

Chapter 364 Banquet On The Cruise Ship

Melissa let out a sigh of relief when she read the words.

She realized then that her palms and forehead were beaded with sweat.

She considered it a blessing that the message wasn't about Everett being dead.

It gave her hope that Everett could still be alive, and he might have safely escaped Europe. The news could have been made up by another person on purpose. It could even have been Colin who started the rumor.

There couldn't have been any better news on that day.

She didn't want to tell Vivienne anything until she knew for sure that Everett was safe. She'd have to keep the information a secret.

The next day, Melissa decided against going to the party together with Vivienne after she thought about it overnight.

She still had to deal with Howell. If she went with Vivienne, it would only create more problems.

She gave her reasons for the change and then took the dress Vivienne prepared with her to the hospital. Going to the party with Leilany seemed a better idea to Melissa, and she would also be able to use Leilany's identity to keep other people in line.

Seven thirty in the evening came about quickly.

The large cruise ship docked in Andeport north of the river.

The banquet was thrown by the Green Group. They had recently begun a big biological lab project, so many of the business moguls were attending the party in Andeport.

Some of the other people in attendance were paragons in their fields. Many were famous or wealthy.

The media also came out in full force. They had been lined up since that morning on the riverside with their cameras.

Reporters from different media groups had those cameras aimed at the red carpet. They were determined not to miss anything.

Still, the most newsworthy story of all was not who was in attendance at the party, but the supposed death of the Mayfield Group CEO. That bit of gossip had spread, and everyone knew the members of the Mayfield family would be at the banquet.

This explained why the reporters were waiting with their unblinking eyes and their microphones held up.

If they could interview the members of the Mayfield family, they would get the real story and be rewarded for publishing such amazing news. Publishing it first would come with even better benefits.

The CEO of the Green Group arrived first.

Zaid made a few comments before getting onto the cruise ship.

The celebrities came next one after the other. The cameras flashed constantly, but they still did not capture the person everyone wanted to see.

Melissa changed into the dress she retrieved from Vivienne. Not only did it fit well but it was also her style.

The dress was strapless and light purple. It matched her hair, which was curled and looked gorgeous.

Vivienne's pick was a good one.

"You are so beautiful, Melly." Leilany spoke about it in the car. "I think I will be overshadowed by you at the party, but I can accept it."

"What do you mean? Of course you are beautiful!"

"I'm pretty enough but nothing like you. You have a gorgeous face, but

also a great personality."

Melissa could only laugh.

Leilany was trying to make her smile because she knew Melissa was in a bad mood. This was why Melissa went along with her wild explanations.

Outside the car, the reporters and security guards bundled up together.

Melissa nonchalantly looked out of the window and thought she saw a person she knew in the crowd.

When their eyes met, Melissa only felt a tinge of pain.

She looked more intensely and could not see that person anymore.

The person's eyes seemed so familiar. So much like Everett's, Melissa thought to herself.

