You had feelings for my father, but you kept those feelings

to yourself because of my mother! "The reason you've become such an elegant and refined lady is because you're trying to become more like my mother. You're trying to turn into a woman who's my father's type!" Nash lit a cigarette and drew a long drag from it before checking the time. It was already two o'clock, and it would take an hour to get to Jonford. "Let's turn back. It's almost time to head to the airport!" The two turned and walked back to where they had come from. Finally, Jean said, "Back then, your father often returned home late night and drunk because he was trying to close business deals. I couldn't stand watching your mother suffer, so I often hired men beat him up... "However, no matter how much we beat him up, your father never seemed to change. That really riled me up. One time, I accidentally hit him too hard and broke his legs...

| Jean gave Nash an awkward look after saying that. |
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| An odd smile appeared on Nash's face. |
| He had never imagined something this interesting to have happened |
| to his father |
| "I took him to the hospital, warned him not to breathe a word about this to your mother, and hired one of the best doctors available to treat his legs. Your mother found out the very next day, and she nearly |
| severed ties with me over this. |
| "I wanted your mother to forgive me so badly that I used my |
| allowance to fund their lifestyles! |
| "We went to a lot of cities together during that time. I enjoyed living such a carefree life, and I slowly developed feelings for your father. Back then, I thought I just viewed your father as a good friend, just like the way I thought of your mother as my best friend! |
| "I returned home after I ran out of money, but I just could not feel any |
| happiness. My brother came to have a heart-to-heart talk with me, and I told him everything. |
| "My brother had a feeling I liked your father, and I had a huge argument with him over that. Both your parents were equally important to me, and I didn't think those feelings were at all |
| romantic!" |

| "Do you still think that way?" Nash asked solemnly. |
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| "I've always thought that way!" Jean said decisively. |
| "You're lying to yourself!" Nash said as he chuckled soundlessly. |
| "I'll get someone to drive you guys to the airport!" A wave of |
| complicated feelings washed over Jean as she took her phone out |
| and called her chauffeur. |
| Then, a luxurious-looking Cullinan pulled to a stop on the road. |
| The chauffeur got out of the car and opened the door for a wide-set middle-aged man who looked like he had been drinking. A slight flush appeared on his face as he said, "Jeanie, who's this?" |
| "Hayden This is my godson, Nash Calcraft!" Jean smiled as she |
| introduced them. |
| "Oh? When did you get yourself a godson?" |
| The middle-aged man stared at Nash like he was a ghost. Th |
| eves widened abruptly. "N-Nash Calcraft?" |

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He had just returned from Snyder Estate. Everyone in the Snyder family, no matter whether they were active in the business or politic sphere, had been talking about Nash Calcraft. He was the man who had destroyed the Green Bamboo Association alongside the Northern Territory Warden. Wait, no! That Nash had already returned to Jonford. These guys probably just shared the same first and last names. The middle-aged man comforted himself with that excuse and smiled as he extended a hand. "Nice to meet you... My name is Hayden Windsor. I'm your godmother's older brother!" "Greetings, Mr. Hayden!" Nash smiled as he shook Hayden's hand. Then, Felicity walked out with the others. Hayden's eyes widened again as he looked at Nash and said, "Y- You're the person who destroyed the Green Bamboo Association alongside the Northern Territory Warden!" "I didn't do much. All the credit should go to the Northern Territory, Warden!" Nash said as he chuckled awkwardly, giving all the credit to

