

Guardian 411

Chapter 411 Hit Them

“Are you part of the mob?” Clyde asked..

He believed Kaze could be a high-ranking member of the mob based on his impressive strength.

Kaze glanced at him and responded curtly, “Take your men and leave now. Oh, except for him.”

He pointed at Hugo.

Hugo was the reason Agnes was on her knees and Sky was beaten up.

Kaze would make Hugo pay a heavy price before he could let the

matter go.

“You don’t get to tell me what to do.”

Clyde grimaced.

Before Clyde was the security chief of Hugo’s family business, he was an influential figure among the mob.

Yet, Kaze had the audacity to tell him to leave.

Hugo smirked. “So you can fight, but you are outnumbered. Have you taken a look at the people behind me? “You should kneel and apologize to me now, or I’ll make your family

suffer.

“Clyde, tell your people to keep a close eye on him. Don’t let him run away,” Hugo turned around and told Clyde. Clyde nodded and said curtly, “Even if he flees, he can’t take his family

with him.”

Kaze frowned.

The group

up of a hundred-odd men was no threat to him. He had never backed down when he had to face thousands of enemies alone. Nevertheless, the safety of his wife’s family took priority.

He pulled out his phone to make a call when he caught a glimpse of a group jogging past outside the crowd. Kaze recognized them by their uniform.

It was Leteria Group’s security team, headed by Lester.

Kaze knew why they were there.

The security team took his advice to run a marathon after work.

Leteria Group was just around the corner.

“Hey? Are you listening? | told you to kneel. The rest of you can forget about leaving if you don’t yield to me.” Thinking Kaze was afraid, Hugo arrogantly pointed at Sky and the

others.

“Don't just stand there, Kaze. These people are going to make us pay if we don't listen to him,” Agnes cried anxiously. She was resentful toward Kaze.

Agnes had already fallen on her knees. The worst Hugo could do was humiliate her before letting her and Sky go. However, Kaze had to interfere and strike the gangsters which angered Hugo.

“Make him fall on his knees.”

Clyde was getting impatient.

At the wave of his arm, his men inched closer to Kaze and the others.

Darcy, Sky, Agnes, and Sky's friends turned as white as a sheet.

“Get in here, Lester!” Kaze shouted.

His loud voice traveled past the bustle and reached Lester and his

team's ears.

“Is Kaze here?”

Caught off guard, Lester turned in the direction of the crowd. He waved his arm and led his team toward the commotion. The hundred-odd security officers encircled the gangsters.

“What can I do for you, Kaze?” Lester elbowed his way through the crowd and asked respectfully. “Hit them!”

Kaze pointed at Clyde and the others without another word.

“Hear that? Kaze said to strike them!”

Lester charged toward Clyde.

Clyde was strong, but he was no match for the head of Lefteria Group’s security team.

Lester knocked Clyde out in a blow.

The other members of the security team showed what they were

made of and slammed Clyde’s men down too.

Chapter 412 Kneeling’s Their Favorite Position

Darcy and the others were caught off guard by the turn of events.

All Kaze did was yell, and a group emerged and pulverized Clyde’s crew. Clyde and Hugo were cocky a minute ago. “I am the security chief of Oceanid Group, bro. Our chairman is

Desmond Oceanid. Who are you people?” Staggering to his feet, Clyde asked through clenched teeth.

Smack!

Lester smashed him to the ground and said in disdain, “The Oceanid Group? | am the deputy manager in charge of Lefteria Group’s

security. Our chairman is Alan Cummingham.”

“What? Leteria Group?”

Clyde wet his pants.

Leteria Group’s influence over the underworld was legendary among mobsters.

Clyde knew he had done it this time.

Hugo’s teeth clattered in fear.

Kaze appeared before him.

“What are you trying to do?”

Hugo backed away.

Smack!

Crack!

Kaze booted his shin, causing Hugo to stumble on his knees. His kneecaps shattered from the crash onto the ground.

“Argh!”

