

## Chapter 2709 Ambush In The Alley

Matthew brought Solon to Fitz, where he carefully removed the bullets from Solon's body. He then administered medicine to treat Solon's blood loss and proceeded to bandage his wounds. However, as Matthew left the room, he was confronted by the crown prince, who appeared displeased with his actions.

"Why did you bother saving that worthless man, Matthew? He has always harbored thoughts of revenge against us. You should have let him die on the cruise."

Matthew turned to look at Solon, who was still unconscious. "His life may hold no value, but I need him alive. Why? Because we are the only two survivors from the cruise, and that makes us the primary suspects. Do you understand?"

"But we didn't kill those people in cold blood." The crown prince was left almost speechless.

"Exactly, and anyone who hears about this will likely think the same way you do now. Once news of this incident spreads, we will become the most wanted men in the country."

"What the heck?! We are being made scapegoats for nothing! Damn it!"

"Now you understand why I need Solon alive. He is the sole survivor of that massive massacre, and the only witness who can help prove our innocence. Furthermore, I want to know what happened on the Victorious Cruise."

Upon hearing Matthew's explanation, the crown prince let out a helpless sigh and reluctantly agreed to cooperate.

Soon, Matthew returned to Concordia Pier with the others. Realizing it was getting late, he instructed the crown prince's henchmen to find a safe place for Solon. After everyone went their separate ways, the street grew even quieter, with only their footsteps and the crown prince's complaints breaking the silence.

"That was a pointless pursuit! And to make matters worse, we have gotten ourselves into trouble as well." The crown prince glared at Solon behind him, his eyes filled with disdain and disgust. However, when he turned around and continued walking, he accidentally bumped into Matthew, who was in front of him. "Why did you stop, Matthew?"

Without even turning around, Matthew raised his hand as a warning gesture, indicating potential danger. Understanding Matthew's signal, the crown prince paled and began to tiptoe, slowly retreating backward. At the same time, he signaled to his henchmen to retreat to the small alley beside them.

Once the others had reached safety, Matthew challenged their hidden enemies. "Cowards! Reveal yourselves and face me like men!"

Realizing their stealth had failed, the enemies responded by firing at Matthew. However, Matthew, who had already detected their presence, was prepared for the ambush. As soon as the bullets were fired, he swiftly turned his attention to the nearby grocery store and kicked open the door. However, shortly after he took cover inside the store, a black-rounded object was thrown from a distance into the building.

"Damn it! Pear Blossom Shower Needles!"

Despite his usual composure, Matthew couldn't help but curse upon encountering such a rare weapon. Pear Blossom Shower Needles were highly expensive and difficult to find due to limited suppliers. Yet, Matthew had come across two of them on the same day.

With nowhere to hide, Matthew decided to draw his Bloodreaper to deflect the flying needles. Sparks flew as the blade clashed with the rain of poisonous needles, sending them flying into the wall and piercing it.

When the clattering sound ceased a few seconds later, the enemy captain, fully masked, stood in a dark corner and signaled his men to collect Matthew's body. However, just as they were about to claim their prize, they suddenly fell one by one.

"Hold on! Someone is sneaking up on us!" The captain warned his men and swiftly unsheathed his blade from behind his back.

Clunk! Two blades clashed, creating dazzling sparks in that instant.

Realizing his attempt to deliver a fatal blow had failed, Matthew lunged forward for a second attack. To his surprise, the masked rival he faced was no pushover. Despite Matthew's aggressive assaults, his enemy skillfully parried each one with an impenetrable defense. As the two men exchanged blows and clashed their blades, sparks illuminated the dark alley.

"Are you responsible for the massacre on the Victorious Cruise?" Matthew asked during a brief pause in their fight.