

Lazily 576

Chapter 576: Prepubescent Girl

"You have muscles but you are still too thin. You are a bit underweight. You look like a prepubescent girl."

Gabi clenched her teeth as she smiled at Luna, who keeps on telling her what she lacked. At this point, she could only smile as she cursed inwardly. She had sensed that this woman didn't like her the moment they met. By now, it had become very obvious.

However, Gabi couldn't understand the source of this menacing glare. She was sure that she haven't met this woman before. "Anyway, I understand this was because of the problem in your heart. Thinking about it, being born like this is already a miracle." Luna continued while looking at the result of the examination. "You should be grateful."

"I am grateful."

Luna lifted her gaze away from the computer. "Then refuse the treatment."

"Excuse me?"

"Don't you know? There is a possibility that you would die." Seeing her daze expression, Luna continued, "The reason why Chief Aden chose you is that of your age and body. But if you refuse his request, I am sure he would understand. We can easily find someone like you." Luna was smiling gently at her.

"Is that so?" Gabi smiled in response.

"Yes. There is no reason for you to agree. We don't really know the effects of the treatment, since this would be the first time that we would use it on a human being. You should be aware that Chief Aden was only nice to you because of your heart. He was interested when he read your file."

"Ah" Gabi nodded. "You think that was the reason why he approached me first?"

"Of course."

Gabi nodded again. She was the one who approached Aden first. Because of this small mistake, Gabi knew that Luna was only trying to get rid of her. "But sir Aden is quite forceful."

"Forceful?" Luna lifted an eyebrow. "What do you mean?"

"He didn't you know?"

"Know what?"

"He "Gabi lowered her gaze while biting her lower lip. On the outside, she looked like a pitiful child that was bullied. "Forget what I just said. I promised not to tell anyone about it."

"Hmph! Are you trying to tell me he actually bullied you into coming here? How could you say something like that to Chief Aden?"

"Ah? What are you talking about?"

"I can smell your lies. I know that Chief Aden would never do that. He would only accept volunteers."

Volunteers, huh. Gabi nodded.

"However, since the treatment didn't start yet, you can still leave. I am sure that Chief Aden wouldn't mind."

Gabi didn't say anything this time.

Why would Luna want her to leave? If she was really Aden's assistant, then she would want to see the result of the experiment, right?

She squinted and continued to listen as the woman tried to convince her to leave. Of course, she would occasionally nod and asked some random questions about this experiment. Gabi knew that the woman would try to exaggerate her answers to scare her so she believed nothing that she said.

"Are you done?"

The conversation was halted when Aden walked inside the room again.

"Yes, Chief. Here is the result." Luna gave Aden a tablet. She stood next to the man, but once she became too close, Aden took a step back, increasing the distance between them. The action was small, but Gabi noticed it.

"Hmmm, I already expected this." Aden looked at Gabi. "Let's go to the lab. Miss Luna, your job is done here. Please return to your office."

"But sir she is a woman."

"Hm?"

"I mean I volunteered to help her and assist you since I heard that she is a woman. She reminded me too much of my late little sister, so if it's alright, I would like to help you this time."

"How are you going to help me?"

"Ah?"

"You don't even know. Leave us." With that, Aden didn't spare Luna any glance as he walked towards Gabi. "Let's go."

"I thought this is your lab?" Gabi waved at Luna before she followed Aden out of the room. She didn't miss the fierce glare that Luna gave her in response.

"Not the main one. How are you feeling?"

"Alive?" She indeed had some problems in her heart, but it's not something to be worried about. She could walk and run with no problems. However, she couldn't overexert herself or she would faint. Earlier, all she did was take off her clothes and step inside the tube-like machine.

"So sarcastic. Keep it up."

"Hm?"

"I will give you the first dose of Nanoparticles today."

"Huh? I thought"

"Don't worry, it's harmless. I wouldn't give you something that would kill you."

Gabi lowered her head. "Is it painful?"

"Nothing like that." Aden stopped walking. "Would you trust me?"

"Isn't it weird that you would ask me that question now?"

He chuckled. "Right. Let's go." Aden used a series of codes and his fingerprint to open another room.

