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Chapter 861 The Truth Is Revealed

"No, I weigh more than a hundred pounds." Shirley shook her head and placed the shrimp dumpling on Skyler's plate. "You need to eat more."

Skyler smirked and raised his eyebrows when he heard that. "What's the problem? Are you concerned that I won't have enough energy if I don't eat enough?"

The innocent Shirley was unaware of Skyler's innuendo. "Of course not. All I want is for you to eat more." "Oh, I see what you mean. You're criticizing me for not doing a good job of serving you."

"Huh? I—" Shirley's cheeks flushed scarlet as she realized what he meant. "What nonsense are you on about?"

Skyler is such a pervert who constantly drops innuendoes! "What are you talking about? I see you both having a good time even from a distance," Veronica commented.

As the entrance to the living room was open, Veronica and Matthew entered the room holding hands. "Veronica and Iron!" Shirley cheerfully stood up. "We're having breakfast right now. Why don't you come over and have some too?"

"It's late; why are you eating breakfast now?" Veronica looked at the wall clock, which showed that it was already 9.30 AM. "I..."

Shirley was shy, and the flush on her face didn't go away. Veronica's words made her unconsciously recall what happened the night before and she couldn't help but blush.

"Oh? What exactly is going on?" Sensing something was amiss, Veronica turned her head and glanced at Matthew. The two exchanged a knowing smile.

"What? N-Nothing at all." Shirley then shook her head vigorously. "I slept in, so I'm late." Matthew nodded as he pretended to believe her. "Is that so? But Shirley, what made you so nervous about Roni's casual remark?"

Although Shirley's reply was unusual, her reaction gave itself away. Skyler grinned in resignation as he noticed Shirley flushing red like a tomato. Then, he asked Matthew with a sidelong glance, "Why did you come here so early?"

"Am I not welcomed here?" Matthew's remark had a double meaning. "One Piece Restaurant is your domain and we're only freeloading, so of course you are welcome here." Then, Skyler lifted an eyebrow at Veronica. "Right, Roni?"

As he finished his words, Matthew immediately slapped him. "Call her Veronica!" "Alright, alright. I get it. Veronica."

Skyler couldn't stand up to Matthew's stubbornness, so he addressed Veronica by her first name. Then, he spread his arms and drawled, "You should compensate me for that." "Do you prefer a death pension?" Matthew warned Skyler with piercing eyes.

"You are so violent, Matt!" Skyler shook his head. "Ro—I mean, Veronica, you must be cautious. This individual is violent. Let me know if he hits you. I'll summon Caleb and Miguel over to defend you."

Veronica couldn't help but giggle as she sat down across from Skyler. "You are cheerful. That suggests something nice has occurred. You two are deceiving us."

Shirley and Skyler had been flirting with each other since Veronica arrived, which she thought was very unusual. "Oh, Veronica. What kind of nonsense are you on about? Sky and I did nothing unusual," Shirley's face flushed again as she said this.

"Oh! Who are you calling 'Sky'?" Veronica laughed as she covered her lips. "That's enough!"

Skyler couldn't take it any longer. In the end, he took Shirley's hand and drew her to his lap. Then he wrapped his arms around her neck and introduced her openly, "Shirley is my girlfriend. In the future, please keep an eye out for us."

"Skyler! D-Didn't you agree to keep our relationship a secret for the time?"

Shirley blushed and pointed a finger at Skyler. However, he raised his hand and poked her on the head. "Come on, Shirley. You're too obvious. Do you think Matt and Veronica can't tell?"

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Chapter 862 Support from Veronica

When one was in love or had a crush, they would not be able to hide the look in their eyes. As such, when Veronica and Matthew entered, they sensed something peculiar going on. Presently, Shirley bit her lower lip as she looked at Veronica. Smiling shyly, she murmured, "Veronica..."

"You are free to love. I'm not going to interfere." Veronica couldn't say too much because Skyler was present. "I-I'd like to state that I have no intention of lying to you. Sky and I are in a trial period to see if we're compatible—"

Skyler cut her off in the middle of her explanation. "Nonsense! We're compatible." "Roni, Shirley has been in the hidden clan for two days. Staying in the same room all the time

must be boring. Would you like to take her for a walk?" It was Matthew who made that suggestion.

He needed Veronica's help to distract Shirley as he talked to Skyler about something vital. Meanwhile, Veronica cooperated with him.

