

Read Stop It She's Remarrying by Stellar Strands Chapter 991-1000

Chapter 991

"What's wrong with him?" Eileen asked.

"Someone was causing a ruckus in the northern suburbs. He was at the scene and got hurt."

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Eileen bit her lips before asking, "Is he badly injured?"

Hearing this, Fia hesitated, not knowing if she should tell her the truth. It was quite clear now that Eileen was Conrad's half-sister. This would also mean that she and Victor were first cousins.

In short, they should not get romantically involved ever again.

Sophia drove slower and said cautiously, "To be frank, he had it coming. Tiger told me that the northern suburbs rightfully belonged to Sir. He was generous and yielded the land to him. Heh, his cousin should have stopped thinking about robbing others' lands."

Sophia had heard a lot of stories about Victor in the past few days from Tiger. The more she learned about him, the more she felt this man deserved what he got! He was an ambitious man but, deep down, he was just a talentless worm. If it were not for Conrad and the other members of the Maxwells, Victor would not have gotten anywhere in the business world! If the northern suburbs had been handled by Conrad, things would have turned out better! Now that the land had fallen into the hands of this talentless moron, it would take ages before any proper development could be done there.

"Indeed, he had done too many appalling deeds, Karma had finally caught up to him," Eileen said as she secretly worried for Victor.

Fia saw the worry brooding in Eileen's eyes. She understood that feeling all too well. The feeling of worrying for the man she held dear.

"Eileen, he cares about you a great deal. Victor was the one who brought up tracking Sapphire's phone when we could not locate you via GPS. He even

rushed to the scene to save you despite still being injured. The man drove his car so fast that he almost crashed into other cars along the way.”

Hearing Fia’s words, Eileen’s eyes began welling up with tears.

“No, that’s just how he behaves. He’s always so brash and reckless. This doesn’t mean that he cares about me.”

Fia held her hand and said, “Fair enough. Frankly, I’m glad that you think this way.”

Eileen gave a smile and said, “Silly girl, are you afraid that I’ll get mad at you if you didn’t tell me news about him?”

“Yeah. I don’t want to keep secrets from you.”

Eileen hugged her and said, “Aw, you’re such a good friend. Come here! Lemme give you a squeeze!”

“I’m sorry, Eileen. I couldn’t help you with anything at all.”

“Fia, I know you have been doing everything to help me. All you did was for my own good. I’m a grown-up now so I can see it. You urged Conrad to help me deal with Victor’s contract. You and Conrad even created a new entertainment company to help me. I have nothing but gratitude to you, Fia!”

Fia was relieved hearing this from her best friend. At the same time, she also felt sad for her. Although she did not say it out loud, Eileen still had feelings for Victor and it would probably take her her whole life to move on.

“You can continue pursuing your career overseas, you know? I reckon it’s much better than coming back to Fortuna to face the ghosts of your past.’

Eileen lightly tapped on Fia’s back and jested, “Aw, how can I not come back though? You can’t possibly think I’d just leave you here alone and stand by while you’re being bullied, hmm? Besides, you have no idea how troublesome it is to speak to foreigners in a language you’re not fluent in. It’s such a pain living overseas!”

Fia gave her a smile before hugging her back. “I see. Then, allow me to wish you a bright, successful career ahead, future superstar!”

“Hehe! Wishing you a safe, easy delivery too! And may you and Conrad’s marriage be as impregnable as a diamond!”

Hearing their conversation, Sophia felt envious of their friendship as she continued driving the car. She did not get to make a friend like that -a childhood friend who grew up together and had each other’s backs.

Oh well, all she could do now was protect Fia and her babies! That was her mission!

On the road, Eileen told Fia about her life overseas. She talked about how she got the chance to meet with a superstar that she idolized her whole life. Yet, when she finally got to meet him, he did not seem to be as perfect as she imagined to be.

“Oh my, you must be so disappointed!” Fia said.

“Disappointed? I was devastated! He’s such a Prince Charming when we saw him on the silver screen. Yet, he’s actually a sleazy, perverted jerk off-camera! He’d always flirt with and run his hands on every pretty girl he meets. Like he’s never seen a babe ever his whole life!”

Then, Eileen sighed. “I will stop fangirling any idol or superstar from now on!”

“What’s fangirling?” Sophia asked curiously.

Eileen said teasingly, “Oh dear, we’ve got an innocent Barbie as our driver. She’s so innocent that she doesn’t even know what’s fangirling.”

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“Oh, she’s not that innocent.”

Fia tried to come up with words so that Sophia would not feel hurt. “Sophia’s been in a circle that’s... not kept up with the latest trends.”