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"" Gabi was speechless.

"Don't mind it. It would only analyze your skills compared to mine."

"" Wasn't that too harsh?

"Sit."

He gestured towards the chair. "You can change it into a bed if you are not comfortable." He added. "Take this."

"What is that?" Gabi eyed the vial.

"Something that would make you sleep."

"I thought it wouldn't hurt? Why would you want me to sleep?"

"You are scared of blood, no? I assumed you would be scared of needles. So sleep."

Gabi accepted the vial but didn't drink it. She stared at its colorless liquid as questions formed in her mind. What if this man wanted to kill her? Well isn't it too late for questions now?

She stared at him for a few seconds. "If you kill me I will come back and hunt you."

Surprise flashed in Aden's face before he started laughing. Did he find her words amusing? "I believe you," he said. "So I won't kill you. Sleep."

Seeing him turn towards the metal door, Gabi bit her lower lip. She hesitated for a few seconds before she finally decided to drink the liquid. Trusting this man was a gamble.

From the moment she was born, Gabi knew that she wasn't so lucky. She was born with a heart problem. Her body is as weak as her resolve in the past. However, the idea of curing her body is really tempting. She wanted to defend herself, she wanted to become strong.

She wanted to live a longer life and she wanted to give birth to Luca again.

It was a foolish thought. But once she is better, she could do more things.

So, she was gambling this time.

Of course, she had analyzed the situation before she came here. In the first place, Bobo Jewelry is really big. Their information wouldn't be lacking. Meaning, they could easily find someone in the same condition as her. If they really wanted to experiment on someone, why would they choose someone like her who is a member of the Ren Family?

Second, if they wanted to kill her, why not do it earlier when she was in that weird machine, naked and defenseless?

Third, this is her chance to get close to Archy.

While thinking about all this, Gabi slowly closed her eyes. Her breathing slowly fell into a calm rhythm. Then her consciousness left her.

Seeing this, Aden walked out of the door made of metal and stood next to her. His gaze was complicated before he started frowning.

How could she be too trusting? "Stupid woman," she muttered before he carried her in his arms. He then walked towards the metal door again.

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Gabi woke up with a smile on her face.

She felt like she had slept for ten hours. Her body felt light and refreshed. She even had dreams. When was the last time that she slept

All of her thoughts faded when she noticed that she wasn't sleeping in her bed. It took her a couple of seconds to realize that she was still inside Aden's lab. She was comfortably sitting on the chair earlier. Was it done?

Her gaze landed on her arm. No needles marks? She didn't feel any pain either. She turned her head to her left and right. All she could see were various types of equipment, half of them she didn't recognize.

She slowly got up and immediately noticed the changes in her body. Was it lighter? Or... was she just hallucinating?

"Awake?"

She immediately turned her head towards the door where they came in earlier.

"Hey... how was it?" she asked.

"It's done."

"Without needle marks?" or pain? She started to doubt his words.

"Do you feel the changes in your body?"

"Hm?"

"I just give you something that would make you healthier. So you would be able to adapt once we put the particles inside you."

"And the process? You said there would be needles?"

"Ah... It should be behind your head, at the stem of your brain."

Chapter 577: Concern

"It felt the same," Gabi said when she finished 20 laps that Aden asked her to run. She grabbed the towel from his hand and wiped the huge beads of sweat on her face.

"Are you sure?"

"Yes. My body feels light. I can go on for another twenty."

Aden nodded as he busily wrote something on his tablet. "Then. Can you run until you feel out of breath or if there is something different in your body?"

Gabi smiled. She gave the towel back and started running. Earlier, Aden asked her if she was willing to test it out and she agreed. So he took her to another floor where a training base was located. This space is equipped with a large running space to a shooting ground; Gabi couldn't help but be surprised.

However, before she could even ask why they have something like this, Aden said that this is where they trained their people. He said it was normal for all their bases. He said it in a really calm and nonchalant tone, like this information is nothing to him. As if on cue, Aden looked at her and told her it wouldn't matter if she was a spy. If someone would attack this base, he could just kill them.

