

## No Chance 1351

### [Chapter 1351 He Can't Afford to Be Picky](#)

There seemed to be some indiscernible emotions in his gaze.

Elisa and Gareth had divorced. Thus, he would not dare to look at her with such emotions, no matter the man she interacted with. Otherwise, it would look like he questioned her about her relationship with the man.

Elisa had no idea who the masked man was.

The masked man did not reveal his identity to her. Moreover, Elisa was worried about getting him into trouble, so she did not seek him out to ask questions.

"I was only curious."

Even Gareth was surprised by his response.

Am I... explaining?

"I'm curious too. Thomas, can you help me to investigate? There was a masked person near Gareth and me when we were playing cards."

"I suspect he's the man in private lounge number 4098. Can you see if you can discover his identity?"

The man concealed his face and suddenly appeared near them.

Elisa believed it was planned beforehand and not merely a coincidence.

"Sure, I will assign someone to investigate immediately." Thomas nodded without hesitation.

He felt self-conscious in their presence and retreated from the washroom.

Then, Elisa and Gareth were left alone in the washroom again.

Elisa could not leave yet. She needed to keep a close watch on Gareth. Once he finished the final soak, she needed to give him an injection before leaving the casino.

Neither of them spoke. Gareth observed her quietly and noticed her fair skin and alluring figure.

He was lucky that she returned to him when he was drugged. Otherwise, he would be in serious trouble.

Gareth had no idea when his hatred for her had disappeared. There's still a misunderstanding between us. It's mostly...

His gaze flickered as he pushed the thought away.

Time passed slowly as they stayed in the narrow washroom. Elisa could not stand the awkward atmosphere and played a game on her phone.

Suddenly, Gareth's hoarse voice sounded. "The bath is cold..."

"Sure." Elisa put her phone away and continued, "Can you stand up? I'll help you to..."

Elisa instructed him to stand up, but she blushed and looked to the other side when he did. It was because his wet clothes clung tightly to his body.

Oh no!

I forgot to ask Thomas to buy him a change of clothes!

"Erm... You should soak a little more. I'll ask Thomas to get you clothes. I'll give you an injection after you wear new clothes," Elisa said awkwardly.

"Why? Didn't you treat me while my clothes were like this just now?"

Gareth frowned slightly in confusion.

"That was an emergency, and I needed to act urgently to stop the drug from taking effect. Since you're much better now, I can't let you walk out of here naked, right?" Elisa asked in response to his question.

Then, she left the washroom before Gareth could say anything.

Thomas looked troubled the instant Elisa requested him to buy clothes for Gareth. "Ms. Benett, it's one in the morning. All department stores are closed. Moreover, traveling back and forth between the hotel and this place will take..."

Elisa's expression sank upon hearing Thomas, but her eyes suddenly brightened again. "In that case... you should ask the casino staff for their uniform!"

"I don't think that's a good idea. You know what Mr. Wickam is like."

Mr. Wickam would never wear such low-quality clothes, especially a casino uniform!

"What choice do we have then? It's not the time for him to be picky."

Their priority was to keep him alive and leave the casino safely.

"Ms. Benett, from what I understand about Mr. Wickam, he would never wear a uniform. I should return to the hotel and bring his clothes here." Thomas sighed softly.

However, Elisa was keenly aware that it would take three hours for a return journey between the casino and the hotel. It was now one in the morning, so it would already be dawn when Thomas returned with clothes for Gareth.

#### [Chapter 1352 They Were Being Followed](#)

Elisa extended her hand and stopped Thomas.

Then, she pursed her lips and said, "You should find a uniform for him. If he refuses to wear it, you can stay here to keep him company."

She was unwilling to stay the night in this strange casino.

"Sure..."

Although Thomas was hesitant, he relented after seeing the determination in Elisa's eyes.

He soon found a uniform and handed it to Elisa. "Ms. Benett, please give it to Mr. Wickam."

He pushed the task to her.

