

NIGHT OF DESTINY (ANASTASIA TILLMAN)

Chapter 2651

Shirley shook her head. "No, let's not do that. I want to marry you." Zacharias leaned down and nibbled

her neck. "I can't wait to marry you and make you my wife." Shirley spun around and looked deep into his

eyes, which were as calm as the sea. His eyes accepted everything that she was, and they were filled

with love and enchantment. Zacharias planted a kiss on her forehead, filling her with satisfaction.

Meanwhile, after Richard informed everyone else of the wedding, he gave Arthur a call. He was always

abroad, and both of their schedules were full, so it wasn't easy for them to meet often. "Hey Artie, how

are you?" "I'm good. Are you calling to inform me of the good news, Richard?" "My daughter is getting

married in two weeks, and I would like to invite you to the wedding." "I'm sorry, Richard. The vice

president of Lauchrist is coming in a few days, and I can't leave because I'll be taking him around. May I

ask that my son attend it in my stead? Once our discussion is over, I'll come over right away," Arthur

said, sounding apologetic.

Richard laughed heartily. "That's fine. You don't have to feel apologetic. We can meet up any time. It's

been a while since I saw your son, and this will be a good opportunity to meet him again." "I'll make sure

he arrives on time. Once I'm finished with work, I'll come and meet you immediately for some drinks."

"Don't forget to bring your wife along, alright? I haven't seen her for such a long time as well." "Sure! It's

time we meet and have a good catch- up!” Arthur agreed with a laugh.

The good friends chatted on the phone for about fifteen minutes. Shortly after, in the faraway Weiss

Estate located in Flor, someone received a call from the other side of the world. A certain young master

on vacation there answered the phone. “Hi, Dad.” “Attend the Lloyd Family’s wedding on my behalf.”

“Who’s getting married?” “Richard’s daughter is getting married in two weeks. Go over right away and

don’t be late. Your mother and I will join you afterward.” “I got it. I’ll head over ahead of time, Dad.” A

yacht stood still in the middle of the sea. Laying on the deck was a man in a white shirt, sunnies, and

casual beach shorts. The sunlight poured over his sculptured face and fair skin, which gave him a regal

glow. “Head back to the port,” he instructed the bodyguard on duty.

Then, he rose to his feet, standing tall at six feet two. The first three buttons on his shirt were casually left

unbuttoned, which unintentionally revealed his chest muscles, and his long legs were especially toned

and strong.

After holding the reins of Weiss Empire for three years, he had developed a strong and dominant aura,

and every move he made was suave and elegant.

The young master of the Weiss Family, Ezekiel Weiss, was the only son in his family and had grown up

to be a muscular hunk. At the age of twenty-seven, he was at his peak, bright and blazing like the sun at

10.00AM.

The next day, a private jet flew into Zoravia’s airspace. The cabin crew onboard carefully attended to the

young master. There were quite a few admirers among them, and even though they tried to display their

charm, no one could catch the attention of the young master on the leather seat.

It was a long-haul flight, but their chances were limited. If they were lucky enough to grab his attention,

they could have a share of his wealth and wouldn't have to worry about their livelihood anymore, even if

they couldn't marry him. In addition, anyone would be willing to date such a man for free.

Reaching out, Ezekiel picked up his coffee. The thought of returning to his mother's home country and

meeting his grandparents delighted him and filled him with anticipation. He had a lot of affection for this

country, and it felt like going home.

After twenty-eight hours of flying and traveling around half the globe with his private jet, he finally landed

safely. His bodyguard deftly grabbed his luggage and put a warm coat on him the moment he left the airport.

His car could be transported all over the world, so four dashing SUVs drove over in a row. While Ezekiel

was standing still and waiting, he felt a dark shadow lunging at him all of a sudden, which was followed

by a girl's surprised yelp.

"Ah!"

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Out of reflex, he extended his hands and caught the girl who was falling into his arms in a parabola.

Her face crashed into his chest strongly, and her slender arms clung to his waist. In response, he

hugged the girl who had fallen into his embrace.

Ezekiel was stunned, and his bodyguard hadn't realized what was happening yet, but some girl was

hugging his young master tightly.

On the other hand, the girl hadn't done this on purpose; she was running away from several people.

Right after she left the airport, she ran too fast and tripped over her own feet. As she stumbled, she

bumped right into the man waiting at the airport entrance and hugged him to break her fall.

"I'm sorry, sir. It's my fault." Wearing a mask, the girl had covered herself so well that only her eyes

could be seen. In a black shirt and black pants, only her bright, charming eyes akin to sparkling stars

were exposed. However, one could easily tell that she had just cried.