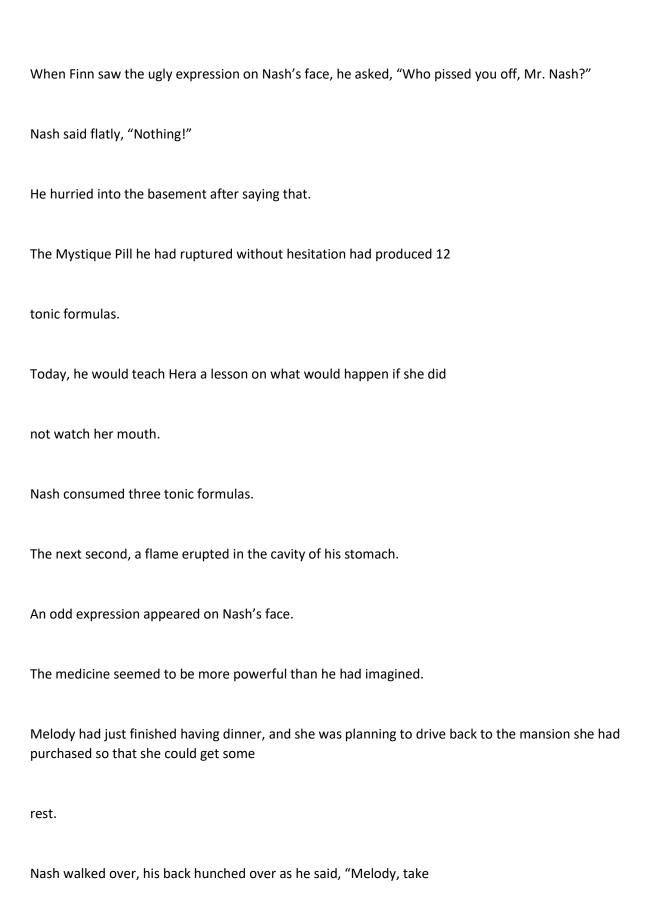






| "Thank you, Grandpa. There's something else I would like to ask for your help with too!" |
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| "Silly boy. Why are you being so polite to me?" Santiago said, pretending to sound offended. |
| "Jean Windsor of the Windsor family is my godmother. Please help |
| her family out whenever you can!" Nash said as he grinned. |
| "No wonder you arrived at Jonford so late. Were you at the Windsor household?" Santiago asked as he chuckled bitterly. |
| "The Windsor and Snyder families have been friends for decades. They helped us out plenty back in the day, but we haven't been in contact as often ever since Ruby's accident. Even if you didn't say anything, I wouldn't sit back and do nothing if the Windsors were in |
| trouble!" |
| "Thank you, Grandpa!" |
| "Still trying to be polite to me?" |
| "Hehe No, of course not I'm going to pick my wife up from work |
| now. I'll call again when I have time!" |
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| Nash called Hera after he hung up the phone. |





| me to Baroque Group!" |
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| Melody gave Nash an astonished look, and her eyebrows furr together as she asked, "What's the matter with you?" |
| "M-My stomach hurts" |
| Sweat covered Nash's head as he pressed his hands to his stomach |
| He was a miracle doctor who could cure even cancer, but he was |
| having a stomach ache? |
| Melody did not know what was going on with Nash, but she still opened her car door nonetheless. |
| As Nash got into the car, Melody looked at him through the rearview mirror and said with concern, "Perhaps you should drop by the |
| hospital!" |
| "I-It's alright" |
| Nash's mouth felt dry as he inserted a golden needle into his waist. |
| However, not even the golden needle could keep the effects of the |
| tonic formula under control. |

| Oh no! |
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| Nash lowered his head and gazed at the flaming tent underneath his |
| trousers. He was beginning to worry if Hera's weak body would be |
| able to withstand his flame. |
| Melody guided the car as it sped down the road. |
| The flaming energy emanating from Nash's body filled the car. |
| The temperature in the car gradually increased. |
| Melody could tell that burning energy came from Nash's body |
| she opened the window while asking curiously, "Nash, w-what's g |
| on with you?" |
| Melody's hair whipped around in the wind. |
| The faint scent of her perfume and shampoo only intensified Nash's |
| suffering. |
| A faint scent of pheromones wafted through the air. |