Elisa glanced at him with annoyance before taking the uniform and entering the washroom.

The medicated bath had now turned cold.

"I forgot to ask Thomas to buy you clothes, so this is the only one we have. If you refuse to wear it, you can stay in this casino with Thomas."

Elisa offered Gareth the clothes, but he did not take it from her.

He arched his eyebrows and asked, "What about you?"

"I'm going back to the hotel."

"I'll send you."

Gareth knew it was late.

He was not concerned about troubling Thomas and was instead worried about her safety.

After all, he needed her to create the most effective medicine using Ganoderma Caligo and cure his grandmother as soon as possible.

Therefore, he accepted the clothes without protest.

Seeing his compliance, Elisa said, "Don't button up yet. I'll give you an injection."

Then, she turned away to give him privacy.

"I'm done."

Gareth was soon done putting on the clothes.

Elisa turned around upon hearing him.

She administered an injection like she was experienced. Even the sight of his bare abs before her eyes did not fluster her a bit.

At this moment, Gareth was only a patient to her.

She completed the injection and turned away, saying, "You have to take medication for three days and refrain from consuming alcohol and tea."

"Sure."

Gareth did not find her restrictions difficult to comply with.

"Let's go." Elisa put the syringe back into her medical kit and walked ahead. Gareth followed her.

Thomas was stunned to see Gareth walking behind Elisa, dressed in the casino staff uniform.

He could not believe his eyes.

How did she get such a stubborn man to comply with her?

It seems Mr. Wickam will bear the discomfort for Ms. Benett's sake. This shows that their relationship has grown closer.

Thomas was glad about this.

However, Gareth seemed to be in a bad mood.

He had never worn such coarse clothes and felt uncomfortable all over his body. The clothing material even made his skin itch.

Still, he had no choice but to bear with it.

Before leaving the private lounge, Elisa stopped Gareth and took the pack of Ganoderma Caligo from Thomas.

Then, she indicated to Thomas to turn off the light.

Five minutes later, they left the private lounge and exited the casino.

Unbeknownst to them, someone observed them leaving the casino and entering their cars.

A group of people sat in a black van hidden in a corner. One of them turned to the man in the front passenger seat and asked, "Boss, they are here. Should we act now?"

They had been observing for a long time and finally saw Elisa and the others leaving the casino.

The man in the front passenger seat answered solemnly, "Not yet. If we act in front of KKCD Casino, everyone will think KKCD robbed them. If this happens, do you think they will let us live? Are you willing to lose your life over that Ganoderma Caligo?"

Then, he snuffed out the cigarette and ordered the driver beside him. "Drive and follow that car!"

"Understood!"

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"Mr. Wickam, Ms. Benett, someone is following us!"

Thomas noticed a van trailing their car. This was why Gareth kept Thomas as his assistant all these years.

Thomas was not only capable but had sharp observation skills.

### [Chapter 1353 Precautions](#)

"Seems like we got ourselves a stalker. Thomas, can you check where the nearest police station is?"

Elisa smirked and smiled deviously.

Thomas turned on the navigation system.

It turned out the nearest police station was only five minutes away. Moreover, their hotel was in the city center, so the road to the hotel would always have a decent amount of traffic.

Furthermore, each road was fitted with surveillance cameras. Whenever their stalkers tried to attempt something, they had to make a turn, or a car would come in from the opposite direction.

The stalkers knew openly shooting on a busy street would attract the police's attention. That was why they could not do anything.

They were so focused on finding the right opportunity to act that they did not realize they had followed Thomas to the police station.

"D\*mn it! Boss, I didn't expect them to be prepared. They have discovered us, and we can't act against them now. Even if we do, I don't think that pack of Ganoderma Caligo is with them!"

The driver made an emergency U-turn and caused the van to drift.

The men in the car were caught unaware and fell to the side.

Their leader's expression darkened when he realized they had been tricked.

They had been observing Gareth and Elisa for a long time and did not expect to be fooled.

