

I Love You, Miss Genius (Bonnie Shepard)

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"What about me?" Ivor leaned closer.

Bonnie stepped back and said, "You just apologized, yet you're overstepping your bounds again. I shouldn't have forgiven you in the first place."

Ivor hurriedly propped himself up when he noticed her getting angry. Then, he slowly pushed the plate before her and said, "You've been up all night. Are you hungry? Do you want me to feed you?" Bonnie took the plate and said, "I'll pass on that. I can feed myself, thank you."

She did not allow him to take advantage of her. She knew he would wear her out if she let him do whatever he wanted.

"Okay, enjoy your meal while I go and prepare something," Ivor said before leaving.

His words made Bonnie curious. "Huh? What do you mean?"

Ivor grinned mysteriously, saying, "You'll know soon enough. I can't tell you yet."

Bonnie furrowed her brows and remembered how he answered a phone call outside last night. "What are you hiding from me?"

She did not want to pry last night because she knew everyone had secrets. However, she suspected this secret was about her.

Ivor walked to her and patted her head. He said, "It's not something harmful to you. It's just a small surprise. Still, I believe you'll be thrilled when you see it."

The more he said, the more curious Bonnie became. It felt like an itch she could not scratch. "What kind of surprise is it? Why are you acting so mysterious?"

Ivor chuckled. "It won't be a surprise if I tell you. You'll find out when it's time."

Bonnie stopped prying once she

realized he was adamant about keeping it a secret. "Fine, I'll stop asking about it. I hope it's something pleasant and not something shocking."

He chuckled again. "Do you think I'd do something like that?"

"Of course, you would. You've shocked me enough to last a lifetime," Bonnie said as she smelled the porridge. Then, her stomach growled. She waved at him and added, "I'm going to eat now. Go and do what you have to do. Don't disturb me while I'm eating."

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Ivor checked the time and realized he would be late if he did not leave now. When Bonnie was not looking, he kissed her cheek and said, "All

right, I'll take my leave said

now.

"Okay, go ahead." Bonnie waved him goodbye and ate her porridge. After eating half a bowl, she received a call from Reece.

'Did something happen at the university?'

Bonnie put down her spoon and answered the call, "What's up, Reece?"

He replied respectfully, "Ms. Bonnie, something happened here, and we can't decide what to do. I'm afraid you have to be here for it."

Bonnie's brows furrowed as she asked, "What could it be? Is it difficult for the professors and higher-ups to handle?"

Reece sighed, saying, "Well, I can't tell you over the phone. You must see it for yourself, Ms. Bonnie."

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"Fine, I'll be there soon."

Reece hurriedly said, "Okay, Ms. Bonnie. We'll wait for you at the university."

"You got it." She hung up the phone and continued to eat her porridge. Then, she freshened up and changed before Ivor returned to the ward.

He was stunned when he noticed she was getting ready to leave. "Bonnie, why aren't you resting? Where are you going?"

"Something came up at the university-they need me there," Bonnie checked the time and added, "I have to go now." "Do you need a ride?"

"That's okay. I can drive there myself," Bonnie said before leaving.

Ivor watched her leave and then made a phone call. "Bonnie left. Continue to make the preparations, and I'll be there soon."

When Bonnie reached the university, she went straight to the conference room. The higher-ups and professors stood up to greet her, "Welcome, Ms. Bonnie." "Greetings, Ms. Bonnie."

"Hey, everyone," Bonnie responded as she sat in the nearest chair. "Reece told me you ran into a tricky issue. What was it?"

Everyone exchanged glances before one of them said, "Although it's not an emergency, it's something tricky."

Another professor said, "You asked

us to select a suitable family to sponsor the campus cafeteria, right, Ms. Bonnie? Many families, professors, and higher-ups are interested in sponsoring it. However, there are pros and cons, and we don't know how to proceed."

"Indeed, Ms. Bonnie. Since you're the university president, we'll follow your lead."

Bonnie quickly replied, "I found the perfect family for the job."

The professors and higher-ups exchanged glances again. Then, the first professor asked, "Which family did you select to sponsor the cafeteria, Ms. Bonnie?" "That'll be the Knight family."

Although she had different plans previously, that no longer mattered. Now that she was married to Ivor, she would not let others benefit from this situation. Naturally, she

would want her husband to sponsor and run the cafeteria.

The professors and higher-ups nodded unanimously, agreeing with how Bonnie handled the issue.

"Now that you mention it, Ms.

Bonnie, the Knights are an excellent

choice. After all, they're a highly prestigious family, meaning they recognize the responsibility and

liabilities."

"I heard Mr. Ivor is meticulous and something of a perfectionist. I believe his team is highly professional, too."

"I've worked with Mr. Ivor twice now. He's an expert in collaborations and is always on top of things. I feel safe letting him sponsor the campus cafeteria." Everyone spoke highly of Ivor, making Bonnie grin proudly.

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Chapter 953

'Ivor is truly fit to be my husband. He's incredible, after all.'

The professors and higher-ups fell silent as Bonnie said, "Now that everyone has agreed, the Knights will sponsor the cafeteria."

Everyone responded, "We have no objections, Ms. Bonnie."

"If that's all, we'll adjourn the meeting. Back to work, guys." Bonnie waved and stood up.

The others followed suit and filed out of the conference room. When Bonnie reached the hallway, Reece took after her and said, "Where are you going now, Ms. Bonnie? We just built a couple of labs on campus. I designed them and oversaw their construction.

"I also made them safe and aesthetically pleasing. Would you mind coming to have a look?" He looked at her nervously, like a little boy waiting for his parents to say they were proud of him.

Bonnie noticed it and could not help but giggle. She said, "You don't need to be so nervous, Reece. Everyone knows how capable you are, especially since you call the shots concerning the labs. You don't need my opinions about them."

Instead of feeling relieved, Reece felt even more pressured. Then, he puffed his chest and said, "I appreciate you trusting me this much, Ms. Bonnie. I'll do my best to ensure the team builds the labs immaculately. I won't let you down!"

Bonnie looked at him approvingly. "Perfect! I believe in you, Reece."

Reece could not help but grin. "Roger that, Ms. Bonnie! I'll continue to do my best!"

"All right, run along. I need to head to the lecture hall." Since Bonnie was here, she thought she would stay for a while. Otherwise, her presence would seem suspicious.

Reece nodded enthusiastically. "All right, Ms. Bonnie! Take care."

Bonnie turned and waved at him before approaching the lecture hall. When she reached the door, she heard the chatter.

"Did you see the edited videos of Mr.

Ivor's wedding? He showed his wife such affection and love. I'd even say

he's her Right in shining armor. I couldn't contain my excitement and even yelled when I watched the

videos. I couldn't get enough of them."

"Mr. Ivor is a handsome, wealthy, and powerful man. I can only imagine how happy his wife is to marry someone like him. If I were her, I'd sleep with a smile forever."

"Most know Mr. Ivor as a

cold-blooded prince charming. I

never expected him to look so warm and affectionate around his wife. would've tried to hit on him if I had known he was that charming, I think I could've won his heart." en.FindNovels.net

Avril helplessly shook her head and said, "Come on, guys. Do you think Ivor would've fallen in love with just anyone? His wife must've won his heart because she's just as talented and accomplished as him. As for you guys..." en.FindNovels.net

After a brief pause, Avril added, "Forget about it. None of you stand a chance with Ivor."

'Bonnie is the world-renowned Ms. Bonita, after all. She's an expert in scientific research and exceptionally adept in every area I can think of. Ordinary women can never hope to match Bonnie.'

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Although Avril's classmates were displeased. One of them retorted, "Why do you sound like you're buddies with Mr. Ivor's wife? If you do, tell everyone what you know."

Avril's eyes shifted, and she looked uneasy. "I-I was just presenting a simple analysis of the situation. I never said I know his wife."

"Then, why are you trying to make yourself look good? I don't get what you're trying to achieve."

"Yeah, do you expect me to believe someone that flawless exists? Also, Mr. Ivor's wife could've blackmailed him into marrying her."

"Now that you mentioned it, I think that's possible. After all, the high-society circle is so messy and dramatic. You won't believe how complicated it can be."

Avril frowned when her classmates slandered Bonnie. The former argued, "You guys are just jealous. You can't have Mr. Ivor, so you choose to slander his wife instead. You're all downright questionable." The students' expressions sank. One of them retorted, "We can say whatever we want. Why are you sticking your nose in our business? Stay away from us. We have no interest in your opinion." "Just because we showed you a little attention doesn't mean you're special."

Suddenly, Frankie, sitting nearby, said, "Just ignore her. Avril has spent so much time with Bonnie that she has picked up on her bad habits. Avril will never know her place, much like her best friend."

Avril could not help but burst into laughter. "I wonder who you're talking about. Did you forget how things always end horribly for you whenever you pick a fight with Bonnie?" Frankie reddened with rage.

'I got in big trouble the last time Bonnie called my dad to take me home. After that, Mom and Dad took their turn's spanking me. My butt still hurts from that. I'm aching to pick another fight with Bonnie to make myself feel better, but I'm afraid of the consequences.' Content belongs

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He had been feeling awful because he had to suppress his anger. The rage in his chest began to burn brighter after what Avril said.

Frankie said, "That's because I'm generous and forgiving. I don't intend to hold Bonnie accountable for anything. How else do you think she gets away with it every time?"

Avril scoffed and said sarcastically, "Oh, it's because you're generous, huh? I think it's just because you can't beat her. You should know the real answer, but I won't expose you. Also, don't say I added insult to injury. After all, we're classmates Who should support each other." en.FindNovels.net

Frankie raged as he balled his fists and said, "Listen up, you little—"

Suddenly, Bonnie's indifferent voice sounded from the door, "Frankie, did you forget the warning I gave you last time? Do you need another lesson? You must want me to call your dad again to receive another beating from him."

Frankie was not afraid of Bonnie or Avril. However, he feared his father because Corbin held nothing back whenever he punished his son.

'I've yet to recover from the beating Mom and Dad gave me. I can't take anymore.'

With that in mind, Frankie stopped being arrogant. Although scared, he gritted his teeth and stubbornly roared at Bonnie, "Wh-what else can you do besides call my dad?! You're like a child ratting me out to my parents just because you can't win an argument." en.FindNovels.net

Bonnie grinned as she said coldly, "It doesn't matter how I deal with you. What matters is that it works."