“Madam, don’t you worry about me. I’m fine.” Sophia said with a smile, “Ms. Reid is a good and kind lady like you too. So I don’t mind a few pokings from her.”

“Oh? Good and kind? But we’ve just met, have we not? You shouldn’t judge a book by its cover, you know? What if I only look good from the outside? What if I’m actually a bad person?” Eileen continued teasing her.

Giving it a few thoughts, Sophia said, "If you're bad, please only show that side of yours to the outsiders. All I ask is that you treat Madam nicely."

Hearing this, Eileen giggled before hugging Fia tighter and whispering into her ear, "Geez, what a sweet girl! She is so earnest and sincere when talking about you. You should make her your personal bodyguard."

Fia, however, was still thinking about Eileen's words that wished her and Conrad an

invulnerable marriage. Well, she was not sure if it would still last at this rate. She was not sure if he loved her or if she loved him anymore.

Henceforth, she needed to talk less about Conrad so she could slowly forget him and move on with her life.

"What's wrong?" Eileen lightly shook Fia as she noticed her friend being awfully quiet all a sudden.

"Hmm? What?" Fia pulled her attention back to her friend.

"We're nearing our favorite bakery. If you're peckish, I could get something for you."

Glancing out the car's window, Fia said, "It might not be a good idea. The paparazzi might be lurking nearby, waiting to ambush you."

"It's fine. I'm bound to bump into them anyway. So, I might as well catch up with them. It'd be a good warm-up before returning to the entertainment industry."

Thus, Eileen asked Sophia to stop at the bakery before stepping out of the car. She had a mask and a cap on so it would not be easy to recognize her.

If there was anyone that could see through her disguise, it would be her fans. Aw man, it would be great if she still had fans after keeping a low profile for so long!

"Sophia, would you kindly park at a parking area nearby? We'll visit the bakery with Eileen."

Fia was still worried. She was not going to let Eileen go out to the public alone like that.

“Yes, Madam.”

There was a shopping mall nearby so the open-air parking area had plenty of room for her to park the car.

A moment later, Fia slowly walked toward the bakery with Sophia escorting her. Before they

were able to get to the entrance, they could already see a mob of people crowding outside of the bakery.

“What’s going on? Don’t tell me Ms. Reid is being assaulted? We’ve got to help her!”

“Oh, no. That’s not it.” Fia smiled. “It’s her fans.”

“Fans? Are they going to hurt her? Perhaps I should go help her after all.”

“Don’t worry. Everything’s fine.” Fia pointed and said, “Look! Even though she is surrounded by fans, they are courteous enough to give her some personal space. At the very least, they’re not stalking fans.”

“Stalking fans...?”

Fia patiently explained, “As the name suggests, stalking fans are essentially stalkers. They tend to stalk everywhere and take pictures of celebrities. What’s even worse is that they would also sell the celebrities’ pictures and information of their whereabouts for money. They don’t care if the celebrities would meet with danger after exposing them like that.”

“What? That’s a crime! People like that should be all sent to jail!” Sophia was pissed when she heard about these stalkers.

Fia smiled as she patted on Sophia’s shoulder. “You’re absolutely correct!”

“I’ll ask Sir to find another female member from the Hellish Training Camp and assign her to protect Ms. Reid.”

“But it’s best to discuss this matter with Eileen first,” Fia said.

“But assigning her a bodyguard is for her own good. What’s there to discuss?”

“Even though it’s for her own good, we should ask if she agrees with the idea. Not doing so would mean disrespecting her as a person,” Fia patiently explained to Sophia.

Hearing this, Sophia furrowed her brows and lamented, “Oh, what a chore! Wait a minute... but Sir had never discussed with you when he made any decision for you. So he’s been disrespecting you... Gosh, you’re not upset with him, are you?”

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A few seconds of silence later, Fia responded, “It depends.”

“Depends? Depends how?” Sophia had gotten even more curious.

Fia shrugged and gave a bitter smile. “You can talk to Tiger and Silas more. They know a lot more than you. If you ask them, they’ll tell you all about it,”

“I think I’ll pass. All Silas knows is working overtime and pampering his girlfriend. Tiger is a dull, boring man. There’s no way he’d know more than me.” Sophia looked at her in disbelief.

“Oh, you’re quite mistaken. Tiger may look like that but he’s quite knowledgeable and intelligent.”

“Fia, are you thinking of asking Tiger to be your personal bodyguard? You best give up. Sir dislikes seeing you getting too close to other men. This is the main reason he sent me to be by your side!” Sophia then puffed up her chest and said, “Besides, I am not going to give up being your bodyguard without a fight!”

“No one is fighting over this post with you, Sophia. And I like you a lot too.”

