#### Flirtacious 1111

# **Chapter 1111 A Revenge In Bad Taste**

"Zephyr is of Lostaria's mafia. Do you think he has the power to influence Baykeep's government?" questioned Cooper calmly.

"It seems that person spoke with the Zeigler family before but didn't get a favorable response. He's ruthless; he takes out anyone he can't use." Jerry knocked on the table as he added, "I heard General Zeigler had been admitted to a hospital. He's still unconscious, though." If anything happens to that man, we'll have one heck of a mess.

"If only we still have Mr. Faulkner with us..." Seeing how grim Cooper's face was, Jerry decided not to continue with the topic.

The fact that Jerry did not understand politics and that he was a Xedellsian meant he could not help the Zeiglers should anything happen to them. Even if the person he mentioned did not get to them first, the police of Xedells would.

Jerry did not think Cooper could protect the family either since businessmen could not interfere with politics.

Even though Jerry was unaware of Armand's actual capability, he vaguely knew that Armand had connections everywhere and could easily have any position.

After all, Robert would not have been impressed with Armand if the man were not that powerful.

Since Armand was Robert's godson, nobody dared lay a finger on the Zanes when he was still in Jadeborough. However, after he died, both the Zane and the Loake families quickly declined, which meant the person Jerry mentioned was also afraid of him.

"There's no point discussing this. It's not as though either of us has the power to change things." Jerry got a little hungry, so he began to eat.

"You said something about me exacting my revenge on

"Don't you own this club?" Only after taking another sip of his drink did Jerry continue, "I bumped into Sally on my back from the restroom, and I saw her in the club's uniform. I thought you had her work here because you wanted to get back at her."

Cooper was almost rendered speechless when he heard that. "I'd never exact my revenge on anyone in such bad taste."

"I see it now," uttered Jerry. "Poor Sally. Not only is she forbidden to visit her father, but she's also prohibited from using weapons. She'd be

When Gerald was still holding his esteemed position, Sally had to escort some professors overseas for work, and everyone simply kept

since the Loake family had lost their influence, many began to set their sights on Sally.

Jerry and Cooper were just done with their conversation when Caleb returned from his phone call outside. Then, Cooper pushed his chair backward and

"Don't mind me," voiced Cooper before walking out of the VIP room.

Wiping his hands with a wet towel, Caleb asked Jerry softly, "Mr. Sutton didn't look pleased. Did you offend him? Do you think that means my contract with Specter Corporation is a goner?"

After glancing at the door, Jerry replied, "Maybe he's just upset because his girlfriend got herself a job without telling him."

"Huh?" Caleb's face was suddenly filled with puzzlement.

Meanwhile, in a private room on the third floor, a couple of men and women sat on an

"What the heck is this? Do you always pour wine on your customers?" A man

The women's uniform at the club was a skintight dark blue traditional gown with slits that went up to the calves on both sides.

Since Sally had a cold demeanor, the half-sleeved traditional gown that highlighted her tall stature and snow-white skin

# **Chapter 1112 Calling It Even**

"Sure," responded Sally with a cold look in her eyes, and before long, a waiter delivered a few crates of beer into the private room.

Sally then opened up all the beer bottles and started downing one at her own pace, prompting the men to follow suit.

When Cooper finally reached the room on the third floor after asking around, Sally and the men had already finished two crates of beer.

One of the men quit because he could not drink anymore.

The other two had reddened faces and necks and were barely holding on, while Sally stood beside the table with a calm expression and her skin remaining snow-white under the light.

The men who made a bet with Sally did not expect her to be such a capable drinker. "We can't drink beer only. Let's switch to red wine—"

"And why would we do that?" interrupted Cooper as soon as he pushed the door open.

Cooper, wearing a thin gray sweater and trousers in the air-conditioned club, looked gentlemanly with one hand in his pocket. However, his eyes hiding behind his pair of glasses were as dark as the abyss.

"You're trying to switch to wine so you can outlast her by taking turns, aren't you? I can tell this isn't your first rodeo," commented Cooper coldly.

"Mr. Sutton," greeted the man as he hurriedly jumped to his feet from the couch, for he recognized the person who was both the director of Specter Corporation and the owner of the club.