The subordinate's words reminded the leader. If Gareth and Elisa don't have Ganoderma Caligo, they must have hidden it in the private lounge when they shut the lights for five minutes.

With that in mind, he urged, "Quick! Return to the casino now! Ganoderma Caligo is in the private lounge!"

Therefore, they turned around and sped toward KKCD Casino.

Meanwhile, Thomas drove the car to the police station. The police officer at the entrance saw them and came over with a gun.

Thomas got out of the car to deal with them.

In less than two minutes, the police officer let them leave.

Seeing that the van had stopped following them, Thomas could not help but be impressed with Elisa.

"Ms. Benett, you're brilliant. They must have returned to the private lounge to search for Ganoderma Caligo. However, they won't find it and will get into trouble with the casino owner!"

"It's always good to take extra precautions."

Initially, Elisa wanted to bring Ganoderma Caligo to the hotel, but she remembered something before leaving the private lounge.

Since unknown strangers wanted her dead, someone must have already targeted Ganoderma Caligo, which cost ten trillion. Who wouldn't want something so valuable?

Therefore, Elisa took extra precautions.

After leaving the casino, Thomas soon noticed someone following them.

They were lucky this time and used a busier road to get to the hotel. If they had chosen a lesser-used route, their stalkers would have attacked them. Then, even Elisa's precautions were useless.

Elisa and the others needed to move to a different hotel and up their security before the stalkers got into trouble with the casino.

Gareth remained silent all this while.

He looked at Elisa with astonishment in his eyes.

He ignored her previously, but once he paid more attention to her, he realized she was amazing in many ways.

"Mr. Wickam, Ms. Benett, I have a suggestion."

Thomas' words interrupted Gareth's thoughts. He permitted Thomas to speak. "Let's hear it."

Elisa remained silent and did not object.

After a brief pause, Thomas said, "Ms. Benett, how will you use Ganoderma Caligo? Can you grind it to powder? Judging from the present situation, we won't be able to leave Moranta for some time. At the same time, we can't let anyone snatch Ganoderma Caligo from us."

"It can be boiled down or ground into powder form to mix with other medicine."

Thomas' question prompted Elisa to consider the matter.

#### [Chapter 1354 They Were Tricked](#)

"Your suggestion is good, but we are in danger."

Elisa prepared a plan based on Thomas' suggestion.

Enemies now targeted them and would intercept anything they sent out. Thus, it was impossible to deliver Ganoderma Caligo back home by courier.

However, if they were to grind it to powder, they would not be able to pass airport security.

Her words prompted Thomas and Gareth to consider the matter seriously.

Before they could devise a plan, Elisa calmly proposed, "Isn't KKCD Casino having a ball soon? We can ask the casino owner for help."

Gareth grunted and thought her idea could work.

Since Gareth implicitly agreed to the plan, Thomas had nothing more to say.

Soon, the car arrived at the hotel.

Elisa took off her high heels and wore bathroom slippers before entering the bathroom.

Gareth looked at her back profile. Memories of her alluring figure appeared clearly in his mind.

He gulped and quickly cleared those thoughts.

He thought it was the after-effect of the drug and left for the other bathroom.

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Meanwhile, the atmosphere was tense in the opulent casino.

Joseph caught the gang of men who had breached into the private lounge to search for Ganoderma Caligo. Numerous guns were pointed at them.

He narrowed his eyes and looked at them viciously, "What were you all up to? Were you trying to tear down the casino?"

The gang of men began to panic. Only their leader managed to get his act together. He took a deep breath and explained, "We are here to find something in this room."

They disguised themselves as customers and entered the casino before sneaking into the private lounge to search for the item. None of them expected the staff to be watching them the moment they got in.

The owner of KKCD Casino was not someone they could mess with. They did not want to worsen the matter.

Joseph heard the explanation and laughed. "These private lounges are only open during the auction. You are not sent here by Gareth and Elisa, right?"

Joseph instantly guessed who they were from their reactions. His words grew harsh and derisive.