Eileen was right. Sophia only listened to her willingly. This would mean that she was not just a bodyguard that Conrad sent to keep an eye on her.

“Madam!” Sophia stared at Fia excitedly.

Fia responded with a smile, “What’s wrong? You look so excited all a sudden.”

“Did I hear it right? You said you like me.”

“Yes, you heard it right. I like you a lot.” Fia held the girl’s face and tapped it lightly. “You have a good temper and a lovely face. On top of that, you’re very kind-hearted. I bet everyone will like you if given the chance to get to know you.”

“I don’t need other people to like me. I’m really glad that you like me, Madam!” Sophia said. earnestly, “I know I’m just another one of Sir’s employees. But I’ve made up my mind to protect you with my whole being, even if it means defying his wishes.”

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Fia looked at her for a while before saying, “If you don’t follow his orders, you’ll be punished. Aren’t you scared?”

Sophia shook her head. “I’m not scared. If my carelessness caused harm to you, then I’ll gladly accept the punishment.”

“Sophia...actually I...” Fia was feeling bad keeping it from Sophia. She had other plans for the girl.

It was then that Eileen walked out of the bakery and waved at them warmly. “Hey! Fia! Sophia!”

“Hey, Ms. Reid!”

Seeing this, Sophia held Fia’s hand and walked toward Eileen.

Eileen quickly stepped forward and held Fia’s other hand and said to her fans, “Okay, you can

stop following me. I need to return home with my dear friend here.”

Eileen’s fans stood some distance away from them as they shouted to her warmly.

“Eileen! Come back to the entertainment scene soon!”

“We’ll always be waiting for you to come back”

“Please rest well too Don’t work too hard! If it’s too tiring, always take a break, okay?”

“Take a break?”

She had, in one way or another, taken a break from stardom. No way she was going to take another break. Still, she was happy to see that her fans were still friendly and amusing as ever.

“We’ll always support you, Eileen!”

Suddenly, someone shouted, “Please don’t fall in love, Eileen! Falling for a man will only affect you badly. You’ll not be able to reach your full potential in stardom!”

Then, every fan began to shout together, “Yes! Men are pigs! We want you to stay away from them! So they can’t hurt you!”

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Eileen and Fia stared at them speechlessly Sophia, on the other hand, burst out in laughter and said, “Oh dear! Your fans are so funny, Ms. Reid’

Eileen quickly brought them back to the car and said, “They’re right, you know. I should focus on my career. I will be the prettiest star in the world! I don’t need no man in my life! They’ll only get in my way when I throw punches to reach the top of stardom!”

Sophia whistled and said as she hurled a few punches to the air, “You mean like this? Do you like boxing too, Ms. Reid? If you want, I can introduce some coaches for you.”

Eileen shook her head and beamed a smile at her. “I am interested but I don’t think the company will allow it.”

Fia said, “Sophia, Eileen meant pursuing a greater height in her career. Not boxing.”

“Ah, I see. My bad...I understood wrong”

“Well, you can still introduce some martial artists to coach her if she signed to star in an action movie.”

Hearing this, Eileen nodded excitedly. “Oh, yes! Even if I might not be able to become a Kung Fu master, I can still make it work on camera if I actually know a few moves. If I can do that, I’ll get even more popular! Haha! When that day comes, I’ll take you two on a vacation as a treat!”

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“Okay!” Sophia responded cheerfully, feeling glad that Fia’s best friend did not treat her like a stranger.

After starting the car’s engine, Sophia asked, “Where are we going?”

Fia said, “Let’s go home. It’s been a long time since Eileen tasted Mrs. Taylor’s cooking.”

“Yeah. After eating so many foreign dishes overseas, I really miss Mrs. Taylor’s cooking! If it weren’t for the fact that she only serves Mr. Maxwell so loyally, I would have poached her over to my home so she’d cook for me every day!” Eileen responded excitedly.

Hearing this, Sophia said, “Then I’ll learn a few dishes from Mrs. Taylor. With that, I’ll be able to cook both your favorite dishes! I’ll cook for you two every day!”

Fia stifled a laugh before saying, “Oh my, I wouldn’t dare to trouble you to cook for me. I don’t want to get food poisoning.”

Eileen asked, “What? Is her cooking even worse than mine?”

“Oh, you bet!”

Sophia laughed awkwardly and tightened her grip on the steering wheel. “Erm, well... It’s not my fault entirely. I grew up in the Hellish Training Camp. No one taught me how to cook.”

Hearing that, Eileen’s curiosity piqued, “Wait... but don’t you need to know how to cook for yourself surviving in the wild?”