"I only asked her to drink with us because she insisted on compensating me for soiling my clothes. I was planning to lose to her purposely so we could call it even," explained the man with an apologetic smile.

After glancing at the beer crates beside the table, Cooper

The man was at a loss for words as he looked at the two crates full of empty beer bottles.

table before pouring the beer onto the man's head. Even though the man was so

"Like all businesses, we value our customers. However, this waitress isn't someone you can bully," stated Cooper calmly.

The man hurriedly agreed with Cooper while wiping the beer off his face. "I know what I did was wrong now. Mr. Sutton, please—"

"You still have one more crate, no?" interrupted Cooper before moving the beer crate onto the table. "We'll call it even if you can finish this by yourself."

Parting his lips, the man wanted to say something but quickly changed his mind when Cooper gave him a look so intimidating that he shuddered uncontrollably.

He knew he would be in trouble

In the end, the man had no choice but to start downing beer bottle after bottle as if he was ready to embrace death. By the time he was finally done, he was already at death's door.

The others quickly picked up the man afterward and made themselves scarce, leaving the entire room to Cooper and Sally.

Only then did Cooper turn around to look at the silent Sally and scrutinize her blue gown.

Since her drinking had increased her body temperature, Sally unbuttoned the top of her uniform to reveal her beautiful neck.

Cooper retracted his gaze after just one look at the woman and simply uttered, "Change out of that uniform and leave this place." With that said, the man walked out of the room.

## **Chapter 1113 Ashamed**

Having collected his coat from a waiter and putting it on, Cooper went outside to see Bertilla's car parked by the roadside.

Just when Cooper was about to get into the vehicle, he saw Sally on the side trying to hail a ride with one hand holding her phone and the other in her pocket.

She seemed lonely as snowflakes fell onto her black hair.

Knitting his eyebrows, Cooper addressed Sally. "You can't get a ride in this weather. Come on. I'll send you home."

Sally looked at the man before eventually putting her phone away and walking over to him.

The temperature in the car was just right, so Cooper took off his coat and set it on his thighs. "Where should I send you?"

"A hotel."

"Don't you have a condominium?" inquired Cooper while turning to look at Sally, who had already pulled down her collar to reveal her pale lips. It was as though Sally had lost most of her body heat.

"The locations of my home and my condominium have been exposed, so it's not a good idea to stay at those places any longer."

Since the Loake family had fallen, many would attempt to get Sally locked away as well.

At that point, Cooper decided not to carry on with the topic.

Bertilla glanced at the rearview mirror before raising the divider as he thoughtfully drove toward Cooper's Condominium.

Probably due to the awkwardness of the silence in the car, Cooper came up with another topic. "Why didn't you reach out to me after you returned?"

"I'm ashamed because of my failure." Sally did not expect Genevieve to choose to die with Zephyr.

After a pause, the woman added, "After that, something unfortunate happened to my family."

Sally knew the Gaudettes were ambitious, so they would never accept losing half their military power because her father refused to side with the Zanes.

However, she never thought the Gaudettes would be so cold-blooded.

With her capability, Sally could kill a few Gaudettes without problem, but she wanted to clear the names of the Zane and the Loake families and prove her father's innocence.

thought of Sally's email

later, the vehicle arrived

call from Amanda while taking off and hanging his coat, so he left Sally and went into

was overseas like her mother

some time on the phone to comfort the little girl. He then opened the door to his bedroom, only to find Sally

sweater was a light blue bra strapped

wonder how a good fighter like her

going

didn't say." While putting on her robe and tying her hair, Sally added, "I used to stay in this room, so I thought the others weren't for

still lived at the condominium, and there was no sign of

argue

Sally in the blue gown she wore at the club and her slender waist

him as he wiped off

to bed after showering but remained irritable even at midnight, so he opened the door to the master

bed and gazed at

hair on the pillow around

uttered in his deep voice, "Fighters like you are light sleepers and have keen hearings. You've already woken up when I opened

to the man with words, Sally grabbed him by the

# **Chapter 1114 Provide For Me**

In the morning, Cooper saw Sally having breakfast at the dining table when he came out of his room after washing up.

There were oatmeal and buns on the table, so it seemed like she had gone out to buy breakfast.

