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"He's my savior, Elle. If it weren't for him, I wouldn't have been able to cure myself of this shortness of breath. Aren't you being a little too harsh on him?" Even though Eleanor and Roxenne were close to one another, Roxenne didn't allow her moral values to be swayed. She believed it was right for her to buy Matthew a meal since he had saved her, but Eleanor thought otherwise.

In Eleanor's eyes, she felt like the men had only tried his best to save Roxenne because he was interested and intrigued by Roxenne's flawless appearance and her reputation as the young lady of the Bene Family. That was why Eleanor had always felt rather disgusted by Matthew. She didn't mind the idea of Roxenne dating, but he had to be a man with both wealth and good looks.

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Chapter 2035

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Chapter 2036

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"Who sent you? What were you sent here to do? Is Miss Roxanne Bene in your hands? I advise you to be honest with me considering you only have one hand left," the young man finished with a smirk, his eyes flickering to Sixto's only intact hand, which made the latter shudder.

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Chapter 2037

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Before he dug into the dessert for the fourth time, the smell of the dessert was already gone. As for Roxanne, she only had two bites. Meanwhile, Tritus and Eleanor had been thinking of how to target Matthew with their words and didn't even have a chance to start eating.

"I'm sorry for eating it so quickly! It really does taste good!" Matthew wiped his mouth and spoke.

Seeing that Matthew also seemed to enjoy desserts, Roxanne smiled gently. "Mr. Lerson, do you like desserts too? Well, could you bring two more servings of the truffle mousse?"

Obviously, there were four people at the table. However, since Roxanne only ordered two, it meant that she and Matthew would each have one additional serving. As for the scheming duo, they had to just watch on.

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