“We don’t have cooking utensils. So, we only plucked fruits to fill our stomachs. Of course, we’ve learned to tell which ones are not poisonous.” Sophia was glad to share her experience living in the camp.

“But you could roast wild animals for meals, am I right? You could catch, like, a rabbit and roast it.”

“If we were sent out for a trip, we are allowed to catch wild animals and roast them for provisions. Still, during our training in the camp, we weren’t allowed to start fires. So, no roasted animals for meals for us in the camp.”

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Eileen recalled some scenes she saw from a movie and asked cautiously, “Sophia... could it be that... you’re actually a mercenary?”

“More or less.”

Upon hearing that, Eileen’s eyes widened with excitement, as though she found a treasure cove! She grabbed Fia’s arm and said, “Fia! Mercenaries are really good at fighting. If Esme gets an upper hand in scheming, you could retaliate by sending Sophia over to beat her up!”

Fia gave a bitter smile. “What are you on about? We’re living in a society that’s governed by law, you know? We can’t possibly ask Sophia to break the law for me.”

“Oh, you

don’t have to tell her to beat her up in public! Drag her somewhere secluded and put a wheat sack over her head so she won’t know who’s beating her!” Eileen then sighed. “You’re such an honest girl, Fia. You don’t need to play by the rules when dealing with a b*tch like

her!”

Sophia rubbed on her chin and nodded as she focused on the road. “Yes! Ms. Reid is right! I’ve been wanting to teach that wench a lesson for a long time now!”

“Haha! I suppose bright minds think alike!” Eileen hugged Fia and said with a smile, “Fia, have I told you I like this girl a lot? She’s really great! I feel that I can entrust you to her. She’ll be able to keep you safe.”

Fia returned her smile. "With both of you at my side, I can endure any hardship that's thrown at me."

"Endure? No! With us by your side, we'll be able to kick every hardship that's in our way!" Eileen patted Fia's face and sighed. "Silly girl, don't think about shouldering things alone, okay?"

Hearing this, Fia's smile got brighter. She felt so fortunate to have these two as her friends.

"No... so you're telling me... but are you sure? Perhaps you've mistaken?"

Meanwhile at the hospital, Victor grabbed Conrad's hand tightly as he asked. This was the first time since forever that these two cousins held hands.

Furrowing his brows, Conrad pulled his hand out of Victor's to pat his shoulder.

"Don't think too much about it. Rest and get well soon. The project in the northern suburbs. needs your supervision."

Victor, his face as pale as a sheet, looked at his cousin with determined eyes and said, "I am divorcing Sapphire. Our marriage is a mistake. We can't go on like this anymore."

"I don't care about how you deal with your marriage, Victor. But you are not allowed to go anywhere near Eileen Reid," Conrad responded with a long face.

Victor gave a bitter smile and lamented, "It's so unfair. Why are you the one who's always this lucky? All

you have to do is sit tight and grow up well. Then, voila! A whole empire is gifted to you. Now... you have a happy marriage. But what about me? I don't even get to see the woman I love... Just what did I do to deserve this..."

Conrad looked at Victor silently. He was not going to say anything to comfort the man.

Still, he was glad that he and Fia did not have a complicated, taboo-ish relationship like Victor and Eileen.

Victor looked at Conrad and continued lamenting, “Why should I be the one who suffers because of your father’s sin, Conrad? Why me?!”

“There’s no easy route in life, cousin. But we still have to keep on living.”

Conrad was never good with comforting others. All he could do was give way to Victor when doing business, and he had given him a lot of such convenience in the

past.

“Is... Is there no other way to resolve this?” Victor said, defeated.

“No, there’s no other way. You need to cut ties with her. You can’t allow this tragedy to go on.”

“Then, are you going to accept her? To accept her as your sister?”

Pausing for a few seconds, Conrad said, “I’ve promised Fia to not tell Eileen about her true parentage. The reason I’m telling you this is because I don’t want to see you continue on making this mistake. As for whether or not she’ll learn of it later on... I guess this is up to Garrett and the Evans... It’s up to them if they can recognize her or not.”

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Victor asked cautiously, grasping on a final hope, “Can I... Can I at least care for her as a friend?”

“That is fine.” Conrad paused for a few seconds before stressing, “But only as a friend.”

Sure.” Victor smiled bitterly as a response.

Mrs. Whitley and Mrs. Taylor were thrilled to receive Eileen as a guest. They immediately went into the kitchen to prepare a meal for her.

When evening came, Tyler brought his wife and daughter over to the house.

“Oh my, I smelled the delicious food from afar. What’s for dinner?”

Conrad glared at him and said, “What are you? A dog?”