"Don't you realize how stupid you all are? Why would they leave Ganoderma Caligo here for you to find?"

The gang of men's expressions blanched upon hearing Joseph. They realized they had been tricked.

"I'm sorry. It's our fault. We are willing to compensate KKCD Casino for any inconvenience caused."

The leader bowed his head in apology.

However, Joseph could not be bothered with him. "Scram and pass this message to your master. Even if he desires to steal Ganoderma Caligo, make sure he does it outside Moranta. I don't care who your master is. If he dares to involve my boss in this, he better wish he was dead first!"

Joseph warned threateningly.

The leader could only agree fervently. After all, the owner of KKCD casino was too powerful for them to cross.

In the end, the five of them could not steal Ganoderma Caligo from Gareth and Elisa and were threatened by Joseph. They returned to their master after leaving KKCD Casino, only to be punished severely.

Their master gave them fifteen lashes each, yelling as he whipped them, "Id\*ots!"

"What's the point of keeping you all with me? You are all good for nothing and a useless stash of trash. You can't even do such a simple task properly!"

"Listen carefully. You have only three days. If you don't bring me that Ganoderma Caligo, don't hope to get your antidote for this month. Furthermore, I will castrate every man in your family and send all your women to the brothel!"

## [Chapter 1355 Acting a Role](#)

The five men were stunned with fear.

How could they not be afraid when given such a severe threat?

They were covered in wounds and bruises, but no one dared to cry out in pain. Instead, they huddled together pitifully.

One of them, a chubby man, could no longer stand the fear. He wiped the blood from his nose and suggested, "Boss, we all heard what the master said. Now, we not only have to save ourselves but protect our family. What about we disguise ourselves as attendants and drug their food? Then, we can steal that thing."

Their leader's expression darkened severely. He could not suppress the frustration and nervousness in his heart even after smoking a few cigarettes. "Steal? Didn't you hear what that man at the casino said? If we steal the item, Gareth and Elisa will go to the casino and accuse them of theft. Then, people from the casino will come looking for us. We will only be dooming ourselves!"

His words silenced the rest of the men.

A minute later, another person said solemnly, "Gareth is not in the condition to travel for now. We should make the most of this period and snatch the thing from him. Otherwise, are we going to wait until they leave the country? Even if they blame the theft on the casino, and people from the casino come looking for us, our master will have already gotten that Ganoderma Caligo. Even if we were to die, our families would be safe, right? From what I know, the owner of KKCD Casino won't be so vicious as to harm our families!"

"Terry is right. We should infiltrate the casino as attendants and drug Gareth and Elisa. That will push all the blame to the casino!"

Their leader sighed and replied, "Let's see whether we can get through the casino's security with our disguise."

That was their only option for now.

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Meanwhile, Nicole ordered her staff to arrange a private plane for her to leave the country with Aaron.

Suddenly, she received a message from Linda on Whatsapp.

'Nicole, we still have a chance. KKCD Casino will be having a ball in three days.'

Since Linda says we still have a chance, it means Gareth and Elisa will attend the ball.

The thought reignited Nicole's determination and renewed her hatred for Elisa.

She immediately called Linda.

Linda saw Nicole's call and knew Nicole had seen her message. Thus, she went straight to the point.

"Although we failed this time, we will succeed in three days. Don't worry about it."

Nicole's expression turned stern, and her eyes flashed with cruelty. "I will only trust you one last time. If you fail this time, I will never collaborate with you again. Furthermore, I will bring you down!"

Nicole hated deception the most.

She also detested being played like a fool.

"Okay! I guarantee you will be satisfied this time," Linda replied confidently. We don't have many chances left. Elisa must die!

On the other hand, Aaron was confined in a small dark house. He was tied to a cross and looked disheveled.

"Goodness! Who would have known one of the most eligible bachelors in Moranta would be reduced to a prisoner? Won't it be humiliating if word spread out about this?"

Aaron's eyes were shut. He could hear a sinister laugh approaching him.