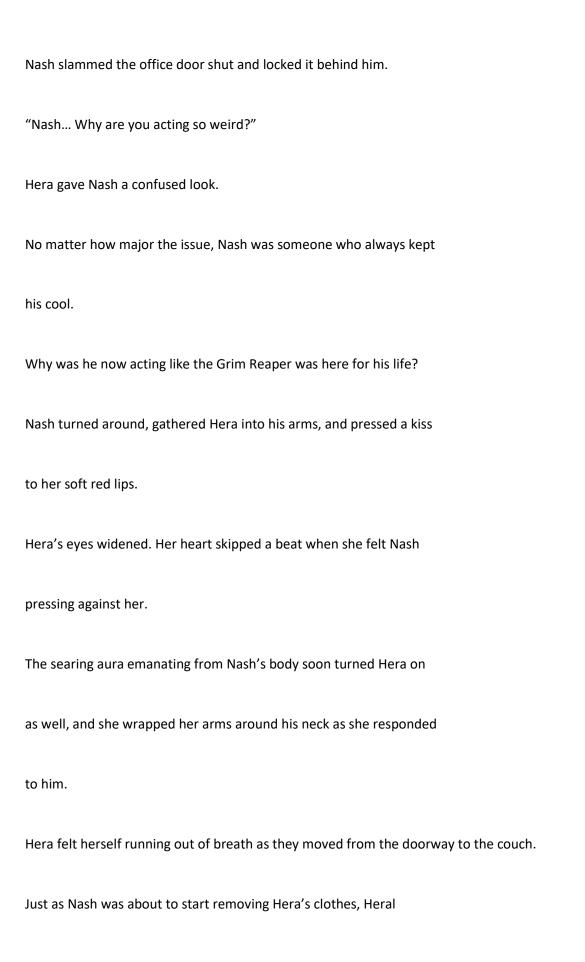
"Don't say anything!"

| Nash spoke in a hoarse voice. |
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| The more he heard a woman's voice, the more intense the medicine's |
| effects became. |
| Melody sniffed the odd scent wafting through the air. |
| A slight blush appeared on her face, and she felt herself turning slightly dazed. |
| Half an hour later, the car pulled to a stop in front of Baroque Group's |
| branch office. |
| Nash got out of the car, and with his back still hunched, he raced |
| toward the lounge. |
| Melody used both hands to cradle her burning face as she mumbled, How odd Why am I blushing for no reason?" |
| Inside the CEO's office of Baroque Group's branch office, Hera was speaking to one of her overseas clients. |
| "It's getting late, and there's some other work I need to deal w Charlie. If your company is interested in working with us, we ca |
| continue this conversation elsewhere!" |



| multinational companies in the world, she would already have summoned security and gotten Charlie escorted from the buildi |
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| Charlie said gloomily, "It's my birthday today, Ms. Lewis. I hope you |
| can do me this as a favor!" |
| Just then, someone thumped on the door. |
| Hera was about to get to her feet when Charlie walked over to the |
| door and opened it. |
| The door opened to reveal a sweaty man who was standing hunched |
| over and panting for breath. Charlie waved a hand before his nose and said in disgust, "Oh my god, who are you?!" |
| Nash poked his head into the office and called out, "Hera!" |
| Hera was stunned, and she hurriedly walked over in her heels. "Honey, |
| what are you doing here?" |
| Honey? |
| Charlie stared at the man in front of him in shock. |





