

Chapter 1081

“Come, I’ll walk you to the garden to get some sun,” offered Yvonne as she reached out to support Charmine.

That brought the latter out of her daze as she was supported into the lift on the third floor. Both ladies went to the ground floor together.

The backyard of the villa was a vast garden full of red roses.

Charmine had yet to take care of the garden ever since her return to Burlington, thus Kay and his men assisted her to upkeep the garden regularly.

Even though it was mid-winter, the large red roses were still incredibly stunning and eye-catching.

Yvonne supported Charmine toward the rose garden, and they sat on the stone stools. Noticing this, Guy instantly pulled over a fur carpet and placed it on the stone stool.

Yvonne turned to Guy with emotions unreadable in her gaze as she curiously questioned, “Mr. Granger, why did you treat Charmine so well? Why don’t you treat me just as kindly?” 1

Guy’s face flushed red.

Everyone who knew him knew he was a helplessly clueless man. In the past, he would never know what to say to girls when he met them.

He never understood why some men could be so gentle toward girls.

However, after meeting Charmine, he realized however clueless a man he was, he could still be gentle when he met the one. He would want to give her all of the best things in the world. He would be worried about her, cherish her and fret over her...

Unfortunately, this woman was someone else’s wife...

Guy recollected himself and got rid of thoughts he should not be having as he deadpanned, “My Grandma didn’t keep her word and didn’t give Charmine the red wolf bone, apart from also drugging her. The Grangers owe her, and I should make it up to her.” Yvonne nodded but was not convinced.

That was it? Impossible!

After sitting under the sun for a while, Charmine breathed in the fresh air and felt her body relaxing.

It was not ideal to sit and be idle, thus she requested, "Ms. Yvonne, please help me to bring over my laptop. I'll do my work while you can work on whatever you have in mind. So long as we stay close."

When Yvonne heard that, her eyes lit up. "Okay. I'll get you your laptop. Wait for me!"

With that said, she turned and left quickly.

Nial was still on the third floor as he arranged the medical boxes. He was checking on the syringes needed daily as well as all kinds of devices to prevent any accident from occurring.

That left only Guy and Charmine in the rose garden.

Guy wanted to leave, but he hesitated when he realized Charmine was left alone.

He said, "I'll leave when Ms. Yvonne comes back."

Charmine wanted to refuse but knowing that Guy was stubborn, she knew there was no way to talk him out, so she did not bother trying.

She sat before the stone table as she unconsciously recalled the phone call Anthony had earlier.

Annabel had disappeared for so long and yet was found on this day, and in Derek's villa, no less?

Did Derek kidnap Annabel? Was it to seize their family assets? Was he attempting to threaten Anthony with Annabel?

No matter what the reason was, the situation was dangerous. She hoped Anthony could find more leads into the issue.

She needed her laptop to hopefully be able to tap into the city's CCTV network so she could find out what Derek was up to.

Alas, she had waited for ten minutes, yet Yvonne was nowhere to be seen.

Charmine and Guy looked at the hallway and were confused.

Going up the stairs and down would take less than three minutes. Why did

Yvonne take so long? 1

Just as they thought of that...

“Argh!”

A sharp scream was heard.

It was Yvonne’s voice!

Was she in danger?

Chapter 1082-The worried Charmine stood up at that moment, but she forgot about her physical condition that her legs felt listless the moment she stood.

She lost her balance and fell down in the process.

Guy instinctively wanted to reach out to hold on to her, but to his surprise,

Charmine had grabbed onto the stone table to support herself and managed to sit down.

“Go and find out how Yvonne is doing,” she said to Guy. ‘TH sit here by myself, but I’ll be alright.” “But...”

Guy wanted to say more but Charmine was insistent. With that, he ran into the villa at the quickest speed possible, spotting Yvonne in the kitchen who cradled her arm that had a patch of redness on it.

Nial rushed down at the same time, and he grabbed her arm to rinse it with cold water.