Hugo shuddered and cried out in pain.

“That’s what you get for making my mother-in-law kneel.”

While talking, Kaze beckoned Sky over.

“Come here, Sky. Do you know how many times he hit you? Return the favor.”

Sky nodded and approached. Pulling his arm back, he slapped Hugo in the face with all his might. Smack, smack, smack...

As the bashing noise went on, Hugo shrieked in agony. His face was swollen red.

“Make them kneel.”

Kaze waved his arm.

“Hear that? Kaze told you to kneel.”

Under the brutal beating of the security team, Clyde and the hundred- off thugs kneeled upright on the ground.

“Since kneeling is their favorite position, they can stay like that for the whole night. Lester, keep an eye on them,” Kaze instructed indifferently.

“Got it,” Lester agreed.

Sky was brought back to the health center for treatment.

After the incident, nobody was in the mood to dine, so Darcy sent Sky’s friends away.

Hugo, Clyde, and his crew were still kneeling there when they left the health center. Lester and his team formed a neat formation to monitor them.

The onlookers were still talking about it.

They applauded Lefteria Group's security guards for their chivalrous act of sorting the gangsters out. Lester and his team stood tall and proud, thinking they had done a good thing.

"Why did the security team of Lefteria Group take orders from you, Kaze?"

While on the way home, Agnes asked curiously.

"Didn't you tell Kaze to look for a job, Mom? He is hired as a security officer at Lefteria. He was promoted to security manager on his first day of work," Darcy said proudly.

She was worried that Agnes would not believe it at first.

Kaze's new job and promotion sounded more convincing now that Agnes had witnessed him in action. "Really? You must be in the management team since you're a manager."

Agnes looked at Kaze in surprise, her opinion about him changing for

the better.

"I'm not in management, Mother. I'm just keeping the building and people safe," Kaze replied with a smile. Agnes was pleased with Kaze since he did not let the promotion get

to his head.

She cooked up a storm to celebrate Kaze's new job and promotion.

“We're lucky that you are now the security manager of Lefteria Group, Kaze. Otherwise, Hugo wouldn't stop picking on us.

Chapter 413 Darcy's Aunt “Lefteria Group is well known in the city. The chairman attended your wedding.

“Make sure you work hard. You got the promotion because you have the competence to handle the job. Don't let the company down. Got

it?”

Agnes started lecturing Kaze after paying him compliments.

Nevertheless, she was grinning from ear to ear.

Before, she would give him an attitude and Kaze had always been.

looked down on.

He was not one she could be proud of.

Now, Kaze was the security manager of Lefteria Group.

Agnes could hold her head up high when talking about Kaze to her

friends.

Pleased with Kaze, Agnes said, “Can you take the afternoon off tomorrow, Kaze?” “| work in an office, Agnes. | don't have to be stationed at my post all

the time.”

Kaze smiled.

He was glad to finally get Agnes’ approval.

“What's happening tomorrow afternoon, Mom?” Darcy asked out of curiosity. Agnes replied with a grin, “Your aunt's family is coming to Lilyrose tomorrow. We can have lunch together. Kaze can join us.”

She was not planning on taking Kaze with them at first because it would be embarrassing when her sister’s family started asking questions.

However, Kaze now had something to show for.

“Oh, Aunt Agatha is coming. It’s been years since we last saw each

other.”

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Her aunt was younger than her mother by several months.

Darcy remembered Agatha to be kind, but they lost touch after Agatha married and moved to a foreign city over ten years ago.

“Since your uncle has official business with the city’s strategic department, your aunt is visiting us in secret. You know your grandfather won't allow our family to visit Lilyrose,” Agnes said.

Back then, Darcy’s grandfather was against Agnes’ marriage to Hector. However, Agnes was stubborn and got married to Hector at the city hall.

Darcy's grandfather was old-fashioned.

Finding Agnes a disgrace, he banned her from ever coming back and other family members from reaching out to Agnes. The Otters were not even allowed to step on Lilyrose's soil.