She took Shirley's hand as she stated, "Let's go. I'll take you out for a walk."

Shirley giggled and agreed. "Okay. I have been getting bored lately."

She smiled openly before getting up and leaving the room with Veronica.

When they were in the corridor, Veronica asked, "Why did you suddenly agree to attempt to date him?"

"Oh..."

Shirley was hesitant to tell Veronica what happened, as she feared that Veronica would think she was frivolous.

After some thought, she mumbled, "He confessed his feelings to me. I... I was caught up in the moment and agreed. However, we agreed to have a trial period to see if we are indeed compatible."

"Shirley..." Veronica called out, then came to a halt before the other woman. With a solemn attitude, she stated, "I have no objection to you dating Skyler, but you must exercise caution. I don't want you to get hurt, okay?"

Even Veronica couldn't be sure of Skyler's character because the man was a Casanova. As such, Shirley couldn't possibly know more than Veronica.

Furthermore, the disparity in prestige between the two was too great, not to mention that Sofia would also get in the way.

In short, the relationship would be nothing but complicated.

"Veronica, I know you're keeping an eye out for me."

Shirley then bowed her head and clenched her fists together nervously. She paused for a long time and looked around to see if anyone was nearby. After ensuring no one else was around, she began, "A-Actually..."

"Come to my room to talk."

Veronica took Shirley's hand and led Shirley upstairs, knowing that she wanted to speak about something in private.

Shirley sat at the table in front of the window as soon as she entered the room. Veronica then brewed a cup of tea before sitting across from her. "Go on."

"It's a long story. Well... It all started last year when Skyler spent a few days at my place to escape Sofia. Then..."

Shirley glanced at Veronica from time to time as she spoke, as if she were a child who had made a mistake.

"Sofia misunderstood us and struck me. Skyler moved in at the time because he verbally promised me a hundred thousand in exchange for a favor. But I didn't expect that afterward..."

Shirley told Veronica everything about herself and Skyler in detail, including being bullied at the Vincere Games and meeting with Garrick.

Veronica frowned slightly after she patiently listened to Shirley's statements. "How could you keep so many secrets from me? However, Skyler was correct. Garrick is Sofia's brother. Hence, his approach is suspicious."

Veronica then proceeded to frown and contemplate the problem. "As far as I know, Skyler rarely shows such affection for a lady. He is overly concerned with your affairs, so... I believe you two can try to be together."

"Really?"

Shirley's eyes shone brightly and she was flushed with delight.

She expected Veronica to chastise her, but Veronica had encouraged her instead.

"I'm rooting for you because I know you like him. However, you should be aware that your disparity in prestige is excessively high. I'm afraid your relationship will not be smooth sailing."

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Chapter 863 A Warning to Skyler

Veronica then stated solemnly, "Once you marry into a wealthy family, you will be trapped for life. Do you get what I'm saying?" "I do."

Shirley appeared depressed as she muttered, "That's why I said I'll give it a shot." "Fine. You can try it out since you like Skyler. Even if you fail, don't be disappointed. You'd only be sorry if you didn't even try."

If one worked hard and put in effort for it, they would not regret giving it their all even if they failed in the end. "Thank you very much, Veronica." Shirley's good mood returned, and she smiled sweetly.

Meanwhile, Matthew shot a harsh gaze at Skyler downstairs. "Is it going to be a serious relationship this time?" Skyler continued to eat with a fork and he nodded while chewing. "Maybe."

"Let's ignore Roni and Shirley's connection for the time being. Focus on Shirley first, shall we? She is a pure young lady. You should tread carefully."

Shirley and Veronica were close after working together for more than a year. They were almost like sisters. Shirley was also a great assistance to Matthew.

As such, Matthew gave Shirley a car as well. Because of Veronica, Matthew interacted with Shirley frequently and he admired her forthright personality.

Maybe he was warming up to Shirley since Veronica liked her as well.

Meanwhile, Skyler and Matthew were very close friends. Thus, Matthew was familiar with him.

Matthew then stated, "Shirley is not like other ladies. Roni will not let me or you go if you bully her!"

There was no question about it.

"What exactly do you mean? Are you calling me a scumbag?"

Skyler was displeased and set down his utensils.

Matthew didn't look at the other man as he reached for the teapot and poured himself a cup of tea. "You are the most knowledgeable about what happened after Sofia abandoned you. That's all I'll say on this matter."