When she saw Guy running in, she quickly said, “I’m fine, I just wanted to heat up some food, but I burnt myself. Nial is here to take care of me, so no need to worry. Bring the laptop to Charmine. Take care of her.” 1

Guy eyed the wound she had. Sure, she was burnt, but Nial was helping her.

No longer worried, he thought of Charmine left alone in the garden, thus he turned and took the laptop on the sofa before he left.

Yvonne frowned as she gazed at his retreating form, displeased.

This man did not seem to care or worry for her. He was like wood. 2

Although she came with them on a mission, she still felt uncomfortable.

Seeing that Guy had left, Nial turned off the water. "Are you sure you want to do this? If Anthony finds out, he'll beat you up!" "I'm not ill-intended, anyway. Your Grandma Bailey and Susan were the one who asked me to stay with you guys. My mission is to see if she's good enough for Anthony, and if she'll develop feelings for Guy. Once I think she's good enough, I'll think of something to help her out. Don't you want to see Charmine getting married to Anthony with nothing to stop them?" asked Yvonne.

Nial frowned. "You keep saying you have their secrets. What are they?"

"Secrets."

Yvonne's lips curled into a smirk as she reached out her arm at him. "Put on some medication; we have to complete the act."

Nial looked at the red patch on her arm. He pulled her to the living room and put ointment on her.

"Go ahead to test her," he declared. "Charmine won't disappoint you."

His tone was confident.

Yvonne frowned. Why was Nial so sure of Charmine?

She wanted to see how good Charmine was!

Back at the rose garden...

Guy placed the laptop before Charmine, and he even pulled her a chair with a back support before he told her about Yvonne's incident.

Charmine frowned. Yvonne was burnt when she tried to heat up food?

It would take a long while to take care of the burn, thus Yvonne would not be out so soon. "I'm going to work, but feel free to do your stuff. You don't have to watch over me," she said to Guy.

"Okay," Guy agreed and walked to the side. He sat down on a stone chair less than ten meters away from Charmine.

With this distance and his speed, he would be able to rush over in the shortest time possible no matter what happened.

Turning on her laptop, Charmine worked with nobody next to her. There were many documents to sort out, and she also had to reply to the greetings from friends and family.

After sorting out the urgent matters, Charmine logged onto the city's CCTV system.

As it was, the system surveyed the entire city. Besides some blind spots, one could clearly spot even a small alley. 1

As the system developer, Charmine managed to log in and locate Derek.

Chapter 1083-It was a powerful tool that enabled her to retrace all of Derek's activities in the past ten days, finding out where he had been and who he met. 1

After locating him, Charmine scrutinized the computer screen.

This went on for two hours. Nothing seemed strange.

Derek was either meeting his friends or business partners. He did not go anywhere suspicious or had any contact with Annabel.

Strangest of all, on the day Annabel disappeared from Violet Villa, there was nothing strange happening outside the villa either, i

Annabel disappeared in the closed room, and no leads were left that could lead to her whereabouts.

Charmine frowned.

If that was the case, Anthony might not find anything in Derek's villa.

Where was Annabel, then?

Although Chris' illness was cured, Annabel still had Anthony's child in her, and it was a given that she suffered because of Anthony and Chris. They had to find her.

Just as she pondered over the situation, a bat abruptly came zooming in and attacked Charmine, 1

Guy heard it all as he rushed toward Charmine, ready to protect her.

Meanwhile, Yvonne and Nial were standing in the corner.

Yvonne's eyes were filled with curiosity as she waited.

Charmine was listless at that moment, and with no way of hiding, she could only rely on Guy to protect her.

With no eyes to judge, a romance novel-like scene would unfold as Charmine and Guy would surely get intimate!

Nial, on the other hand, wanted to cry.

If Anthony found out about him allowing Yvonne to do this, to put Charmine in danger, he might as well be dead! i

Little did he expect...