He frowned slightly and turned his head in the direction of the voice. A man in a black bodyguard suit walked in from the door with hands in his pockets.

The man wore a hat, but the exposed purple hair instantly informed Aaron that he was no ordinary bodyguard. Moreover, the man's playful smile instantly revealed to Aaron the man's identity beneath the hyper-realistic face mask. The mask could not conceal his arrogance, deviousness, and unrestrained demeanor.

"Mr. Osborne, the heartless playboy. Aren't you also playing a role?"

[Chapter 1356 This Is a Good Opportunity](#)

Aaron sneered and retorted immediately.

However, his words did not bother Mr. Osborne at all.

Mr. Osborne laughed mockingly. "Didn't I come here to find you? Mr. Fowler, I'm curious. You're the heir to the most prominent family in Moranta. Why do you willingly let yourself be tied here by a foreign woman?"

Aaron scoffed coldly, "What do you know? This is true love."

Aaron knew what he was implying.

However, he did not care what anyone thought about his actions.

He was willing to bear such minor annoyance to convince Nicole to trust him.

"True love? Does true love involve sadomasochism? Mr. Fowler, your taste has gotten intense." Mr. Osborne snorted, hinting at something.

But Aaron was not interested in playing along.

He scrunched his face with annoyance and looked at Mr. Osborne coldly, "Your purple hair is too glaring. Get out of my sight and make sure no one sees you. Don't ruin my plan!"

"Okay then. I won't bother your plan."

Mr. Osborne chuckled and left the small and dark house.

Mr. Osborne snorted the moment he stepped outside.

He could see that Aaron was in serious trouble.

However, he would let Aaron experience it himself. After all, Aaron was still unaware of everything.

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Elisa woke up early the following morning. She immediately contacted Thomas and instructed him to get medicine and breakfast.

Gareth was exhausted from the effects of the drug last night.

Moreover, Elisa had turned on the aromatherapy diffuser to help him sleep better.

Thus, he slept soundly until the ringing phone woke him up.

Gareth looked at the caller ID and rubbed his brow. Then, he greeted hoarsely, "Grandma."

Julia instantly noticed how hoarse and tired he sounded. She frowned and asked worriedly, "Gareth, are you okay?"

"I didn't sleep well."

Gareth glossed over the matter.

Julia did not believe him and replied coldly, "I want to talk to Liz. Can you pass the phone to her? If not, I'll call her myself."

She did this to create more chances for Gareth and Elisa to interact. She felt they had not communicated or interacted enough.

Gareth could not say no to Julia and had no choice but to get up and find Elisa.

He only took a few steps when he sensed the smell of medicine.

Soon, he arrived in the living room to find Elisa brewing medicine.

She seemed so focused that Gareth was reluctant to disturb her.

Elisa looked up and saw him. "You're up. You should eat breakfast and take this medicine."

The word 'medicine' prompted Julia to panic. "Gareth, you have better be honest with me. What's wrong with you?"

She knew something was wrong when she heard his voice.

"I fell sick. Didn't you say you want to talk to her?" Gareth had a headache and handed the phone to Elisa.

Elisa immediately understood what was going on when he gave her the phone.

If she had known he was on a call with Julia, she would never have said those words to him.

Julia was elderly and cared immensely about Gareth. She would worry if anything happened to Gareth, and the anxiety would adversely affect her condition.

"Grandma."

"Liz, you must tell me. Why is Gareth suddenly ill? Did he start drinking again?"

Although Julia was furious that Gareth did not care for his health, she had another idea.

Since Gareth is ill, isn't this an excellent opportunity to bring them closer?

#### [Chapter 1357 You Should Come and See Me](#)

"No, he didn't, Grandma. He didn't go drinking. The medication is for his gastric issues. It's to prevent their recurrence."

Elisa did not want Julia to worry and had no choice but to lie.

"Is that so?" Julia was not entirely convinced.

Elisa chuckled and sounded lighthearted as she said, "Grandma, how can I ever lie to you?"