He sipped his drink and changed the subject. "I'm here today to tell you about the hunting ceremony of the hidden clan."

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Half an hour later, Matthew and Veronica left One Piece Restaurant and drove to Zac's house.

After he arrived at the hidden clan, Tanya arranged for Zac to live in an exceptional area due to his special status.

Many individuals were present as Zac was injured.

There were many cars parked in the parking lot after the two arrived at their location. The license plate numbers were quite familiar.

Veronica and Matthew exited the car and proceeded to the courtyard entrance. At the gate stood two rows of guards.

The soldiers came to a halt when they saw Veronica and Matthew walk over.

“Stop right there. Who are you?” The guard spoke in the hidden tongue.

Veronica couldn’t speak the local language despite having a translating device, so she could only look at Matthew.

Matthew introduced himself and his purpose to the guards.

The guard then waved them in and opened the door. “Okay. You may go in.”

A voice rang out from behind him at this precise moment.

“Good day, Master Iron.”

It was a recognizable voice; one didn’t have to turn their head to recognize the owner of it.

Eleanor was dressed in a long red gown. The cuffs and skirt were crocheted in blue and white with motifs embroidered.

She also wore silver jewelry and exquisite makeup, which perfectly complemented her snowy skin. Her exotic features were even more enticing and attractive against the red outfit.

Even Veronica couldn’t help but notice the seductive, hot, and demure beauty.

“You’re here as well, Veronica!” Eleanor approached Veronica and stood beside her while greeting her warmly.

“What a coincidence.”

Veronica smiled.

However, Matthew merely gave Eleanor a sidelong glance before entering the room with Veronica.

“Hey, Master Iron. What are you thinking? Why don’t you take a look at me? I was expecting you at the entrance.”

Eleanor was irritated because Matthew had ignored her.

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Chapter 864 Zac Lost His Hand

Eleanor stepped around Veronica and over to Matthew’s side to wrap her arms around his arm affectionately. However, Matthew withdrew his arm. “Please control yourself, Princess Eleanor.”

As he said that, he took Veronica and placed her between him and Eleanor. Matthew’s rejection of Eleanor prompted Veronica’s heartfelt grin. “What exactly are you laughing about?”

Eleanor had a thunderous expression as she grumbled, “Aren’t you overjoyed that your spouse has rejected me?” She disliked hiding and preferred to express her thoughts directly.

Veronica shrugged. “Your Highness, I believe he rejects you because of my presence. How about I go on first and give you two some privacy?”

“Tsk! I don’t require your assistance.”

Eleanor extended her hand and embraced Veronica’s arm. “I adore your husband, so I’ll use my charm to sway him without your help.”

“Well, I admire Your Highness’ self-confidence.”

It was strange.

Veronica had to find Eleanor unpleasant as the latter was her love rival. However, she couldn’t despise someone so honest.

Veronica had to admit Eleanor was rather charismatic.

“Thank you so much. All you have to do is ensure your husband doesn’t hurt me as badly as he did Zac.”

Eleanor spoke of nothing but the truth.

Veronica then turned her head and looked at Matthew. They smiled and exchanged glances.

"There's nothing we can hide from you, Your Highness," Veronica murmured.

"Of course not. I can't be the head of the clan if I'm not smart enough."

"You'll be the head and yet, you're still close to me. Aren't you scared I'll take advantage of the situation and assault you?"

"If you wanted to accomplish it, you would have done it long ago. What's the point in waiting until now?" Eleanor beamed as she added, "Why do you think I like you both? It's not just because you two are attractive."

"Do tell." Truth was, Veronica was intrigued.

Eleanor rolled her eyes when she heard that. "It's obviously due to your charisma."

"Oh? Thank you, Your Highness."

Veronica was amused.

Led by the servants, they walked through the front yard together and they soon arrived at the backyard and met Zac.

Zac was still dressed in the same silver-gray suit, but his left arm was covered in gauze and the palm had vanished.

He sat in the front seat while staring at the Ledgers. "When I arrived at the hidden clan, you assured me of my protection. Should you explain yourself now?"

Tanya, Dominik, Liam, Hendrey, and the others were present, except for Antheena and Xavier.

"Prince Zac, you stated that the person who injured you is Xavier. Now that we've got him, what do you want to do with him?"

An IV pole next to Zac held a bag of intravenous fluid. His skin was as white as paper. He was seriously hurt and had only recently woken up.