Just as the bat was about to attack Charmine's face, she raised her hand.

The bat that attacked her suddenly stiffened before it fell to the ground, unable to move, i

Guy was all geared up to protect Charmine until then, but his hands were left hanging in the air.

He could hardly believe what he saw. What did Charmine do?

Yvonne, who was watching from afar, was just as baffled.

Charmine merely raised her hand, yet the bat fell to the ground? Was she a goddess?

Charmine retrieved the needles in her hand and glared at the bat on the floor.

She said to Guy, "Don't be so anxious. Although my body is in a strange condition, I can still defend myself from a small animal." 1

With that said, she took out her metal lighter and burned the needle to disinfect it. The flame made her face even more arrogant and powerful.

Yvonne knew at that moment that Charmine used a needle to take down the bat.

How unreal!

Charmine, sitting as she was surrounded by a pile of roses, with a lighter at one hand and a needle in the other, made a stunning sight.

Yvonne was awestruck in adoration.

"I get it now why you guys hail Charmine so much. It's tough not to fall for a

woman like her!" o "Please mind your words, I don't like Charmine," Nial reminded, "I only support Charmine to be with my brother."

Anthony would assume he liked Charmine as well if he heard Yvonne saying what she said, and he might as well be dead by then.

He then added, "So that's enough, then? Stop playing with your childish tests."

Yvonne frowned. "No way, I still want to know if Charmine will secretly be with Guy. I'm not testing her reaction time. So a bat doesn't work; I need to think of other ways." i

Her eyes gleamed with meticulous planning and schemes.

Chapter 1084-Nial felt a headache rising. "Can you stop messing around? If you keep doing this and your cousin finds out, he'll kill you!" i "Last one-1 promise this is the last!

As long as you help me, I won't mess around after this. I promise I'll help

Anthony to get rid of this rival!" Yvonne promised.

Nial hesitated for a moment before he reluctantly conceded, "Okay, last ___ n one.

In the garden...

Guy, intending to protect Charmine from the bat's onslaught, was taken aback at how she handled everything on her own. He seemed like an extra instead.

"Don't mind me," said Charmine to Guy, "carry on with whatever you're doing."

"Okay." Guy walked away.

For safety reasons, he did not walk too far away and stopped within five meters, standing before a flower bed. There was nowhere to sit down.

Squatting at one side of the flower bed, he said to Charmine, "It's my first time seeing this type of roses. I want to admire them."

Of course, he was not good at lying, and his face did not seem natural when he spoke.

Furthermore, he was squatting in a stand-by position. A seven-foot-tall man like him claimed he was 'admiring the roses'?

He fought for his country before this, yet at that moment, he was protecting a

woman...

Charmine was touched. She knew he cared for her, but it would be nothing more than unrequited love.

Once she was cured, everything would end.

Charmine did not want to embarrass him, thus she lowered her gaze to focus on work.

Yvonne walked out of the villa and saw everything unfold.

An adult man like Guy, squatting to admire roses? How bad was that excuse? i

This man was...still cute!

She composed her thoughts and walked over quickly. "Charmine, do you feel unwell? Is there anything I can help you with?" "Nothing, why?" Charmine asked.

"No, I'm in a good mood today. Today's my first year anniversary after I graduated from college, so I want to prepare a table full of good food to celebrate this day! I'll head over to the kitchen to tell them what to do. If anything urgent happens, just call out for me!" beamed Yvonne. 1

Charmine squinted. First anniversary since graduation? Who would celebrate that? i

Before she could speak, Yvonne had walked away.

Charmine could only let her go.

Her migraines did not hit her throughout the entire morning, luckily, but that meant all of the migraines would happen in the following half of the day.

Along with yesterday's migraines, did that mean four migraines were pending?

It felt strange, and it unsettled her.

Guy, waiting by the flowerbed, eventually felt so bored that he donned an apron to trim the leaves and remove the insects.