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Frankie wanted to retort, but no words came to him. He could only curse at her internally, 'Damn you, Bonnie!'

Bonnie slowly took her phone from her pocket and said, "Am I right in saying you're frustrated with me? If so, I'll ask your dad what he thinks."

She used Corbin to threaten Frankie again, making the latter furious. Frankie turned red with rage but could do nothing about it. He could only clench his fists and suppress his anger. After finally finding his voice, he said, "You'll regret this, Bonnie!"

He glared at her before leaving the lecture hall.

'I don't want Dad to beat me up again, and I'm also worried I might get expelled. Dad warned me that he'd expel me if I fight with Bonnie again.'

Bonnie turned to her classmates, who had been arguing with Avril. The former did not have to say anything as her imposing demeanor sent shivers down their spines. The students were so terrified that they dared not look at her.

They exchanged glances and lowered their head before excusing themselves from the lecture hall.

"Hey, they reopened the cafeteria and added some nice food selections. I-I haven't had lunch yet. Let's check it out, guys."

"Sure, let's grab something to eat. We might find something delicious."

"Y-Yeah, I need to get a beverage, too."

The girls left as Avril gave Bonnie a thumbs up. "They were so spooked when you showed up that they couldn't continue to behave arrogantly." en.FindNovels.net

Bonnie sat beside Avril and said, "I can't be bothered to argue with them. It's tiring."

Avril looked at her from head to toe. "Something's wrong."

Bonnie turned to Avril and met the latter's profound gaze. Bonnie was puzzled, asking, "What's wrong?"

"Ivor must have exceptional

stamina. You look like he put you through several rounds of vigorous 'exercise last night. Did you rest enough? How are you here now? Wait is it because Ivor had trouble getting it up?" Avril's eyes widened. en.FindNovels.net

Bonnie rolled her eyes. "Does Ivor look like he would have that issue?"

"How would I know? I wasn't the one who got worked out last night." Avril giggled.

Bonnie knew Avril was teasing her.

'Does she think she can embarrass me so easily?'

"Yeah, you're right. You're just a poor, single lady. Of course, you wouldn't know the first thing about it. Ivor was virile last night, and we pulled an all-nighter. Here, I'll tell you the details to help you in the future." en.FindNovels.net

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Avril reacted dramatically to Bonnie's words. The former clutched her chest and said, "How could you be so cruel and call me a poor, lonely girl? You used to be so nice, Bonnie. Oh, I see how it is. Since you're married, you no longer need me. I'm heartbroken."

Bonnie rolled her eyes and looked at Avril meaningfully. A moment later, the latter leaned closer and said, "You're right, I'm curious. Why don't you give me the details, Bonnie?"

Bonnie was outraged. "You're so shameless!"

Avril chuckled. She did not need the details and only wanted to tease Bonnie. Still, the former would have listened if Bonnie told her what she wanted to know.

Bonnie left the campus in the afternoon, but when she reached home, Ivor was not there. Her brows furrowed, and she was about to call him when she saw him approaching. When their gazes met, Ivor grinned and asked, "What are you doing home so early? I didn't have time to prepare dinner."

Bonnie tucked her phone into her pocket and looked at him curiously. "I didn't come home early. My classes already ended. Also, you've been acting mysterious for the past few days. What are you up to? Did something happen at work?"

"It's nothing. I'm just working on something that's not worth mentioning," Ivor said casually before leading Bonnie to the couch.

She pursed her lips and thought of something before probing, "Is this about the surprise?"

He nodded and praised, "Brilliant, Bonnie. You guessed it in no time."

She rolled her eyes at him. "Stop talking to me like I'm a child."

Ivor's smile grew as he said, "I'm not. It's just how I speak to my wife."

"Well, that's shameless."

Ivor chuckled and made her sit on the couch. "Just sit here and relax while I get dinner started."

She looked at him from head to toe and asked, "What kind of surprise is it? Why is it taking you so long to work on?"

"I thought told you already. It won't be a surprise if I tell you." Ivor patted her head.

"Don't worry about it. It'll be ready soon, and you'll find out in no time."

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Since he was still acting mysterious, Bonnie could only shake her head and sigh helplessly. "Fine, I won't ask about it anymore. Just hurry up and make us dinner."

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Ivor said affectionately, "All right, stay put."

Then, he went to the kitchen to cook while Bonnie watched television in the living room. The couple occasionally glanced at each other. They would grin every time, filling the house with a warm, fuzzy feeling. en.FindNovels.net

After dinner, the couple prepared to sleep. Bonnie had just finished bathing. When she left the bathroom, Ivor waved and said, "Come here." Bonnie's lips twitched as she said, "Stop waving at me like that. Do you think I'm your pet?"

Ivor noticed how slowly she walked, so he pulled her over.

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Chapter 957

"I'm trying to blow dry your hair."

Bonnie could not help but frown and tease, "Well, that's rare. Let me get comfortable to savor the moment."

Ivor took the hair dryer when he heard that. "I've wanted to do this for you long ago, but you never gave me a chance."

Bonnie knew what he meant. After all, they stayed in different places before getting married, and he rarely had the chance to blow dry her hair.

"It's not too late to start doing it daily now. That way, I can enjoy this exclusive service you're offering."

"Okay, then." Ivor gently poked her nose. "This is exclusively for you."

Bonnie smiled and shut her eyes, saying, "All right, let me taste your services. I'll need to see if it's satisfactory."

Ivor chuckled. "You don't have to worry about that. I'll ensure you love it."

Soon after, he turned on the hair dryer and brushed her hair. He meticulously ran through each strand and directed the dryer at them. Bonnie could feel his tenderness. She sighed and said, "Not bad at all. Keep it up."

His smile widened, but he said nothing. Suddenly, Bonnie yawned. "I'm exhausted. Keep drying my hair while I grab some shut-eye."

Ivor looked at her and noticed she was indeed exhausted. He responded softly, "All right, enjoy your nap."

Bonnie tried staying awake, but

Ivor's movements were so tender and gentle that they were hypnotizing. Ultimately, she could not stay awake for long. When her breathing became even, Ivor turned down the hair dryer's airflow and moved more carefully. en.FindNovels.net

Ten minutes later, he saw her sleeping soundly and cautiously removed the hair dryer from the socket. As he tiptoed out of the room, he accidentally kicked one of the decorations by the bed. Ivor put the decoration back in place and stood up again. en.FindNovels.net

He met Bonnie's lazy gaze as he turned to see if she was awake. "Ivor, where are you going?"

Ivor's heart melted. He looked at her

affectionately and said, "I saw how tired you were and didn't want to

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vermet

disturb your sleep. I was going to

sleep in the guest room, but I

accidentally kicked something and

woke you up." en.FindNovels.net

Bonnie knew from his tone that he cherished her. She said, "It's okay. I feel like I've napped for long enough and feel energized now."

Then, she gestured at him, saying, "Come here."

Bonnie looked like a temptress trying to steal Ivor's soul. She rendered him unable to think as he instinctively followed her orders. He sat beside her and asked warmly, "What is it?" Bonnie twirled his necktie and looked into his eyes, asking, "Do you know what I'm about to do?"

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Ivor noticed Bonnie's movement and could guess what she was about to do. His smile widened as he said, "I think you're about to pin me to the bed."

Bonnie raised her brows and grinned seductively. "Bingo. Still, I'm not sure if you'll like that."

She used to be shy about being intimate, and it was challenging to come to terms with it. However, she was able to accept it after talking to Avril today. Since Bonnie and Ivor were now married, it would be unseemly if the former continued to be coy.

Since that was the case, Bonnie decided to be bold.

Ivor lay on the bed and stared at her. "You don't have to tell me twice."

Bonnie giggled and slowly leaned over. She looked into his eyes and said, "You're not even reserved."

He chuckled and smiled affectionately. "Why would I be when I'm with my wife? I've never been shy with you since that won't help me win your heart."

Bonnie could not help but giggle and reminisce about their shared memories. He was right. They ultimately got married because Ivor was persistent. Otherwise, Bonnie would not have fallen for him.

Ivor noticed her smiling brilliantly and wrapped his arms around her waist. He asked, "Why are you smiling like that? Would you share your thoughts with me?"

She leaned on him and said, "I was just thinking about how shameless you are. Frankly, I don't know how many bold things you've done to win my heart."

His eyes brimmed with joy as he

said, "What's wrong with being shameless? I consider myself

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successful in life since I won your

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"Again, you're being shameless!" Bonnie barked before twirling his tie again.

When Ivor sat up, Bonnie bit his lips.

"Mmm!" He grimaced and gulped. "Be gentle, honey."

Bonnie scoffed and lifted his chin. "Did it hurt? I thought I took it easy on you. Did you forget how hard you bit me?"

Ivor responded, "Although it hurt, I'm happy about it."

Then, he leaned closer and added, "I hope you do it again."

"Oh, do you think I won't?" Bonnie grunted and bit his lip again. This time, she bit even harder, and he could taste the blood. Not only did he feel no pain, but he found it pretty exciting. Suddenly, he bit her back to return the favor.

They did not look like a loving couple. Instead, they look like

animals, which was what Bonnie wanted. She wanted to overpower Ivor the way he did to her and ravage him. Still, it was her first attempt, and she was no match for him.

After all, Ivor had done this countless times. He waited for an opening before rolling her over and pinning her to the bed.

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Ivor smiled at Bonnie and said, "I win this time."

She glanced at his triumphant expression and said through gritted teeth, "Not for long! Don't boast about it too much. I'll pin you to the bed one day!"

He grinned wickedly, saying, "I look forward to it. Still, you must obey me since I won."

Bonnie was still frustrated because Ivor found a chance to pin her down. She was about to glare at him when he kissed her intensely. She tried fending him off, but it was pointless. She could only lay there and let him do as he pleased.

Bonnie was slightly annoyed that Ivor still had his way with her.

'I'll pin him next time and show him what I'm made of!'

The following day, the sound of lapping waves woke Bonnie up.

'Huh? Are those waves?'

She was puzzled as she snapped open her eyes and scanned her surroundings. All she saw was a boundless ocean, which confused her even more.

'Didn't I sleep in my room? How am I on a cruise ship? No one could've taken me onto a boat without waking me up. I mustn't have noticed because of what Ivor and I did last night. I must've been so exhausted that I wasn't aware of what was happening.