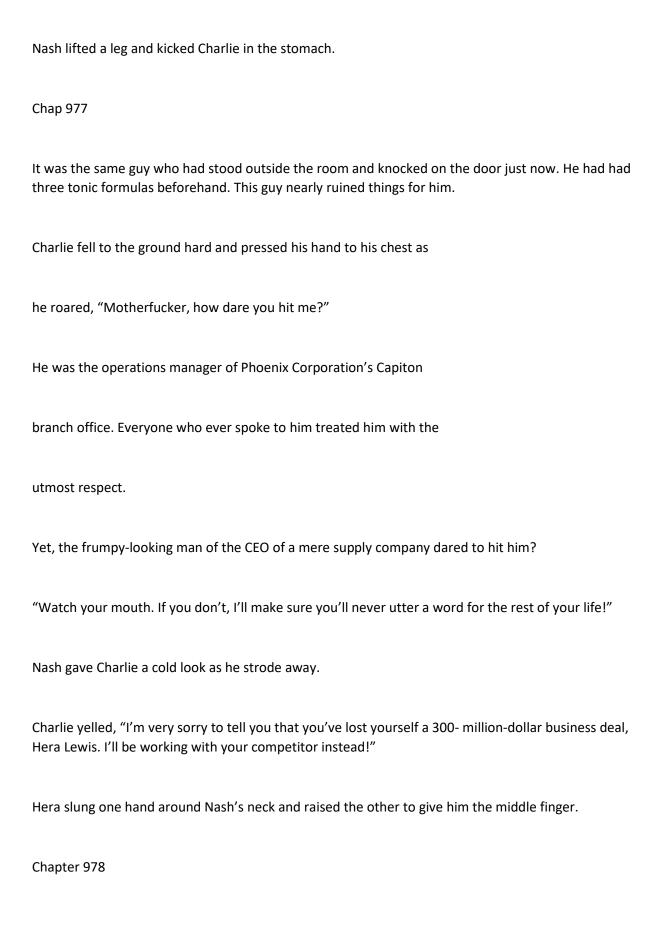
| a small exhale and said shyly, "Let's go to my private room. The security cameras out here!" |
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| Nash grabbed the ashtray on the table and chucked it at the securi |
| camera, which could capture footage from all angles. |
| Then, he buried his head into Hera's soft neck once again and |
| satiated himself. |
| Outside the office, Charlie heard Hera's suppressed moans coming |
| from the room. |
| A gloomy look immediately appeared on his face. |
| He could not imagine that angelic-looking woman doing something |
| so scandalous in her office. |
| Charlie took his phone out and dialed Hera's number. |
| His call was immediately declined. |
| He continued calling her. |
| It declined again. |

| The third time he called her, her phone was switched off. |
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| Charlie was at the end of his patience and walked over to knock on |
| the office's door. |
| Hera bit down on her lip and said, "Honey, let's go into my room!" |
| Nash picked Hera up and walked into the room. |
| Then, he used his foot to slam the door shut. |
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| The room's soundproofing had been done quite well. Sounds from the outside could no longer be heard and there was also a large bed |
| in the room. |
| When Charlie could not hear any more sounds coming from the |
| office, the corner of his lips curled upward into a gleeful grin. |
| However, Nash and Hera still did not exit the office even after he spent another two hours waiting. |
| Finally, at 11:00 pm, Nash finally calmed down the fire burning within him. |
| Hera sat with her back to Nash and sniffled. |

| Nash hugged Hera's warm and supple body from the back and asked in mock curiosity, "Honey, what's wrong?" |
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| Hera's shoulders shuddered as she said in an aggrieved tone, "Bastard I already told you not to go so hard, but you still went so hard!" |
| Nash grinned. "Are you still going to tease me? I can go even harder than I just did!" |
| Hera shuddered. "Are you a monster?" |
| The corner of Nash's lips curled upward as he leaned his body forward slightly. |
| It was midnight when they wrapped things up again. |
| After taking a quick breather, the two began getting dressed. |
| Hera sat on the edge of the bed. Her cheeks were red, and it made her seem even more striking and lovely. |
| The disgruntled look on her face made Nash feel even more tempted. |
| "It's getting late. We should head home!" Nash said as he chuckled. |
| "Do you think I can still walk?" Hera said as she rolled her eyes at |
| Nash. |
| "I'll carry you on my back!" |
| "That's more like it!" |