"Oh dear, I must have been flustered from worry." Julia laughed and continued, "Liz, thank you for doing this. You married him, so you know what he's like. He may seem harsh, but he doesn't mean it. I can't help but worry about him since I'm not with him. Please help me take good care of him."

Julia sighed after saying that.

Elisa's gaze flickered. Married him...

Still, Elisa understood what Julia was getting at and did not dwell on the matter. Instead, she promised, "Grandma, don't worry. I will take care of him."

"I have nothing to worry about then. When will you be back? I will cook up a feast and send someone to pick you up at the airport." Julia thought it was an excellent opportunity to care for Elisa and Gareth and bring them closer.

After all, it was possible to mend a broken relationship.

"We will be back in four days. I will inform you once we confirm our flight. Grandma, you should rest and take your medicine. I will see you when I'm back."

"Sure, sure. I will wait for you two to come home. Please be careful, okay? I heard it's not quite safe there," Julia said gently.

Elisa was warmed by her concern and smiled sincerely. "We will, Grandma. Don't worry, and wait for us to come home."

"Sure."

After chatting for a while, Elisa finally hung up.

Then, she gave the phone back to Gareth.

Gareth furrowed his brow as he accepted the phone. "Will I recover after taking medicine for three days?"

"Yes," Elisa replied, but her phone rang before she could say anything else.

It was an unknown number with Moranta's area code. She hesitated for a while before answering it.

The caller did not wait for her to speak and said straightaway, "Elisa Benett, do you wish to know who tried to kill you last night?"

Elisa's expression turned cold the instant the caller said her full name.

It was because she realized the voice belonged to the masked man who had saved her last night.

"Rather than knowing who wished to kill me, I'm more curious about your identity and purpose," Elisa responded coldly, furrowing her brow.

Elisa was distracted by worries about Gareth last night. Otherwise, she would have exposed his identity.

Gareth's gaze gradually turned stern.

However, he remained silent.

"My identity is not important. What's important is that you should know who tried to kill you. Come find me at this location if you wish to know."

The man hung up right after that.

Soon, Elisa received a message on her phone.

Her face turned stern as she looked at the address.

Gareth looked at her and knew she had decided.

"You can't go," Gareth said coldly.

Elisa frowned and considered briefly before replying calmly, "I have to go. I need to find out who tried to kill me and who this person is. He wouldn't have saved me last night if he had wished to harm me. Since he asked to meet, he likely wants something in exchange."

In life, everything comes with a price to pay. No one does something for another person for free unless they are family or lovers.

However, I don't know the masked man, and I'm pretty sure he's not in love with me.

Gareth's expression darkened, but he knew no one could stop Elisa once she had decided.

Thus, he said solemnly, "It's dangerous for you to go alone."

"Thomas can go with me then," Elisa interrupted before Gareth could speak further.

Gareth's expression darkened. He did not retort.

Thomas noticed Gareth's unhappiness and said, "Ms. Benett, why not let Mr. Wickam accompany you?"

### [Chapter 1358 Impatience](#)

Gareth remained silent and kept staring at Elisa.

Elisa refused to let Gareth accompany her and replied sternly, "He's still weak and is not in the condition to go with me."

"Breakfast is over there, and the medicine is ready. Thomas, let's go."

Elisa nodded at Thomas and ignored Gareth.

Thomas turned to Gareth to gauge his reaction.

Gareth looked stern and uncompromising as steel. His gaze was cold.

Suddenly, he said, "Follow her closely and make sure nothing happens to her."

"Yes, Mr. Wickam," Thomas answered and did not dare to be careless.

Then, he set out with Elisa to the address provided by the masked man. It was a café around thirty-five kilometers from their hotel.

The masked man only gave the café name and address. As Elisa was about to call him and ask where he was seated, she suddenly noticed the masked man sitting facing the main entrance, waving at her.

He wore a different mask this time. It had gold and black patterns. He also wore a black shirt, formal pants, and leather shoes.