Hence, Agnes did not inform her side of the family about her wedding.

"I expect you to arrive on time at Lily Garden Hotel, Darcy and Sky," Agnes reminded.

Dinner tonight was pleasant for a change. The meal was shared with joy and laughter.

The next day, Kaze went to Shangrila Group and briefly occupied the

chairman's office.

He arrived at Lefteria Group minutes before 10:00 AM, taking on the

role of security manager.

"There you are, Kaze. Ms. Scarlet is waiting for you in her office." Lester and the others greeted him.

No one told Kaze that Miru was in a foul mood.

Although they knew that Miru would probably throw the book at Kaze, they had witnessed Alan's high regard for Kaze yesterday. Hence, they assumed the meeting in the office was nothing major.

"Miru? Why does she want to see me?" It took Kaze a while to realize that Lester was talking about Miru. Kaze walked into the office where Miru was waiting for him with crossed arms.

“Look at the time, Kaze. Why did you arrive at work at 10:00 AM? You need to work on time management and punctuality. Do you think you are still at home, cooking and cleaning?”

Miru tore into Kaze. Kaze knew the woman was just looking for trouble, but for Darcy’s sake, he would bite his tongue.

“Hmph! Don’t let your head swell just because you’re the security manager now. You wouldn’t be employed if it wasn’t for me. My dad only promoted you because | brought you in.”

Chapter 414 Save Me, Kaze

Miru gave Kaze a telling-off.

She quickly lost interest when he did not talk back. Pleased, she walked away.

“Is Kaze somehow involved with Ms. Scarlet? Why didn’t he say anything?”

Lester and the others engaged in a conversation outside the office.

To their understanding, Kaze had a hot temper.

Kaze got physical with them on his first day of work and made Leo kneel previously. There was no reason for Kaze to put up with Miru’s behavior unless there was more to their relationship. “What are you mumbling there about? Don’t you have a job to do?”

Kaze stepped out of the office and glared at them.

The group scattered.

“That’s just absurd. How could | be involved with Miru? No one can stand that woman.” Kaze shook his head in resignation as a woman in office attire made

a beeline toward him.

“Are you Kaze Lee? I’m with the administration. Today is the day the security department conducts a building safety inspection. | just wanted to let you know that,” the woman said courteously.

“Alright. I'll have my team on it.”

Kaze gave it a thought. Since he had nothing better to do, he could

help Lefteria Group establish a professional security system.

His wages had increased from twenty thousand dollars to a hundred thousand dollars now that he was the security manager. Kaze did not care much about the money.

Still, he needed to do something to repay Alan for giving him a salary.

The setup of a comprehensive security system was a complex job.

Simply stationing hundreds of security guards at various posts did not constitute a comprehensive security system.

Lefteria Group’s security was flawed in Kaze’s eyes.

The only good of the present system was keeping people from stirring trouble in the building.

If professional criminals were to infiltrate the building, poison the key personnel, or even snipe from a distance, Lefteria Group's current security team would be defenseless against these tactics.

Talking about poison, Kaze thought about the heads-up he had given Alan.

He wondered if Alan took his words seriously.

Kaze summoned Lester and his team, and they began to sweep t building.

During the inspection, Kaze did nothing but watch.

He observed the areas that required extra security and surveillance cameras.

Soon, a clear plan came to mind.

Though Lester and his crew were confused, they knew better than to question.

Kaze ignored them.

Once they arrived at the floor right under Alan's office, Kaze ditched. his team and went upstairs. The way he saw it, the other floors of the office building were clear. Alan was probably the only worthy target.

Hence, the present security system was designed around him.

Kaze did not see Alan while strolling around.

Then, he received a text message from Darcy.

"Save me, Kaze!"

Kaze's heart sank when he read the text message.

He dialed Darcy's number.

The call went through, but no one answered it.

Without hesitation, Kaze rushed downstairs while calling Darcy.