The confidence in his tone and ruthlessness in his eyes made Gabi realized he wasn't joking. He was really confident that this base would be able to fight back against enemies. Of course, she wasn't really planning to tell anyone about this. She was planning to take this secret to her grave.

After that, he gave her a new set of clothing so she could start running. He said that the clothing is going to monitor her body and send him a signal if something was wrong with her heart. Aden told her that one lap is one kilometer. After that, Gabi started running.

At first, she thought she would last at least until the fifteenth lap, seventeen if she really pushed herself. After that, she wouldn't be able to survive anymore. She was confident that she would faint. But this didn't happen. Instead, she could run twenty laps as if it was nothing. Now she is running for another five laps before checking if something is weird in her body.

However, to someone like Gabi who just started training her body, a few months back, twenty-five kilometers is already an achievement. In fact, this would be something that she would be very proud of.

"Twenty-five. Do you feel anything?" Aden asked again after the twenty-fifth lap. "Nothing yet?" he asked when she shook her head.

"Nothing."

"Lightheadedness?"

She shook her head.

"Nausea?"

She shook her head.

He nodded in response. "Since this is your first time, you should take a cold shower first, then relax your muscles. I know you could run more laps, but your body won't be able to handle the pressure. We don't want that."

Gabi excitedly nodded. This is just miraculous! She immediately went to one of the private rooms. It was a small room with a single bed, a shower, a closet, and a table. Aden said it was for the people training or visiting the base.

After a few minutes, she went out with a new set of clothes that Aden gave her.

"How do you feel?" Aden was leaning at the door opposite the private room that she chose earlier.

"Did you wait for me?"

He nodded in response. "I wanted to make sure that you would only take a quick shower and that you were safe after running like that."

"I have been running, so it's nothing new to me," she said. She could run up to fifteen kilometers thanks to Glen's training. Gabi was confident that this was one of the reasons why she didn't really feel that tired today. Even her body didn't ache as much.

Aden looked at her from head to toe before he nodded. "You look well."

"I am taking that as a compliment."

He nodded. "White looks good on you."

"Hm?" Did he just compliment her? Right now, she was wearing a white dress. Aden said that the laboratory had various dresses for everyonea lame excuse. She knew that he prepared it for her, but she couldn't understand why he didn't want her to know that he would go that far just for this experiment. Isn't that because he didn't want her to complain and back out?

"I said," he took a step towards her. His icy fingers took her chin, lifting it up as he leaned closer. She could smell lemon and wood around him. Surprisingly, she liked it. "You look beautiful."

Gabi's eyes immediately widened. She blanked out.

"Without make-up." He added before he casually took a step back and turned his back on her. "Follow me."

She didn't move. Without make-up? That's right. She only brought lipstick, so after taking a bath, she wasn't able to put anything on her face aside from her lipstick. She touched her face when she felt it turned hot.

"Why are you still there? Let's go."

"" This man was he mocking her? He just told her that she was beautiful without make-up! Who would believe that? She pouted and followed him towards the elevator. This time, he took her back to his own lab and gave her some cake. It was a chocolate cake.

"My favorite. Try it."

Seeing the food in front of her, Gabi swallowed her saliva. She didn't even realize that she was too hungry until she saw the food. This time, she didn't hesitate. She immediately started eating.

"Do you want to eat my favorite candy as well?"

She paused and tilted her head at him. Why does he sound like Luca? Even his expression was just like how Luca when the child would ask her if she wanted to have his candy. At that time, Gabi knew that her son loved those candies too much, so she pretended she wasn't hungry. This time, however, "Yes please if you don't mind." She smiled.

"Didn't know that a candy would make you this happy."

"Huh?"

"Nothing," Aden said as he sat opposite her and started eating his own cake. "I have a sweet tooth. How about you?"

"I don't think I do."

"Oh. Then what's your favorite food?"

"Huh?" she awkwardly stared at him. "Oh nothing in particular. But I love strawberries."

"Then I will ask the chef to make you something with strawberry next time."

"Thank you," Gabi lowered her gaze. This is really awkward.