An adult man like him instantly seemed more gentle.

That afternoon, Yvonne helped Charmine up to the dining hall.

There were only four of them, but the long table had more than 20 dishes

ranging from seafood to meat. They had everything! i

Yvonne even took out a bottle of red wine as she happily chirped, "I intentionally brought this from my wine cellar. We've kept this for ten years, so do have a taste of it. It's not bad."

She filled each of their glasses as she spoke.

Charmine squinted again. Why was Yvonne suddenly so friendly? Did she have something in mind again?

She raised the red wine glass and took a sniff.

There was nothing in it; it was merely a normal glass of red wine.

At that moment, she was unable to see through what Yvonne intended to do.

Yvonne raised the glass. "Today is the first anniversary since my graduation.

Aren't you guys offering me a toast?"

Since she already said so, Nial had to raise his glass to play along, "Happy first anniversary!"

Guy, meanwhile, was entirely bewildered.

Chapter 1085-What was there to celebrate the graduation anniversary for? Was that how a woman would think?

Since she was Anthony's relative while he was considered a guest, he could only raise his glass.

"Happy anniversary."

Charmine could only raise her glass as she toasted, "Happy anniversary."

They sipped their wine as Yvonne turned to Charmine. "Let me offer you a toast,

Charmine. You have no idea how much you've impressed me. I thought my cousin would stay single forever, that nobody would make him smile, yet you made him drop his walls." 1

Charmine thought of Anthony, and her cold eyes had a hint of warmth.

"One day, you'll also meet someone who'll change your life."

With that said, Charmine took another sip.

Yvonne beamed brightly at her words. "I love hearing such things. Since you

gave me a toast, I'll pour you more of this seven-figure red wine."

She poured Charmine another glass full of red wine, and even afterward,

Yvonne found all kinds of excuses to make Charmine drink. 1

After taking a few glasses, Charmine squinted as she caught onto something.

She raised her glass and initiated a toast to Yvonne, "Ms. Yvonne, you're a guest here. Let me make a toast to you as the host."

Yvonne halted.

She had made Charmine drink seven to eight glasses. Why was Charmine not drunk? All of a sudden, Charmine was making her drink instead?

No!

This was a specialized red wine with high alcohol content. Any regular woman would be drunk after two glasses, yet Charmine...

Seeing that Yvonne did not move, she frowned. 'What is it? You don't want to drink?' "No, why would you say that? Of course I'll drink!" Yvonne had no choice but to drink it.

Charmine refilled her glass again as she calmly commented, "And thank you for coming over to take care of me. If it wasn't for you, and with Anthony out today, I'd be the only woman at home. That'd be inconvenient."

Charmine raised the wine glass at that.

Yvonne, on the other hand, sensed something was not right, but she had to drink.

She felt tipsy after a few rounds...yet Charmine was still refilling her glass!

Charmine's delicate face remained calm and her face did not even flush at all. In fact, her face was very pale.

It was as if she had not been drinking, that she had only been drinking water.

The coldness she exuded could confuse anyone.

Yvonne had to say, "Oh, no, I can't drink anymore. Charmine, are you not drunk? You drank a lot..." "Oh, didn't I tell you? I'm immune to alcohol."

Charmine's red lips curled up stunningly, i

She wallowed in despair back when she was sent to Africa, and she used alcohol to numb herself. Even after meeting the Uncles, she would still remember the devastation she experienced and the dead baby she birthed, i
The Uncles fretted over her excessive drinking, thus they made her a vaccine. 1
After injecting the vaccine, alcoholic drinks would pass her intestines like water without causing any harm.

Yvonne's face turned green.

Charmine was immune to alcohol? Why did she not tell her earlier? i

She prepared a table full of dishes and found this excuse. She wanted to make Charmine drunk!

Is this how it would end, then?

Charmine remained unaffected while she was about to get drunk!

Still...

Luckily she came prepared.