"Contact the police and military, Snow. Pinpoint the location of Darcy's phone now." "Yes, sir."

Sensing the urgency in Kaze's tone, Snow shuddered despite them being a call apart. "Please be safe, Darcy!"

If anything were to happen to Darcy, Kaze had no idea what he would

do to himself and others.

"Mr. Chairman, Ms. Quint's phone is at Clover Center."

The GPS location of Darcy's phone was pinpointed the moment Kaze

stepped out of the office building.

Clover Center was the building Quartet Group moved into yesterday.

Chapter 415 False Alarm

"Tell Draco to get his team to secure Clover Center by whatever means possible. The clock is ticking," Kaze yelled angrily. "Commander Koga is on it," Snow replied.

Knowing how much Darcy meant to Kaze, Draco contacted Koga right after his call with Snow. "Tell him to send a chopper. | need a pick-up."

Kaze ended the call and rushed to a sports car by the road. He opened the door and sat in the front passenger seat. "Hey! What are you doing?"

The woman in sunglasses screamed and looked at Kaze in horror.

Kaze, eyes bloodshot and face menacing, looked like he was a fugitive on the run.

He showed her his mobile navigation. "I need to save someone important to me. Follow my GPS. "Now!"

He shouted furiously as the woman had not gotten over the shock.

With a shudder, the woman started the engine.

Choff! Choff! Choff!

Halfway down the road, the whirlwind of chopper blades ripped through the air.

"Stop the car!"

Kaze got out of the car and grabbed onto the lowered rope from the

chopper while the woman with sunglasses and countless passersby watched in shock.

He clung to the rope with one hand as the chopper soared into the

sky.

Soon, the chopper hovered on top of Clover Center.

“We have secured Clover Center, sir. No anomalies have been

observed as of yet.”

As Kaze landed on the rooftop of Clover Center, Koga reported the situation to him.

With a solemn look, Kaze went downstairs in silence and arrived. outside Darcy’s office. Bang!

He kicked the door open. Inside, Darcy looked up from her work and stared at Kaze in shock. “Why did you kick my door, Kaze?”

She looked angry.

Kaze was relieved to see Darcy in one piece. She did not seem to

know what was going on outside.

“Thank goodness you're fine, babe.”

He took large strides over and held Darcy in his arms.

“What do you mean? Why are you acting strange today, Kaze? Did something happen?”

The flush on Darcy’s face was from anger and embarrassment.

Kaze was acting lovey-dovey at her workplace.

“| got a message from you just now and rushed over from Lefterial

Group right away.”

Kaze showed Darcy the text message.

“I didn’t send you any text messages. Who is playing a prank on you?”

Darcy found it odd. She took out her phone and showed Kaze that she had not sent the message. Furrowing his brows, Kaze asked, “Why didn’t you answer when I called you?”

“I was in a meeting with the senior executives. I didn’t have my phone with me. How could I take your call?”

Darcy looked at her phone and found the unanswered call from Kaze.

With Kaze pulling a long face, she consoled him with a smile, “I’m sure it’s just a prank. Nothing will happen to me at work. Don’t read

into it.” Kaze nodded. Riley, Darcy’s assistant, knocked on the door and entered the office.

She glanced at Kaze and hid the shock behind her eyes before saying, “The local military has just conducted an impromptu drill for anti- terrorism. They were assuming Clover Center was under attack.

“Now that the drill is over, their commander, Koga, would have to have a word with you to explain the situation.”

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Darcy was dumbfounded. She had been focused on work, she had no idea what had happened.

She walked out of the office and noticed that her employees were spooked. Everybody was giving Kaze strange looks too. Koga drew close.

“Hello, Ms. Quint. I am Koga. The anti-terrorism drill happened so

suddenly to monitor the cadets’ response rate, so I hadn’t let you and

your employees know in advance.”

Chapter 416 A Plot

“I would like to apologize to you, on behalf of the strategic department, for the trouble we have brought to your company.” After explaining, Koga saluted Darcy.