'Also, I was at home and subconsciously dropped my guard. That must be why I didn't wake up when I moved here.'

Suddenly, Ivor's voice sounded, "You're finally awake."

Bonnie turned and saw her husband

approaching with a food tray containing a glass of milk, toast, etcetera. Bonnie sat up and crossed her legs, asking, "What are we doing on a cruise ship? Where are you taking me?"

Ivor sat the tray beside her and chuckled. "We're on our honeymoon, silly"

"On our what?!" Bonnie was shocked. Then, she remembered how mysteriously he had acted over the past two days. Immediately after, she understood what was happening. "So, this was the surprise? You're taking me on a honeymoon trip?"

Ivor nodded smilingly. "Bingo!"

She blinked and asked, "We're having our honeymoon at sea? Wait, are you taking me somewhere?"

"I have a whole plan, but I'm not sure

if you want to go there," Ivor said while handing her the glass of milk, "If you don't like the place, we can change course and head elsewhere." en.swhovels.net

'Is it somewhere I won't like?'

After some thought, Bonnie still could not figure out where he was taking her. She looked at him in puzzlement and asked, "Wh-where are we going?"

Ivor looked into her eyes and said slowly, "Guess."

Bonnie waited a long time for an answer, but he gave her an inconclusive one. She could only roll her eyes at him.

'Keeping me in suspense, huh? Fine, keep it to yourself. It's not like I'm dying to know where we're headed.'

Bonnie ate her toast and drank her

milk, no longer bothered with Ivor. He could not help but chuckle and say, "All right, I'll stop beating around the bush. We're heading to O Andreas's home country, Zudale."

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"We're having our honeymoon in Zudale?" Bonnie was bewildered. "Are you sure?"

"Why not? I chose Zudale the moment I started planning our honeymoon," Ivor said confidently.

Bonnie rubbed her chin and said, "Why'd you choose Zudale? Is it because Andreas's proposal still bugs you? Are you trying to brag to him that you married me?"

Ivor was surprised to hear that. He could not decide if he should laugh or cry. "Bonnie, why would you think I'd do something like that?"

She looked at him cautiously before concluding, "Of course, you'd do something like that."

He was stumped as he tried to think of a comeback. However, nothing came to mind. A moment later, he patted Bonnie's head and sighed helplessly. "I swear the universe sent you to torture me. You can silence me every time."

Bonnie raised her brow and was about to say something, but Ivor continued, "That said, I don't hate that about you. Instead, I quite like it."

The former could not help but giggle. "Ivor, are you trying to tell me you're a masochist? Do you feel uncomfortable unless I silence you?"

"I guess you can say that. Still, there's a slight mistake. I'll feel uncomfortable if I don't see you daily," Ivor responded smilingly.

Bonnie giggled and said, "Fine, I'll stop bullying you. I'm not as good as you in flirting."

Ivor smirked but said nothing.

As Bonnie continued to eat, she remembered something and asked, "Hey, you still haven't told me why you chose Zudale. Changing the subject won't help because I won't let it slide."

Ivor sat beside her and explained, "It's because Andreas is your friend, and we parted ways in a rush last time. Also, he gave us a wedding gift, even though he didn't attend our wedding. I thought you'd like to talk to him.

"Plus, there are so many tourist spots in Zudale. We can always ask him to show us around. It's wonderful, right? We can kill two birds with one stone."

Bonnie did not expect Ivor to plan the whole trip around her needs. At that moment, a warmth rose in her chest as she said, "I'm sorry for misunderstanding you, Ivor."

'I thought the worst of him this time, but that's because he did so many impulsive things whenever he gets jealous of other men. He can't blame me for thinking of him that way.'

"It's okay. You don't have to apologize," Ivor said as he poured her another glass of milk, "Drink some more to nourish yourself."

After breakfast, Bonnie took a short break, and they arrived in Zudale quickly. Immediately after, Andreas's royal guard told him of the couple's arrival.

"Your Highness!"

Andreas was playing chess when he heard his guard. The former lost his focus, and he turned to glare at the guard. "What are you doing?! Mind how you carry yourself!"

The guard knew the prince was only upset on the surface. After all, the latter would never get mad over such trivial matters. The guard was not too worried as he proceeded to tell Andreas, "Your Highness, the royal guards at the port have reported Ms. Bonnie's arrival."

Almost the whole nation knew that Andreas had once risked his life to save Bonnie. Moreover, everyone knew their prince had fallen in love with her. That was why everyone in Zudate would help him as much as possible regarding his love life.

Whenever Bonnie appeared in Zudale, the guards enthusiastically reported it to Andreas.

"Bonnie's here?!" Andreas's eyes

sparkled as he abandoned his chess

game and marched outside.

However, he remembered that

Bonnie had married Ivor when he

almost reached the door.

'She can no longer be my consort.'

Immediately after, he looked gloomy and even stopped walking. The guard noticed it and asked, puzzled, "What's wrong, Your Highness?"

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The royal guard's voice snapped Andreas out of his daze. The latter looked at the guard and smiled bitterly, shaking his head as he said, "I'm fine. If Bonnie's here, then that's that. I think she came for a vacation. Since that's the case, I won't interrupt her."

The guard became even more confused. After all, Andreas was always enthusiastic whenever the guard brought him news of Bonnie's arrival. The prince would run as fast as possible to meet Bonnie.

The guard wondered why his prince did not want to see Bonnie this time. The former even guessed it was because of what happened between Andreas and Bonnie last time.

Andreas said, "From now on, you no longer have to tell me anything about Bonnie."

'Ivor will go wherever she is. She doesn't need me anymore.'

"As you wish, Your Highness."

Suddenly, a voice sounded at the door, "Prince Andreas, we came all the way from Pyralis, yet you won't even welcome us at the door? Don't you think it's a little inappropriate?" 'Wait, is that Bonnie's voice?!

Andreas whipped around and saw Bonnie. Intense feelings arose in Andreas's chest when he first saw Bonnie, but they disappeared when he saw Ivor.

'I know they're inseparable, but seeing them standing together is heartbreaking. So, this is how it feels when they say love can be soul-crushing.'

Bonnie strolled toward Andreas and asked, "Why aren't you saying anything? You must be so surprised and excited to see us that you can't even speak." Andreas's lips twitched as he grumbled, "Surprised? I think you mistook surprise for shock."

Although he spoke softly, she heard it. She grinned and stepped closer to make fun of him, "Shock? Are you trying to say I'm scary? I didn't know I was terrifying."

Andreas was embarrassed when he realized Bonnie had heard his grumblings. He could only clear his throat awkwardly, not knowing how to respond. Bonnie raised her brows and asked, "You sound guilty."

As she deliberately drew closer, he stepped backward and froze immediately. "N-Not at all! Why would I feel guilty? I had something

in my throat, and I was trying to get it out."

Bonnie grinned playfully and said, "Fine, I'll stop since you can't seem to take a joke."

Andreas felt a little speechless. After composing himself, he glanced at her before looking at Ivor standing behind her. A moment later, Andreas looked at Bonnie again and asked, "What brings you two here? Do you have a business to attend to?"

Bonnie responded smilingly, "You're right. It's crucial business."

Andreas asked curiously, "What could it be? You've only been married for no more than three days."

Bonnie turned and exchanged glances with Ivor. Then, the couple said simultaneously, "It's our honeymoon!"

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Chapter 962

"Y-You're having your honeymoon here?!" Andreas thought he had misheard the couple.

"Of course we are. We're here, aren't we? Do you think I'm pulling your leg?" Bonnie raised her brows and asked, "Can you recommend any tourist spots for fun activities?" Andreas's lips twitched as he looked between Bonnie and Ivor. "Y-You guys... Gosh, is there a shred of humanity left in you?!"

Bonnie could not be bothered to argue. Instead, she said, "If you refuse to show us around, we can do it ourselves."

Then, she took Ivor's hand and motioned to leave. However, Andreas hurriedly stopped them, "Fine, fine. I'll bring you around since you traveled so far to get here."

He frowned, showing he was slightly displeased. "What do you want to do? Tell me, and I'll make an itinerary for you."

Bonnie considered what she wanted to do in Zudale. Suddenly, Ivor said, "Didn't you say you've always wanted to go horseback riding? There's a huge horse ranch in Zudale. How about we have some fun there?"

Bonnie's eyes sparkled when she heard that. Of course, she agreed with her husband, "You're right! I've always wanted to ride a horse. I didn't even notice it the last time I was here. Now that you mentioned it, I'm pretty excited.

"Let's see what the ranch looks like and ride horses while we're there. I want to feel the wind in my hair and experience the freedom it brings."

"I knew you'd like that." Ivor smiled and turned to face the prince. "If I remember correctly, you own the horse ranch, right, Your Highness? Would you mind taking us there?"

"Oh, uh, of course! I can do that for you." It pained Andreas that the couple chose to have their honeymoon in his country. However, Bonnie had told him that she wanted to remain good friends.

If he looked at the situation from

that perspective, Bonnie had faith in

him by including him in her honeymoon. Andreas knew he would look petty if he showed that it bothered him. Ultimately, he decided to ensure the couple had fun in Zudale.

Ivor remained polite, saying, "I appreciate it, Your Highness."

Andreas waved and replied, "It's just a small favor. No need for the formalities, Ivor."

As the trio continued to converse, the cars arrived to take them to the horse ranch. Andreas sat in the front while the couple sat in the back. Bonnie leaned on Ivor's shoulder and began to fiddle with his cuff links out of boredom.

Ivor held her hand and said warmly, "Honey?"

Bonnie looked up at him and asked, "What is it?"

"Would

you like to

talk to Andreas

alone later? could give you two some space if you want." Ivor was okay with it because he noticed how the prince treated Bonnie. The former knew Andreas was beginning to let go of Bonnie.

Moreover, Bonnie had repeatedly shown that Ivor was the one for her. Ivor no longer had anything to worry about and believed she knew what she was doing around Andreas. Bonnie became wide-eyed in surprise. "Woah, I didn't know you were so level-headed. Still, I won't need time alone with Andreas."

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Chapter 963

Ivor had always thought Bonnie would want to chat with Andreas alone. Surprisingly, she said she did not need to do that. Ivor asked, "But why? Do you have other plans?"