| When he saw Nash carrying Hera on his back, the manager said in astonishment, "Mr. Calcraft, Ms. Lewis, you guys haven't gone off |
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| work yet?" |
| Nash smiled slightly. "Ms. Lewis was working up until just now. She |
| nearly passed out!" |
| The manager asked in a concerned voice, "Are you alright, Ms. Lewis?" |
| Hera did not dare look up and used her slender hand to pinch Nash |
| hard. |
| The corner of Nash's lips curled upward. "She's alright. I'm taking her/ |
| home to get some rest!" |
| He hurried out after finishing his sentence. |
| Sounds of the manager sighing in astonishment behind them could be heard. "Even the president of Baroque Group is so hardworking. No wonder the company has achieved excellent success!" |
| As they exited the building, Charlie opened the door of one of the Bentleys parked in the parking lot. He hurried over to ask in a concerned voice, "What's the matter with Ms. Lewis?" |
| "Fuck off!" |



| When Nash saw Hera's middle finger, he laughed and asked, "Where |
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| did you learn that from?" |
| "Is this even something that needs to be learned? Isn't it an |
| international hand gesture?" |
| Hera replied breathlessly. |
| Nash sighed. "Will you be mad since I caused you to lose a 300- million-dollar business deal?" |
| Hera wrapped her arms around Nash's neck and said, "No, of course not. I actually despise him. I already told him I had a husband, but he still kept badgering me and inviting me for dinner. I was already getting ready to throw hands!" |
| Nash smiled a satisfied smile. "Next time, just throw hands if anyone. |
| ever rubs you the wrong way. Don't forget you've got a powerful |
| husband supporting you from behind the scenes!" |
| Given his current relationship with three of the Five Elite Families in Jonford, nearly all of the chips needed in Jonford could be given to Baroque Group for production. |
| Meanwhile, his grandfather had already spoken to the other families in Sagen. They had agreed to have Baroque Group handle all the orders in Sagen. |
| Not to mention, there was Universal Group too. |

Baroque Group would need to expand its business to be at least ten times bigger than it currently was to handle all these orders. Hera wriggled about on Nash's back. "It's so wonderful to have such an amazing husband!" "In which aspect am I amazing?" "In all aspects imaginable!" Hera closed her eyes bashfully. There was a joyful smile on her face as she said, "Do you think God sent me such a wonderful husband because I saved the universe in another life..." Nash said in a low voice, "I owed you too much in that life, which is why God arranged for us to meet in this life!" They walked out past the gates as they spoke. Nash paused. "Should I have gone to the parking lot instead?" Hera whined, "No. You made me cry just now, so your punishment is to carry me home!" Nash sighed. "Thank goodness I had three tonic formulas just now. Otherwise, carrying you home on my back would've been difficult!"

| "Gosh, no wonder you suddenly became so strong all of a sudden. Turns out it's because you took medicine! |
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| "Gosh, you're still young, but you're already relying on medicine to |
| keep our sex life active? Are you sure you can do it?" |
| Upon realizing there was an opportunity for her to tease Nash mercilessly, Hera began laughing heartily. |
| Nash had a gloomy look on his face as he said, "I crafted 12 of those |
| tonic formulas, and I only had three of them just now!" |
| Hera immediately wiped the smile off her face and said cutely, " Alright, I'm sorry, my dearest husband!" |
| The road was quiet. |
| The street lamps were glowing. |
| The shadow of Nash carrying Hera on his back slowly elongated. |
| While they journeyed, he told Hera the story about Wolf and Rue. |
| Then, he added another character, Jean, into the story. |
| Tears brimmed in Hera's eyes as she listened to the story, and she wrapped her arms around Nash's neck. "Honey, let's never get |