Cooper then walked toward the dining table and pulled the chair opposite her for himself. Neither of them spoke, and only the occasional sound of utensils knocking on the porcelain plates could be heard.

After breakfast, Cooper gave a card to Sally and said, "There's quite an amount of money in there. From now on, don't go to the club anymore."

Sally lowered her head and glanced at the card before shifting her gaze back toward him. "Are you going to provide for me from now on?"

Cooper froze momentarily and rubbed his brows. "That's not something I'm interested in doing. I'm giving you money so that you can find yourself a place to stay. It's not like you can bother the Gaudette family at the moment."

"That sounds great." Sally lowered her head and finished her bowl of oatmeal.

Seeing that, Cooper said, "This is my condominium."

Sally put her bowl down and lowered her cold gaze. "I'm staying here so that I can be your bodyguard and protect you."

"I don't need a bodyguard." Cooper frowned and added, "No one's going to

Sally uttered, "My father may be in trouble, but I'm not as pitiful as you think. I don't need sympathy."

With that, she brought her bowl and utensils to the kitchen.

A while later, Cooper saw her coming out of the kitchen and heading toward the exit. She took her coat from the rack and changed her shoes before leaving the place unhesitatingly.

Cooper watched the door close behind her before seeing the card on the dining table. Evidently, she left without taking the card.

A long while later, he took his jacket and keys before heading

It was snowing since the day before, and it didn't stop till the early hours of the following morning. When Cooper drove out of the garage, he saw that the residential area was completely covered in snow, but the snow on the road had already been cleared earlier on.

Sally ambling along the road with her collars covering half of her face and her hands in her pockets.

The residential area was under tight security. Hence, anyone without a car could only hail a taxi on the main road.

Cooper glanced at her and looked away. However, his car's dashboard indicated that the temperature outside the car was sub-zero. Besides, it

Seeing that Sally was only wearing a thin coat, Cooper furrowed his brows and pulled the car to the side of the road.

He then slowly stopped his

of the car and passed the car key to her when he was walking toward

"Let's go to Swallow Garden," he said.

In Swallow Garden, Amanda was wearing a beautiful white winter dress and a pair of gloves. At that moment, she was building a snowman, and Lucian was helping her.

# **Chapter 1115 When Are They Coming Back**

Cooper adjusted his glasses and smile warmly. "It's okay. If you need more, I'll bring in snow from outside."

"Okay!" Amanda nodded.

Amanda then saw Sally coming to the garden after parking the car. She waved at Sally happily and said to Cooper, "We also need to build one for Ms. Loake!"

"Sure." Cooper smiled faintly.

Cooper saw Amanda wearing a winter dress, but she wasn't covering up her neck. Hence, he went in to get a scarf for her.

Coincidentally, Steven was coming out of his room, so he ended up chatting with Cooper.

After Steven found out about what had happened to Armand and his wife, it took him a long while to come to terms with the news. However, he was with the kids every day, so he had to prevent the kids from noticing it.

"Should I bring the kids to Xedells?" Steven asked.

"What for?" Cooper took Amanda's scarf from the rack and added, "Mandy is smart. If you do that, she'll surely know something had happened to her parents."

Steven went silent for a while before heaving a sigh. "We can't cover this up forever, can we?"

Steven was contemplating asking Cooper if someone could impersonate Armand. However, everyone has a unique aura. That time around, Armand could impersonate Bruce and gain the kids' trust because they were blood-related. If any of us were to do it, the kids will surely see through us.

figure it out as we go." Cooper couldn't come up with any good ideas, either. "I heard that General Zeigler is still hospitalized and unconscious. Perhaps you should check things out in Baykeep."

"Becca is there."

me look after General Zeigler," Cooper urged. "After all, he's Genev's granddad. If something were to happen to him, Baykeep will be in a mess."

A moment later, Cooper added, "In the meantime, I'll stay

from Cooper, Steven had no choice but to agree.

Cooper then asked him if Rebecca had left a down jacket there because he wanted to borrow it from her. "It's rather cold today. Sally is still outside, and she's only wearing a coat."

had happened to the Loake family, so he asked in puzzlement, "Do you still have any dealings with her?"