"Where's Xavier? Bring him to me..."

Halfway through his sentence, he noticed Eleanor, Veronica, and 'Iron' enter the room.

"Prince Zac, I hope you're doing well."

Eleanor let go of Veronica and stepped forward in a compassionate demeanor. "I rushed over when I heard you were hurt. I'm sorry for not protecting you well."

Veronica and her husband stood off to one side without speaking.

The injured Zac could only think of it as an embarrassment. He glanced at Eleanor after hearing her remark, but his gaze was drawn to Veronica.

At that point, he had a keen gaze and was gritting his teeth with rage, but some terrible things prevented him from speaking.

“Where’s Xavier? Bring him in this instant!”

After being injured previously, Zac bled excessively and passed out from the pain.

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Chapter 865 Kill Xavier

The doctor did his best to save Zac, but the lopped-off hand couldn’t be found, so he couldn’t stitch it back.

When Tanya received the news, she hurried over to visit Zac right away. After Zac woke up, he said that Xavier was the one who did it, so Tanya sent out her people to capture Xavier and his wife.

“Please calm down, Prince Zac. You’re injured right now, so you have to rest well,” Tanya said calmly. “They’re already on their way and they’ll be here soon.”

“Xavier... Xavier has always been on good terms with you, Prince Zac. How... could he suddenly do this to you?” Tiffany was so confused that she couldn’t help but voice her question.

As soon as Tiffany finished speaking, Zac glared at her coldly. “Shut up and get lost! You have no right to speak here.” Of all the things she could have mentioned...

Zac was so pissed that he wished he could just slap Tiffany across the face to ease his anger. As he spoke, he couldn’t help but glare at Veronica with hatred.

His vicious look seemed to threaten to tear Veronica apart. As the peacemaker, Hendrey spoke up. “Zac, Tiffany is just worried about you.”

Feeling wronged by the public reprimand, Tiffany paled as she clenched her fists, suppressing the fury in her heart. However, when she looked at things from another point of view, Zac had always been arrogant so now that he lost his hand, it was simply retribution.

It felt good to know that.

After comforting herself like so, Tiffany felt her mood lightening up considerably.

The party proceeded to find chairs to sit on. On the other hand, Matthew was still disguised as Iron Pillar, so he stood behind Veronica and acted as a bodyguard.

The living room was unusually quiet.

Everyone was occupied with their own thoughts. Some were happy while others were gleeful, but the only ones who pitied Zac were probably the subordinates he brought with him into the hidden clan.

It went on for more than 10 minutes.

At that point, footsteps sounded beyond the living room and the group turned to look outside. Xavier and Antheena had both their hands and feet bound as the soldiers pushed them into the living room.

“Queen Tanya, here they are.”

After the soldier finished reporting, Tanya waved her hand and they promptly turned around and left.

Xavier and Antheena wore calm looks on their faces. Even as a girl, Antheena wasn't wailing at all. With her usual calmness, she scanned the group in the room, then rested her gaze on Tanya as she asked, “Queen Tanya, why did you capture me and Seb—Xavier?”

Sebastian was Xavier's name in Castron, but many were still used to calling him by his original name.

As such, Antheena could only correct herself and refer to him as Xavier.

“F*ck! Xavier Crawford, I'm going to kill you!”

As soon as Zac saw Xavier walking in, he felt his aggressiveness bubbling over. He could barely control the rage in his heart as he stood up right away. He subconsciously moved his left hand to pull out the needle on the back of his right hand, but when he lifted his hand, he realized that his palm was gone.

He could only lift his right hand and use his teeth to tear the needle off the back of his hand. He ran up to his bodyguard, then took out a gun from the bodyguard's back. Aiming the gun at Xavier, he roared, “I'll kill you!”

Zac had suddenly lost control of his emotions, and everyone in the living room panicked.

They feared that they would be caught in the crossfire.

Everyone was a little tense.

“Prince Zac, don’t act rashly!”

“Prince Zac, please calm down first.”

“The gun isn’t loaded. Please calm down.”

One of Zac’s men walked up to him and snatched the gun from his hand. Then, he sat Zac down on the chair and said, “Your hand is bleeding. Doctor? Doctor!”

Everything was a mess.

The doctor hurried over and stopped Zac’s wound from bleeding, then applied pressure on the back of Zac’s right hand so that it wouldn’t bleed from the hole of the needle.