Bonnie shrugged. "I thought about many things before reaching Zudale. Initially, I wanted to console Andreas and keep him from misunderstanding things. However, I realized at the grand hall that he was trying to accept that you and I were married.

"With that in mind, I don't need to say anything. I only need to give Andreas more time to accept our marriage fully."

Ivor listened and recalled how Andreas carried himself in the grand hall. The former nodded in approval and said, "I noticed that, too. He's slowly moving on from you."

"Yeah, that's why I don't need to talk to him privately. Otherwise, I might worsen things," Bonnie said as she yawned. Then, she made herself comfortable and laid into him. "All right, that's enough chit-chat. I need to nap. Wake me up when we're there, okay?"

Bonnie resembled a cat as she cuddled with Ivor. He grinned and patted her head lovingly, saying, "Okay, have a good nap. I'll wake you later."

An hour later, the car reached the horse ranch. Ivor was about to wake his wife up when he looked over and met her gaze. He smiled and said, "Perfect timing, honey. We're here."

She smiled back and said playfully, "Of course! My body is like an automated stopwatch. It wakes me up when I've reached my destination."

'Actually, it's because I have sharp senses. I can sense whenever the car stops.'

"Incredible as always." Ivor gave her a thumbs up.

Bonnie's brows furrowed. "You're trying to soothe me like a child again, aren't you? Do you think I'm a little girl?"

Ivor grinned at her and said

charmingly "Again, I'm not treating you like a child. I only speak to you that way because you're my wife. I dote on you like you're the most precious treasure in the world. Am I wrong for doing that?"

Bonnie did not have a good comeback for that. She was in disbelief that he had stumped her. Suddenly, someone knocked on the car window. Bonnie lowered the window and saw Andreas standing outside.

He met her gaze and said, "We're here. Why are you guys still in the car?"

"Oh, nothing. We just had to discuss something." Bonnie opened the car door and got out with Ivor in tow.

"Oh, okay," Andreas responded, doing something cool with the car keys before putting them into his pocket. "Follow me."

Bonnie could not explain it, but

found his gesture somewhat

amusing. A moment later, she

smiled and said, "Okay, lead the way. We'll be right behind you."

Andreas noticed her smile and instinctively felt his cheeks. "Why do I feel like you're mocking me? Is there something on my face?"

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Chapter 964

"Not at all." Bonnie's smile remained, confusing Andreas further.

After feeling his cheeks, he stopped and asked, "Well, what is it then? Why do you look so excited?"

Bonnie's smile widened. "That's because I think you've bounced back to how you were when we first met. You're cheerful and energetic again. I'm genuinely happy for you."

The prince was a little stunned. He thought, 'She's right. I feel lighter now that I've accepted what happened between the three of us. I feel livelier. Still, I didn't think she'd notice it so quickly.'

'I guess it's better this way. Since I've removed such complicated thoughts from my life, she can continue to consider me a close friend.'

With that in mind, Andreas raised his chin and smiled. "What are you talking about? I've always been cheerful, confident, and energetic."

Bonnie helplessly shook her head. "I gave you an inch, and you're taking a mile. How shameless of you, Your Highness."

He responded smilingly, "Hey, you complimented me, didn't you? I was just agreeing, that's all."

"All right, that's enough of that. Let's go and check out the ranch," Bonnie said as she headed toward the entrance, "I'll pick a thoroughbred that can run far!"

Ivor stood aside and listened to the duo's conversation. Instead of butting in, he only observed how Andreas treated Bonnie.

'I know I told Bonnie I thought Andreas was slowly accepting our marriage. However, I kept thinking he was only pretending to be disinterested. After all, he loved her so deeply. All of that has changed now.'

'I can tell something's different

about Andreas. I'm sure that he has

indeed accepted things. It's like Bonnie said. I should give Andreas more time to move on from her entirely. They'll become good friends in every sense of the word.

Meanwhile, Andreas could not help but frown when he heard Bonnie's words. He remarked, "Are you sure you want a thoroughbred? You're new to horseback riding. That's one of the wildest breeds among the horses. Taming them takes much time and effort. Why don't you try a different breed first, Bonnie?"

me."

Bonnie glanced sideways at him and lifted her chin. She said confidently, "If I say I want a thoroughbred, I know I'm capable enough to tame it. I wouldn't say something unless I'm sure of it. Don't worry about

Turning her head sideways, she lifted her chin, her delicate eyes filled with confidence and pride.

Andreas knew she had

misunderstood him, so he hastily explained, "It took me a few weeks to tame a thoroughbred, yet you're expecting to tame one during your first experience with horses? I'm just worried it'll scar you for life."

Ivor seconded, "His Highness is right, Bonnie. You should listen to him and try another breed. What'll I do if an accident happens?"

A hint of helplessness appeared in Bonnie's eyes as she said, "Didn't you hear me? I wouldn't have said that if I wasn't sure of myself. Also, don't you guys trust me? Do you honestly think I can't tame a thoroughbred?"

Worried that Bonnie might mistake their concern for underestimation, one of the men said, "None of us doubt your capabilities. However, there are too many uncertainties regarding horseback riding. We're just worried about accidents."

Bonnie knew they were only concerned for her safety, so she spoke in a warmer tone, "I'll give it a shot first. I'll change breeds if I can't do it."

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Chapter 965

Ivor and Andreas had failed to lessen Bonnie's competitive spirit and desire to conquer the challenge. On the contrary, those feelings grew more intense when they tried to stop her. Bonnie was always like that. The more others thought something was impossible, the more she wanted to do it.

Ivor could only nod and agree, "All right, you can try it. Still, you must be calm."

Andreas realized the couple was adamant about it. He said, "Thoroughbreds are on the left side of the ranch. Follow me."

"All right," Bonnie responded smilingly.

Soon after, they reached the thoroughbred stable. Then, Bonnie saw something and yelped in surprise, "Whoa! That horse looks unique! It's white all over, but the fur on the center of its forehead is brown. It's rare to see such a thoroughbred. It has to be one of the biggest horses in the world!"

Andreas helplessly palmed his forehead. "You have keen eyes, Bonnie. That's the finest thoroughbred in the ranch but also the hardest to tame. I tried to do it, and it almost bucked me! I kept trying for a week, but it was useless. I ended up picking another thoroughbred for myself."

Bonnie rubbed her palms as a desire to tame the horse filled her eyes. "All the more reason for me to try. Still, let's not rush it. I'll try to bond with it and see how it feels about me."

Andreas still thought this thoroughbred was too wild to tame, so he tried to talk Bonnie into picking a different one, "Bonnie, believe me when I say it doesn't want anyone riding it. It's simply too prideful. I think the right person to train it hasn't been born to-"

Before he could finish, he froze.

Bonnie had already approached to pat the white thoroughbred. Surprisingly; it did not react poorly and instead rubbed its head on her hand. It looked like a different horse and was nothing but docile toward Bonnie.

Andreas felt embarrassed when he recalled his previous comments about the horse. Simultaneously, he was confused.

"I remember it kicking around when I tried to tame it. It was like the horse looked down on me. Now, it looks much more docile. How frustrating!"

Andreas had suffered when he tried

to tame it. He even went home with injuries for a whole week. He had to give up taming it because it was too hard. However, Bonnie only needed to pat the horse to tame it.

'Does that mean the horse genuinely looked down on me before?'

Ivor watched and analyzed, "Maybe it's attracted to Bonnie because it senses how formidable and capable she is. In that sense, animals

typically have the same instincts as humans."

Although Andreas thought he had mastered Pyralian, he needed help understanding what Ivor meant.

"Huh? What do you mean, Ivor? I know how formidable and capable Bonnie is, but how can a horse distinguish a normal person from a capable one?"

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Chapter 966

Ivor said, "I don't know how else to explain it, Your Highness."

Andreas scratched his head but did not ask further, thinking it would make him look dumb.

Suddenly, Bonnie climbed onto the white thoroughbred horse. The horse looked like it had found its rightful owner. It began to prance around proudly and majestically.

Andreas instantly grew jealous. "I tried to tame it for a week, and all I got was injuries. I can't believe it's so close to Bonnie just because she petted it. Gah! That must be why we shouldn't compare ourselves to others."

Bonnie could not hear them because she was pretty far away. However, she smiled when she noticed the two men chatting like friends. Then, she lifted her chin at them and said, "Hey, I'll take Moonbeam for a lap. You guys coming?"

"I'm coming!" Ivor chose a black horse and guided it toward Bonnie.

The latter realized Andreas was staying where he was. She could not help but ask, "Aren't you coming, Your Highness?"

He shook his head. "Count me out! I already took you guys to the ranch. You can't expect me to watch you two be all lovey-dovey."

Bonnie raised her brows and said sarcastically, "We're just riding horses. How's that lovey-dovey?"

He shook his head again. "I refuse to go, no matter what you say. Enjoy yourselves!"

"All right, we'll go ahead then." Bonnie did not pry. She pulled the reins and gestured for Ivor to mount his horse. The latter understood the gesture and gracefully hopped on the black horse. Before they set out, Bonnie glanced at the prince again, saying, "Last chance, Your Highness. Are you coming or not?"

Andreas waved. "I'm not joining. You guys go ahead."

"All right, we'll be leaving now. Don't complain later and say we didn't invite you," Bonnie said before adjusting her posture and pulling at the reins again. "Let's go, Moonbeam. Hyah!" Moonbeam neighed and galloped away.

Immediately after, Ivor and his horse gave chase. The two horses, one black and one white, were equally fast.

They looked excellent together as if

they had been trained as partners. However, they had not received any training together. Instead, they were naturally compatible and ignored their respective riders.

At that moment, a unique air about Ivor and Bonnie made it hard for others to get between them.

Meanwhile, Andreas watched as the couple's horses galloped away. He could not help but grumble, "How's that not lovey-dovey?"

Although he still felt slightly sour, he could feel how thrilled Bonnie was to be with Ivor. After all, Ivor took such excellent care of her. Andreas had nothing else to say. He only cared that she was happy.

Bonnie took two laps before stopping and dismounting from Moonbeam. She was sweating a lot but loved how exhilarated she felt. She held Moonbeam's reins and led it to the shed while looking around. She asked, "Where did His Highness run off to?"

Ivor also got off his horse and led it to the shed.

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Chapter 967

"He probably returned to the palace. I guess we can handle it from here and leave him be." Bonnie had the same thought. She nodded and said, "Okay. So, what are we doing next?"

