

Flirtacious 971

Chapter 971 I Am More Interested In You

Inside a castle in Lostaria, Johanna had been asleep for a long time before waking up and finding herself in an unfamiliar place.

The bed was huge, and the sheets were velvety. It was easy for one to sleep soundly on this comfortable bed. There was a gorgeous brightly colored bed curtain on top of the bed and walnut furniture everywhere in sight. Even the painting hanging on the wall was expensive.

The entire bedroom was luxuriously decorated, and she felt like she was in a palace.

Johanna was taken aback to realize her surroundings seemed unfamiliar. She racked her brains to figure out what had happened before she lost consciousness and how she was brought to this place.

I hailed a taxi, and there was a man inside...

Suddenly, the door to the bedroom was pushed open, and a tall figure strode in. He was clad in a simple shirt and slacks but looked menacing and dangerous.

Zephyr's lips curled when he saw Johanna was awake. He bent over and said, "Kitty, you're awake?"

Johanna pulled up the covers and moved away from him.

She wasn't a fool, so she knew it was this man who had brought her here.

Suddenly, Johanna realized something was wrong. She looked down and noticed she was clad in a thin silk nightdress. She wasn't wearing anything underneath it.

Gripping the covers, she forced herself to stay calm. "If

Hearing that, Zephyr burst into laughter.

watched as Johanna inched away from him

"I know Forlisle Medical is one of the biggest medical companies in Chanaea. Your ex-husband is wealthy." Zephyr removed

His excited gaze landed on Johanna as though he was a predator that had found its prey.

"I'm more interested in you," he declared.

A chill ran down Johanna's back. She wanted to jump off the other side of the bed when he wasn't looking, but the moment she moved, he grabbed her ankle and dragged her back to the bed. He then climbed into the bed and pinned her beneath him.

"Let me go!" Johanna roared and gave him a hard slap across the face.

Zephyr didn't dodge and allowed the slap to land on his cheek.

Johanna had been unconscious for the past few days as she was drugged. Hence, her body was weak. It seemed she had used all her might to deliver the slap, but actually, the man didn't even feel any pain.

Zephyr let out a low chuckle and glanced at her. "It turns out Kitty is a stray with sharp claws."

He grabbed the woman's hands with one hand and took

Then, he bent down and grabbed Johanna's chin, forcing her to open her mouth. Pressing his lips against hers, he fed her the wine in his mouth.

Chapter 972 Will She Die

Zephyr soon realized he was more interested in the woman than he initially expected. She was so adorable. He would feed her wine a few days in a row and allowed himself to indulge in her body.

After that, the housekeepers came to clean the bedroom, which was a mess. He lowered his pride and picked Johanna up before bringing her to the bathroom.

Zephyr pinned her in the bathtub and was about to kiss her when he realized her lips were burning. In fact, her entire body was burning up. Her temperature was higher than a human's normal temperature.

Her cheeks were flushed, and her breathing was weak. She was running a high fever.

"A stray that falls ill, huh?" Zephyr sighed. He wasn't interested in getting intimate with a sick woman, so he brought her outside and summoned the doctor.

Johanna survived solely on wine and endured Zephyr's continuous torture for the past few days. As a result, she was drained and fell ill. Her temperature refused to go down as she remained unconscious.

She kept muttering Timothy's name, her voice hoarse and weak.

Zephyr was seated in an intricately carved wooden chair, holding a cigar between his fingers. His purple irises were glowing as he stared at the blond doctor standing in front of him.

"I went through a lot of effort to bring Kitty back." His voice was as gentle as usual. "If she dies from the fever, I'll make your children suffer the same fate as her and bury them underneath St. Calisto Church together with her. Doctor, do you think she'll die?"

"She most definitely won't die!" the doctor promised vehemently as cold sweat beaded on his brows.

The doctor's survival instincts kicked in, and he did all he could to save Johanna. Despite being an atheist, he couldn't help but pray that she could survive the ordeal.

Fortunately, Johanna had a strong will to live. Her fever subsided miraculously on the fourth day.