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Chapter 866 Sowing Discord

Only Xavier was calm as he glanced at Veronica, then allowed his gaze to fall on Matthew. The two exchanged glances for a moment. It was just a glance, but Veronica could already feel the aura of fury surrounding Xavier.

Zac gradually calmed down and the silence took over the living room once again. Tanya assumed a queen-like behavior as she questioned, “Xavier, Prince Zac was ambushed last night. Did you do it?”

“My wife and I were sleeping in the hotel all night,” Xavier responded honestly. Antheena nodded at that. “That’s right.” Last night, she had the time of her life with Xavier and it was the most blissful night she had experienced.

In the end, she was so exhausted that she drowsily fell asleep. Before dawn even arrived, those people had shown up to capture them.

Antheena and Xavier were both bewildered through it all, and they finally understood what was going on when someone mentioned what happened to Zac.

It seemed that calamity could befall anyone even if they were at home. “Antheena, Xavier is your husband. Your testimony is not solid evidence.” Tanya maintained a just and fair attitude.

“There’s a surveillance camera in the hotel. It can prove that we never left the hotel,” Antheena said again.

Eleanor spoke up. "The surveillance camera of the hotel was aimed at the main entrance. With Xavier's skills, he can scale walls and run on the rooftops, so he could have left the hotel easily."

Even though Eleanor knew that this incident had nothing to do with Xavier, she still intended to defend Matthew. To her, getting Xavier to take the blame was the best way.

"Princess Eleanor, do you mean that I have no way to prove myself?" Xavier had a cold look in his eyes as he spoke each word clearly. "Unless someone else agrees to testify for you," Eleanor said.

"You're being unreasonable!" Antheena was so furious that her eyes reddened. "Xavier holds no grudges against Zac, so why are you attacking him?"

"It's very simple." Eleanor lazily leaned against the chair, her body tilting slightly as she placed her elbow on the handle. Supporting her chin with one hand, she casually lifted the other hand.

Her long and slender finger pointed past everyone at Victoria. "Because... Prince Zac is bad news to Veronica. Last night at the Elysium Hotel, Zac tried to do something to her. It was Xavier who hurried there in time, defeated Prince Zac, and left with Veronica in his arms."

Eleanor was killing two birds with one stone. Firstly, she had exposed Zac's shameless antics. Secondly, she had also ruined Veronica's reputation on purpose. Thirdly, she had sowed discord between Xavier and Antheena.

After all, it was true that Xavier had beaten Zac at the Elysium Hotel last night. When Zac heard Eleanor's words, his expression fell and he turned pale. He felt that Eleanor was causing trouble on purpose.

Sadly, he still hadn't found any evidence. As such, he could only swallow his accusations reluctantly. Antheena frowned as a look of surprise appeared on her face. She turned around and asked Xavier, "Is it true?"

"Yes." Xavier stood upright. He didn't look listless like a criminal simply because of the cuffs on his hands and feet. His answer was firm and resolute. Antheena's heart was broken in that instant.

She couldn't help but look toward Veronica. She was mad but more than that, she was jealous. What gives Veronica the right to do that?

Why? Why will Xavier willingly do so much for Veronica?

"See, even Xavier himself has admitted it." Eleanor continued to pour salt on the wound. "Even though it is true that you have married Xavier, everyone knows that he likes

Veronica. Veronica fell into the prince's trap and that triggered Xavier, so that was why he acted that way.

There's enough evidence now, so how are you going to deny it any further?" She sighed before she prompted, "Antheena, you don't have to be so sad about it. Xavier knew Veronica early on and they were truly quite close to each other. I think they're just friends, though. Don't think too much about it."

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Chapter 867 Show the Proof

Tiffany decided to make matters worse by adding fuel to the fire. Antheena was in pain as she laughed at herself without knowing what to say.

"What else is there to say, Xavier?" Dominik finally asked after being silent the whole time. On the other hand, an elated Liam, who was beside him, silently observed the situation as it developed while he snacked on some seeds.

Xavier looked at Matthew with a ruminating gaze as the corners of his lips curled upward. "I'm not as good as the others, so I have nothing to say."

That phrase of 'I'm not as good as the others, so I have nothing to say' caused everyone to ponder on it. "I just want to know when Zac was injured." When everyone thought the matter had been settled, Veronica broke the silence.