Ivor looked toward the setting sun in the distance and then checked the time. "It's six now, and we can't do much that's fun. Let's head back for a while. Then, we'll stroll around the market near the hotel. We can check out the local foods and souvenirs."

Bonnie was puzzled, asking, "Must we return to the hotel?"

"I need to get something," he responded.

"Oh, okay then," she said while handing Moonbeam to the stable boy.

When the couple reached the hotel, Ivor rummaged through his suitcase. Bonnie could not help but ask, "What are you looking for? Do you need my help?"

"It's okay. I got it." He pulled out a couple of clothes with the same design. The only difference was their sizes—one was bigger, and the other was slightly smaller.

Bonnie glanced at them and knew his intentions. "Are you trying to make me wear a couple's t-shirt with you?"

"Yeah, are you okay with that?" Ivor was pretty nervous when he prepared the t-shirts. After all, Bonnie might reject them for their flashiness.

However, she took them from him and said, "You already made these, so why wouldn't I be okay with them? Let's put them on now and go out."

Ivor smiled when she agreed to wear the t-shirts. "All right!"

After changing their clothes, they exchanged glances and chuckled in unison. Ivor looked at Bonnie joyfully and said, "Everyone will know we're a couple when they see us. I like that." Bonnie helplessly sighed. "So, was this your plan all along?"

"Of course it was. I couldn't wait to

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tell the world that you're my wife. It's a shame you wouldn't let me do it

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earlier. This is the only way I can express it," Ivor said before grabbing Bonnie's hand and leaving the hotel room.

"Let's go, or we'll miss out on anything worth seeing." Bonnie smiled when she felt the warmth of her husband's palm.

When they reached the market, she stopped at every stall and bought anything she considered interesting. As for Ivor, he was only there to pay for everything and carry them. He was puzzled that his wife looked so curious about everything.

"I thought you visited Zudale before, honey. Why are you acting like it's your first time seeing these things?"

Bonnie was inspecting an antique when she heard that. She stopped and responded, "I was here on business back then. I didn't have the luxury or mood to visit these places."

"Oh, that's why." Ivor smiled. "Well, you have time to do that now. You can buy whatever you like. I'll pay for everything."

Bonnie giggled and said playfully, "I'm glad you said that. It's my mission to max out all your credit cards. I don't intend on leaving until I've done that."

Ivor thought about how his credit cards had no limits. He said, "That might be impossible, honey."

"Wait, are you giving me a limitless credit card?" Bonnie accurately guessed his thoughts.

"Bingo," Ivor said before pulling a

card out, 'I'll give this to you now. Use it to your heart's content. If you can't max it out today, do it

tomorrow. Hell, you can try again the day after that, too!"

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Chapter 968

Bonnie realized Ivor thought she was being serious. She stopped him from handing her the card and said, "I was just joking. Why are you taking it so seriously? Put away that credit card. I have money, Ivor. I don't need to spend yours."

He stuffed the card in her hands, saying, "I earn money for you to spend. If you refuse, it means I work my ass off for nothing."

She glanced at the black credit card helplessly. "Ivor, I have money. I mean it when I say I don't need yours."

However, Ivor was adamant. "There's a difference between your money and mine. You didn't accept my card last time because we weren't married yet. I understood that, but we're married now. If you refuse to spend my money, you still don't consider me your husband."

He forcibly put the card into her pocket and added, "Just take it. I won't take no for an answer."

Since he put it that way, it would be rude if Bonnie continued to object. "Fine, I'll take it. I've never met anyone this eager to give someone else their money. You must be crazy."

Ivor chuckled. "Well, you're not just someone else. You're my wife."

She sighed helplessly. "I can't argue with you. Everything you say is right. Are you happy now?"

"Perfect, I appreciate your stamp of approval, honey." Ivor held her hand and led her deeper into the market. "All right, let's keep going. I think there are more interesting things inside."

Bonnie held his hand back and responded, "Okey-dokey."

The couple walked ahead, looking so good together that they turned heads. Some even took pictures of them. Bonnie was content to ignore them since she sensed their friendly gazes. On the other hand, Ivor had an excellent idea when he saw them.

"Bonnie, let's turn back. I'll take you somewhere."

"Where are you taking me?" she asked curiously.

He remained mysterious, saying, "You'll know when we get there."

"Again with this, Ivor? You love keeping me in suspense. Please just tell me where we're going. Isn't it better to speak your mind?" She knew he wanted to surprise her, but she found it annoying to be in constant suspense.

"We'll be there soon. Just bear with me a little." Ivor tried to comfort her.

She was helpless, saying, "Fine, I'll behave."

Several minutes later, the couple reached a photography studio. Ivor held Bonnie's hand and entered

speaking to the photographer. After

checking everything, the

photographer

went to get the

camera.

Bonnie noticed what Ivor was trying to do. "Do you want to take pictures with me?"

Ivor nodded. "Yeah, didn't you realize something? We've been together for a long time but have never taken pictures together. Now's the perfect time to do it since we're wearing couple's t-shirts."

"That's all you wanted to do? If so, you didn't need to be so mysterious." Although she said so, she was curious about what their pictures would look like.

Ivor smiled when he saw that she was not hesitant.

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Chapter 969

Ivor said, "You'll be more curious if I didn't tell you what it was. It won't be exciting if I reveal every little surprise."

"I guess you're right," Bonnie agreed.

Then, the photographer returned with his camera and led the couple to a beautiful spot to take pictures. He was about to suggest poses to them but realized they looked spectacular, no matter which angles he shot from.

Bonnie and Ivor exuded love for each other. Whenever they looked at each other, the appreciation in their eyes gave rise to perfect photos. The photographer simply did not have to guide them.

On the other hand, Bonnie wondered why the photographer was so quiet. She could not help but ask, "Do you need us to do certain poses or anything?"

He waved and said, "That's not necessary. Just act naturally and be yourself. You two are so stunning that every picture I took has been perfect. I can't find any flaws even if I tried."

Bonnie could not help but giggle, thinking the photographer was excellent with words. Ivor also chuckled. The photographer noticed it and quickly took their picture. "Perfect! You smiled while looking into each other's eyes. Your love for each other is unmistakable and artistic!"

"Oh? Can I see the pictures?"

'It can't be as good as he says, right? It must be a tactic to make us pay him more. That must be why he's forcing himself to shower us with praise.'

The photographer did not hesitate to show Bonnie his camera. "Feast your eyes, miss. I've taken pictures of many couples, but I must say, you two look impeccable together. don't even have to edit them can print them out as is."

Bonnie took the camera and was stunned when she saw their pictures. They stood shoulder-to-shoulder together.

'I thought he only praised us to make

us spend more money in his studio. I didn't think he was being serious. Ivor and Hook like a match made in heaven when we stand under the lights. We smiled simultaneously and made the picture come to life.'

Ivor went over to look when he noticed Bonnie staring at the pictures. When he saw it, he could not help but say, "That's a lovely picture if I say so myself. Well done."
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Bonnie nodded. "I agree."

She returned the camera to the photographer and added, "Here, take more pictures and print them for us, will you?"

The photographer patted his chest and said confidently, "You can count on me, miss! I promise you'll be satisfied with every picture I take."

Bonnie giggled when she realized how professional he was. "All right, I trust you. Thanks, mister!"

"You're too kind. After all, it's my job." Then, he continued to take the couple's pictures.

As they nearly wrapped up the shoot, Bonnie did something when Ivor was not looking. She stood on her toes and kissed his lips lovingly, stunning him.

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Chapter 970

After realizing what had happened, Ivor touched his lips and stared at Bonnie. "D-Did you just kiss me?"

Instead of being shy like always, Bonnie looked at him boldly. "What's wrong? Can't I kiss you?"

"Of course you can! Y-You just caught me by surprise, that's all," he was so excited that his voice trembled slightly. Bonnie came out of her shyness when she mentioned wanting to get back at Ivor by pinning him to the bed.

Ivor thought, 'Oh, boy. I think I'm falling deeper in love with her by the second.'

"Don't get too excited, Ivor. More surprises are on the way." Bonnie winked at him flirtatiously.

She had always felt shy when Ivor did similar things to her. She could never let herself go and take that vital step. However, she found it exhilarating now that she had finally done it. It felt good to tease Ivor finally.

Ivor could not help but chuckle. "I can't even begin to describe you, Bonnie."

"You're right, let's just forget about it." Bonnie was thrilled that she finally managed to tease him. Even her steps were springy as she approached the photographer.

"Could you show me the pictures again? I'd like to delete the bad shots. If everything looks okay, I want to print them. You don't even have to edit them."

"Miss, you two looked stunning. Do you honestly think there would be bad shots?" The photographer was delighted to take the couple's pictures. "I guess I could still show you the pictures for your assurance."

"I appreciate it." Bonnie thanked him before taking the camera and meticulously checking the pictures. She instinctively grinned when she saw the love and happiness they emanated.

Ivor walked over to look at the

pictures with her. He naturally held

her waist and rested his chin on her shoulder, his eyes filled with profound affection. Under normal circumstances, Bonnie would have pushed him away.

However, she silently turned and glanced at him this time.

The photographer found them so divine that he could not miss this opportunity. He pulled out his phone and took their picture.

Bonnie noticed it and stared at him, asking, "Why'd you do that?"

The photographer darted toward her and showed her his phone. He said shyly, "I'm sorry, miss. You two were sharing such an intimate moment and it looked phenomenal. I didn't want to miss such a perfect moment, so I took a photo with my phone. I hope I didn't offend you and make you think I had ill intentions."

Bonnie looked at the phone and thought the picture was terrific, too. She said, "Oh, not at all. I owe you for taking a photo of such a lovely moment. You can print every picture you've taken for us, including the

one on your phone. Let us know how

much we owe you once you're

done."

The photographer waved and said, "That won't be necessary. I refuse to take a single cent from you."

"Wait, why?" Bonnie asked, confused. Then, she glanced at Ivor, silently asking him what was happening.

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Chapter 971

Ivor understood the look Bonnie gave him. He looked at the photographer and said, "I thought we agreed on a price earlier. Why won't you charge us now?"

The photographer glanced at the couple, wondering if he should tell them about his request. After some thought, he mustered his courage and asked timidly, "I-I refuse to take your payment because I want to display one of your pictures on my wall as a promotional piece. Would you be okay with that?"