The doctor could finally heave a sigh of relief. He prescribed some

her medicine today, Zephyr got the housekeeper to bring a glass

After making sure she had swallowed the pills subconsciously, he pulled away from her.

The doctor stared down at his leather shoes and dared not look around.

Zephyr brushed a finger across Johanna's porcelain skin and made sure she was fine before ordering, "Pay Dr. Dory for his service and send him out."

"Thank you, Mr. Osborn." The doctor didn't want to stay here any longer and grabbed

Downstairs, the housekeeper gave the doctor a stack of Epean currency.

The doctor glanced at it and realized each bill cost five hundred, and he received a total of five hundred thousand. She was only running a fever, but I was paid this much for treating her. The mafia family is ridiculously rich.

In the bedroom, Zephyr was gazing at Johanna when the phone on the bedside table rang.

He picked it up and answered the call.

“Mr. Zephyr, we discovered a string of numbers in the diamond,” the person on the other end of the line reported. “We have yet to analyze whether it means a sentence or points to a location.”

Zephyr's eyes narrowed a fraction. “What a sly,

He quickly hung up and strode out of the bedroom.

Chapter 973 I Cannot Die

There was an aromatherapy stone on the basin. Johanna took it and smashed it onto the mirror forcefully. The mirror broke into pieces from the force, and shards of glasses fell to the ground noisily.

Picking up a shard of glass, she slit it across her wrist.

Pain flared up her wrist and spread to her entire body. She trembled all over as blood splattered everywhere.

Her body swayed and she ended up collapsing to the ground.

She stared at the blood flowing out of her wrist as her vision blurred. Slowly, she calmed down and felt like she was about to be freed from this torturous nightmare.

Soon, Asel's sobbing face emerged in her blurry line of sight, crying for her mother.

Timothy was doing his best to calm the girl down to no avail. “Asel, be a good girl. Mommy will be back in a few days. Stop crying, all right?”

I cannot die. Asel is still so young, and she's waiting for my return. Timothy might also be searching for me frantically, so I cannot die.

Johanna wanted to return to her daughter so badly that her survival instincts kicked in. She held onto the basin and got to her feet. Grabbing a towel, she wrapped it around her wound tightly.

up in the bedroom to see if Johanna was up, came to the bathroom when she found the bedroom empty.

in the bathroom. Instead of losing her cool, she pressed the service bell on the wall so others could

the mirror accidentally and hurt my wrist,” Johanna explained calmly in fluent Ustranasion.

The housekeepers Zephyr hired were brilliant. They could speak their native language as well as Ustranasion,

She helped Johanna out of the bathroom.

A few went to clean up the mess in the bathroom while one

The housekeeper removed the towel around Johanna's wound.

and the cut wasn't deep. The bleeding had stopped, so the housekeeper disinfected the wound and applied some medicine on it.

Johanna asked, "What is your master's name?"

The housekeeper who was dressing her wound

The first housekeeper who came in earlier parted her lips and said, "Ms. Joule, I'm Anne, the staff manager of the castle. I'll be in charge of your meals from today onward. You haven't eaten for days. What would you like for dinner?"

From today onward? Looks like the beast is planning to

Johanna asked, "Where is he? Will he be back for dinner?"

"Mr. Zephyr went out to get something done. We don't know when he'll be back," Anne responded.

"Mr. Zephyr said you can let us know whatever you need."

Chapter 974 Escape

The decorations on the first floor were even more luxurious. The open-designed dining room alone occupied a space of a hundred square meters. Seven to eight housemaids stood neatly on two sides of the dining area with their hands crossed and positioned in front of their abdomens as they welcomed Johanna to have her meal.

Johanna merely glanced at them before sitting down and picking up a fork. Then, she slowly ate the bowl of fish chowder.

After consuming two spoonfuls, some images surfaced within her mind, causing her to feel disgusted and nauseous. However, to prevent herself from dying of hunger, she shut her eyes and forced herself to eat.

After finishing the food, Johanna placed the fork back onto the table and went upstairs.