On the whole, he seemed cruel and indifferent, like a powerful emperor.

"I will only talk to you alone."

Eden's expression darkened when he noticed Thomas standing behind Elisa. He pursed his lips and was displeased.

Elisa turned to Thomas and said, "You can wait for me outside."

"But..." Thomas was worried.

Elisa looked at Eden calmly. "Since you will only talk to me, we can sit here. Don't you dare play any trick. I won't tolerate them."

"Please have a seat."

Eden gestured for Elisa to sit down.

Thomas watched them sit down and observed Elisa's gaze. Ultimately, he did as Elisa instructed and went to the doorway.

However, he did not dare to leave and kept staring at them. He feared something could happen to Elisa at any time.

After all, Gareth had ordered him to keep watch.

He would be in serious trouble if anything were to happen to Elisa. Gareth might even transfer him to a remote corner of the globe as punishment.

I won't allow Gareth to blame me for any mistake. Most importantly, I can't allow anything to happen to Elisa!

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"I'm here as you requested. You should fulfill your promise and tell me why you helped me." Elisa looked sternly at Eden, who was still flipping through the menu.

Hearing her, he smiled and replied casually, "Ms. Benett, since you're here, why don't we order coffee first and take our time to chat? Why the need to rush?"

His tone carried a hint of sarcasm.

Although Elisa was annoyed, she had no choice but to smile and reply indifferently, "If you were in my place, would you have the patience to have coffee with a stranger and chat amicably about who wanted to kill you?"

"Waiter, bring me two cups of coffee."

Eden ignored Elisa and raised his hand to summon the waiter.

Elisa frowned at being ignored. However, since she was already here, it was pointless to leave so soon.

Still, she knew Eden did that deliberately to make her flustered. She did not mind acting the part.

Thus, she raised her voice unhappily, "I have no time to waste. Tell me what you want from me so that you will reveal who tried to kill me."

Eden smiled vaguely, "Ms. Benett, why would I invite you here if I'm not completely sure? Moreover, I came here alone. If I wanted to do anything to you, wouldn't you and the person you came with fall into my trap the moment you entered the café?"

#### [Chapter 1359 Am I Sincere Enough?](#)

Elisa could not deny that his words made sense.

Still, she replied coldly, "I have to deal with many matters."

In other words, she indicated she had no time to waste on his nonsense.

Of course, Eden understood what she meant.

Elisa is calm in the face of trouble. She is brave and resourceful in dealing with various matters. However, she is still prone to emotions and can be impatient. She seems no different from other women.

Even so, she is not as gentle or submissive as them.

"Since you're busy, I won't delay your time. My purpose is quite simple. I admire you, Ms. Benett. If you enter a relationship with me, I will protect you from that killer and ensure your safety for the rest of your life. Moreover, you will live comfortably and never worry about anything."

Eden gave a long sigh and pretended to appear hurt.

However, his implications were clear.

Elisa felt like she had heard the funniest joke and scoffed. "You won't even show your face, yet you dare to ask me out?"

She deliberately said those words.

People hide behind masks because they are too ashamed to show their faces.

Apart from disfigurement, a man has no excuse to wear a mask.

Perhaps...

He might have said those words to test me.

Still, no matter his reason, I will never be with a man whose face I have never seen, even if it is to find out who tried to kill me!

Eden remained silent after her retort.

Elisa smirked, but Eden suddenly did something unexpected.

She froze as she watched him slowly raise his hand and place it on his mask.

Eden took off his mask without hesitation as she was still in doubt.

The mask lifted and revealed a pair of devious but charming eyes. His skin was fair and flawless, and he had a tall nose bridge. Every feature on his face seemed to be carved by a master sculptor and looked like a perfect work of art.

"Ms. Benett, am I sincere enough?"

Seeing Elisa's stunned expression, Eden's lips gradually curved into a smile.

However, his smile did not meet his eyes. His gaze remained mysterious and unfathomable.

Elisa sensed a dangerous aura from Eden.