Tanya responded, "The incident happened at about 2.30AM. After the suspect hurt the prince, he was apprehended by the bodyguards and put up a fight for close to half an hour, so I'd say Zac was injured at about 2.30AM to 3.00AM."

"Why are you asking?" Tiffany sneered. "Are you trying to excuse Xavier from his responsibilities? She hated Veronica so much that she would use every opportunity to target Veronica.

Veronica was not in the mood to reply to Tiffany, so she pulled out her cell phone and said, "At 2.30AM, I happened to swing by the Caritas Hotel, which is where Xavier is staying. I even stayed there for ten minutes. The timing seems to clash, so I can prove that Xavier has nothing to do with Zac's injury."

At that, everyone cast strange glances at her. "You went to look for Xavier in the wee hours of the morning?!" "Didn't Xavier say that he was with his wife?"

"My gosh, Veronica. Are you willing to sacrifice your reputation for Xavier's sake?" "Veronica, why did you look for Xavier at that goddamn hour?"

“What relationship are you guys in?” Everyone was curious about why Veronica would look for Xavier in the wee hours of the morning.

Bang! Zac suddenly rose to his full height and pointed at Veronica while angrily demanding, “Bullsh*t! You want to absolve Xavier from his responsibility? I’ll have you know that I’ll end his life today!”

With that, he reached out and snatched the gun from the table before shooting Xavier. Veronica and Xavier were standing close to each other.

At that critical moment, she stepped forward and tried to yank him aside, but she was a moment too late because...

Matthew had moved faster than her and shoved Xavier to one side.

Pow! The sound of a gunshot rang out as the bullet whizzed in their direction, but it missed its target and landed in the tree in the yard instead.

The tree leaves swayed as the bullet landed on the tree. “Zac, stop it!”

An exasperated Veronica yelled when she saw that he was about to make a move, but something flew out of her hand and landed on his right hand. It caused his wrist to hurt all of a sudden and the gun that he held fell as a result.

Many people were stunned by how fast she made her move. The Ledgers were especially surprised as they stared at her in amazement.

Xavier, who was pushed to the side, stood still as he suspiciously glanced at Matthew before turning to Veronica. He had a complicated yet heavy feeling at this very moment.

If he had to be honest, Xavier was heartbroken by what she did last night. At this moment, Veronica did not hesitate to attack Zac if it meant protecting Xavier. Such an action had left Xavier feeling a little moved.

“Prince Zac, what are you in a rush for? Didn’t I mention it before? I have video proof that I went to look for Zac last night!” The cell phone that Veronica held started to play the surveillance footage.

“Here is the surveillance footage from the hotel. The truth speaks for itself from the moment I entered the lobby to the time when I spoke with Xavier in the corridor. Both the witness and material evidence can provide Xavier with an alibi, so what right do you have to say that Xavier is the mastermind?”

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Veronica's lips curled into a cold smile as she explained, "I was worried that your enemies would take revenge on you and you wouldn't be able to locate the mastermind.

That was why I used Xavier as the scapegoat to avenge what you did to him yesterday at the Elysium Hotel. She had initially planned to reveal their identities before rescuing Xavier.

However, Matthew had contacted folks from One Piece Restaurant earlier that morning and asked them to investigate the surveillance footage from the Caritas Hotel. They found not only the footage from the entrance and exit of the hotel lobby but of the corridor as well.

The video was a piece of good evidence to expose Veronica and Xavier. In other words, Matthew did not need to reveal his identity to exonerate Xavier from the alleged crime.

Since the matter had happened like that, there was not much they needed to do anymore. "How did it become like this?"

"Who attacked Prince Zac yesterday?" "Beats me." "It seems that Xavier is an innocent party all along." "Who said he wasn't?"

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The people who were present started to engage in whispered discussion.

Only Tiffany clenched her fist and spoke to Veronica mystically, "Veronica, you know that Xavier is married, but you still looked for him in the wee hours of the morning. As a woman, you should have some self-respect."

She was deliberately trying to fan the flames to incite Antheena's jealousy of Veronica. It was Tiffany's way of using Antheena to deal with Veronica and fulfill her long-cherished wish. Veronica lazily looked up and curled her red lips before she slowly approached Tiffany.

Veronica's sharp gaze on her was enough to scare the lights out of Tiffany, who retreated two steps in fear. "I'm telling the truth, so why do you have to glare at me? Is it because you don't want others to know the truth?"