Despite her faint eyes, she still had something up her sleeve.

Chapter 1086-Unfazed and completely sober, Charmine asked Yvonne, "Do you still want to drink?"

Six words, yet they sounded like a curse.

Yvonne quickly shook her head. "No, I don't want to drink anymore. Let's eat-the dishes are getting cold," she spoke as she put her wine glass away and started eating.

Charmine smiled. She wanted to get her drunk, did she not? Hah!

Charmine calmly ate.

She put her hands on her cheeks and mumbled, "Why do I feel unwell? My skin is itchy..." 1

Nial, who was enjoying the show, frowned instantly.

"Yvonne, are you allergic to alcohol?" 1

Rashes and red spots began to emerge on Yvonne's skin.

If it was not allergy-related, what else was it?

Yvonne looked at her hand. "I don't... I don't recall being allergic to alcohol n
"But this is a sign of alcohol allergy. It's severe, the red spots will increase, and
you're at risk of sudden death if it worsens! We don't have anti-allergy
medications at home, so you must go to the hospital now!" Nial put down his
fork and stood up, ready to make the preparations.

Yvonne frowned as she asked Charmine, "Is it that bad?"

Charmine noticed her skin was acting weird.

Her original fair skin was overtaken by red spots that went up to her neck.

Yvonne was allergic to alcohol, yet she wanted to drink with her?

She said in a serious tone, "You must be sent to the hospital right away!"

"What about you?" Yvonne asked worriedly.

Anthony instructed her to take care of Charmine, so if they left her...

Nial thought of it, too. He quickly took the medical box and said to Guy, "All of
the needles and devices are in there. If her migraine hits, you'll extract your
blood to transfuse into her." 2

"Don't worry, just send Ms. Yvonne to the hospital now," assured Guy.

As he had undergone frequent blood transfusions lately, three times a day, he
knew how it worked.

Charmine knew the importance of the matter. If anything happened to Yvonne,
Grandma Bailey would not forgive them.

She walked Yvonne and Nial to the car, and once the two left, only Charmine
and Guy were left in the villa.

Guy asked, sounding concerned, "Why don't you eat? Eat more for your
physical needs."

Charmine nodded. She picked up the fork and continued eating, though she
was still worried.

She hoped Yvonne would be alright.

As she ate, she was hit with a dizzy spell. Her already listless body felt even
stranger.

At that moment, her phone rang.

It was a caring text from Yvonne that read, [Oh, that's right, Charmine, I forgot to say that the wine's after-effect is quite strong. Even if you're not drunk now, perhaps you might be later on. Do be careful.] 1

Charmine frowned. After-effect?

She was immune to alcohol. Would the after-effect have any effect on her?

She doubted it all until her head became heavier, her body softer.

Sensing something was wrong, Guy quickly asked, "I'll walk you back to your bedroom?"

"No need, I can walk," Charmine turned down his offer. Since she was still conscious, she put down her fork and walked to the bedroom on the first floor. It was only ten meters away from the dining hall. With each step she took, she felt even more powerless

Chapter 1087-Charmine usually would not have such a reaction to alcohol, but it was strange enough she woke up listless on this day, and she felt even more lifeless after drinking the wine.

Did something happen to her internally? Was her illness worsening?

The more she thought about it, the less it made sense. Even though she was listless, she still forced herself to walk into the room and lay down.

She covered herself with a blanket, and it effectively draped her figure as she spoke to Guy, "I'll sleep for a while, you don't have to be worried."

Guy, though he agreed, was still awfully concerned.

He could only watch over her from outside the door, overtaken with fear something could happen to her.

Outside Violet Residence, a car pulled over...and Yvonne was in it as she watched over everything that happened with her tablet.

"I've said that Charmine is no ordinary woman," began Nial. "Even though she's limp right now, she won't act up with Guy! I'm putting my neck out there, allowing you to do this. Anthony will kill us!"