She didn't know what happened, but for some reason, she could feel his gaze towards her. It was sharp, scrutinizing. And she didn't like it. However, she thought that it was only because he was observing her after the treatment. So, she ignored him and focused on the cake instead.

"Next week you come here again," Aden said. "I will give you something else."

She nodded. For some reason, being with him like this is making her conscious. Until now, she couldn't forget his words about her being beautiful without make-up. And damn it is making her conscious. She didn't want the light to hit her face and emphasize her pores.

Now that she thought about it, she couldn't remember the last time she had facials. She should really get one. And maybe some wax?

Jesus what was she thinking?

All of a sudden, her brain is becoming active it's weird. Her imagination has never been like this before.

"Are you uncomfortable somewhere?"

"No," she answered almost immediately.

"From now on I will call you every day to check on you. If you feel anything that is making you uncomfortable, you should tell me."

"I wasn't expecting that you would treat your patient like this." Gabi laughed. "Don't worry, I won't die."

"I know," he said. "Just standard protocol. Of course, if you don't like it then"

"No. No it's not a problem. I would answer your call." Seeing that he wasn't smiling, she added, "If you want, I would even come here every day just to check."

"Alright."

"Huh?"

"You said you would see me every day. I said, alright."

But she only said that to make him feel that she wasn't ungrateful!

"You don't want to?" he asked.

Why does it feel like she just fell into a trap? "Of course, I want to," she beamed. "I would love to."

"Good. Then it's settled. I will visit you every night to check on you."

"Wait "Every night? She didn't say that!

"You have objections? You just said you love to see me every day."

Uhhh what is going on? "Every night? You will visit me? Isn't that too much? What about your work? What about Archy?"

"So you don't want to see me every day?"

"It's not like that. I was just concern. If you travel every day, then what about your other work?"
This man is weird with his words.

"Ah. So you didn't want me to waste my time traveling to your house?"

She nodded.

"Then how about I stay in your house instead?"

". " Gabi was speechless. How did it become like this?

Chapter 578: Analyse

Gabi realized that even in small and simple conversations, Aden cannot be underestimated. He was too sly, too cunning. He could easily turn the conversation to his favor. Gabi didn't even know how it happened. All she recalled was nodding to his words.

It has been decided that he is going to visit her every night.

This was the compromise that she came up with when Aden told her that he would live in the mansion. However, after the conversation, she felt that this was what Aden wanted all along. She felt like this man just played her with words. It was a trap!

How did it become like this?

She honestly thought she was smart, but this man is way beyond her league!

"Alright, just follow the series of exercises in this list. Then take a cold shower in five minutes. After that, text me if you feel something weird."

These were Aden's words before she left the jewelry store.

"What about Luna?" Tureis asked him when Gabi left.

"What about her?"

"She tried to convince Miss Gabi to back out. Are you just going to forgive that?"

Aden looked at the man standing next to him. "Ah she's dead."

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"She accidentally ingested a poison."

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Aden continued, "Let everyone know about her death. Tell them to be more careful next time."

Aden shoved his hand on his pocket. "Careless people easily die." With that, he beamed. "Time to sleep."

"" Tureis felt a shiver ran down his spine. Who would believe that this was the same monster that was eating with Gabi earlier? If Gabi would see this side, what would she think? Tureis shivered. Just thinking about the other side of Aden, the silent and deadly one, made him tremble in fear.

Meanwhile, Gabi was smiling until she arrived at the mansion. She was honestly feeling good. Her body felt really light, she quite liked it.

"Hmmm?" Now that she thought about it, why does it seem like her body changed a lot? Aden told her that he was just going to strengthen her body to prepare it for the nanoparticles. But the changes were quite a lot. Was she imagining things? Or maybe she was just glad that she was still alive?

How weird.

Did he do something more?

But most importantly, it seems that she underestimated him.

"Miss, Sir Earl invited you for dinner. He said his parents would join the two of you."

"Parents?" Gabi thought about the hierarchy inside the Ren Family. She tried to recall anything about Earl's parents but failed to do so. She had no memories of them. Even in her previous life, she couldn't recall talking to them. She remembered meeting them when she was younger, but right now, she had no memories of who they look like.