separated, alright?" Nash tightened his hold on Hera as well. "Of course. I'm waiting for the day we're so old that I can wash your dentures for you!" "We're straying from the topic. What I want to ask you is, what do you think Jean is thinking of now?" After all, Nash was a man and did not understand the intricacies of how women thought. Hence, he wanted to ask Hera for her advice. "Hm... I think Jean is unable to forget the fact that one of them is her best friend. Wolf and Rue are a match made in heaven, and Rue is best friends with Jean. She will always be a third wheel in their relationship. "If she claims Wolf as her own, how is she supposed to explain things to her deceased best friend?" Hera murmured as she lay on Nash's back. "It's like she has a grave in her heart for someone she still thinks is alive. Jean likes Wolf, but she can't get over the mental block she's set up for herself. Thus, she has decided to keep those feelings. buried forever and remain single until the end of her life!" Nash fell silent as he listened to Hera speak. His footsteps slowed, and he felt a wave of confusion wash over him.

As the son of the story's main characters, he was impressed by his father's ever-lasting loyalty to his mother. However, he also wished his father could spend the rest of his life with his godmother.

He did not know if thinking that way was being disrespectful to his mother.

Hera leaned forward and gazed at Nash's face as she asked softly, This Wolf guy you're talking about is your father, isn't it?" Nash had a startled expression on his face. "How did you know? Did Melody tell you?" Chapter 979 Hera shook her head and laughed. "I know that your father's na Wolfgang Young, and a story that's got you this invested is defi tied to you in some way!" Nash hastened his footsteps as he told Hera about his relationship with the Northern Territory Warden and the Snyder family. Hera was absolutely stunned after listening to Nash's story. "Your sworn brother is your birth father... T-That's ridiculous!" A rueful expression appeared on Nash's face. "I find it outrageous too. But I guess that's just how fate works!"

Hera heaved a soft sigh. "You're becoming more and more highly. ranked in society with every passing day. It's coming to a point where I don't think I'm deserving of you. I'm sure you'll be surrounded by gorgeous women in the future, and our love will change then!"

Tears brimmed in Hera's eyes as she spoke.

"What are you talking about, silly goose? You'll always be my wife,

and our love for each other will never change!" Nash said as he



| Royal Bay. |
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| Maria let the two into the mansion and prepared some fruits and tea for them to enjoy. |
| Skadi frowned and asked, "Maria, what's the matter with Hera? She hasn't been answering her phone!" |
| Maria smiled as she answered, "Mr. Calcraft returned home last night!" |
| Maria pursed her lips. "I see. They must have gone to bed late last night. You should prepare some chicken noodle soup for them so that they can gain more nourishment!" |
| Hera had once mentioned she struggled slightly to keep up with |
| Nash's urges. |
| She felt like she was about to pass away every time but did not dare dash Nash's excitement. |
| Martial artists had much better stamina than most people did, and Nash was in the Mystique Loyalty Realm. He had amazing control over his stamina. |
| It would be more concerning if Hera, an ordinary citizen, could |
| withstand him. |
| "I've already bought the ingredients. Why don't you make yourselves comfortable while I get the next meal started?" |
| Maria smiled as she walked into the kitchen. |
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| Yoyo's hair was pulled back into a high bun, and she had on a pair of brown-colored overalls paired with a teddy bear backpack. She sat on |
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| the couch and swung her short little legs about as she said gloomily," |
| Miss Skadi, why hasn't Master Cillian visited me?" |
| It had been a long time since she last saw him, and Skadi was not |
| taking her to the Quiet Winds Church either. It made her feel like she no longer had a home. |
| Skadi held Yoyo's tiny hand in hers and smiled as she said, "Master Cillian has gone into seclusion. He'll come visit you once he becomes even more powerful!" |
| Yoyo smiled upon hearing that. |
| Just then, Nash and Hera walked out of their bedroom. |
| Hera was wearing a pair of pajamas with bunny ears attached to |
| them, while Nash was wearing a pair of ordinary-looking athletic |
| shorts. |
| "Skade, you're here! My phone rang out of battery last night, so I couldn't answer your calls. I'm so sorry!" |
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| Hera walked down the stairs with a hint of blush on her face. |