“Hey, don’t say that! I was going to bring my family out for a meal. And I was also going to ask you if you’re joining us. But you’re the one that asked me to come.”

Tyler then saw Eileen that was glued to Fia in the living room.

“Wow... look, honey! Is that... that Ei something something?”

Mary took a look and yelped in surprise, “It’s Eileen!”

Hearing someone say her name, Eileen raised her head and looked at the entrance in a daze. “Huh? What’s going on?”

In a few seconds, Mary had shoved Tyler to a side and rushed to Eileen. Seeing this, Eileen was shocked. She thought this woman was going to hug and squeeze her. But, at the very last minute, Mary stopped and stood in front of her and started fidgeting.

“Ei...Eileen! I love you, Eileen!”

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Everyone in the living room was speechless seeing this.

Tyler quickly hurried to his wife’s side and explained, “She is your fan. She loves you as a fan!” “Oh!” Eileen smiled at her. “Thank you very much!”

“Can... Can I have a hug?” Mary was so happy to see her idol that she even began stuttering.

“Sure.” Eileen stood up and embraced her. “Thank you for liking me.”

Mary hugged back, feeling the warmth of her idol. She was so happy that she thought she was dreaming.

“I can’t believe it! I’m hugging Eileen Reid! The Eileen Reid! Oh, I’m so happy!”

Fia smiled. “If you want to hug her, you’re always welcome to visit us.”

“Oh!” Mary stomped on the ground when Eileen let go of her.

Seeing that Eileen sat next to Fia, Mary quickly sat next to her idol without hesitation and

complained, "Why didn't you say you're friends with Eileen Reid? I must have looked like a fool earlier!"

Sophia, who was standing behind them, jested, "But this is a good surprise, is it not?"

"Yes! Yes, indeed! It's a huge surprise!" Mary wiped off the tears of happiness that were rolling down her face. "I didn't think I'd get to meet Eileen. Oh my! I'm so happy!"

Then, she hugged Fia and said, "It's all thanks to you!"

Fia glanced at Conrad coldly while he quietly looked away. Hmph! This man... He must be doing it on purpose. He did not want to see Eileen having her all to herself. So, he brought over the Lanes.

"I'll be upstairs with Tyler. We've got things to talk about."

Conrad stood up and led Tyler upstairs.

Fia glared at her husband walking upstairs, feeling that this man's jealousy had grown even worse in the past few days.

Realizing the vibe between the Maxwells, Mary asked in a timid tone, "Is it a bad time? Am I interrupting? Mr. Maxwell said you've got a friend who'd returned from overseas. He wanted to introduce us so he invited us over. But... I didn't think your friend's Eileen Reid though!" When she thought about Eileen, Mary's face began beaming with joy again.

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Sophia sat on a stool next to the coffee table and began munching on snacks. She asked, "What do you like about Ms. Reid?"

"Oh, she's my idol! I love everything about her!" Mary looked like an innocent kid when talking about her idol.

Fia, on the other hand, brought Sharon to a side and treated her to some fruits.

Sharon whispered to her ear, "Mommy was angry a few seconds ago."

"Why?" Fia whispered back.

"Because she wants to talk to William on the phone. But Daddy said the camp is really strict with its rules. And he doesn't want to trouble Uncle Conrad too much."

Fia nodded. "I see. Do you miss your brother, Sharon?"

Pondering for a few seconds, Sharon said, "I miss him. Sometimes."

"Sometimes? Why? Come on, I'm your godmother. You can tell me."

"Yeah. William is a nuisance when he throws a temper tantrum."

Suddenly, Sharon noticed someone was staring at her. She raised her head and locked eyes with Eileen. "Oh, it's you, the pretty lady! Why are you staring at me?" "Lemme guess? You're Fia's goddaughter?" Eileen asked with a smile.

Sharon nodded. "Yes, I am. Aunt Fia's also my brother's godmother."

Eileen then asked Fia, "So are they Conrad's godchildren too?"

Sharon hurriedly said, "No, we only want Aunt Fia. Aunt Fia is our godmother. Uncle Conrad isn't our godfather!"

"But they're husband and wife. Shouldn't you include him too?"

Furrowing her brows, Sharon said, "But Uncle Conrad doesn't want us as his godchildren."

Mary stifled a laugh. "Indeed! Mr. Maxwell really hates it when we come for a visit. He doesn't like us taking his wife away from him!"

Fia responded with a blush, "No, he doesn't."

"Hahaha! Oh, but she's right. Conrad Maxwell is such a sourpuss. He's so forceful and

protective over things that belong to him."

Fia could feel a sting in her heart upon hearing that. Indeed, Conrad was so controlling over her despite not loving her at all.