“Don’t worry; they’re just some vitamins to weaken the body. It won’t have any side effects, and she’ll recover within two hours,” assured Yvonne. 2

The Eckert family purchased this vitamin. Yvonne used to be naughty and never got home early, thus her Grandma made her eat those vitamins to stay home.

Since Grandma used to let her eat this, it should not have any side effects.

Nial knew about this, and that was why he permitted her to do so.

That did not diminish his anxiety, however.

If Anthony found out they made Charmine feel unwell, he might send them to Africa! 1

Both Nial and Yvonne watched through the CCTV as Charmine slept.

She felt so lackadaisical that her body felt like it was a soft cotton ball. She could not even exert energy.

It did not help that she was thirsty, too. She wanted to drink water.

However, the water was at least five meters away from her...

Yvonne stared at her tablet, her eyes gleaming with anticipation.

The bad thing about this vitamin was that it would make one extremely thirsty and wanting to drink water.

Back then when Grandma locked her up, a maid had to stay by her side to pour her water. She would feel so limp once she sat up that someone had to help her up and feed her. 2

Since no one was home, Charmine would not be as guarded, and she would surely ask Guy to pour her water.

Sparks would definitely fly once Guy supported her and gave her water. 1

Since nobody was around, Charmine would look at Guy differently...

Just as the thoughts entertained her, Yvonne was met with shock as Charmine stood up.

Even though her body felt limp like noodles, she still insisted on getting out of bed. 1

She knew her current situation. Guy would be worried if he saw her in such a

condition, and Anthony would be mad jealous if he was to see him helping her out.

Most importantly, Guy treated her differently. She had to limit her interactions with Guy-Guy must not fall for her again. 1

With that in mind, she bit her lip and walked to get herself some water.

There was a water purifier in the master bedroom. Since this was just a guest room, there was no water purifier in this room.

Charmine had always been a woman with high living standards. The drinking fountain in this room had a water bucket below. What nobody else knew was that the water in the water bucket was sent over by Kay and his men from a special mountain spring... 1

Charmine pinched her thighs harshly, using pain to wake herself up.

With gritted teeth, she carried the water bucket up and toward the bed. 2

Yvonne watched the tablet with shock in her eyes.

Charmine was basically powerless, yet she could carry that water bucket!

How unreal!

She would rather force herself to such an effort instead of asking Guy to pour her water?

Chapter 1088-Yvonne had a taste of the vitamin before. She knew how listless it felt after consuming it; it felt like having a bad cold.

Charmine drank so much wine as well, so she should not be able to exert that much energy...yet she pinched herself to carry the water bucket? She was that strong?

Nial explained, "You underestimated Charmine. According to the investigation, she had lived under harsh conditions in Africa with no one taking care of her. In the most severe incident, she had high fever and pneumonia; she even coughed blood yet was still able to cook herself a meal. She was used to living alone, and she's tough as nails. Since she wants to keep her distance from Guy, it's a no-brainer she won't call for him." 1

Yvonne frowned. Charmine was so strong-willed? Was her test useless then? 1

Luckily...

Inside the room.

Charmine finally carried the water bucket to the bedside. Her body felt soft like mud, and it was only after she rested for a while that she drank the water.

Guy, who was outside, heard motions and shuffling in the room, thus he asked, "Do you need help?"

"No need. I'll be sleeping for a while. You call Nial to check on Yvonne," said Charmine.

Guy agreed and took out his phone to contact Nial.

He hoped that Nial could come back sooner. If anything else happened to Charmine, it would be tough.

Nial, still in the car, received his text as he said to Yvonne, "Let's go back, the test is over."

"Wait for a little longer." Yvonne was patiently looking at the tablet's screen. She did not want to go back so soon. It was incredibly seldom for Anthony to be out for the entire day, and such an opportunity might never come again...

The thought kept Yvonne interested as she gazed at the screen, displaying the sleeping Charmine.