Ezekiel couldn't help but be stunned by those eyes. Never had he seen such sad eyes before, which

inexplicably evoked his pity.

"She's over there!" With a cry of surprise, a group of people rushed out of the airport. All of them were

young girls, and each held their cell phones in their hands, aiming and taking pictures of the figure

running away.

Bewildered, Ezekiel turned his head in that direction, and his bodyguard to protect him, asking in

concern, "Are you okay, Mr. Weiss?"

"I'm fine," Ezekiel answered, his eyes following the black figure. He watched as she fled in panic and

looked backward in a fluster as though she was looking for something. Finally, she climbed into a black

MPV, but the group of girls surrounded the car and continued filming.

Looking away, Ezekiel suddenly felt something on his chest and reached into his lapel to feel around.

To his surprise, he found a gemstone. With a frown, he examined it and thought that it was real. When

he held it in his hand, it exuded a cool sensation. Scrutinizing it under the sunlight, he realized that it

was indeed a genuine gemstone that had fallen off something.

Does this belong to the girl earlier? Holding the gemstone in his palm, he recalled that pair of eyes and

smirked as though something interesting was about to happen.

“Let’s get into the car, Mr. Weiss.” The bodyguard had already opened the door and was waiting for

him.

Without further ado, Ezekiel climbed into the car and saw the overreacting girls surrounding the black

MPV. Judging from their fervent reaction, he reckoned that the girl who bumped into him earlier was

probably a trending celebrity.

Meanwhile, the girl in the car didn’t feel idolized when she looked at her fervent fans. Instead, she felt

suffocated.

Her manager couldn’t stop herself from berating the girl, asking, “Why did you return to the country in

secret? You didn’t even inform me about it, and you’re still shooting a commercial. Don’t you know that

the compensation is three times more, my dear lady?”

Clutching her manager’s hand, she asked miserably, “Sera, tell me if it’s true that they are dating each

other. Are the pictures on the internet real?”

Glancing at her, Sera said calmly, “You probably know the answer. Why even bother asking?”

As the girl bit her red lips, the tears that welled up in her eyes broke free and streamed down her pretty

face. Despite flying for hours and the tiredness apparent on her face, it didn’t affect her natural beauty

but added a touch of delicate attractiveness instead.

“Don’t get mad over such a person. It’s not worth it. Isn’t it great to be pretty and single? You’re now an

A-lister, and you can get any kind of man that you want!” Sera comforted her. “Furthermore, Catalina

Martin comes from a wealthy family with a strong backer, making her a typical product of nepotism.

How can you compete with her? Also, you snagged her commercial last time, remember? It’s not

surprising that she’s after your boyfriend now.”

“Is this a reason to betray me?” After speaking, Harmony Mayo bit her lip and gritted her teeth, hissing,

“I must find a man ten times better than him and make him realize that I’m not too shabby at all!”

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“That’s the way to go. That’s how you should think!” Sera praised. A second later, she realized that the

necklace around Harmony’s neck had an empty bracket, and the diamond on it was missing. “Where’s

the diamond on your necklace?” she asked worriedly.

Harmony lowered her head and took a look, and her mind went into shock. Where’s the diamond? That

diamond belongs to the company that hired me to be their ambassador, and it cost 15 million! They

stared at each other blankly for a few seconds, and Harmony immediately said, “I still had it when I ran

out of the airport and was holding it in my palm. Did it...

“What happened, my dear girl? Check if it’s somewhere on you!” Sera was on the brink of insanity.

Immediately, Harmony removed her jacket and checked it. Upon closing her eyes, she said, “I must

have accidentally dropped the diamond on the guy when I bumped into him earlier.” Her gut feeling told

her that it must have fallen on the guy when they came into contact.

At the same time, Ezekiel's car rolled into the seven-star hotel owned by the Manson Group. After he

arrived, he changed into sportswear and headed for the gym. After such a long flight, he was itching for

an intense workout.

The regality he exuded was strong, and right after he stepped into the gym, he became the center of

attention. The ladies looked at him with a sparkle in their eyes as though he was a god, and a few of

them were already secretly planning to approach him.

Although he noticed the attention, he didn't think much of it since nothing was more interesting to him

than the workout equipment. While he was working out, the women gulped at the sight of his bursts of

strength, which was showing through his sportswear.

His figure was considered top-notch; every body part was adequately proportioned, and he had the

perfect figure in those women's eyes.

"Hey, are you training alone? I'm by myself, too. Let's work out together, shall we?"

"No thanks." Lifting his head, Ezekiel spoke Zorvik flawlessly; he didn't have a foreign accent at all. In

addition, his voice was deep and attractive.