“I didn’t think someone would do this to your cousin. Isn’t he the one taking over the Northern Suburbs project?”

Tyler said, “Perhaps that person doesn’t want to hurt you? That’s why they shifted their target to Victor Maxwell.”

Conrad replied coldly, “They’re testing my limits.”

“What limits?”

“Victor and I haven’t seen eye-to-eye since we’re kids.” Conrad said as a glint flickered in his eyes, “If I don’t help him, they would have an excuse to sow discord between us. But if I help him, they’ll think he’s one of my weaknesses.”

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Tyler’s smile froze on his face upon hearing this. Then, he asked, “Is he your weakness though?”

Conrad raised his head and looked his friend in the eyes. “To be frank, I am not entirely sure myself.”

You don’t know? Seriously?” Tyler found this to be odd.

“I’ve always known that there’s something wrong with me, empathy-wise.” Conrad said calmly, “I can’t tell if I like a person or not. I’ve never thought that not having any friends is wrong.”

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“But Fia changed me. I’m quite certain I have feelings for her. I love her. I want to spend my whole life with her. I don’t care if I don’t have any friends in my life. But I can’t live my life without her.”

Conrad then smiled and said, “Fia’s really kind. In fact, she’s too kind. She always worries for someone else. I don’t want her to worry so much.”

“So... even though you don't really care about other people but when it involves your wife you'd interfere?” Tyler sighed. “I get it. I'd do the same for Mary too.”

“This is why I want to talk to you. I need your help.”

“Sure, bro. Pray tell! What can I help you with?”

“Victor doesn't have what it takes to make Northern Suburbs work.”

Hearing this, Tyler widened his eyes in disbelief. “You're not telling me to help Victor Maxwell, are you?!”

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Conrad pressed on with his proposal, “There's something in it for you too.”

“Right! I knew you wouldn't ask me to do it for free! But what about you?” Tyler sounded a bit pissed. “Your cousin is a bad apple in your family. He had it coming. You don't have to be him, you know?”

“But Eileen is Fia's best friend. Fia cares about her a lot. And Eileen would not stand by and watch Victor get into trouble...”

The truth was that Conrad did not want Eileen to have anything to do with Victor ever again! Still, he could not tell the whole thing to just anyone.

Tyler rolled his eyes at Conrad. “What? You're going to interfere with other people's relationships too?”

“Fia doesn't want her best friend to get hurt again.”

“Fine, I'll help you. This is all for your dearest wife.” Tyler pouted. “But I ain't gonna do it for free. I want some of your cousin's stocks.”

“Sure, I'll have Silas negotiate it for you.”

“No, it's fine. I can negotiate it myself! If he doesn't agree, I'll just opt for the more forceful approach!”

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Conrad responded with a smile. He knew very well that Tyler was absolutely capable of taking on Victor himself.

Thus, Tyler left the villa to deal with the matter. He did not bring his wife home because he did not want to disturb her happy time with her idol in the Maxwells' living room.

Seeing that her husband had left, Mary sniggered. "My husband's left. He probably went out to do something for Mr. Maxwell."

Fia nodded. "I guess so."

Mary then said, "I think Mr. Maxwell is leaving soon too. So, after he leaves the villa, wanna go see Britney Thomas? Just the four of us?"

Fia hesitated. "But is this right? If things get out of hand, your good name will be ruined alongside mine."

Sophia puffed up her chest and said, "Don't worry! I'll protect you!"

Eileen said, "I can ask Kent to find us some people to help us. It'll be fine."

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Seeing just how excited her friends were, Fia did not have the heart to turn them down. Well, they were not doing anything bad. They were just going to give that wench a scare.

"Fia, I'll head back to the office. Don't wait for me for dinner." Conrad descended the stairs with some documents in his hands.

"When are you coming home?"

Pondering for a few seconds, Conrad said, "I'll be back before 10 p.m."

He took a look at Eileen, Mary, and Sophia before saying, "I'll leave my wife in your company then."

"Sure! You go do your business." Eileen said, "It's been a long time since I last saw Fia. We've got a lot to catch up on. In fact, you don't have to come home too if you don't want to!" Hearing this, Conrad pulled a long face. If it weren't for the work piling up at the office, he would not have left Fia to Eileen's care.

This woman was such a trickster. Who knew what kind of weird thoughts and ideas she would fill Fia's head with this time.

"Don't leave the house."

Conrad ordered again before leaving.

Seeing that he had left, the girls' eyes glittered with excitement. It was then that Mrs. Taylor called them for dinner. After having a good bite, the girls went upstairs.

Sophia surveyed the rooms and concluded that the small storeroom next to the study was the best spot to evade the bodyguards. So, she took out a rope from her handbag and tied it to the window, sliding down to the ground floor.