He knew they were not short on money but wanted to ask them anyway. After all, his studio would get more customers if he used one of their pictures as promotional material.

Although Ivor was okay with it, he still wanted to ask for Bonnie's opinion. "What do you think, honey?"

Bonnie thought leaving their picture behind in Zudale was an excellent idea. It would resemble them leaving their footprints there. She nodded, saying, "Sure, why not?"

The photographer was thrilled to hear their responses. He said enthusiastically, "Thank you, guys! I appreciate it so much. You have such kind souls."

Then, he ran to his office in the back and produced two necklaces before giving them to the couple. "Here, I made you two some couple's necklaces. They're not worth much, but they're meaningful. I hope you like them."

Bonnie smiled and accepted the necklaces. "Why wouldn't we like something so meaningful? We appreciate these lovely necklaces, mister."

Ivor took his necklace and put it in his pocket. "Thanks."

"You're very welcome!" The photographer smiled. "I wish you two a happy marriage and successful careers. Thank you for choosing my studio." Bonnie said gratefully, "We appreciate your wishes. You can print the pictures now. It's getting late, and we must return to our hotel soon."

The photographer nodded. "Okay, stay right here. I'll be back in ten minutes or so."

Then, he ran to his office to print the pictures. Soon after, he packed the photos and some frames into a gift box before giving them all to Bonnie. "Here you go. I included some quality frames, too. When you get back, just put in your pictures. It'll make the images look that much prettier."

She smiled and said, "We can't thank you enough."

Ivor nodded at the photographer. "We'll take our leave now. You've been a joy to work with, mister."

"You're too kind." The photographer waved at the couple cheerfully. "My door will always be open for you. Goodbye!"

"We'll come again when we have the

chance." Bonnie waved back before leaving the studio with Ivor. Once outside, she opened the gift box and looked at the pictures. "These are lovely I'll make an album and put these in when we get home. When

we're older, we can reminisce about these sweet moments."

Bonnie noticed Ivor's silence and turned to look at him. Suddenly, his lips drew closer. She was stunned at first but reacted swiftly and grabbed his collar. Then, she took the lead and kissed his lips.

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Chapter 972

The couple kissed each other longingly in an alley. They panted when they pulled away from each other. Bonnie rubbed her red lips and shook her head helplessly. "Will you ever stop nibbling my lips?" Ivor raised his brows and asked, "Why would I stop doing that? Isn't that more romantic?"

She would not back down that easily. "I'll return the favor next time!"

'I bit him back the last time he bit me, but things are different this time, and so are my feelings.'

A sense of joy flashed in Ivor's eyes as he pointed at his lips and said, "You can do it now. I won't mind."

She rolled her eyes. "You wish! I'll lose if I bite you back now."

"Hahaha!" Ivor laughed heartily. "Suit yourself. You can bite me whenever you want. I'll be ready when you do."

Bonnie lifted her chin and said, "I'll bite you so hard that your lips will swell and look like two sausages."

"Oh, boy!" The joy in his eyes deepened. "I'm looking forward to it."

She rolled her eyes at him again. "You're so shameless!"

He leaned in and kissed her again, saying, "Mhm, I'm only like that around you. It's something only you'll get to see."

"I'm not interested in seeing that." Bonnie chuckled and pushed Ivor away.

He reacted by hugging her, but she promptly pushed him away again. The couple flirted with each other happily as they returned to the hotel.

Then, Ivor showered first while Bonnie sat on the bed and waited. She was watching videos on her phone when she received a call from an encrypted number. Bonnie frowned and turned to look at the bathroom to ensure it was still shut. She rose from the bed and went outside to answer the call, "What is it?"

A crisp male voice sounded on the

other end of the call, "Chief, something terrible has happened! Falcon turned on us and stole the chip we painstakingly developed. He's probably considering selling it for a profit."

"Falcon stole the chip?" Bonnie's frown deepened. "Did you guys manage to track him down?"

Collin, the guy on the other end of

the call, shook his head and said, "We failed, He's too cunning, chief, He covered his tracks wherever he went, and we don't even know where to begin looking. All we can do is wait for your return to activate the satellite position to track him down."

Initially, Bonnie wanted to say that she would return immediately but realized she and Ivor were still on their honeymoon. The last thing she wanted was to disappoint her husband, so she rejected Collin's request.

"I'm in Zudale for important business. You can continue investigating however you can, and we can discuss relocating the satellite positioning when I return."

Collin asked, "When will you be back, chief? If I know that, arranging our workforce will be easier."

"I don't know when I'll be back yet,

but I'll tell you as soon as I do." Bonnie felt conflicted. On the one hand, she was on her honeymoon with Ivor. On the other, she had done plenty of research and spent too much time developing the chip.

Ultimately, she chose to stay with Ivor. After all, they only had one honeymoon throughout their lives, and she did not want them to have any regrets when they reminisced about it.

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Bonnie decided it was better to forgo the issue concerning the stolen chip. She believed in her subordinates' capabilities and that they would not let Falcon get too far away.

Collin did not pressure Bonnie. Instead, he said, "Copy that. I'll make some arrangements to slow Falcon down. I fear he might sell the chip. It'll be much harder to track it down if that happens."

"I believe in you, Collin. Do whatever you can for now, and I'll try to return as soon as possible." Bonnie rubbed her brows in frustration.

'I can't catch a break. It's supposed to be my honeymoon, yet something disastrous has happened in my organization. Great, now I won't have peace of mind!'

"Understood, Ms. Bonnie. I'll get to work now." Collin hung up the phone.

When Bonnie returned to the room with her phone, she saw Ivor removing his towel. She opened the door so suddenly that he thought she was someone else, making him instinctively cover his private part. Bonnie could not help but tease him, "Why bother covering yourself? It's not like I've never seen what's under there."

Ivor realized she was joking and decided to remain naked. He flung his towel aside and asked, "Do you want to come closer to admire me? I don't think you can see it well from over there."

He approached Bonnie and thought she would shy away from him. Surprisingly, she walked right at him. "How can I say no when you want to show me your body?"

She smiled and added, "I won't just look, either. I'll touch and feel it, too."

Ivor was stunned, staring at her with widened eyes. Then, she waved a hand before his eyes and said, "What's wrong? Did I scare you?"

Her voice returned him to his

senses. He saw how forthright he was and moved closer, saying, "I'm surprised at your newfound demeanor. I think I might need a

moment to adjust."

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Bonnie grinned playfully and asked, "Is that because I'm straightforward? I seem to recall you saying you love outspoken and forthright women. You weren't lying, huh?"

Ivor could not decide if he should laugh or cry at that moment. He said, "Don't get me wrong, honey. I've never said such a thing. I love you whichever way you are."

Bonnie's smile widened. Then, she

followed suit and moved closer, saying, 'should've listened to you and let myself go much earlier. After all, you're my husband, and I can do whatever I want to you.'

'Bonnie's so bold now! I'm having a little trouble adjusting to her abrupt change. Oh, no! I think I'm blushing!'

She realized she had stunned him

and stepped forward to lift his chin.

"Ivor, why aren't you saying

anything? You're the one who told

me not to be embarrassed. So, why are you blushing now?"

Suddenly, Bonnie caressed him. "Mmm, nice abs. I like how it feels when I run my fingers across them. I'll bet it'll feel better if you hit the gym more."

Ivor's breath became more labored by the second. He held her waist and said, "You're playing with fire, Bonnie. I don't know if I can control myself if you keep this up."

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"Did I tell you to control your urges? Let's get down to business." Bonnie raised her brows and pulled Ivor toward her.

He stared at her and felt his heart pounding.

'She looks so tempting that I can no longer control myself. I just can't get enough of her.'

Suddenly, Bonnie kissed his lips and pinned him to the bed. "It's my turn to pin you down now. I won't give you a chance to fight back!"

Ivor grinned and lay flat on the bed, showing no signs of struggling. "Go ahead and do whatever you want."

She chuckled and wrapped her arms around his neck. Soon after, the air was heavy with love and lust.

The following day, Bonnie woke up and saw Ivor's affectionate eyes. He said, "Rise and shine, honey. How was last night?"

She rubbed her sore waist as she recalled last night's activities. "I can't believe you're asking me that question. It took a toll on my waist. How's that for an answer?"

Ivor lived up to his words and let Bonnie do all the work last night. She felt strained and exhausted after all that.

'Next time, I won't insist on pinning him down. I realize it's much more relaxing to lie down and let him do most of the work instead.'

Ivor massaged her waist and said, "If you're tired, maybe we should forget about the activities and rest in the hotel today."

Bonnie glanced at him. "What kind of activities did you plan for us? I'll go if it's something I like. Otherwise, we can just rest inside."

This time, Ivor did not keep her in suspense. Instead, he told her everything, "I planned to take you paragliding today. We'd share a paraglider and soar in the sky together."

That immediately piqued her interest. "That sounds exciting! Let's freshen up now and head out after breakfast!"

Ivor knew his wife too well and chose activities that best suited her. It would be a tall order for her to remain calm.

"Are you sure you want to go out with your sore waist? We can take a break today and go tomorrow instead," he said while massaging her waist to relieve some discomfort.

Bonnie looked at him and said, "I

refuse to let my sore waist stop me

from having fun. I'll be okay. Go and

freshen up already! I want to go paragliding as soon as possible!"

She sounded cheerful and energized, so Ivor said, "All right, you freshen up first while I prepare breakfast. We can leave sooner if we split the work."

"You got it!" Bonnie quickly rolled out of bed and darted to the restroom.

Ivor could not resist smiling when he saw her scurrying. He thought, 'She's always so hasty and can't wait to do what she set her mind to. That said, Bonnie has always worked hard in the research

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institute. It's nice that she can relax now.'

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After breakfast, Bonnie and Ivor went to the paragliding spot. The former looked around the boundless meadow and suddenly yelled, "Ah!"

She felt relieved of her exhaustion immediately after. Then, he followed suit and yelled, "I love you, Bonnie!"

She turned to him and realized how serious he looked. A hint of joy flashed in her eyes as she said, "I love you, too, Ivor."

The couple grinned at each other and held hands as they walked ahead. They were surrounded by magnificent scenery while beside the person they loved most. It was a wonderful feeling. Ivor and Bonnie took a lap and returned to where they started. That was when they saw a man in a uniform approaching. The staff member looked at Ivor and asked, "Are you Mr. Ivor?" Ivor nodded and shook the man's hand. "Indeed, I am."