Currently, the patriarch of the Ren Family is her grandfather. Ren Zhou. He had no son and only had one daughter which was Gabi's mother. Because of this, the rightful heir should be Gabi. And everyone in the family supports this. Or at least that's what Earl told her, even her grandfather told her the same thing.

But was that really possible?

Now that she was slowly going out there and exposing herself to the world, she would soon find out if this was really true.

"Where?"

"In the Ren Mansion, the old master will be there too."

"I see. Alright. I will change my clothes and join them." Since it was still a bit early, Gabi decided to relax in the tub before changing her clothes and leaving for the Ren Mansion.

"Hmmm? Did something happen?" Gabi asked the butler that was walking in front of her. When she arrived at the Ren Mansion, Mr. Esdras personally came out to greet her.

"Today, Young Master Earl's fiance is here to meet the old master."

"Huh? Fiance?"

"It's only natural that the young miss is not aware of this matter. Even the old master is not aware that Young master Earl already has a fiancée."

"Really? How did that happen?"

"Well Young Master Earl's parents are going to explain what happened tonight. That's why they also invited you to join the dinner."

Gabi lowered her gaze. Even in her previous life, she couldn't remember Earl being engaged to someone. Was this caused by the changes that she made when she came back in time? That is the only probability that she could think of.

Mr. Esdras led her to the back of the mansion where they were going to have their dinner. This space is just a few meters away from the bamboo forest, so the first thing that she noticed when she arrived was the sweet smell of bamboo. A smile appeared on her lips.

"It looks like Gabi is here. I should call grandfather so we could start dinner." Earl approached Gabi. He was smiling and Gabi couldn't sense anything from his expression. It seems that Earl was satisfied with his fiancée?

In response, Gabi nodded. Her gaze landed towards the woman wearing an all-red cheongsam dress that reached her ankles. The slit on the side, however was a little long for Gabi's taste.

Nevertheless, the woman looked warm. She wasn't the typical attractive woman that would make someone drool. But she looked really confident and kind. She had an aura of a mother, a gentle and warm mother.

"Ah mother, father, I'm sure you remember Gabi."

"Aunt, uncle, how have you been." Gabi greeted them with a warm smile. In response, the two older people also smiled at her kindly.

"And this is Analise, my fiancée. Analise, this is my cousin, Gabrielle."

"It's a pleasure to meet you, Miss Gabrielle. Please call me Ana."

"Hi, Ana Please call me Gabi." Now that Gabi saw the woman up close, she noticed that this woman looked really familiar.

"Is there something wrong?" Analise asked. She stood there, staring at Gabi.

"Ah I just thought that you and Earl would look really good together." Gabi smiled as she shook the woman's hand. "But you look really familiar. Have we met before?"

Chapter 579: Future Daughter in law

"So a model," Earl's mother, Mrs. Linda Ren, smiled at her future daughter-in-law. "I heard from your mother that you worked so hard even when you were younger, but I didn't expect you to actually turn into modeling."

"Aunt it was just a gig, a small one. When I was in college, I was working part time in a convenience store when an agent found me. He asked if I wanted to model for some boutique and earn extra cash. My friend and I agreed and my small career started from there." Analise said that the reason why she looked familiar is actually that she worked as a model in the past. She was a model of a few clothing brands before she got an accident two years ago.

"Good! Good! At least you didn't let poverty affect your dreams." Mr. Peter Ren, Earl's father, nodded. "You were always like your mother. When we were younger, your mother, your Aunt Linda, and I used to do some random job to earn some extra cash. We used to work in stores too."

Gabi listened as the table slowly turned noisier. Everyone started talking about Analise and Earl. So far, Gabi learned that Analise is the daughter of Mr. And Mrs. Ren's long-lost friend. When they were kids, they befriended the daughter of a maid in the neighborhood. At that time, Linda and Peter were already informed that they are each other's fiancée. So they grew up really close.