"Yes. I hired

"Am I not doing that already?" Steven asked.

let you bring kids around wherever you go?" Cooper adjusted his glasses and smiled. "Besides, you're going to be busy after this."

didn't question further. Instead,

Cooper went back to the garden and gave the down jacket to Sally. "This belongs to Rebecca. Later in the afternoon, go to the mall

### **Chapter 1116 Personal Bodyguard**

Cooper merely hummed and said, "When I said I was busy with work, I actually went abroad to see your mommy. I lied because I didn't want you and Lucian to worry."

Hearing that, Amanda got worried about her mother. "Why hasn't Daddy called me in such a long time, though?"

"That's because he doesn't want to lie to you, and he's afraid that you guys might find out about it. Once your mommy has recovered, she will return alongside your daddy."

With that, Cooper changed the topic by asking, "We'll go out for lunch once we're done building snowmen, okay?"

"Sure!" Amanda's attention was indeed diverted.

At around eleven something in the morning, they used up almost all the snow around the mansion, and there was a row of snowmen along the railings in the garden.

Proud of her accomplishment, Amanda even wrote names on the snowmen.

Cooper, Sally, and the kids then went inside to rest for a while before going out for lunch.

Amanda wanted pizza, so they went to a pizzeria for lunch.

The restaurant happened to be situated in a commercial district, and the shopping mall owned by Specter Corporation was also there. After the meal, Cooper brought the kids to shop in the mall.

clothing, Amanda said to Cooper cutely, "Uncle Cooper, I want a sundae."

Cooper checked the time and noticed that two hours had passed since they had

"I want a blueberry-flavored sundae. Lucian also wants one." After saying that, Amanda turned toward Sally and asked, "What about you, Ms. Loake?"

Sally froze for a moment before answering

Cooper went downstairs to buy ice cream while Amanda held Sally's hand before they went upstairs.

"Ms. Loake, are you in a relationship with Uncle Cooper?" Amanda asked.

"No..."

tilted her head in bafflement. "Uncle Cooper is handsome, no? Besides, you guys are together every day," she mumbled.

Walking next to her, Lucian uttered helplessly, "Even if they're together every day, that doesn't mean they're in a relationship."

"So? Why aren't they?" Still puzzled, Amanda raised her gaze toward Sally and asked, "Ms. Loake, what's your relationship with Uncle Cooper?"

Sally pondered for a bit before answering flatly, "I'm his

"Oh, I see." Amanda's eyes lit up. "Are you like Mr. Sullivan? He sends and fetches us every day, and he would also bring us out

Sally hummed in response.

Upon arriving upstairs, Amanda saw a shop selling dolls and went in. She then

Amanda was so excited that she accidentally bumped into the woman

### **Chapter 1117 Without A Mother**

Sally ignored her and went to the cashier to exchange fifteen thousand in cash before giving it to Beatrix.

However, Beatrix refused to take the money. Instead, she stared at Sally with her arms folded. "Even if you have the money, this is a pair of limited edition boots. I can't find it in the market anymore."

"What do you want, then?" Sally stared back at her.

Beatrix felt chills running down her spine when Sally stared at her. Nonetheless, she knew the Loake family had fallen, so she didn't need to be afraid of Sally.

Beatrix stretched out her leg and demanded, "Wipe it clean and pay me. I'll then let the matter slide."

Sally lowered her gaze toward Beatrix's boot and remembered how she had done the same to Genevieve in a cafe back then. I did that to Genevieve to put her in a difficult spot. It seems like I'm just as despicable as Beatrix.

Right then, Amanda stood in front of Sally and fumed, "We can compensate you. However, if you were to take our money and ask us to clean your boot, you're blatantly making things difficult for us."

Beatrix glanced at Amanda and noticed how delicate and pretty Amanda looked. "Sally, I've been wanting to ask you something. Who is this child? Is she yours?"

"She's my uncle's personal bodyguard," Amanda answered instead.

at Amanda and remembered someone had told her that Sally

grasp of the situation. "Oh!

whenever she smiled. Reluctant to prolong the conversation, Amanda

Amanda shoved the money into Beatrix's

a rare opportunity to have bumped into

I think you

without a mother!" Enraged, tears started

bodyguard hasn't told you about it." Beatrix grinned

grabbed Beatrix's hair

in the wall, and

icy gaze, "The Loake family has fallen, so go ahead

go..." Beatrix was frightened. "I

go of

infuriated. Dying to have a go

someone

hands when she suddenly saw Amanda. "Hey! Aren't you Genevieve's daughter? Is your mommy

#### **Chapter 1118 Liar**

Beatrix couldn't hold herself back anymore. She walked up to Charlotte and yelled, "Armand and Genevieve are already dead, Charlotte!"