"I'm in charge of your safety, Mr. Ivor. When would you like to begin? I have others in line, so I'd like to make arrangements to suit your time."

Ivor looked at Bonnie. "What do you think?"

"Let's do it now. We shouldn't make everyone wait for us." She held her husband's hand and led him to the site.

The staff member followed them and said, "I appreciate your understanding, miss. I'll tell my colleagues to prepare your paragliding gear. We'll ensure you have the best experience." "Thanks a bunch," Bonnie said.

Soon after, they reached the site, and the other staff member hooked them up to safety equipment before taking them to a helicopter. As the helicopter took them to the highest point in the vicinity, the staff member said, "We're at the intermediate height now. Do you want to go higher?"

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"Take us to the maximum altitude. That'll make it more fun." Bonnie excitedly looked at the boundless view below. She was dying to conquer the challenge and even considered jumping off immediately.

On the other hand, Ivor was a little worried about her as it was her first time paragliding. He could not help but ask, "Don't you want to try the intermediate height first? We can always try higher altitudes later."

"That won't be necessary. Paragliding is all about the thrill of flying, right? It won't be fun unless we're at the highest point," Bonnie said as she noticed the worry in her husband's eyes.

She held his hand and added, "Don't worry about me. I love challenging sports like this. I thought you knew that about me."

Ivor did not argue, saying, "All right, let's do it."

Soon after, the staff member said, "Okay, we're at the maximum altitude. Hop off the helicopter whenever you're ready."

Ivor was about to ask Bonnie if she was ready. Suddenly, she grabbed his hand and jumped off, dragging him along.

He panicked, but only for a second. He then held his wife's hand, balanced himself, and took control of the paraglider. As the couple glided through the sky, they steadied themselves and admired the spectacular view.

Bonnie smiled as she glanced at Ivor. They could feel themselves growing closer to each other. The couple decided to hold each other close and brave the future together. They hoped to stay this happy and love each other forever.

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The paragliding ended after an hour.

Bonnie felt like her heart was filled with happiness. It was such a thrilling experience.

Ivor asked with a smile, "Isn't it exhilarating? How about we have another go?"

"That won't be necessary. Once is more than enough. I'd much prefer this memory to remain the way it is. We'll come back in the future if we have the chance."

She started removing her paragliding gear.

He said, "Alright. We'll do as you say."

Ivor got a phone call from Floyd when they got back to the hotel.

"When are you and Mrs. Bonnie coming back, Mr. Ivor?"

"I'm not sure about that. What's the matter?" He walked toward the chair not far from him and took a seat.

"Nothing big, really. It's just that there are too many things going on in the company, and I can't quite hold down the fort anymore..." He sounded grouchy. Judging by his tone alone, he must've had the worst time ever.

'I was supposed to go along with Ivor and Bonnie. But I was asked to stay because there was an urgent case that needed attention.

'I didn't know I'd be alone for this long, though. If Ivor doesn't come back sooner, I'm going to be crushed by this insane workload.'

Ivor couldn't help but frown. "When have you become so incapable, Floyd? It's only been a few days since I left. Is that the best you can do?" Floyd felt sorry for himself when he heard what his boss said.

"It's not that I'm incapable, Mr. Ivor. There's just too much going on here. I have no idea how to put it into words. You'll see it when you come back." Ivor frowned. He was about to say something when Bonnie spoke. "I think we've had quite a lot of fun. It's time we go back to our lives."

"Really?"

'Our honeymoon is too short if we go back home now,' Ivor thought to himself.

"We've only tried out a couple of activities. Are you sure you want to go home now?"

"What matters is that we've created some unique memories for ourselves. Furthermore, we've been out here for so long. It's time we go home and check on Grandpa."

'Frankly speaking, these are just part of the reason I want to go home. What's more important is that I have to deal with the chip.'

'Falcon must've turned on us and stole the chip for money. If I don't react fast enough, he might sell it to someone. Then, it's going to complicate things.' Ivor thought about what she said and found that she made a fine point.

"Alright. Whatever you say, goes. If you want to go home, then we'll go right now."

"I'm going to buy the plane tickets tonight. Then, we'll take a flight back to Pyralis tomorrow." She pulled out her phone and did just that.

He talked to Floyd for a while before hanging up the phone. He looked at Bonnie who was staring right at her phone. He couldn't help but ask, "Why do I get the feeling that you're eager to go home?"

She paused for a while before she said, "Am I? I just thought that we'd been away for too long. Grandpa might've missed us."

"Alright. I'll let you make the arrangements, then."

The next day, Bonnie and Ivor took a flight back to Pyralis in the afternoon. Floyd drove to the airport to pick them up. The moment he saw Ivor, he said excitedly, "You guys are finally back, Mr. Ivor Mrs. Bonnie."

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Ivor looked at his assistant disdainfully. "I'm going to see just how much work there is and if it justifies your expression. "

Floyd's expression turned bitter.

"I'm going to start crying if I talk about it! In fact, I don't think I have to tell you anything, Mr. Ivor. You'll see it when you're at the company."

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Ivor shook his head. "You're useless, Floyd."

Floyd didn't have any comeback for that. 'Fine. I don't care if Ivor says that I'm useless! What matters is that I'll be able to have peace of mind now that he's back.'

Bonnie said with a smile, "That's enough. Let's go home."

"Okay. Let's move now." Ivor held her hand and got into the car.

A couple of hours later, the Maybach pulled into Sigmund's villa. The old man's face lit up when he saw them.

"What are you guys doing at home? Why didn't you spend more time at Zudale?"

Ivor glanced at Bonnie before saying with a smile, "Bonnie was concerned about you. She was worried you might feel lonely in the villa. That's why we're here right now."

Sigmund's eyes were filled with joy.

"I knew it. Bonnie knows me the best. I was so bored when you guys were away. Now that you're back, I'm feeling more cheerful."

She stepped forward and held the old man's hand intimately. "I'll play a game of chess with you tomorrow, Grandpa. I won't let you feel bored." Sigmund laughed heartily and said, "Wonderful. I've been waiting for that."

Their joyous laughter brought a smile to Ivor's face as well.

At that moment, the entire living room was filled with a harmonious, merry atmosphere.

That night, Ivor headed to the study to go through the documents, while Bonnie stayed in her room by herself.

She locked the door and was about to give Collin a call, but she heard a voice from the window. The next thing she knew, she heard a relentless thudding noise as if someone were rapping on the window.

'It's so late now. Who would be rapping on my window? Is it someone who means me harm?'

Just as she was making these wild assumptions, her phone buzzed. She saw that it was a text from Collin.

"Open the window, chief. I'm right outside."

Her eyes widened before she went over to the window and opened it. She saw Collin hanging off the ledge of the balcony.

"What the heck is wrong with you? What are you going to do if Ivor is here? Are you trying to get yourself killed?"

"I've been holing up in the villa for a while. I saw him going to the study before I came here."

With a single leap, he hopped into her room

Her lips twitched in response.

I'm getting a sense of deja vu. Jim used to do the same thing when he needs to talk to me. Why can't any of them get in touch with me with something a little more normal?'

Collin gave himself a couple of seconds to catch his breath. Then, he recalled the reason he was here, and his expression grew solemn.

"I'm here because I need to tell you this, chief. Falcon has fled to Yale! What we know is that he still hasn't sold off the chip. However, he's looking for buyers online. He'll sell it to whoever's willing to pay the highest price.

"The chip is highly sought after. If we don't move fast, he's going to sell it for a profit."

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Realizing that Bonnie wasn't responding to him, Collin said hastily, "What's on your mind, chief? Why aren't you saying anything? Should we send someone to Yale to chase him down? With you here, I think Falcon will be more than willing to return us the chip."

Bonnie frowned, a hint of hesitation in her delicate eyes.

"Yale is too far away."

'If this had happened in the past, I would've taken a flight and captured Falcon. Then, I'd teach him a lesson myself and make him regret betraying the organization!

'But, now things are different. I had just gotten married to Ivor. If I told him out of nowhere that I needed to attend to some matter at Yale, he'd surely overthink it.

'More to the point, it's tricky for me to deal with the mess Falcon brought us. It's going to take me a while to resolve it. This particular identity of mine is unconventional. So, I can't possibly tell him about it. Ugh. I have no idea how I should proceed now.

"Um... Too far away?" Collin rubbed the back of his head, stunned. "What kind of reason is that, chief?"

She rubbed her eyebrows, frustrated. "I don't know how to explain it to you, Collin. The point is that I can't go to Yale for the time being. You're going to have to stay put for

now. Meanwhile, I'll make some arrangements and see if I can fly to Yale as soon as possible."

He understood that she must've had some unique reasons for not being able to do it. So, he dropped the matter.

"Go ahead and make the arrangements, chief. I'll send some of our men to keep a close eye on Falcon and prevent him from selling the chip." "Alright. Keep up the good work, Collin," she said, her eyes filled with helplessness.

'Getting anxious about it wouldn't help at all. I have to take this step by step. I don't want to drag Ivor into this if I can help it. He might cause unnecessary problems.'

"Certainly. I'm just worried that stalling might give Falcon the window he needs to sell the chip. After all, the organization researched and developed it for two long years. Our efforts would be completely wasted if he did sell it." Collin sighed heavily.

It was the last thing she wanted to see happen as well. So, she continued figuring out a way to resolve it.

All of a sudden, something popped into her mind. She was about to say something to Collin, but someone knocked on the door.

She heard Ivor's charming voice. "Are you still up, Bonnie?"

That stunned her immediately. She came back to her senses a second later and looked at Collin. "Hurry up and hide!"

'It's so late in the night. What's going to happen if Ivor sees a man in my room now? I have to avoid an unnecessary misunderstanding. I can't let him see Collin in my room!'

"Your room is not that spacious. Where could I hide?" Collin was extremely anxious too. He tried looking for a spot.

All of a sudden, Bonnie recalled how Jim was also almost caught when he came to her room. Back then, Jim hid in the bathroom!

She yanked Collin's arm, dragged him over to the bathroom, and stuffed him in there.

"Hide in here and don't make any noises, no matter what. You got that?"

Collin nodded furiously. "Roger, chief."

Once she was sure that he had hidden himself, she closed the bathroom door.