The two didn't think that they would also become closer to Analise's mother. However, both Linda and Peter went abroad to study. Because of this, they lost contact with their friend. Years later, they tried to find where she was to invite her to their wedding, but it turns out that she married someone from another country and migrated with her family. After twenty years, they decided to come back to Du Empire.

Apparently, the reason why Earl and even their grandfather weren't aware of this engagement is that it started with a promise when they were still younger. The three of them promised to let their kids

marry. Anyway, Analise said that this was her mother's dying wish. So she is here to make that promise come true.

When Linda and Peter heard about the dying wish of their friend, the two didn't hesitate to introduce Analise to Earl who actually had no problems with it.

Still, the question is, how come Gabi didn't hear about this in her past life?

Looking at them, Gabi thought that Earl and Analise looked great together. Both are tall and good-looking. Of course, she knew that she couldn't just trust Analise immediately. However, she didn't have many reasons to doubt the woman, at least not now. Later, she was already planning to investigate Analise's mother.

"Anyway, we aren't really planning on getting married immediately. We are going to take it slow." Analise said. "Earl and I already agreed to at least wait for another year to establish our relationship before we talk about a wedding."

Gabi nodded in approval. She thought that they would do rash things, but it seems that Analise and Earl were both sensible people.

"That's an excellent decision." Grandfather Ren said. "You two have my blessings. I don't want to get involved in the matters of the younger ones. Especially your marriage. I don't think I have the right to choose the person that you are going to spend the rest of your life with. As long as you are happy and content, then I am happy as well. I will support you two. However, it would be better to announce this engagement soon."

"Grandfather about that we decided to delay the announcement for six months," Earl said. "That should be enough time right sister?" he was beaming at Gabi. And for the first time, Gabi noticed the peculiarities in his gaze.

"What are you talking about?" Analise smiled.

"Well Gabi decided to take a six-month vacation. I wanted to announce our engagement once she is back. I'm sure that is not a problem, right?" Earl asked his fiancée.

"Of course not. I think that would be perfect too."

Hearing this, Gabi raised an eyebrow. This cunning bastard. It seems that Earl also wanted Gabi to investigate Analise. His question earlier wasn't directed to Gabi's vacation but the investigation. "Then it seems that it is already settled. Six months should be enough for me to prepare gifts for the newly engaged couple."

"Gifts?" Analise looked surprised. Of course, Gabi had to make up something just to avoid suspicion.

"Well we made a promise in the past. The first one who will get married is going to gift the other something special that is found all over the world."

"Earl isn't that too extravagant?" Linda immediately said. "You are older than your cousin. It is obvious that you will get married first. How could you let your cousin do something like that for your engagement?"

Even Earl's father started to scold him. Gabi only laughed inwardly. Serves him right for not telling her about this in advance!

The dinner actually went out smoothly. Analise said nothing or did anything suspicious. She looked genuine, too. After dinner, everyone started to have some wine. They started talking about random things. From this, Gabi learned new things. Analise is currently working in one of the advertising companies in the city. Aside from this, she is taking part-time courses and is planning to become a lawyer. She isn't sarcastic or noisy. She is also smart enough to be able to converse about stocks and the current market.

Right now, nothing is suspicious about the woman.

"How about you Gabi? Earl told me a lot of things about you. He said you graduated college at a really young age. Do you plan to pursue your education too?"

"No. I decided to stop for now." Gabi politely answered. "I don't think it is for me."

"Well Gabi is a smart woman. She is still young. She had a lot of time to think about the things that she wants." Linda smiled at her future daughter-in-law.

Chapter 580: Indirect Kiss

"Nothing? Really? She's clean?" How could that be? Gabi kept her silence when Kasper told her he wasn't able to find anything about Analise. She is clean. Everything that she said about her mother and their family was true. Even when she was a model, she was known as a kind and gentle woman but a little unlucky as she was hit by a truck at the peak of her career.

The thing is, this only made Gabi more suspicious.

It has been two days since she saw that woman and the information that they were able to gather was already like this. It was as if, she put everything in the open for them to find it. Was it really like this?

A sigh escaped her lips.

As expected, a life of a schemer is too tiring. She couldn't lower her guard down. She could only suspect everyone around her. It is exhausting.