"Alright. What else do you want to add? I'll listen," Veronica stated calmly.

Tiffany figured that Veronica would not dare to lay a hand on her in public, so she replied arrogantly, "I am your sister, so what I have said is all for your good. Although your husband is gone, it's understandable for you to seek love elsewhere. Xavier is a married man, though. You should keep your distance from him, otherwise..."

She trailed off and did not voice out the rest of her words.

“Otherwise what?” Veronica’s bright eyes were so clear that it was impossible to see that there were traces of anger hidden in them.

“Otherwise, where does that leave Antheena? How about Madam Hayley? If news of this gets out, people will spread rumors about it.”

“Oh, really? What will they say?”

“T-They will say unkind words. For example, they would say that you are a widow trying to seduce a married man and you are imprudent. Y—ah!”

Before Tiffany could even finish her words, Veronica had already raised her hand to slap Tiffany hard. Although it was merely a slap, the impact contained so much force that Tiffany collapsed to the floor as a result.

When she fell, she knocked her head on the ground with a muffled bang. The scream caused everyone’s gaze to fall on her as they realized that she was bleeding from the corner of her mouth and even her ears started to bleed.

Thanks to Veronica’s slap, there was an imprint of her hand on Tiffany’s fair cheek, which began to swell noticeably. “Tiffany Larson, if you want to die, just say the word and I’ll help to fulfill your wish!” Veronica’s lips parted slightly as she growled and radiated a murderous aura.

She had never hated a person so much in her life. Tiffany Larson? Yeah, she’s the only one whom I hate the most. “Scram! All of you, just get the f*ck out!”

Since Zac couldn’t locate the real mastermind and Eleanor had exposed the horrible things that he did to Veronica, he felt utterly embarrassed.

Now that Veronica had a big fight with Tiffany, no one would have bothered about his feelings. As all of his anger and humiliation rose in that second, he was so irked that he flipped the table.

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Chapter 869 A Disgusted Look

“Investigate it, even if you have to dig three feet underground. I want to see who has the nerve to kill me!” Zac’s eyes were red with anger as he turned around without saying anything else.

Veronica ignored the injured Tiffany and made her way in front of Xavier and Antheena. Then, she addressed Tanya, “Queen Tanya, don’t you think you owe them an explanation about Zac’s injuries?”

Tanya was the one who captured Xavier and swore that he was guilty, so she needed to explain his involvement in the matter. Eleanor shot Veronica a pleading look. It was as if to say, Please have some self-awareness. Your husband is the culprit and yet, you are holding my mother accountable?

Veronica deliberately turned a blind eye to Eleanor. "Hahaha..."

Tanya rose to her full height and went to the soldiers guarding the door to unlock the handcuffs and shackles of Antheena and Xavier.

She removed the handcuffs and shackles and they rattled upon dropping to the floor. Antheena and Xavier shook their wrists. Even though Antheena looked at Veronica with an indecipherable look, she said nothing in the end.

She had no idea how the situation unfolded, so she naturally wouldn't know how Zac was injured last night. As a result, she thought that Veronica standing up for them was an act of kindness.

Antheena had a mixture of jealousy and admiration for Veronica because the latter was so perfect that the female population was jealous of her.

"Mr. Crawford, Miss Antheena, what happened today was a result of my negligence. It's indeed my fault. I do hope that you'll understand the situation from my point of view. Zac was the one who said that Mr. Crawford was the mastermind, so I could only capture him as a result. No matter what, as the head of the clan, I'm also at fault."

Tanya bowed to them as her way of apologizing. "Please accept my apologies."

Then, she straightened her body and added, "I'll treat you two to a meal later. Wait, there's Miss Murphy as well. Please come over to the palace for a banquet where I'll personally host you. It's also a token from the bottom of my heart. As for the compensation, I'll send someone to your residence and bring you over to the banquet."

At that, Tanya turned and looked at Dominik. "Dom, you should tidy up your place immediately so that Mr. Crawford and his wife have a place to stay. After all, they are our guests, so we can't neglect them."

"Yes, Mom." Dominik nodded slightly. "Queen Tanya, I accept your invitation. Thank you," Xavier responded and left after thanking Tanya.

Antheena did not say anything, but she only felt aggrieved as she left with him. Veronica gave Tanya a slight nod. "Queen Tanya, I'll have to trouble you, then. I'll make a move now." She glanced at Matthew and signaled him with her gaze, after which she left.