"It's boring to be alone. Why not let me accompany you?" the girl said, continuing to pester him. She

didn't want to let the other girls have any opportunity since she thought that she was the prettiest girl

with the best figure in the room.

When she blocked the fitness equipment that he needed, he furrowed his brows and said coldly,

"Please move aside."

Stepping aside unwillingly, she flipped her long hair and said, "Shall we grab a cup of coffee together

later? My treat."

However, Ezekiel turned her down again. "No thanks." He was polite, but at the same time, his tone

was aloof, sending an unfriendly and unapproachable signal to strangers.

Even though this girl already noticed that he was uninterested, she refused to give up. "Hey, why don't

you give me your number? When you're available, let's.."

"Johnsons," Ezekiel shouted at the door.

Soon, two brawny bodyguards carrying a murderous air around them burst in and stood beside him,

blocking anyone who wanted to approach him.

It wasn't the first or second time that Ezekiel needed bodyguards in the gym. He just wanted to

exercise, but some ignorant girls would always pester him. As such, he had to call for his bodyguards.

They'd protect him from the girls who tried to strike up a conversation with him.

This girl blushed at the sight of the bodyguards and stepped back in embarrassment before picking up

her towel awkwardly and leaving. The other girls who wanted to strike up a conversation with him

dropped the idea as well. Nevertheless, they wondered curiously who this man could be and why he

brought bodyguards with him to the gym.

No matter who he was, this man gave a sense of regality on sight, so he must be some rich man's son.

Unfortunately, they didn't have a chance to get to know him.

At the airport, Sera finally found a connection after using all her means, and she checked the

surveillance footage at the airport entrance. If the lost diamond couldn't be found, not only would her

company go bankrupt after compensation, but all the celebrities that she had nurtured would be thrown

under the bus as well.

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Sera went to the surveillance room and watched how her talent, Harmony, stumbled into a man's

embrace. After their brief encounter, Harmony ran away when her fans chased after her. In the

surveillance, the man lowered his head and found something. A few seconds later, he was seen

holding a gemstone in his hand as he examined it.

"That's the gemstone my talent lost. I finally found it. So, this gentleman found it." Sera breathed in

relief; everything was easier since the stone was found.

Now, all she had to do was ask the man in the surveillance footage to return the gemstone. Armed with

this evidence, she was confident she could retrieve the gemstone. The only snag was that she had no

clue how to track down the man. After seeking help from various contacts, she eventually ended up

back at the police station. Even though she didn't officially file a report, the police assisted her in

obtaining information about the man.

When Sera got the address of the hotel that he checked into, she mumbled, "Ezekiel Weiss, a guest at

presidential suite 8888. Looks like he's a big shot! How can we get back the diamond?"

In the apartment, the girl on the couch was holding an iPad. As she looked at the pictures of a couple

holding hands and kissing, tears flowed down her face uncontrollably. The man in the pictures was her

boyfriend since she joined acting school. They had worked hard together, keeping their relationship a

secret. She thought that once she had earned enough, she could hold his hand onstage and publicly

announce their relationship.

After clinching the Best Actress award at the Golden Rose Award and seeing her career soar, she

discovered her boyfriend was secretly dating a wealthy celebrity. He was even caught in an intimate act

with the other girl in a parking lot by the paparazzi. In the midst of filming an advertisement abroad, she

hastily returned home without weighing the consequences. Unfortunately, trouble didn't come alone,

and she even misplaced the gemstone used during the shoot.

The cell phone next to Harmony rang, and she quickly glanced at it. Upon seeing that it was a call from

her manager, she hurriedly picked it up. "Hello? Did you find it, Sera?"

"I did. It fell onto the clothes of the man you accidentally bumped into. I've got the hotel address where

he's staying. You should swing by tonight and retrieve the gemstone from him. It just doesn't feel right if

I go," Sera said.

"Okay, I'll look for him at his hotel," Harmony replied. After the call, her cell phone rang again. It was an

unknown number, but she picked it up anyway. "Hello, who's calling?"

"It's me, Harmony. I called to warn you to stay away from my boyfriend. Reuben and I are seeing each

other now." The smugness and arrogance in Catalina's voice was obvious.

"You..." Harmony's chest filled with anger, and she was at a loss for words to retort back at her.

“Oh, here’s another tidbit for you. Reuben actually made the first move to win me over, and it turns out

he’s my type, so we started dating naturally. Just thought it’s fair play, you know, considering you took

my endorsement and all.” Catalina added and hung up after laughing in glee.

“Damn it,” Harmony muttered, biting her lip and clenching her fists in frustration.

Twenty minutes later, Sera returned and showed her the surveillance footage.

“Look, this gentleman

found the diamond. With this surveillance as evidence, I’m confident that he will return it.”