Seeing just how swiftly Sophia descended with the rope, the three girls were stunned as they stood next to the window.

Fia shrugged and said, "Sophia had years of training. So this isn't a big deal to her."

Mary asked, "Is my baby, William, going to learn these things too?"

"I don't know. Maybe."

Mary clenched her teeth and said, "Then I'll have to go first. I want to experience what my baby's feeling right now."

Fia put a hand on her shoulder and said, "Maybe I should go first."

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The girls were doing this for her. So, she did not want to see them getting hurt.

"It's okay, dear. I'll go first. You can follow after I make sure it's safe." Mary patted Fia's shoulder, comforting her. "Sophia and I will grab you later when you descend. It'll be fine." Sophia skilfully helped Mary to the ground before untying the rope around her waist. "Gee, this is even scarier than when I was training the kids in the camp."

After all, these girls were proper ladies from high society. She would get in so much trouble if they got hurt!

Fia took a huge breath before saying, "Okay. My turn."

Eileen patted her back and comforted her. "Don't worry. I'll be right behind you."

She kept looking at the rope next to the window, not daring to let her eyes off of it. If the broke, she would do everything to pull it up so that her best friend would not get hurt.

This was why she decided to go last, so she could protect Fia.

Fia, on the other hand, was too nervous to notice her friend's thoughts.

rope

Thus, Fia landed on the ground safely with everyone's help. Well, her eyes were shut all the way when she descended with the rope.

"Madam, you're on the ground now. It's okay!" Sophia held Fia's trembling hand and comforted her with a smile.

Opening one of her eyes, Fia finally realized she was on the ground. Her legs were so weak from the fright that she almost fell down.

Grabbing her other hand, Mary said, "I was really scared too just now. This is

my

first time

ever climbing out a window like this."

"If Conrad catches wind of this, he'll break my legs."

Yeah, this was no joke! She was still carrying their twins. How could she fool around like this?

Finally, it was Eileen's turn. She had experience from filming in action movies before. The movie studio had strung her up with wires to film dangerous scenes too. So, she was not afraid at all.

However, halfway down she felt the rope loosening. In an instant, her face was as pale as a sheet.

“What...What’s wrong?” Fia asked in a frightened tone.

Taking in a breath, Eileen said with a smile, “It’s nothing. I think the rope is coming loose. That’s all.”

Fia and Mary widened their eyes in shock as they quickly rushed to the rope, wanting to grab her if she were to fall.

Seeing the rope loosening again, Sophia swiftly dashed forward and jumped, grabbing Eileen into her embrace. Then, they both fell to the ground with Sophia cushioning Eileen with her body.

Eileen’s face was as white as snow as she trembled in Sophia’s embrace. She kept murmuring ” It’s okay. Everything’s okay” with tears rolling down her face.

“Oh god!” Mary screeched in horror.

Fia kneeled to the ground when she saw they fell. She crawled to Eileen and asked, “Eileen! Are you okay?”

Eileen smiled at her and said, “I’m fine. It’s just that... I got a fright. That’s all. Thank god you’re not the last one.”

Hearing this, Fia began sobbing.

After causing so much noise, the bodyguards had heard them and rushed to the scene. Even Mrs Whitley and Mrs. Taylor came.

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The girls stared at everyone with a conflicted look. They were found out!

“How could... How could you fool around like that?!” Mrs. Taylor trembled in anger after learning what happened.

Mrs. Whitley held Sharon’s hand and scolded, “Don’t raise your voice like that! You’ll scare the girl.”

“I’ll have to inform Master Maxwell! This is ridiculous! What if Madam fell and

got hurt?!” “No, Mrs. Taylor!” Fia quickly stood up to stop Mrs. Taylor. “Please don’t tell him. Conrad has so much work to do. I don’t want to make him worry.”

“Yeah, Mrs. Taylor! Please don’t tell him!” Eileen begged, worried that Conrad would forbid her from seeing Fia ever again if he caught wind of this.

Glaring at the girls, Mrs. Taylor folded her trembling hands together. She was so frightened. and furious.

“Just what on Earth were you thinking?! Madam, if you want to go out for a stroll, you can tell me and I’ll arrange it for you. How could you climb out the window like this?! You’re pregnant! You can’t fool around like this!”

Mrs. Whitley nodded in agreement. “Indeed. We can’t keep this from Mr. Maxwell. We should also tell Mr. Lane about this.”

Mary had a feeling that she would get an earful from her husband tonight. This would be the first time she did anything wrong that her husband would get a chance to scold her...

Chapter 999

But she made too many mistakes today.

“Are you crazy?!”