Liam was as quiet as a mouse throughout the interaction. In the end, there was disgust on his face as he peered at Tiffany. Pfft! You two are sisters, so how can you girls have such different personalities?

He withdrew his gaze and turned to watch Veronica's back as she left. The scene of her being a heroine resurfaced in his mind as he felt himself admiring Veronica even more.

No wonder Zac would want to lay his hands on Veronica. Who wouldn't have the hots for such a woman? It's such a pity. Liam initially fancied Veronica but now that he knew she was an extraordinary person, he immediately stopped that train of thought.

Meanwhile, Hendrey glanced at the unconscious Tiffany on the floor and felt that she was so hopeless that no amount of teaching would change her.

With a frown, he gave Tanya a bow and muttered, "Queen Tanya, I'll make my move first. Please send over some people to take her to my residence. Would that be alright?" Since Hendrey had already expressed his wishes, Tanya did not see any reason to reject him.

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"Sure, sure. You're being too polite, Mr. Johnson." Tanya nodded, giving people the illusion that she was friendly. Hendrey then addressed Dominik, Eleanor, and Liam one by one. "Prince Dominik, Princess Eleanor, and Prince Liam, I'll depart first."

"Take care, Mr. Johnson. We'll be in touch," Dominik replied chivalrously as he stepped forward. The moment Hendrey left, the soldiers guarding the entrance supported Tiffany in their arms and departed together.

Tanya placed her hands behind her back and looked in the direction of Zac's bedroom with narrowed eyes. "Tell me, who would dare to attack Zac?"

Liam placed the seeds he was having on the table and clapped as he rose to his full height. He brushed the seeds off his clothes while saying, "What else is there to say? It's a fact that he's injured. I think it's just a waste of my time to think who his assailant might be."

He pulled off the role of a playboy to the fullest. Then, under the gaze of those three people, he swaggered off.

Tanya was deeply dismayed. Of all the sons that she had, only Liam left her the most disappointed. Dominik shook his head. "It's such a weird matter. Could this be related to Madam Hayley?"

There was a look of contempt in Eleanor's eyes as she also shook her head. "Mom, aren't you putting me in a difficult position? I also have no idea who it is, but it has to be Prince Zac's enemy. Maybe Veronica sent someone to avenge him, but Zac couldn't produce the evidence, so he could only suffer in silence."

Eleanor was missing Matthew and didn't want to stay for any minute longer, so she gave Tanya and Dominik a wave. "Bro, Mom, I'll make a move first. Bye."

With that, she bounced off.

While looking at Eleanor's retreating figure, Tanya shook her head and sighed deeply. "Oh, Dom, just look at your sister. She still has such immature behavior, so how am I to feel assured? In the future, you have to take good care of her, alright?"

As Dominik stood behind Tanya, his handsome face changed from calm and elegant to icy cold. He had a fierce gaze, but he respectfully agreed to her request. "You worry too much, Mom. This is what I should do. You're right; we should be sharing the hidden clan's burdens, yes?"

Meanwhile, at the parking lot, Xavier told Antheena, "Wait for me in the car first. I have some things to settle with Veronica." Antheena frowned as her displeasure was reflected in her eyes, but it was not obvious to anyone else.

After all, it took her so much effort to be close to Xavier, so she didn't want him to give her the cold shoulder just because she was 'ignorant'.

"Okay." Then, she entered the car and slammed the door shut. Veronica and Matthew were approaching Xavier from behind.

It was only when they stopped in front of him that she apologized, "I'm sorry that you felt wronged."

She felt ashamed about this matter because Xavier was innocent, but others were not aware that she was a very straightforward and honest person. "What's up? Are you so cowardly that you can't stand up for yourself?"

Xavier ignored Veronica and directed his question to Matthew with disdain. "If you wish to think so, there's nothing I can do about it."

Matthew wanted to reveal his identity so badly, but she stopped him from doing so and advised him not to be rash. Although Matthew felt helpless, he could only adhere to her wishes.

Xavier snorted. "Pathetic." His lips curled upward into a sarcastic smile as he mocked, "Veronica, is this the type of man you fancy?" He used to affectionately address her as "Roni".

However, after what had happened yesterday, the close relationship between Xavier and Veronica had undergone a big change. His attitude and tone toward her became much more indifferent.