Johanna felt quite refreshed the next day, probably because she had eaten something. She instinctively pulled down her shirt when she woke up and did not notice any marks on her body, so she assumed Zephyr did not return last night.

It seemed Zephyr was very busy because he did not return to the castle for the few subsequent days too. His absence caused Johanna to feel relieved.

She no longer stayed inside the bedroom all the time and began taking strolls in the corridor, seemingly at leisure.

Johanna gazed out of the window and saw only stretches of forest on the castle's south, west, and north sides. She failed to catch a glimpse of even another house around the area, no matter how far she looked.

That castle was located very far away from the city and appeared to be situated on a mountain.

into the forest. Johanna reckoned that was the only route leading to the foot of the mountain.

no surveillance camera installed in the entire castle. Then, she found an excuse

After that, she even figured out the location of the parking lot, as well as where the driver would put the car keys after returning from grocery shopping.

to mention how vigilant those guards were when carrying out their duties. Johanna was

It was raining cats and dogs that night, and inexplicably, the main switch of the palace tripped, plunging the whole place into complete darkness.

Johanna grabbed that chance to change into a housemaid outfit, ran to the first floor to take the car keys from the designated place, and hurried toward the parking lot in the rain.

the jeep, Johanna turned on the car engine, floored the accelerator, and

her throat. She planned to smash directly through the gates with the jeep if the gatekeeper tried to stop her.

swiftly unlocked the gates as he was under the assumption that one of the housekeepers was going out.

After the gates were opened, Johanna stepped on the accelerator impatiently. The jeep streaked out and dashed toward the foot of the mountain. She glanced behind her through the rearview mirror.

The gates of the palace had disappeared from her vision as she began to descend the mountain. Yet, her hands continued trembling.

Have I escaped that place? I need to find somewhere with villagers and make a phone call...

At that moment, a car drove up the slope from below with its high beam on. Johanna's grip on the steering wheel slackened as the bright lights blinded her.

The jeep's wheels skidded, and the vehicle crashed into a tree.

Luckily, Johanna buckled her seatbelt, and she was protected by the airbag that popped out.

Chapter 975 Choice

"Let me go!" Johanna shrieked while flailing her arms to hit that man.

However, her retaliation felt no different from the painless raindrops falling on him.

The man relied on his brute strength to yank off Johanna's housemaid outfit. Her bare chest and arms appeared exceptionally fair as the rainwater streamed down her skin.

Johanna was overwhelmed by her urge to smash the man's brain into pieces. *If only I have a weapon in my hand. Even a beer bottle will suffice.*

At that moment, the car window to the backseat of one of the vehicles gradually rolled down, revealing the face of a man with mixed parentage and purple eyes. He gazed downward at Johanna, who was drenched and caught in a miserable state.

Despite knowing the futility of her feeble resistance, she continued to punch the man who was pressing down on her with all her might.

Even the damp hair stuck to her face could not hide Johanna's dark eyes, which were burning with rage and hatred.

That scene reminded Zephyr of the time when he first met her.

Zephyr uttered a sentence in Irushea in his deep and low voice. The man who was

She clutched her tattered clothes to cover her chest and sat up on the floor.

she struggled earlier, the man had repeatedly applied pressure on her legs. Johanna was trying to stand up while her legs were still hurting when a man gradually approached her. A pair of leather shoes entered her

Zephyr had gotten out of the car and walked up to her. He towered over her as he stood before her like a mountain, blocking all her possible escape routes.

Despite the gentle smile on Zephyr's

him from the pouring rain. Zephyr slowly crouched down and stretched out his hand to rearrange the wet hair stuck to Johanna's face. "Regrettably,

Johanna shivered. She had the impulse to leap forward and bite off his neck at the thought of what had happened previously.

Zephyr merely chuckled happily while she glared at him.

He pointed at that man who tore up Johanna's clothes and said softly, "I'll

Both options were out of her consideration. Her only wish was to kill Zephyr, a man no different from a beast.

"It seems like you've made your choice." Sensing Johanna's silence, Zephyr sighed.

Johanna gritted her teeth, swallowing some rainwater in the process. "I'll follow you..."