Darcy said, “No need to apologize. It’s our duty to cooperate with the drill. The prevention exercise is beneficial to the citizens.”

“Thank you for your understanding, Ms. Quint. We might perform more drills in this office building in the future, so we hope to get your permission to build a helicopter landing on the rooftop.

“I hope you can have your employees keep the drill a secret as well.” Koga covered his bases.

That way, they would respond right away whenever Darcy met with trouble.

Today was a false alarm.

Still, considering Kaze’s identity, no one could guarantee Darcy’s safety.

Not finding it an issue, Darcy agreed to Koga’s proposal.

“Please carry on working and keep what happened to yourselves.

“The company will invite experts to conduct a lecture on the matter. I hope you will take this seriously. Leaking important secrets of national security is a serious crime.”

Once Koga was gone with his men, Darcy told her employees once more. “Who is Ms. Quint’s husband? He arrived hanging off the helicopter.”

“Shh. Don’t ask about things you shouldn’t. Didn’t you hear Ms. Quint warning us? We can be arrested for endangering national security if we talk about Mr. Lee. You and your family will be ruined.”

“Oh, my god!”

As Darcy had gone to her office, she did not catch what her employees talked about.

Kaze took a call from Snow outside.

“Mr. Chairman, we traced a hacker who assessed Ms. Quint's phone to send the text message.”
Furrowing his brows, Kaze said, “Have you located the hacker?”

“Yes. We pinpointed the location at a junior high in a remote area. The culprit is a minor.

“He said that he was following the instructions of someone online, and in return, he would receive skin for his League of Legends character. The cyber police’s pursuit of the IP address hit a brick wall because it was a spoof.”

In other words, they reached a dead end.

Kaze ended the call and frowned. He did not believe that the text

message was a prank.

Who could be behind the plot?

The investigation had led him nowhere so far. Kaze had no idea what the party was after.

“Something’s off about you today, Kaze. You look like you have something on your mind. Did something happen?” Darcy drew close.

“I was worried you might be in trouble. I still feel unsettled, but I’m

fine.”

Kaze smiled.

Darcy took another look at Kaze before uttering, “Come on. We should head to the Lily Garden Hotel. My mom is rushing us.” Agnes said yesterday that Agatha’s family would be in the city today.

“Mr. Lee, Ms. Quint.”

Simon, the manager of Lily Garden Hotel, personally welcomed Kaze and Darcy to the hotel.

Darcy was used to Simon’s constant graciousness as she had been to the hotel several times lately. She said with a smile. “Don’t let us take up your time, Simon. We know our way to the private lounge.”

With Kaze giving the nod, Simon excused himself.

Hector, Agnes, and Sky were present in the private lounge.

Agatha was there with her husband, Nelson; her son, Landon; and her daughter, Rose.

The two families were not the only ones around. A tall and fine young man in casual wear was in attendance too.

Kaze and Darcy could hear the laughter inside before entering the private lounge.

“There you are, Kaze and Darcy.”

Sky opened the door for them.

The swelling on his battered face had gone down after he applied Kaze’s medicine.

“Kaze? When did you get yourself a boyfriend, Darcy?”

Agatha frowned to see Darcy with another man.

The family, including the young man, turned to Kaze.

The young man looked at Kaze chillingly.

Chapter 417 A Rival

“Agatha, Darcy and Kaze have been together for a while. You know our situation. I couldn't share much with you.” Agnes left out the part where Darcy and Kaze were married.

Her relationship with her family was estranged.

Nevertheless, Agnes dreaded the awkwardness of lunch if she had to tell her sister's family she had not invited them to Darcy’s and Kaze’s wedding.

She would have to save the news until later. "Oh. Kaze, was it? I'm Darcy's aunt." Agatha checked Kaze out with an awkward look on her face.

She was going to introduce a man to her niece. In fact, Agatha had brought the man with them. It was the other young man in the room.

"Hello, Nelson, Agatha, Landon, Rose. Nice to meet you all."