With its high resolution, they could tell Charmine was not well.

The asleep Charmine suddenly felt the after-effect of the alcohol rushing up her head.

Sensing something, she sat up right away and dragged herself into the washroom where she let the water run.

When Nial saw that, he frowned.

What was wrong with Charmine? Why did she suddenly go and shower in the washroom?

Unless...

His brows furrowed as his sharp stare aimed at Yvonne, displeased. " Yvonne

Eckert, did you do something behind my back!?”

Yvonne was dumbfounded-she had indeed done something without Nial knowing it.

She thought it would be a dangerous situation, and with nobody else at home except Guy, Charmine would seek help from Guy. 1

Who would have thought that Charmine would rather use cold water to shower instead of coming close to Guy? 2

Was it true, then, that Charmine felt nothing for Guy?

Seeing that Yvonne did not speak, Nial could vaguely make out a theory as he grew furious. “Yvonne Eckert, you’re going to get me killed!” he hissed as he started the car and raced back home.

Yvonne did not stop him and let him drive back.

After getting out of the car, Nial pulled her out and rushed inside, his glare never dropping. “Go and take care of Charmine! If anything happens, you might as well be dead!” 1

Yvonne knew the situation had turned dire, so she jogged into the bedroom.

When Guy saw that they came back, he frowned. “You’re both home early.”

Nial said nothing as he waited outside silently. He seemed anxious as he was praying.

He hoped Charmine was fine. Otherwise, should Anthony come home, Nial would be sent to Africa for three days and nights! 2

Yvonne walked into the washroom and saw Charmine in the bathtub. She looked cold with no sense of warmth.

Her face was so pale and bloodless that her lips were equally pale as well.

Chapter 1089-Yvonne reeled back in shock. It was winter, yet Charmine showered in cold water!

She could have sought help from Guy, so why did she suffocate herself?

Yvonne asked suspiciously, “Why... Why didn’t you seek help from Guy?

There’s no one else at home. If anything happens between you two, nobody

would know..." 3

Charmine, immersed and bathed in cold water, gazed at Yvonne coldly. "I didn't ask for his help, and it had nothing to do with whether there was anyone at home or not-it's to do with whom my heart goes to!"

Her tone was clear and direct.

Yvonne halted. It was to do with whom her heart went to...

Charmine fancied Anthony. Would she not attract any other men, no matter what happened?

She had never seen a woman as stubborn as Charmine.

Charmine glared at Yvonne. "You keep pulling these low-blow tricks. Are you happy now?" 1

"I..."

Yvonne suddenly did not know what to say.

All she could do was quickly hand her a towel. "Come on, I'll help you out."

Charmine had already recovered, and she did not want to waste time holding it against Yvonne. She dried herself up with the towel.

Luckily, the villa had a heating system, so the temperature was still bearable.

Once she got out, Yvonne handed her some clean clothes. Charmine glared at her before she went behind the screen to get changed quickly.

Yvonne was going to ask if she could help, but she saw the fluent movement behind the screen, and her words were lodged in her throat.

Charmine was different from other women she knew.

Despite being in a dangerous state, she did not do anything that could hurt Anthony. That only piqued her interest and admiration for Charmine more... 1

When Charmine came out, she changed into fluffy fleece pajamas.

Yvonne wanted to help her. "Sister-in-law, let me help you."

'Sister-in-law.' Yvonne called out to Charmine sincerely.

Charmine, however, turned down her offer as she walked out herself.

Strangely, after the cold bath, her listless body had somehow gotten better.

Yvonne could only follow behind her.

Nial, who waited by the door, saw Charmine coming up. "How are you feeling, Charmine?" he asked. "Are you feeling better? Are you okay? Do you need some medications?"

"What do you think?" asked Charmine.

Nial noticed that emotionless tone of hers. Charmine was angry for sure!