She knew nothing about Zephyr's origin, but after hearing him mention a gang and catching whiffs of the stench of blood on him, she suspected him of being involved in shady businesses.

People like them are cruel and ruthless. If I am forced to join the gang, I don't know if I will survive, but one thing I am certain of is that I will not have the slightest chance to run away. I might as well

Chapter 976 A Living Hell

Johanna pushed the man away.

As she suppressed the rising discomfort in her, she said, "It seems like you're rich and have a high standing in society. Won't it be easy for you to have any women you want? I have a husband and a child, and I'm not even half as pretty as celebrities. I'm not worthy for you to be interested in me."

"But I like women like you." Zephyr brushed his thumb across her lips before smiling. "How thrilling is it to steal another man's woman?"

Annoyed, Johanna slapped his hand away.

However, Zephyr grabbed her hand and pinned them behind her. He then grabbed her chin with his other hand and kissed her again.

The car, which was heading up the mountain, slowed down.

During that few hours in the car, the man nearly broke Johanna's wrist.

Johanna was in a daze. She did not know how she had gotten out of the car, but by the time she regained consciousness, she was already on the bed.

Only the wall lights were switched on in the bedroom, and the whole place was quiet.

When Johanna turned to the side, she saw Zephyr beside her, seemingly asleep. The very sight of his face disgusted Johanna, and she wished she could crush his face along with his body.

A beat later, Johanna sat up and climbed to the side

It was only the size of her palm, and it was a sharp, silver letter opener.

Johanna held her breath and inched toward the man with the letter opener in her hand. Then, as she stared at the man's

As long as I stab this into

Just as Johanna was about to thrust the letter opener into the man's neck and end things

If Zephyr dies, I won't be able to escape this castle, and I'll die as well. But I want to stay alive. I want to go home...

The resentment and insanity dissipated from Johanna's eyes. While she coldly stared at the man below her, a plan for revenge began to

She was going to ruin everything the man ever owned and crush him into pieces.

However, Zephyr had already woken up the moment Johanna sat up. He had only remained motionless to find out what the woman was going to do.

When Johanna brought the letter opener down, Zephyr felt that it was a pity.

trying to kill him. He felt a hint of pity at the thought of having to send the woman away when he had only gotten to toy with her for a few days.

Just as he was about to raise his hand, Johanna halted in her tracks.

then pretended to slowly wake up. It was then he saw Johanna swiftly throwing the letter opener in her hand onto the

"You can't sleep, Kitty?"

Johanna pushed his hand away and moved to lie back down.

Yet, when Zephyr laid eyes on her porcelain skin, he suddenly found his throat dry. In the next second, he rolled

Chapter 977 You Can Never Go Far

After reaching the first floor, Johanna gloomily instructed the housekeeper to prepare a cup of black coffee for her before heading to the kitchen.

As it was a long road down from the castle to the foot of the mountain—it would take half an hour's drive—the kitchen had two huge refrigerators that the housekeepers would keep the food in every time they went grocery shopping.

Johanna took out carrots, celery, and papayas and asked the housekeeper to make a salad for her.

"I like sour foods, so please make me some pickled carrots, cucumbers, and lettuce." Johanna then taught the housekeepers how to pickle the ingredients.

She even asked them to add a large amount of garlic to each jar.

Once the housekeeper was done making the vegetable salad, Johanna sat down and took her time polishing off the plate. She also finished her cup of black coffee.

When she saw how sunny it was outside, she decided to head out for a stroll.

Their master had told them that they did not need to follow Johanna everywhere anymore, and since the castle was far from the foot of the mountain, Johanna would not be able to go far even if she grew wings. Thus, the housekeepers did not tail her.

door. After entering, she reported to the man what Johanna had eaten and how Johanna

A moment later, Anne lowered her head and added, "Mr. Zephyr, pickled foods and garlic are meant to...

The women around Mr. Zephyr, including his fiancée, are trying everything to get pregnant with his child. In contrast, despite how nice Mr. Zephyr is to that woman, she avoids him all

Zephyr let out a quiet chuckle, seemingly amused by Johanna's actions.