Harmony took a look at the man who found the diamond, feeling like she was in the dumps. “Do I have

to approach him tonight to get it back?”

“Miss Mayo, this is an urgent matter! You have no idea how I almost broke my legs running around and

asking for favors because of this matter. No matter how bad you’re feeling right now, you must pull your

socks up and get back the gemstone.” After telling her off, Sera took another look at the man in the

surveillance and exclaimed in surprise, “Wow, he’s perfect to be a celebrity.”

She paused the video, and the man’s handsomely sculptured face was on the screen. Even though the

image was a little grainy, they could still tell that he was a stunning man.

“Goodness, this is totally the

face for a male lead! If I can get him to be a talent under my wing, I have nothing to worry about

anymore!” she exclaimed, her eyes glued on the screen.

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“Harmony, when you meet him tonight, can you do me a favor and check if he’d be interested in trying

acting? I'm totally open to offering him a sweet deal." Sera had already started planning to get the man under her wing.

Turning to take a look at the man in the surveillance, Harmony nodded. "Sure, I'll ask him for you.

Catalina rang me up earlier."

"What did she say? Did she call to show off or protest?" Sera asked.

"She called to warn me to stay away from Reuben." After speaking, Harmony felt a sting at her nose.

"Five years. We've been together for five whole years."

"I hate to say it, but his accomplishments don't quite measure up to yours. So, he's definitely looking for

something that can boost him. In this industry, it's all about self-interest. If you can't give it to him, he'll

get it from someone else, Sera pointed out.

Harmony closed her eyes, and tears welled up at the corners. No one would be thrilled about falling out

of love, especially after a five-year relationship. Suddenly, she found herself adrift, losing the purpose

behind her hard work and feeling completely lost in life. It was like all her efforts had become

meaningless.

"Alright, stop brooding over this. The important thing now is to get back the gemstone. What's the point

of wanting a man who doesn't treasure you?" Sera checked out the man on her screen again, the

desire to contract him growing stronger with every passing second.

Around 3.00PM, Ezekiel gave Jared a call, sharing that he was back in town. Jared, excited to hear the

news, extended an invitation for dinner at his place. Since Ezekiel was representing his father, Arthur,

he had to catch up not only with his friends but also with his father's social circle.

Arthur had a tight-knit bond within a triangular relationship, and Ezekiel, being his son, naturally shared

in those connections. Despite the unusual setup, they had managed to form strong friendships, and

whenever they found themselves in the same city, they made it a point to meet up.

At 8.00PM in the seven-star hotel, Harmony walked up to the front desk and inquired, "Hey, I'm looking

for a guest in Room 8888. Could you please give him a call for me?"

"I'm sorry, miss, but he's our most valued guest, and we wouldn't want to disturb him without a valid

reason," the receptionist replied politely.

"I lost something, and he happened to pick it up. Will you please make an exception?" Harmony

pleaded sincerely.

"I'd love to assist, but it's the hotel policy," the receptionist declined with a friendly smile. She recalled

the guest in Room 8888-a charismatic and affluent gentleman. It surprised her how swiftly a woman

had arrived looking for him. As part of the hotel staff, it was her responsibility to handle these

unexpected visitors on his behalf.

"May I ask if there's any other way where I can meet him?" Harmony asked.

"I'm sorry. We can't disclose any information about our guests."

"May I look for him, then?"

"Sorry, but the floor with the presidential suite is restricted to hotel guests. You'll need an access card to

get in."

Harmony sighed and thanked the receptionist before returning to Sera's side.

"The hotel is pretty strict

about guest privacy. They won't let me look for him, and he's in the presidential suite, which is off-limits

for us," Harmony explained. The breakup had really knocked the wind out of her sails.

At that moment, Harmony abruptly spotted a man and jumped to her feet, her eyes widening like golf

balls. Sera also caught sight of the man and couldn't help but think, Isn't that Reuben, Harmony's ex?

Looks like he's staying in this hotel, too.

Meanwhile, Harmony felt her heart in turmoil. She wished to call out to him, but he seemed on the

verge of leaving.

Suddenly, a thought hit Sera, and she quickly caught up with him. She said, "Hey, Reuben! What a

surprise! Are you staying here, too?"

Guilt flashed past Reuben's face when he turned his head and saw that it was Sera. "Hi, Sera."

However, he didn't notice that Harmony was also on the couch in the lobby.

"Which floor are you staying on?"

"I'm staying in Room 8083."

"Could you get to the level where the presidential suite is?"

"Yes."

Sera couldn't help but let out a sigh of relief at Reuben's response. Finally, she had a way to reach the

upper floors. All they needed was to get to the level with the presidential suite and knock on that

guest's door.