| Skadi rolled her eyes at Hera exasperatedly. "Won't your conscience hurt from lying to me this way? You have no idea how worried I was!" |
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| Hera sat down next to Skadi and grabbed her hand so that she could shake it. "Gosh, I'm sorry. I won't turn my phone off without warning |
| in the future!" |
| Skadi laughed. "I think you should switch it off so I don't call at the wrong time and ruin your guys' fun!" |
| A blush appeared on Hera's face. "What are you talking about? I don't |
| get it!" |
| Skadi spluttered with laughter. "Go on pretending. The redness hasn't even vanished from your face yet!" |
| Nash, who was sitting on the couch opposite theirs, smiled as he interjected, "There's a kid here. Watch yourselves when you're talking!" |
| Skadi glanced at Yoyo before she finally stopped teasing. |
| The sound of a car horn could be heard coming from the outside. |
| Finn drove a cool-looking Mercedes G-Class into a parking spot. |
| The loud sounds of an engine revving rang out. |
| Then, the sounds of someone slamming on their brakes could be heard. |

| A Porsche 911 drifted its way into the parking spot Finn had been |
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| eyeing. |
| Finn hurriedly slammed on his brakes and poked his head out of window to yell, "What the hell are you doing, Melody Stone?" |
| Melody got out of the Porsche. |
| She had on a pair of thigh-high boots, jeans, and a long khaki-colored |
| trench coat. |
| The features on her lightly powdered face were arranged into a frosty |
| expression. |
| She merely glanced at Finn before walking toward the mansion's |
| main entrance. |
| "No wonder you can't get married. Who would dare marry a woman like you?" Finn muttered to himself as he parked his car in another parking spot. |
| Sydney and Queenie arrived at about 11:00 am. |
| Maria had prepared plenty of scrumptious-looking dishes. |

At the table, Nash placed a piece of bacon on his plate and removed the fatty bits from it before feeding the lean part to Hera. Hera blushed furiously as she ate the meat. There was a bashful but happy look evident in her eyes. "Good god, can you two be more mindful of the single people at the table with you? With all this PDA, we don't even need to eat any food anymore!" Chiog Skadi rolled her eyes at them. However, if she were being honest, she was extremely happy to see how Nash spoiled Hera. Back when she first learned he was the Smiling Grim Reaper, she been worried he would have an extremely violent temper. In fact, she had even tried convincing Hera to break up with him. Now, it seemed that her worries had been for nothing. Hera blushed even more intensely when she realized everyone at the table was staring at her. Nash filled a small bowl with cream soup and handed it to Hera before he looked at Skadi. "It shouldn't

be hard for someone like you to find a boyfriend. Just don't set your standards too high, alright?"

Other than her fiery temperament, Skadi was actually a wonderful woman in all aspects.

Rich heirs from elite families would get in line to try to woo her. Skadi wrinkled her nose and said, "How are my standards considered too high? It's not like I need my man to have a house, a car, and plenty of savings!" A sad look appeared in her eyes after she finished her sentence. "I just want a man who likes me. Yet, the man I like doesn't seem to like mel" It was then that Nash recalled Skadi seemed to be interested in Cillian. Cillian had absolutely no material urges, and it would probably be extremely difficult for them to become an item. Yoyo looked up at Skadi and asked in her cute voice, "What sort of men do you like, Miss Skadi?" Skadi grinned. "I like men like Master Cillian!" Yoyo pursed her lips. "Master Cillian is an old man. He's no match for you, Miss Skadi!" Skadi could not hold her laughter upon hearing those words. "Yes, yes, that's right. He's no match for me!"

He had wanted to advise Skadi not to waste her youth on a man like Cillian but decided not to say anything after giving it some thought.

Nash averted his gaze from Skadi's face, and he did not say anything else.

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Cillian was also a man, after all. Who knew? Skadi might find her way into his heart one day.

He was reminded of his cousin, Felicity.