"Let her do as she pleases." Zephyr then waved to dismiss Anne.

the study closed, Zephyr's subordinate on the other end of the line continued, "Timothy hasn't found anything about Johanna's disappearance, but Armand knows that the one at the cemetery is just your stand-in. Nevertheless, he currently doesn't have the time to deal with us."

Zephyr lifted the cup of coffee from the table and sipped on

his subordinate informed. "My informant has told me that Armand is bringing her to the military hospital every day, and she's always in the psychiatrist's room for several hours each time."

"Is finding out who her biological father is so shocking for her?" Zephyr raised a brow. "This sister of mine's a little fragile."

“My apologies, Mr. Zephyr. I have yet to find out the reason behind this.”

However, Zephyr was not interested to find out more about Genevieve's matter. He then instructed, If those people could not decode it, he would have

Zephyr never thought that Genevieve's mother would be someone so important—that she was Baykeep's Zeigler family's missing second daughter.

It was one thing for Genevieve to have a relationship with Armand and another for her own mother to come from a powerful background. It would not be a beneficial situation for Zephyr.

Chapter 978 As You Wish

Zephyr waved to signal Anne not to follow him before entering the kitchen.

Upon entering, he saw Johanna, who was in a vintage dress with a length that reached her ankles, picking up the pot on the stove.

Zephyr did not know what was in the pot—he only knew it looked black. She then poured the contents into a bowl, and steam rose from the bowl. Soon, the faint aromatic scent of food filled the kitchen.

“It smells really good. I didn't know you could cook, Kitty,” Zephyr praised.

Johanna ignored him as she scooped the pasta from the pot and added some olive oil into the bowl before sprinkling some sesame seeds as well.

Then, she took a bite of it. The familiar taste made Johanna relax, and finally, she felt alive.

Zephyr walked over and glanced at the bowl. “Let me try it.”

Johanna halted. Then, she scooped some of the pasta with her fork and fed it to him. He lowered his head and ate it. As he savored the taste, he beamed. “Mm, it's not bad.”

Zephyr used to stay in Chanaea for a while back then, and he had tasted many kinds of Chanaean cuisines. However, he was not too keen on them.

To his surprise, the pasta Johanna made was delectable.

then took the bowl Johanna handed to him and slowly dug in as he leaned against the kitchen counter. It was then he saw Johanna throw another handful

asked, “What else do you know how to

him. Instead, she took out a lemon from the

then handed the

sips of it. Although the lemonade was a little sour, it was

his head and

was just trying to kill him the night before, but the next day, she seemed all tamed. She was not resisting him,

afraid that she won't be able to
enjoyed his pasta, but the lemonade was too sour, so he stopped drinking
Johanna's waist and pulled her closer. "Are you
lifted the lemonade and sipped on it. "In that case, don't stop me. Give me a car,
As he traced circles on her chin with his finger, he muttered,
"There isn't anyone in the castle but housekeepers. It's boring to just look at the scenery all
her. "Do you want
need a tablet that will allow me to watch television shows.
he narrowed his eyes.

Chapter 979 Take You Out

The next morning, the housemaids brought the tablet, set of markers, and more to Johanna.
As there were many rooms on the second floor, excluding Zephyr's study, Johanna could use any of the
rooms. Hence, she chose a room facing south.

Johanna could not plug a SIM card into the tablet, so she could only use its wireless function.

After turning on the tablet, Johanna realized that the browser and application stores were all banned.
The only applications she could use were the video-watching and book-reading ones.

Johanna did not know computers that well, so even after two hours, she still failed to get the browser
working.

In the end, she gave up and began doodling on the drawing book with the markers. Soon, she drew
Timothy and Asel.

Back then, Timothy had been exhausted from work. A few minutes after keeping his daughter company,
he fell asleep.

When Johanna came home, she saw her daughter sprawled on Timothy's chest with a marker in her
hand, drawing on Timothy's face. In fact, she had colored every inch of his face, and Johanna laughed
uncontrollably at the scene.