However, when she turned around, Harmony was nowhere to be found. Sera quickly said, "Reuben,

you go up first. I'll find you in a bit."

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Reuben nodded. His status changed after being with Catalina. Since then, the company had assigned

him a luxury watch advertisement, causing his worth and reputation to surge instantly.

What's more, the suite he was at was also arranged by the advertising company to conduct business negotiations.

Sera hurriedly exited the hotel and immediately saw Harmony standing by the fountain, so she quickly

caught up to the latter. "Harmony, I have good news for you. Reuben is staying on the presidential suite

floor. We can ask him to scan his access card and take you to find the guest in Room 8888."

"I don't want to see him." Harmony shook her head, tears welling up uncontrollably.

"Don't be stubborn. We haven't taken back the gemstone yet." Sera urged, "What if that guy leaves

tomorrow? How could we possibly find him then? If he goes to another country, we'll have no options

left. Let's get the gemstone back before the advertising company finds out."

Harmony took a deep breath. She loathed the man yet still had to ask for his help.

In the meantime, four black SUVs assertively drove into the underground passage next to the

flowerbed. The man sitting in the car had just returned after having dinner at the Presgrave Residence.

"Let's go. There's no other way. We can only ask Reuben for help. There are no reporters him to take

you upstairs. It will only take ten minutes." Sera grabbed her phone as she spoke and called Reuben.

"Hey, Reuben. I need your help. Could you come to the lobby and take someone up to the presidential

suite floor for me?"

“Great! We’ll wait for you.” Sera smiled and then forcefully dragged Harmony into the lobby. When

Reuben came over from the elevator, he felt his heart skip a huge beat. Looking at the slender and

beautiful figure under the light, he felt guilty yet helpless. While he loved Harmony, he had chosen to

betray his love for his ambition and resources.

“Harmony, why are you here?” he asked softly.

“Harmony, be good and go upstairs with Reuben,” Sera persuaded while gently pushing Harmony.

However, Harmony remained unmoved, so Sera could only threaten in a low voice, “If we don’t get that

gemstone, we’ll face bankruptcy. Hurry up!”

After taking a deep breath, Harmony turned to Reuben and said, “Please take me to the presidential

suite floor. Thank you.”

“W-Why do you want to go there?”

“I have an appointment with that guest!” She walked toward the direction of the elevator. Behind her,

Reuben hurriedly caught up with Harmony, asking, “Who’s the guest?”

She remained silent, and he scanned his access card in the elevator before pressing the button for the

88th floor.

“Harmony, tell me. Who did you make an appointment with?”

“Since you abandoned me for a better opportunity, I can do the same to you. The client I have an

appointment with tonight is my benefactor.”

“D-Did you offer yourself to someone?” Reuben clenched his fists in anger as though Harmony had

initially belonged to him.

On the other hand, she pushed aside her pride just to exact full retaliation against her betrayer. She

smiled and nodded. "Yes. I willingly offered myself to him. So, what? Why do you even care?"

Later, a ding was heard as the elevator arrived on their floor. As this was a seven-star hotel with top-

notch elevators, it only took them seconds to reach their destination.

As she was about to get out, he grabbed her hand. Annoyed, she quickly pulled away, scolding, "Don't

touch me. You disgust me."

He also knew he had no right to stop her, but deep down, he still loved her. He dated Catalina on a

whim to get what he wanted but had no feelings for her. It was just for mutual benefit.

Raising her head, Harmony searched for Room 8888 and paid no attention to Reuben, who was

instinctively trailing behind her.

"Stop following me. I don't need you to meddle in my business," she scoffed. Thinking about the video

and photos of him and Catalina in the basement garage lot, she felt like her world had collapsed. The

man she had loved for five years passionately kissing another woman in the garage was more

devastating than being slapped several times.

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At this moment, Harmony stood at the door of Room 8888 with Reuben keeping a close eye on her

from behind. That resulted in her having no choice but to pretend that she was here to sell herself.

Although she was afraid to knock on the door and had no idea what kind of person was inside, she felt

like there was a force pushing her, compelling her to go through with this.

Secretly taking a deep breath, she rang the doorbell.

In the meantime, Reuben's fists were already clenched tightly. He was eager to find out who her

benefactor was, curious about their appearance and status in the entertainment industry.

At the same time, he couldn't help but imagine that the person might be an older or perhaps a wealthy

yet ordinary-looking man. Either way, the idea of the woman he'd held dear for five years sharing that

intimate moment for the first time was like a painful stab to his heart.

Harmony's mind was in a mess because she knew the words she had just spoken to the sc*mbag on

the phone had deeply hurt him. But what if the man inside opened the door and asked who she was?