Kaze said hello to Agatha's family. Darcy had let him know their

names before they arrived at the hotel.

Nelson Oceanid worked at the strategic department and was a man

of few words. He simply nodded in response.

Rose and Landon were around Sky's age, and Landon was the youngest of the bunch. Though Rose acknowledged Kaze courteously, her demeanor was

distant.

Landon scoffed and sized Kaze up. "You don't have the looks or the taste in clothes. You have nothing on Kiev. How did you manage to

persuade Darcy to date you?"

Kaze had no idea what Landon was talking about.

He glanced at the young man sitting nearby.

The young man must be the guy Landon was referring to.

Sky glared at Landon and said, "Don't be ridiculous, Landon. What's the point of having looks or taste in clothes? Kaze is an exceptional man. He doesn't need the superficial stuff."

Since Kaze had reached God's status in Sky's eyes, Sky could not stand anybody belittling him.

Landon snapped back. "Kiev graduated from an Ivy League school. His family is wealthy, and his father is my dad's superior. You should see his family estate. | think Kiev is the perfect match for Darcy."

"A perfect match, my ass! Darcy is my sister, not yours. You don't get to say who she is made for. | do. Worry about your own sister."

If the adults were not around, Sky would get right in Landon's face. The families were amused by the spat between the kids. Thump!

Darcy smacked the back of Sky's head. "You can't decide who is for me either. Stop arguing. We haven't seen Landon in a long time. He was your favorite playdate when you were kids. Why are you fighting?"

"| don't want to hang around a snob." Sky scoffed. Landon wanted to talk back, but Kiev held him back. "Stop

complimenting me. My upbringing and my family's wealth don't mean anything. The privilege and wealth come from my family. | didn't earn any of them."

Tension in the room eased.

"Kiev is right. No wonder you didn't want your family's support when you returned from your studies abroad. You started your own

company, and in just a few years, your business is now worth

millions. If only my son is as motivated as you," Agatha said with a smile.

While talking, Agatha turned to Darcy. "Do you still remember Kiev, Darcy? You used to play with the kids in the compound of your uncle's quarters when you visited as a child. Kiev would drive those bullies away."

"I do," Darcy responded. It happened a long time ago. "It's been over ten years, Darcy. Nice to see you again."

Kiev got up and added with a smile, "I remember when you visited your aunt's family during the summer holidays. Thanks for tutoring me back then. I thought you were smart and kind at the time, and now you have grown to be an even more amazing woman."

"Thank you."

Darcy reached out for a handshake.

Kiev was part of her fond memory from her worry-free childhood, so she took to him.

Kaze frowned.

Kiev seemed interested in his wife.

Chapter 418 A Pink Rose

Kaze could tell that Kiev had a crush on Darcy.

Still, he said nothing.

His wife was exceptional, so it was only natural she would have many suitors.

Kiev would not be the first or the last.

Kaze could not possibly shoo each and every rival away.

He would not resort to violence unless dirty tactics were involved like in Henry's and Eliot's case. Kaze would not be distressed over Kiev.

Kiev was not a cause for concern to him.

"I brought you a little something, Hector and Agnes."

Kiev carried a few bags over.

Agnes waved her arms. "Oh, you shouldn't have."

They were aware of Kiev's feelings for Darcy. However, Darcy was already married to Kaze.

Kiev might be an outstanding man, but he and their daughter were not meant to be. Hector and Agnes could not possibly accept his gifts.

Noticing their reservations, Kiev smiled. "The gifts are nothing big or expensive. Don't think too much about it. It's common courtesy to present gifts as we are meeting for the first time."

"Just accept the gifts, Agnes. We should be the ones bringing gifts, but Kiev said he got us covered. He means well. They are not anything expensive anyway," Agatha persuaded.

Agnes accepted two bags.

Kiev gave Hector a leg massager.

Since Hector was bound to a wheelchair, his leg function had severely deteriorated.

Kaze often hunkered down and massaged his legs.