Charlotte was stunned.

Beatrix chuckled frostily. "So what if you're close with Genevieve? So what if your boyfriend is influential? This is Jadeborough!"

With that, Beatrix poked Charlotte and added, "You'd better don't be so full of yourself in Jadeborough..."

Charlotte waited till Beatrix had her fun before touching her own collarbone. Suddenly, the necklace Charlotte was wearing unbuckled and dropped to the floor.

The pendant on the necklace was a butterfly, and the colored gemstones on the wings of the butterfly dropped out.

Charlotte picked the necklace up and scolded, "You can talk all you want, but why did you have to pull my necklace? This necklace is a collector's edition, and it's worth over two hundred thousand! How are you going to compensate me?"

"Have some shame, Charlotte!" Beatrix fumed. "I poked at you just now. I didn't pull your necklace."

"How could it break if you didn't pull it?" Charlotte responded.

"I saw your hands—"

"What? Are you trying to say that I've broken it myself?" Charlotte interrupted Beatrix's speech. "Are you a lunatic, or am I the crazy one? It's so expensive that I don't even bear to wear it often."

Charlotte then looked at the necklace in her hands with her teary eyes and said, "This is a birthday present from my dad..."

"Hey, Charlotte—" Beatrix wanted to unleash her wrath at Charlotte, but she remembered who was backing Charlotte up. In the end, she had to swallow her rage and back off. "I'm done talking to you!"

"Hey! Stop right there." Charlotte grabbed Beatrix and prevented her from leaving. "Pay for my necklace."

Beatrix's blood started boiling and she yelled, "Let go of me!"

While they were arguing, other customers in the store gathered around them to see what was the commotion about.

"Everyone, look at her. She broke my necklace and didn't want to pay for it." Charlotte was sobbing when she said, "This is a birthday present from my father."

At that precise moment, Amanda stepped forward and pointed at Beatrix. In her cute voice, she said, "I saw it! This lady here broke the necklace."

Amanda. "Hey, how could you be

clothes, the tears in her

riled up. "She's not even six! Do you

then, the onlookers were all

Beatrix was, she couldn't stand the onlookers filming her. Hence, she gritted her teeth and whipped out her phone to transfer

gave Beatrix her account details and wiped the tears off of the corners of her eyes before

angry that her hands started trembling. She wanted nothing more than to rip Charlotte to shreds. "Didn't you say two

thousand, but the value of a collector's edition piece appreciates! Besides, I've already had it for so many years.

trying to scam you. Just buy an identical one and compensate

jewelry exhibition before. It was

you ought to apologize to me." Charlotte received the money shortly after, but she wasn't going gritted her teeth. "Don't push

if I insist?" Charlotte

with her arms crossed, it was as

Beatrix had

"Now, apologize

pointed at Amanda. "You said this child doesn't have a mother. When the child

### **Chapter 1119 Untouchable**

Back then, Beatrix would get into an argument with Charlotte without hesitation.

Now, I can't do that anymore. Eurydice had already given me an earful because of what happened the last time around. I can't afford to anger her. Otherwise, the Gaudette family is not going to protect my family anymore. With that, Beatrix had no choice but to apologize to Amanda.

"Since you already paid me, you can keep this broken necklace." Charlotte grabbed Beatrix's hand and put the necklace in her hand.

With that, Charlotte moved closer toward Beatrix and whispered, "Beatrix, even though this is Jadeborough, you're still not supposed to bully Genevieve's kid. The child's great-granddad is General Zeigler. Don't you think General Zeigler would come after you if he were to find out about what you did?"

Beatrix was scared out of her wits, and her face went pale. *Genevieve was Old Mr. Zeigler's* granddaughter? The Zeigler family founded the country. Neither the politicians nor the military would dare to disrespect Old Mr. Zeigler. Besides, Baykeep practically belongs to the Zeigler family, and everyone's busy buttering them up! In recent years, even the Gaudette family has been trying to rope the Zeigler family into their camp.