Wouldn't that expose her? Then, she would end up being nothing more than a joke.

How she hoped the man inside the room wouldn't say anything when he opened the door. That way,

they could at least pretend to know each other when she entered the door and prevent the sc*mbag

from watching her make a fool of herself.

On the other hand, Ezekiel had just returned to the hotel, taking off his coat and unbuttoning his shirt.

Just as he was about to sit down for a glass of red wine and relax, he heard his doorbell ringing.

Intrigued, he pondered who might be seeking him out at this hour and approached the door. When he

looked through the peephole and saw a young woman standing outside, he nearly forgot he had a

gemstone that he had found.

It seemed like the owner had found him. A faint smile played on his lips, finding it quite interesting. The

image of the tearful eyes that he saw at the airport flashed through his mind. There seemed to be a

mysterious force tugging him, making him eager to know the story behind those teary eyes.

So, he reached out and twisted the doorknob, swinging the door open.

Outside the door, Harmony and Reuben stood in stunned silence for a few seconds. Her eyes widened

as she realized she hadn't paid much attention to Ezekiel's appearance at the airport and wasn't in the

mood to scrutinize the video closely. As a result, she wasn't expecting the man to look so

breathtakingly handsome in person.

Reuben was also stunned. He assumed that her benefactor would be an elderly or a wealthy person.

Still, he never expected him to be a handsome young man with an impressive physique.

"You're here!" Ezekiel smiled.

She blinked, feeling a sudden urge to retaliate even more against Reuben. Ignoring her pride, she

impulsively pressed Ezekiel against the door frame. Her slender hands circled his neck as she stood on

her tiptoes. Then, she directed her soft, red lips toward his sexy, thin ones and kissed him.

Harmony's soft lips, carrying a hint of sweet fragrance, left an imprint on Ezekiel's slightly cool mouth.

He also tensed up. His mind went blank for a few seconds, like someone overwhelmed by a forced

kiss.

"Harmony, how could you? I thought I betrayed you and still felt guilty about it, but I never expected that

you had already hooked up with someone else. Shame on you!" Reuben completely lost his

composure, pointing at her and cursing. To him, she was the betrayer. She had hooked up with a

handsome and wealthy man. Right then, he felt jealousy and anger surged within him.

After Harmony let go of the man she had just kissed without consent, she turned to Reuben. "You're

right. I've dealt with sc*mbags like you. You're not the only one who knows how to charm those social

superiors. There are guys interested in me too, you know..."

Listening to their conversation, Ezekiel finally grasped the reason behind the teary eyes he had seen at

the airport. It seemed like her boyfriend had betrayed her. Besides that, she had used him to retaliate

against the sc*mbag. Since she forced him to play along with her, he could try to play the part. After all,

he hadn't gotten enough of the kiss just now.

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Ezekiel suddenly wrapped his hand around Harmony's waist and pulled her closer. Following that, he

held the back of her head, which was the same posture as before, and kissed her red lips. At the same

time, he swept his gaze provocatively toward Reuben in the corridor.

Watching the scene unfold, Reuben felt a pang in his heart. He had hoped to leave Catalina and

rekindle things with Harmony once he made a name for himself in the entertainment industry. But now,

it was clear that Harmony wasn't the innocent girl he thought she was, as she had already fallen for

someone else. He cursed under his breath, Damn it!

"Very well, Harmony." Reuben gritted his teeth and cursed before storming away.

Once he turned the corner, Harmony pushed the man away while panting slightly. Something had gone

awry. This wasn't the story she had envisioned. How on earth did she end up kissing the guy?

Ezekiel led her into his room and closed the door with a bang. The next moment, she had her back

against the wall while the man stood before her with his arms crossed. His slender fingers brushed

over his sexy, thin lips as he questioned, "You're the first woman who dared to take advantage of me."

Feeling a bit uneasy about her unintentional offense, she quickly apologized, "I'm sorry, sir. Please

accept my apology. I came here to retrieve the gemstone you found."

Ezekiel squinted his eyes and sized Harmony up. While he didn't get to see her appearance at the

airport, she was now standing openly under the light. She had an almost flawless and beautiful face, a

pair of bright eyes, and a pair of inviting lips. Also, she had a graceful yet shapely figure. It seemed like

the woman was perfectly aligned with his preferences, which was rare.

She felt his scrutinizing gaze and felt her scalp tingling. While biting her red lips, she asked, "May I ask

if you would be willing to return that

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gemstone to me?" "Yes. The gemstone is indeed with me." After

Ezekiel finished speaking, he turned toward the couch and beckoned her. "Come over here, and let's

properly discuss how to settle this matter."