The moment she did that, Ivor opened the door to her room and walked inside. He saw her closing the bathroom door and thought it was strange.

He couldn't help but ask, puzzled, "Why did you just close the bathroom, Bonnie? Is there something inside?"

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Ivor started walking toward the bathroom. Before he could do that, however, Bonnie hurried over and stood in his way.

"Um... You can't go in there now..."

He had a sense that something was amiss from the start. Now that he heard what she said, things felt all the more uncanny.

"Why can't I go into the bathroom? Is there something unusual in there?"

She was uncharacteristically panicky, afraid that he'd see Collin in there. After all, she wouldn't be able to explain herself if he did. So, she stood firm at the door and stopped him from going in.

At the same time, she thought of a wonderful excuse for it. Bending over, she clutched her belly and pretended to have had a severe case of stomach upset.

"What's so unusual about it? It's just that I had a really bad stomachache earlier. So, it smells awful in there right now. Are you sure you want to look inside?"

He glanced at her, concerned. "Well. How do you feel now? Do you still have a stomachache?"

Shaking her head, she said, "Come over and help to me to the couch, so I can rest and catch my breath."

"Okay." He responded and walked over to hold her by her arms.

I can't believe I said that, but it should've bought Collin some time. I hope he'll find a way to escape. If the whole thing is exposed, I won't be able to explain myself, ever."

Just as he helped her walk toward the couch, he saw a dusty boot print by the bathroom door. It was only half of the shoe, but it was very visible against the beige floorboard.

He stopped in his tracks and stared at the boot print with unblinking eyes.

Noticing that he had stopped, she turned her head sideways and looked at him. She asked, confused, "What's the matter? Why are we stopping?" He didn't say anything. Instead, he pursed his lips and fixed his gaze on the boot print.

She couldn't help but follow his gaze. Then, she saw it. Collin left a boot print by the door. She inhaled sharply.

"Tsk! The jig is up."

He noticed her shifting emotions and pursed his lips tighter. This time, he walked past her and headed straight toward the bathroom.

She saw it and walked after him to try to stop him.

"I told you, Ivor. I've just done a number two in there. It smells terrible. Why do you have to go inside?"

He stopped in his tracks and stared at her inquisitively.

"Are you sure about that, Bonnie? Or is it because you hid someone in there and didn't want me to find out about it?"

Actually, she had thought about other excuses. However, it was presumably the guilt that set her back. Her lips parted, and she almost said it out loud, but she couldn't find her voice.

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Ivor couldn't help but stare at Bonnie more profoundly when he saw how suspicious she was. He took brisk steps toward the bathroom and pushed the door wide open.

Her heart felt as if it had jumped to her throat. 'It's over!'

Her heart throbbed with the loud noise. She lowered her gaze. She knew Ivor must've been pitting himself against Collin, but she didn't have the courage to witness the moment.

However, she heard nothing for a long time.

Raising her head, she looked at the bathroom, only to find that it was empty. There was nobody in there.

'Eh? Where's Collin? Did he jump out of the bathroom window? This is wonderful. It's a good thing Ivor didn't see him. I got lucky yet again.'

She let out a sigh of relief and raised her head. The next thing she knew, Ivor was staring into her eyes profoundly.

Her heart skipped a beat. Out of pure instinct, she pinched her nose tightly, as if she smelled something terrible.

"If you won't trust me, then see for yourself. Rather, smell for yourself! Is it awful enough for you? I can't believe you said I hid someone in there. What on earth are you thinking?!"

He didn't smell anything different, but he did find it rather odd that there was a boot print left on the floor.

"If there's no one else in there, then where did this dusty boot print come from?"

He directed his gaze at her feet.

"Your slippers are clean and free of dust. So, it couldn't have been yours. Someone else must've left the boot print."

She maintained her cool and waved her hand. "It could be a butler with a dusty shoe. Perhaps they came in here to clean the restroom and left the boot print. We're in our own home. How would someone other than our family and staff step foot into this villa?"

He mulled it over and thought she made a fine point.

"I guess you're right. However, that butler is way too careless. Why would he leave such a dirty footprint here? It bugs me to look at it. I'm going to tell Alfred about this first thing in the morning and have him deal with it."

She waved and said, "Perhaps they made a mistake. Why are you taking it so seriously? Let's just pretend nothing happened instead. It's just a boot print. I'll wipe it off."

Then, she cleaned up the boot print with a tissue.

"There. It's clean."

He nodded. "I won't talk to Alfred about it, then. Whatever you say goes."

'I still find her actions strange, but it was nothing more than a wild guess. I don't have any proof to back it up. It's better if I just drop it!'

"You shouldn't have worried too much about it. It was such a minor issue. There's no need to blow it up." Realizing that Collin wasn't here, she relaxed instantly and spoke in a cheerful tone.

Walking over to the couch. She sat and asked him, "Anyway, how did things go with your company? Is everything going smoothly?"

"I've worked out everything." He rubbed his eyebrow. "With that said, I had misunderstood Floyd. There's actually quite a lot of stuff to deal with. It's understandable that he couldn't handle it by himself."

She couldn't help but say playfully, "Do you think everyone could work as swiftly as you do?"

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Ivor's lips curled into a grin.

"Is that your way of praising me?"

She giggled before rolling her eyes. "I was just making a casual remark, but you still manage to spin it. Your shamelessness knows no bounds, Ivor."

He laughed and walked toward her. Just as he was about to say something, someone knocked on the door. Wiping the smile off his face, he walked over to open the door. He frowned when he saw that it was Floyd. "Why are you knocking on her door at this time of night?" Ivor was obviously dissatisfied.

'I know Ivor doesn't want me to get in the way of their private time, but this is too important. It can't wait.'

He braced himself, took a step close to Ivor, and whispered, "Please come with me, Mr. Ivor. I need to talk to you about the chip."

"The chip?" Ivor was visibly worked up. "Do you have the news about the chip?"

Floyd nodded in response.

"Wait for me in the study. I'll be there soon." Ivor said.

I've gone to great lengths to track down the chip back then. It has been so long, too. I was even considering giving up on searching for it. I can't believe Floyd gave me such great news!

"Copy that." Floyd responded and made his way to the study.

Ivor turned around and walked over to Bonnie. "Something came up, and I have to go to the study to deal with it. Go to sleep. I'll be back in a jiffy." She yawned and waved at him. "Hurry on over to the study. Don't worry about me. I'll sleep when I'm tired."

"Alright. I'll be leaving now." He pecked her cheek. Then, he walked briskly out the door.

Touching the wet sensation on her cheeks, she couldn't help but blush a little. At the same time, she grumbled internally.

'How shameless. He needed to work on something, but he didn't neglect to take advantage of me before he did it!'

Later, Ivor sat on his chair in the study while Floyd gave him the latest update.

"We managed to find out that someone named Falcon posted the chip on the dark web. A lot of buyers are vying for it. Some of them are even offering 100 million dollars. I'm not sure if it's okay to proceed with buying it, so I'm here to check with you, Mr. Ivor."

Ivor pondered it for a moment before he said immediately, "It's just 100 million dollars. The chip is worth more than that. Go ahead and offer a billion dollars. Tell me how Falcon responds to you, then."

"Remember. Don't pay him a cent until you've seen the chip itself! Ask him to give us the chip, and we'll give him the money after that." Floyd nodded slightly and responded, "Gotcha, Ms. Ivor. With that said, don't you think a billion dollars is a bit much?"

Ivor shook his head. "Not at all. The chips contain a lot of technology that we have use for. I'll pay him that amount of money if that's what it takes to get the chip. It'll be worth it."

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Floyd was aware that his boss treasured the chip. However, he was still shocked when he heard the amount the latter was willing to pay for it.

Regaining his composure, he nodded and responded, "Alright, Mr. Ivor. I'll try to find a way to get in touch with him and find out if the chip he has is the real deal."

Ivor nodded before analyzing the situation. "I don't think this Falcon guy is faking it. He has the authentic chip."

Floyd was a little puzzled. "What makes you say so, Mr. Ivor?"

"We're not the only ones who are after it. There are other organizations that are searching for it too. He posted the chip on the dark web, and it very nearly garnered attention from every major organization across the globe. How do you think it's going to end for him if it turns out to be a fake?"

"You're right. This Falcon guy wouldn't be so bold as to pull a fast one over the major organizations. So, he must've had the real chip before he posted it on the dark web."

"Exactly. Then, decide on a place for us to make the trade."

"I think our men have managed to contact him. They're probably negotiating the price with him now. If the price was agreeable, they would've finalized the location."

At the next moment, Floyd's phone, which was in his pocket, buzzed all of a sudden. Pulling out his phone, he realized it was a text from the man who was liaising with Falcon.

He read the text meticulously before raising his head to look at Ivor. "Our men managed to establish contact with Falcon. He said he wanted two billion for the chip. We're free to examine it before we pay him the money."

"Two billion dollars..." Ivor rubbed his chin gently and pondered it. "That's too much. Have our men negotiate with him and bring the price down to 1.6 billion dollars. If he agrees to it, we'll trade with him."

"Got it, Mr. Ivor. I'll ask them to bring down the price."

They waited for more than 10 minutes and finally got good news.

"Falcon agreed to sell us the chip for 1.6 billion dollars. All we have to do now is bring the money to the location."

Ivor asked at once, "Where's Falcon?"

Floyd lowered his head and confirmed the address before raising his head again to look at Ivor. "According to the address he gave us, he wants to meet at an underground market in Yale."

"Yale? That's a little far." Ivor frowned. He didn't want to be away from Bonnie.

'After all, various organizations will be there. This trip to Yale isn't just about getting the chip. We'll have to deal with a lot of things as well. I won't be able to come back to Pyralis for the time being.'

Floyd saw it and had a good idea of what his master was thinking about.

"Are you reluctant to leave Mrs. Bonnie's side, Mr. Ivor?"

Ivor didn't respond to him, but he wore his feelings on his sleeves. It was clear what he was thinking about.

So, Floyd offered him some suggestions, "I think it's okay to tell Ms. Bonnie about this, Mr. Ivor. You can let her tag along and travel to Yale with

you. That way, you'll be able to work on the chip and keep her by your side. This is the perfect solution."

Ivor gave him a sidelong glance, looking at him the way he would a doofus. "Do you think I wouldn't have thought about that?"

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