That was a marker meant for drawing, so it was not easy to wash off. It took Johanna over an hour in the
bedroom just to get rid of half of the marks.

Johanna wiped his face, she commented, "The others are going to laugh at you when they see you with
this face in the office tomorrow."

cheeky my darling daughter is, I have to dote on her." Timothy then kissed her before mumbling,
"Maybe they'll be jealous that I have a daughter!"

She missed Timothy, and she wanted to go home.

drew Timothy and her daughter, she would stare at the drawing for a

important matters to deal with, so he had been staying in the castle for the following days.

every day. Whenever he was in a good mood, he would take Johanna to the home theatre to watch movies or to the pool to swim. Sometimes, he even hired a band to the castle. He would get Johanna to change into a gown, and the two would dance under the moon.

He was not only fascinated by Johanna; he demanded much from her as well. As long as he wanted it, it did not matter if they were

As he did not provide her with any pills, she was forced

Much later, Johanna finally found out some things about Zephyr.

His name was actually Osborn Carlo, but the name he used in Chanaea was Zephyr Juksford. He came from a powerful background—he was part of the Carlo family, an infamous mafia family from Lostaria.

However, Zephyr did not tell her who he was in the Carlo family.

the castle in search of Zephyr. That man behaved extremely politely around Zephyr, and with the way Zephyr carried himself, Johanna guessed that Zephyr was the head of the Carlo family.

One afternoon, Johanna made a few dishes. Once Zephyr was done with his work and came downstairs, the two went to the dining room to eat.

Johanna said, “I’m sick of staying in this castle every day.”

Chapter 980 Brand What Is Mine

Knowing that she was going to attend a gathering at night, Johanna picked a gown from the walk-in closet and began tailoring it.

As she still needed to do her hair, she did not put on the gown so soon.

At four in the evening, Johanna and Zephyr left the castle by car. It took the car over half an hour to reach the foot of the mountain. Dozens of minutes later, they finally arrived at a district.

The car came to a stop in front of a tattoo shop. After Zephyr came down from the car, he opened the car door for Johanna.

Once Johanna came out, Zephyr held her waist and led her into the tattoo parlor. At the same time, the bodyguards that came down from the other cars barricaded around the tattoo shop.

There were several people in the shop—men and women. The moment they saw Zephyr enter, they bowed politely before him.

“Mr. Zephyr.”

Zephyr pushed Johanna into a seat. “Tattoo her.”

Johanna knew that the Carlo family's insignia was a crow, and Zephyr had a crow on his left arm as well. However, she did not want a disgusting tattoo like that on her skin.

"I'm allergic to anesthesia," Johanna said, trying to make herself seem fragile. "Can I just have a tattoo sticker?"

"I have to brand what's mine." Zephyr brushed his finger across her cheek. "If you're allergic to the anesthesia, I'll tell them not to give you a

He then leaned closer to Johanna and said, "Why don't we do it while they tattoo you? That way, you won't feel the pain, hm?"

Sickened, Johanna shoved the man away.

Zephyr laughed and took a seat on the couch before checking his messages on his phone.

Johanna's sleeve to sterilize her arm before injecting topical anesthesia into the part of her skin where the tattoo was going to be. After that, the others came over to do Johanna's

The sky outside the

Right then, Zephyr received a call.

After he picked it up, he walked over to glance at Johanna's arm. The image of a crow was already half-done.

to kiss Johanna's ear before telling her, "I have something to attend to, so I'll leave first.

"All right." Johanna had been hoping that he would leave since a long time ago.

Once Zephyr was gone, Johanna no longer felt suffocated. When her eyes scanned the area, she noticed two bodyguards in the tattoo parlor.

She had no chance to run at all.

Half an hour later, a crow tattoo was tattooed onto Johanna's left arm. It was striking, and the sight of it made her nauseous.

way to the dressing room, she paused in her tracks and turned to get a pair

The tattoo artist hesitated.

"If I wanted to kill myself, I would've done so earlier; I won't wait until now." Johanna snorted. "There are bodyguards here. Are you afraid that I'd rob you?"