Harmony's beautiful eyes widened slightly, thinking, What does he mean by that? Will he not return it

until I make some kind of payment? Don't tell me he wants...

She swallowed nervously. Even though she had offended him earlier, the thought of offering herself

hadn't crossed her mind. Looking around the luxurious room, she cautiously approached the couch.

She looked at the man sitting there elegantly with his long, slender legs crossed together and breathed

out slightly. "Sir, what will it take for you to return the gemstone to me?"

Though Ezekiel had yet to decide what he wanted from Harmony, he did feel somewhat bored, so he

took another wine glass from the rack and poured two glasses of red wine.

"Why don't you have a drink

with me first?"

That made her feel even more nervous. She pondered, What does he want? Is he trying to get me

drunk?

"I have low alcohol tolerance, sir. So, please go easy on me," Harmony said as she waved her hand.

"It's just half glass. You won't get drunk," Ezekiel replied, only wanting someone to share a drink with.

His gaze landed on the woman on the couch, and he recalled the situation at the airport, so he asked,

"Are you a celebrity?"

She corrected, "No, I'm just an ordinary actress. My job is acting in films."

He responded with a casual "oh." Following that, she glanced at the half-full glass of wine and quickly

inquired, "So, does this mean I get the gemstone back if I finish this?"

Ezekiel smirked, "Yes."

Hearing that, Harmony immediately picked up the glass and downed it in two gulps. Afterward, she

wiped her lips and remarked, "I'm done."

His eyes widened slightly, wondering, Does she know the wine she drank so casually costs 63

thousand per bottle? She didn't even savor it properly. What a waste.

However, she saw his expression and thought she hadn't drunk enough, so she quickly picked up the

bottle of red wine and poured herself another glass. "If you're not satisfied, I can have another one."

In her eyes, the man was only trying to tease her a little before giving her what she wanted, and if that

were the case, she would appease him herself.

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Therefore, Harmony tilted her head back and finished her red wine. She let out a hiccup and asked with

blushing cheeks, "Can you return the gem to me now?"

Ezekiel was stunned for a moment, then couldn't help but chuckle. Pulling out a drawer, he grabbed the

gem and placed it on the table. "Sure. Here."

Harmony grabbed the gem and heaved a sigh of relief. She even kissed the gem before getting up and

thanking the man. "Thank you. I won't bother you any longer."

Once she finished speaking, she approached the door with hurried steps, about to leave.

"Hey!" Ezekiel couldn't help but call out to her.

Although she heard him, she didn't stop. Instead, she pulled the door open and left.

Ezekiel stood up, his figure resembling a prince as he stood under the lights. However, a man like him

couldn't get this young lady to stay. If it had been another woman, she wouldn't have wanted to leave.

When Harmony entered the elevator, her whole body relaxed, and she leaned against the elevator wall.

Only then did she think about the feeling of being kissed just now, and her cheeks began to heat up.

Oh my gosh! I kissed him.

Meanwhile, Sera was waiting downstairs. When she saw Harmony approaching, she immediately went

over. “My dear Miss Mayo, did you get the gem?”

Harmony nodded and then took out the gem to show Sera, who also patted her chest and shouted,

“Hallelujah.” With a stern expression, she added, “I’ll contact the jewelry provider immediately and get

them to restore it. After that, you head back immediately to film the advertisement.”

Knowing she was reckless to have run abroad for a man who was unworthy of her feelings and almost

lost a gem worth 15 million, Harmony nodded. “Okay. I’ll leave tonight.” Books Chapters Are Daily

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As for the incident where she kissed the man upstairs, she chose not to say a word.

“By the way, did you meet that man? Did he say whether he was willing to become a celebrity under

our label?” Sera hadn’t forgotten about that matter.

Finding it funny, Harmony replied, “Sera, look around and see which hotel you’re at. It costs over 60

thousand to book one night’s stay here. Do you think a man like that would lack money and want to

become a celebrity?”

It was only then that Sera realized that fact. “You’re right. He must not lack money.”

After thinking about it, Harmony realized that not only did the man not lack money, but he was even

exuding a noble, glamorous, and opulent temperament. Besides that, his smile was also very

charming.

“Did Reuben cause trouble for you just now?”

“Nope, but I’ve already moved on.” Harmony got the chance to retaliate harshly against Reuben. She

felt grateful for the mysterious man who helped her get back at Reuben.

“Cheer up. There are plenty of men out there. Once you’ve established yourself in this industry, it would

be easy for you to snag a rich young man,” Sera comforted Harmony.