Agnes received cosmetic products.

The items were not worth a lot of money.

Kiev, despite his multimillion-dollar wealth, thoughtfully chose small gifts suitable for each individual. Agnes and Hector could relax.

Sky had gotten a pair of branded sneakers from Kiev.

He did not want to accept the gift because Kiev wanted to steal Darcy from Kaze.

Sky could not be bought off with a pair of branded sneakers.

Kaze gave him a Ferrari 488.

Not wanting the family gathering to turn sour, Agnes lectured Sky and made him accept the gift.

“Kiev has always been polite and humble even though Nelson works under his father. He would always bring Landon and Rose gifts when he visited our home,” Agatha said with a smile.

Agnes nodded.

Kiev was a fine man.

It was a pity because her son-in-law, Kaze, was not too shabby either. Kaze's position as the security manager at Lefteria Group commanded respect.

Simon, the hotel manager, gave her family the VIP treatment when she arrived at Lily Garden Hotel today.

Agnes assumed that Simon did so because of Kaze.

Kiev turned to Kaze with an apologetic smile. "I'm sorry, Kaze. I wasn't informed that you would be here, so I didn't get you a gift."

The others nodded to themselves.

Even though Kiev had feelings for Darcy, he did not show hostility to Darcy's boyfriend, Kaze. That was rather civil and polished of him.

"What a gentleman."

Even Darcy believed Kiev was the perfect gentleman.

"It's alright."

Kaze smiled without a care. He caught a glimpse of the last bag in

Kiev's hand.

Since the gift was not for him, he could only assume that Kiev had something for Darcy. Sure enough, Kiev approached Darcy and pulled out a box from

bag.

“Here’s my gift to you, Darcy.”

As everybody watched on curiously, Kiev opened the box and presented it to Darcy. “Woah! It's the Pink Rose!”

A gasp was heard in the room.

Rose covered her mouth and looked at the box enviously.

Chapter 419 A Knockoff

The moment the box was opened, the item inside drew everybody’s attention.

A pink rose blossomed in Kiev’s hand, unleashing an eye-catching pink sparkle.

The object everyone saw was not a real rose but a diamond.

The diamond's natural pink glow was further enhanced by its exceptional cut, making it even more vibrant and dazzling. That was the reason why everybody mistook it for a pink rose at first glance.

The women in the private lounge were mesmerized by the diamond.

It was a beautiful rock, and diamonds were women’s best friend.

“Rose, what's the pink rose?” Agatha asked her daughter excitedly.

Rose replied with a thrill, "That's the name of the diamond necklace. A female celebrity lost the bid to get the Pink Rose at an auction few days ago, and the incident went viral online.

"Sources said that the Pink Rose was sold to a mysterious young and rich man for 10 million dollars. I can't believe the man was you, Kiev."

Everybody looked at Kiev in surprise. Kiev spent 10 million dollars to buy the Pink Rose for Darcy. Darcy glanced at Kiev in shock. It never occurred to her that he would splurge on her.

"Darcy, I wanted to give you the Pink Rose the minute I learned I would be seeing you in Lilyrose. The necklace shouldn't be wasted on the female celebrity. I believe only you are worthy to wear it.

"No, I should say that only the Pink Rose is good enough for you. Do you like it?" "It's too expensive. I can't possibly accept it." Darcy shook her head without hesitation.

Kiev was not surprised by her refusal. He said, "The value of the Pink Rose is no different from the gifts I gave your parents. It's just a little something for my old friend."

"It's too expensive for me. Thank you, Kiev, but we don't need gifts to prove that we're friends. It's the thought that counts." Darcy declined once more and sat down.

Kiev's disappointment was reflected in his eyes.

Still, no one expected what was to come.

Kiev put his arm up and dropped the necklace into the trash can.

Clang.

The group's hearts sank.

Kiev had no qualms about throwing a 10-million-dollar diamond necklace away.

“Why did you dump the necklace, Kiev?”