"You've overdone it, Yvonne!" scowled Nial. "You even made me play along with you! Apologize to Charmine right now, and you should think of a way to make it up to her!"

"I..." Yvonne lowered her head as she mumbled, "I merely wanted to test Charmine. I wanted to see if she'd do anything..."

Guy, who was by the door, frowned as he stared daggers at her. "So you planned everything? You intentionally made Ms. Jordan listless with all kinds of effects, and they're all your tests?" 1

His tone was filled with anger and accusation.

Yvonne pouted, "Yeah, but I won't--"

"You crossed the line, Ms. Eckert! Do you know how severe it got?!" Guy shot her a deadly stare, his gaze sharp like a knife. "Do you know Ms.

Jordan has impending migraines? You merely made it worse! Her migraines haven't occurred, are you not aware of that?" With that said, both Nial and Yvonne jolted.

Chapter 1090-Guy was right. They forgot about that detail! 2

Charmine's migraines had yet to hit her, even from last night, and Charmine woke up listless to boot.

Nial glared at Yvonne. "Yvonne, what have you done? What did you do to Charmine?"

"I...actually didn't do anything. I just fed her the vitamin Grandma used on me, and it needs to be taken one day prior for the effects to kick in the next day. The wine was just a catalyst," Yvonne explained. 1

Yesterday, when she asked Anthony to buy Charmine some supper, she had bribed the staff to put the vitamin on the grill. 1

Nial's fists clenched tightly. So Yvonne had worked her plan on Charmine from yesterday!?

Yvonne was the cause of Charmine's lethargic state in the morning, when all the while, they worried that something else had happened to Charmine! 1

Enraged, Nial glared at Yvonne. "Anthony will have your head, Yvonne! He'll toss you to Africa! He won't care about you ever!"

"No! You must keep this from Anthony, you can't tell him! I won't do it again, promise!" whimpered Yvonne.

She did not fear her parents and family, but that cousin of hers scared her.

After all, Anthony would not care about anything else when enraged!

Guy scoffed coldly, "With someone like Ms. Yvonne staying here, it'll only get worse. I won't help you to keep this as a secret!"

"Hey, how can you say that? What rights do you have to criticize me? Do you think your Granger family is much better? If your family didn't drug her, she wouldn't be experiencing so much pain! I merely wanted to test her personality, to find out if she's good enough for Anthony. Everyone will be tested!" Yvonne refuted. 1

Guy glared at her coldly. "Yes, the Grangers made a mistake, and I'm here to make amends for it all. That's all I'm doing: making it up to her and nothing else! What about you? You're just destroying and ruining things! You claim to be testing her personality, but have you thought of what rights you even have to test Charmine? If Charmine wants to be with me, why would she go through all the pain? She would've become Mrs. Granger long ago! She left this honor behind to be met with your Bailey family's scrutiny! This is her determination! There's no doubt about it!" 3

Guy's words were assertive and powerful. He had not been angry for so long, and he had only used such a tone when he served in the army.

He never wanted to lash out at women, but thinking of how Charmine was almost harmed by Yvonne's bat, how Charmine became listless because of her, he could not hold back his anger.

Yvonne lowered her head at his words, completely at a loss for words.

He had a point. The fact that Charmine was willing to come home with them was already her greatest determination, and yet she tested her for so long...

She pursed her lips as she turned her gaze to Charmine. "Charmine, I promise that I've learned my lesson. I won't do this again. I'll take good care of you in the future, and I owe you. If you ever have any problem, I'll help you!"

Charmine, meanwhile, leaned on the pillow languidly as the blanket draped over her. She watched on as they spoke.

It was as if she had nothing to do with this; as if she was watching a show, but she was actually considering a fact that nobody noticed.

She did not suffer from migraines after eating Yvonne's vitamin. What did that imply?

Could the vitamins repress the poison in her? 1

Seeing that Charmine did not speak, Yvonne was scared that she was livid enough to tell Anthony what she had done.