On the other hand, Ezekiel sat in the room, looking at the empty wine glass. His mind was filled with

images of the young woman just now, including her bright and lovely appearance. It was as though her

laugh could automatically make his day.

Rubbing his temples, Ezekiel wondered, What’s this? Why am I suddenly attracted to that lady? Forget

it. It’s just a coincidence, and I won’t see her again.

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Shirley was looking at the guest list while Zacharias had become even more swamped. That was

because he not only had to work, but he also had to prepare for their upcoming wedding. Compared to

him, all Shirley had to do was continue with her days and await the day she would become his bride.

When she was about to fall asleep, she heard the sound of a car from outside and instantly woke up.

She approached the French windows and saw the man’s convoy. At that point, she was no longer

drowsy and ran downstairs to greet him.

The car’s door opened, and Zacharias’ handsome and charming figure appeared. In his hand was a

bouquet of fresh flowers and a bag. Just as he pushed the door open, he immediately saw the pajama-

clad young woman coming to greet him.

“It’s already so late, but you still brought flowers!” Shirley accepted the flowers with a smile, feeling happy inside.

Once she took the flowers, Zacharias wrapped his arm around her waist and kissed her forehead, “I’m sorry that I came home late again.”

“Go ahead, Miss Lloyd.”

Once Shirley was outside, she quickly answered the call, “Hey, Willow. Have you arrived? On my way.”

“I’ll wait for you.” Willow’s gentle voice came from the phone.

The two had agreed to have afternoon tea together. After all, Willow had returned to the country ahead

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Shirley raised her head to reply, “It’s okay. I can wait for you.”

Zacharias brought her to the couch and took out a set of jewelry from the bag. “These are for you.”

“Why did you buy these? Stop spending so much money on me.” Though Shirley said that, she still

smiled and happily opened the box, revealing a three-piece set of beautifully designed jewelry that

shimmered under the light.

“Do you like it?” Zacharias asked. He had personally gone out to choose these. Nodding, Shirley

replied, “I do, but stop giving me presents like these.”

However, Zacharias wouldn’t listen. Instead, he would give her these gifts every year.

“It’s getting late. Let’s head upstairs.” Shirley held his hand. It was nearing dawn, and the man had

plenty of things to do the next day, so she had to get him to rest earlier.

Meanwhile, Zacharias noticed how eager she was and misunderstood her intentions. He let her lead

him upstairs, and once they got to their bedroom, he immediately pushed her against the door. “It

seems like you miss me a lot.”

When Shirley raised her head and noticed the glint in his eyes, she couldn’t help but chuckle. “What

are you thinking about? I just want you to rest earlier, not-”

The man cut off the rest of her words. Even though she denied it, her body was honest. Damn it! I

admit that I want it, too.

Even though they had a tight schedule to prepare for a royal wedding, that didn’t stop everything from

progressing in an organized manner.

During the next half a month, Shirley had only one task-preparing herself to become a beautiful bride.

She had high-end personalized wedding gowns and evening dresses, jewelry she could pick from, and

best wishes from all parties.

Besides that, Angela even hired professionals to educate her daughter so that she would become a

very elegant lady at the wedding. That was because Shirley grew up in a graceless environment, and

Angela didn’t expect her daughter to marry the vice president. Therefore, Shirley must start attending

etiquette lessons.

During the two-hour course, Shirley spaced out for nearly an hour because the etiquette teacher’s tone

was like a lullaby, almost lulling her to sleep several times.

In addition, Zacharias didn’t let her sleep well last night. That man seemed to have abnormally high

stamina, which even she admired. Not only could he focus on dealing with work matters and wedding

preparations in the morning, but he could also work out until late at night. Therefore, Shirley just

happened to have the urge to doze off during her afternoon etiquette class. Books Chapters Are Daily

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In the end, after she managed to force herself to finish her etiquette class, she had to attend an art

appreciation course that her mother arranged for her as well. It felt like her mother saw her as a student

about to take a college entrance exam and arranged whatever she saw fit into every second of her

daughter's free time.

While inside the car, Shirley couldn't stop herself from complaining to her man, but the man was also

helpless in this situation. After all, that was his mother-in-law's arrangement, and it was inappropriate

for him to interfere. Therefore, he could only comfort Shirley, telling her to escape every chance she got

and leave his mother-in-law to him.

Hearing that, Shirley cracked up. It seemed like the man had played truant quite often back in the day.

Halfway through her art class, Shirley heard her phone ring. When she glanced at it, she almost

screamed because her savior had arrived.

It was a call from Willow.

"Miss, excuse me, but I would like to take a leave of absence. I have something very urgent to attend

to," Shirley requested politely.

The teacher deduced from Shirley's expression that this matter might be very urgent, so she nodded.

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