Beatrix could tell Charlotte was telling the truth, so she immediately broke out in a cold sweat and hurried away.

As she was fleeing, she felt a sharp pain in her knee and ended up falling to the ground.

After Beatrix left, Charlotte gave Sally a thumbs up. "What a great move!"

kind, Aunt Charlotte." Amanda wrapped her arms around Charlotte's leg and uttered in her cute voice, "I hate that. I'm so happy to see her getting bullied by you!"

Charlotte pinched Amanda's cheeks and answered, "I'm not married yet, so please don't address me that way."

Miss!" Amanda hurriedly changed the way she addressed Charlotte.

wasn't one to be trifled with. Fortunately, Genevieve told me about her relationship

Amanda soon forgot about the incident and started picking the dolls she liked. Charlotte and Sally just kept following her from behind.

Suddenly, Charlotte whispered in Sally's ear, "Is Genevieve really..."

Sally didn't know Charlotte well, so she remained silent. This is baffling. Only I and Frank are supposed to know about Armand and his wife. How did General Zeigler find out about it? Now, even Beatrix knows about it too.

said she wanted cream puffs. Hence, Lucian went down to buy for her and missed the incident that had taken

Cooper ended up entering the doll shop around the same time.

Charlotte waved at Cooper and greeted him. She told him everything that had happened moments earlier before asking him about

Cooper glanced at the kids and answered, "It's true."

Charlotte was in disbelief.

### **Chapter 1120 Careless**

Beatrix was in a lot of pain after her fall. Thus, she went home as she was no longer in the mood to shop.

When she got home, she was surprised to see Eurydice at her house. At that moment, the latter was having a conversation with Karolina in the living room.

"Hi, Eurydice," Beatrix greeted.

When Beatrix flipped up her skirt, Eurydice saw the bruise on Beatrix's legs. "What happened?" Eurydice asked.

"Sally did this!" Beatrix grumbled.

Beatrix heard that Sally was a good fighter. Just now, I felt something hit my knee, and that was why I fell.

Beatrix then proceeded to tell Eurydice about what happened at the mall.

Afraid that Eurydice would get angry, Beatrix quickly said, "Eurydice, I didn't find trouble with Charlotte. When she told me to pay her, I did just that. When she told me to apologize, I did as I was told as well. She broke the necklace herself, but she still demanded money from me."

Beatrix got angry when she mentioned that incident. As she was talking, she took out the broken necklace from her bag.

Eurydice took the necklace and checked it out. "This is a fake."

Beatrix froze momentarily before letting out a snort. "The Benson family is in the real estate industry. Beatrix is so rich, but she's wearing an imitation."

However, comprehension dawned on Beatrix, and she was infuriated. "Charlotte did it on purpose! She used a fake necklace to trick me

Karolina didn't expect Beatrix to get scammed. "Forget about it. I'll just increase your allowance."

No one had expected that Charlotte would be so lucky. Not only did she have Genevieve protecting her at the auction, but she also found a boyfriend who was from the Pann family.

Eurydice dumped the fake necklace into the bin and asked Beatrix, "Are you willing to just let this slide?" not." Beatrix grew up with Eurydice, so she could definitely tell what Eurydice was implying.

knocked into me first and Sally bullied me. Then, Charlotte tricked me into paying her five hundred thousand. They humiliated me in front of so many people just now. Eurydice, you must

Eurydice leaned toward Beatrix and whispered something in her ear.

Beatrix's eyes lit up after she heard what Eurydice told her, and she couldn't help but ask, "Eurydice, won't that cause trouble to the Gaudette family?"

Beatrix could still remember how grim Eurydice's expression was when the Pann family left the photo and the note at the hotel the last time around.

close with the Pann family. Besides, he was Robert's godson." Eurydice smiled and continued, "Now, things have changed."

"My mom is close with Aunt Karolina, and you're my cousin. How could I just sit on my hands?" Eurydice added. "Since you hate Charlotte so much, you

"I know. I was careless the previous time, and I should've been more careful," Beatrix replied. Since Eurydice is so smart, I ought to learn a thing or two from her.

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