Darcy

cocked her head back and looked at him in disbelief.

Kiev smiled without a care. “Since you don’t want it, the necklace has lost its value. I believe diamonds are worthless. Its value hinges on

the wearer.”

“You spent 10 million dollars on it.”

Darcy, kind as she was, felt bad. She got up to retrieve the necklace

from the trash can.

Nevertheless, someone else was one step ahead of her at scooping the Pink Rose from the trash can. Holding the diamond necklace in his hand, Kaze turned to Kiev.

“You're right, Kiev. This diamond is worthless. I won't want Darcy to wear it because it's a knockoff.” He closed his palm.

The 10-carat Pink Rose, a diamond famed for its toughness, was crushed and reduced to powder.

Chapter 420 Goddess' Heart

Poof!

It sounded like something blew up in Kaze's hand.

Kaze opened his palm. The 10-carat pink diamond was shattered into shards.

As Kaze spread his fingers apart, the remnants of the diamond sprinkled on the ground.

Everybody in the room stared at Kaze in horror.

Did he just crush a diamond with his bare hand? How did he do it?

A diamond was the toughest known rock in the world. That was an impossible feat.

Unless the diamond was a fake as Kaze said.

Kiev was speechless. He stared at Kaze without a word. He knew better than anybody about the authenticity of the Pink Rose. The Pink Rose's certificate of authenticity was kept in his home, so the necklace could not have possibly been a knockoff. However, Kaze had crushed the Pink Rose.

Even if the diamond was real, others would assume it was a fake now.

Anyone else would have gone ballistic by now but not Kiev.

Keeping his cool, Kiev told Kaze with a smile, "It was my oversight. I was captivated by the fake Pink Rose. I thought the necklace suited Darcy, so I didn't get it appraised."

“I should thank you, Kaze. If you hadn’t determined its authenticity, Darcy would have been humiliated to be seen wearing it in public.”

He apologized to Darcy too.

“You don’t have to apologize to me. Even if the necklace is a knockoff, I think it's beautiful. It's a shame Kaze crushed it without giving us the heads-up,” Darcy replied and glared at Kaze.

She did not care if the Pink Rose was a fake or worth 10 million

dollars.

All that mattered was that it was beautiful.

Kaze smiled at Darcy before glancing at Kiev.

The man was harder to get rid of than he thought.

Kaze thought that Kiev would be angry that he destroyed the diamond. To his surprise, Kiev pulled himself together and thanked him.

Kiev's effortless defusing of tension and unwavering courtesy would impress Darcy greatly.

He said, “Don’t blame Kaze, Darcy. He did the right thing by destroying

the knockoff.”

Kiev justified Kaze’s actions before adding, “I’ll get you a real

diamond necklace as an apology, Darcy, but Kaze, please don’t crush

it again.”

“Alright, Kaze?”

Kiev smiled at Kaze.

Kaze frowned.

He had sent Kiev a message to back off, but the latter refused to give up on Darcy. In fact, he was pushing his luck. Kaze went over and put his arm around Darcy’s shoulders.

Kiev furrowed his brows.

Kaze said, “Don’t bother. A diamond necklace should be a gift from her husband. I have given one to Darcy, and she’s wearing it

now.

He then fished the necklace out of Darcy’s collar.

It was the Goddess’ Heart that Kaze gave Darcy at the birthday

celebration.

“Wow!”

Agatha and Rose gasped at the sight of the Goddess’ Heart.

It shimmered brighter than the Pink Rose.

The necklace had taken Agnes' breath away before, but like Darcy, she always believed it was a counterfeit. Agnes gave no reaction.

"Can you crush this rock, Kaze?" Kiev asked with a smile.

He knew Kaze could pulverize diamonds with his bare hands.

In other words, Kiev was implying to everybody that the diamond necklace was a fake too. Even if the diamond was real, others would mistake it to be a replica.

Kaze smiled and turned to Rose. "You seem to know a lot about

diamonds, Rose. Do you know the name of this necklace?"