Eden was not only unusually handsome. He even made a daring proposal and knew who wanted to kill Elisa.

It meant he was more influential than he revealed. Moreover, he didn't do all this to go out with her.

Before Elisa could answer his question, he already went to her and placed his hand beside her.

Elisa's gaze turned cold. Eden did not give her a chance to move but kept coming closer, surrounding her with his cold and intimidating aura. Although Elisa felt uncomfortable, she willed herself to remain still and glared at him. "We're here to talk. You have better keep your distance."

Eden narrowed his eyes and replied provocatively, "What if I refuse?"

Elisa keenly sensed how dangerous he was.

Still, she chuckled and looked into his eyes, refusing to back down. "You can try if you dare."

"How would I bear to go against you? Elisa, if you stay with me, I will always protect you. Otherwise, you will eventually die in that person's hand!"

Eden showed no intention of moving away. He remained half a meter away from Elisa.

Elisa felt uncomfortable being so close to such an intimidating stranger. She could not stand it anymore and stood up to move to the side.

"It's their problem whether they can kill me. I will never be with you over this. Scram!"

### [Chapter 1360 Censored](#)

Elisa's gaze flashed intimidatingly.

Eden saw it and did not want to anger her further. "You're right. You have my number. Feel free to contact me once you change your mind. I'll be waiting for you."

"That will never happen."

Elisa refuted immediately and stood up to leave.

Seeing her persistence, Eden consciously stepped aside.

That prompted Elisa to relax her clenched fist. Previously, she thought he would stop her and was ready to fight back.

Instead, he let her walk off freely.

However, the complete lack of obstruction gave Elisa the sense that things would get worse from now on.

Her instinct told her that Eden was more devious than he appeared.

"Ms. Benett, are you all right?"

Thomas rushed to Elisa as soon as she exited the room.

He remained alert while Elisa was conversing with Eden.

Thomas had noticed Elisa's fierce expression and was ready to act. He was prepared to rush in and help Elisa if she were to fight Eden.

"I'm fine," Elisa replied flatly.

She already had a plan in mind.

"Ms. Benett, I think he deliberately induced you to come here and get you to do something for him."

That man is hiding something. He looks dangerous!

Thomas noticed the smile on Eden's face when he approached Elisa and felt a chill down his spine.

"I don't know what he wants, but we must be careful now. Let's return to the hotel." Elisa seemed unbothered.

Thomas looked at Elisa's reaction and decided not to dwell on the matter.

Once they arrived at the hotel, Elisa returned to her suite.

She turned on her laptop and keyed in the café's name. In less than a minute, she hacked into the café's security system and downloaded surveillance footage of her meeting with Eden.

Then she took a high-definition screenshot of the scene when Eden removed his mask.

She sent a picture of his unmasked face to the Dark Web and executed a search operation. In less than three minutes, information about Eden's identity popped up on her screen.

Unfortunately, all she could find was a brief introduction. 'Eden, aged twenty-nine from Estoccia.'

There was no further information.

Seeing this, Elisa instantly understood something.

As expected, Eden was no ordinary man. Even the Dark Web could not provide much information about his identity. Thus, she decided to hack Estoccia's system. A fortified firewall guarded the system. Elisa breached one layer after another. Ultimately, she created a Trojan Horse to attack the system.

She would receive a message once it successfully breached the firewalls.

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Meanwhile, Gareth listened to a full report by Thomas about Elisa's meeting with Eden.

Gareth remained silent as he heard. However, Thomas noticed Gareth's gaze had turned intimidatingly cold and instantly knew what he was thinking.

"Investigate the man."

When Gareth said that, Thomas already knew Gareth would fight that man to the end, no matter his identity or status.

He could see how bothered Gareth was by this matter.

Thomas believed Gareth cared about Elisa and would never allow anyone to harm or spy on her.

"You don't have to investigate. I already found who he is. His name is Eden, but I can't find much information about him. Moreover, many of his details have been censored."