"Anyway, just continue checking. I want you to check everyone around her, classmates, friends, her father, her grandfather. Just everyone." At the end of the day, it is still better to be safe than sorry. She couldn't let anyone betray her family again. No, she didn't want to feel what she felt when she lost Luca in the past. "You can leave now."

"Yes, miss."

Gabi looked at the time on her phone. It was still eight in the evening. Usually, Aden would arrive around nine or ten. For some reason, the guy still refused to use her front door and would climb to her room. It sounds too juvenile. However, her words were useless against that guy.

Gabi already tried locking her doors and windows, but for some reason, Aden could easily hack her security system. Then he would use the excuse of testing her security. It was slowly irritating her.

Just in the last two days, she already spent a lot of money just trying to fix her security.

Because of this, Gabi didn't lock her doors this time. If he wanted to come, then let him come! She sat on her bed and opened Netflix on her laptop. She couldn't remember when was the last time she

started watching some movies and she thought it would be perfect to do it now while waiting for him.

She positioned the laptop on her bed and made herself comfortable before she chose some random movie. Then she lit some led candles, turn off her lights and started watching.

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"Hm?" She's sleeping? Aden looked at the time and realized that it was still nine in the evening. Did something happen? He reached by her side in a few seconds and check her temperature. A sigh escaped his lips when he realized that she was just sleeping. There were no abnormalities in her body, either. He shook his head. He had been too nervous. It was pathetic. Looking around, he realized that the room felt extremely cozy. She must have fallen asleep while watching the laptop.

But who would blame her? The lights were out, it's cold and comfortable. She must have been tired, too. This woman had been running around, scheming against people. It was normal for her to get tired.

Still, he hated that she was too defenseless. She didn't even lock the windows or doors. "Tsk."

"You're here?" Gabi sat up in a jolt. "I fell asleep." She looked at the laptop. The episode one of the series that she chose to watch was still playing. "Sorry about that " She immediately notice that he was sitting on the edge of her bed. "How long have you been here?" she asked as she avoided his gaze.

She couldn't help but wonder if she was drooling earlier. How embarrassing.

"You didn't lock your windows."

"" She looked at him, disbelief apparent in her gaze. "Really?" she couldn't help but ask. She thought he wanted him to leave it open so he could just go inside to check on her.

Seeing her brows furrowed, he leaned closer, surprising her. Eyes wide, she leaned back in response. "What would happen if someone decides to go inside?"

He was too close, she could smell his aftershave. She gulped in response. The irritation inside her melted away. He had a point. "So I am supposed to just let you break it and spend money the next day to fix it?"

"You are too dumb." He handed her a bottle of water. "Drink it."

She said nothing as she grabbed it and hastily started drinking the water. For some reason, talking to this man is either going to make her hungry or thirsty.

"I already spent a lot on the security of the mansion. I am looking for someone to fix it. Can you recommend someone?" He should know, right? He is Archy's right-hand man after all.

"Ah that's easy try Shen Security. They have a branch here. I will call them tomorrow for you."

"Shen From Shen Group?"

He nodded in response. To her surprise, he suddenly used his thumb to wipe the water on her lower lip. Stunned, she let him. What is this man doing? Why was he acting like this? However, she had no courage to remove his fingers on her lower lip. "So thirsty" he uttered softly before letting go of her face. He then leaned back and casually grabbed the bottle from her hand.

Without saying anything, he drank the rest of the water.

"Uhhh." Gabi grew up inside this mansion all her life. Therefore, she has not seen anyone treat her like this. In her previous life, she had never experienced being so nervous around someone. She never kissed anyone aside from her husband, Harry, and that man from the one-night stand. However, she read a lot of novels about romance. And according to those novels this is what they call an indirect kiss. Right?

"Let me check your temperature."

"Wait" She was hot. She felt hot. She knew she was blushing. "I am uh let me turn off the movie." Was she panicking? She turned her head towards the candles, hoping they would distract her. Wait it's supposed to be dark, right? Then she's not supposed to see his face, at least not clearly, right?

Did her eyesight suddenly improve?