When Tyler got the news and dragged Mary back home, he roared at her right in front of Sharon.

Sharon blinked as she sent text messages to her godmother.

When Fia received the text, she smiled when she imagined the scene in her mind.

“You find it funny?” Conrad asked with a dark expression on his face, unhappy with her

reaction.

Fia raised her head and gave him a glance. “How do you want me to react then? With a tearful cry?”

“Fia,” Conrad said as he knelt down. “Do you know how dangerous that was? What if you fell?” “Sophia and the others would have protected me. I’m fine,” Fia replied as she lowered her head and ignored him as she replied to Sharon’s text.

“The person that slipped today was Eileen. What about next time?” Conrad said as his tone became more serious. He knew that Fia cared a lot about Eileen, and that was why he intentionally brought her into the conversation.

“You’re lucky that Sophia reacted quickly. Otherwise, Eileen would have ended up in the hospital!”

Fia was stunned.

Conrad continued to speak with an angry voice. “She fell and hurt herself once already. She probably won’t have as good a luck next time!”

Fia gulped. “I know. There won’t be a next time.”

“If you girls really wanted to go out and have some fun, you can give me a call and discuss with me first instead of doing something so ridiculous!” Conrad concluded with a furious demeanor.

Disdain instantly appeared on Fia’s expression as she said coldly while looking at him, “Would you have allowed me if I had told you?”

Conrad looked at her. “How do you know if you didn’t try?”

“I did try before this, didn’t I?” Fia said, no longer hiding the resentment in her eyes.

“Fine, it’s my fault. Next time, tell me your plans and I’ll let you go,” Conrad said, choosing to compromise.

Fia pressed her lips together tightly and said nothing. Instead, she continued her chat with Sharon.

Conrad moved over and looked at her phone. “Did Mary forget that she has a daughter? How

could she do that in front of her?”

Fia raised her finger and said, "Shut up if you don't have anything nice to say. Others would think that Mary had done something to her family if others heard about it!"

Conrad frowned. "I'm not saying anything about her not caring for Sharon. I'm talking about her getting you to climb out of the window and over a wall."

"We had gotten Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Whitley to take care of Sharon, alright?" Fia argued.

"Fine. Just no more next time," Conrad replied as he didn't want a fight.

"Don't punish Sophia. We forced her to do this," Fia said.

Conrad could feel his veins pop. "She's part of the training camp. She must be punished for failing in her duties."

"If you punish her, then I'll never accept anybody to become my bodyguard again!" Fia said somewhat fiercely as she raised her chin.

Conrad could only look at her speechlessly as he regretted letting Sophia take care of Fia!

Two slender figures were crouching outside a building under the cover of the night.

"So, this is the Thomas residence?"

"Yes, this is the place!"

"That woman's so daring! How did she manage to stay in someone else's home after stealing that person's identity?!"

"It's not that she's being daring. It's just that the person she's impersonating has disappeared without a trace."

As the two of them were whispering to each other, a car stopped right in front of the The door opened, and a man wearing a pair of clogs appeared.

gate.

Sophia could see his face clearly under the light of the streetlight and she whispered into Eileen's ears, "That's Peter Hall. He's the one that helped

Esme assume her new identity.” “...Peter Hall?” Eileen mumbled. “That name sounds so familiar..

Chapter 1000

“What did you say?” Sophia didn’t hear her clearly.

“It’s nothing,” Eileen said as she tried to widen her eyes to look at Peter’s face as she had slight nearsightedness.

However, when she was able to get a better look, she gasped. “Mr. Peter Hall!”

Peter instantly looked at the bushes. “Who’s there?!”

Sophia was speechless as she pinched Eileen’s waist. “What are you doing?”

“I... Couldn’t help myself!” Eileen said regretfully.

“Come out!” Peter walked toward the bushes.

Eileen stood up with her head lowered. “Haha... What a coincidence, Peter.”

“Eileen Reid?” Peter was genuinely surprised. “What are you doing here? Why are you hiding in the bushes?”

“Well...” Eileen tried to play the fool as she looked around. “I have a lot of free time lately and I’m wandering around, trying to explore new sceneries.”

Peter then pointed at the bushes. “Are you telling me that there are nice sceneries around here? Are you going crazy from all the acting or are you trying to fool me?”

“I’m not fooling you!” Eileen said with a sweet smile. “You misunderstood me, Mr. Hall.”

“There’s another person there!” Peter said coldly.

Eileen pulled Sophia. “Stop hiding. He saw you.”

Sophia stood up while covering her face. “I don’t know anything. Ms. Reid dragged me here.”

Eileen almost couldn't smile anymore.

Peter stared at Sophia for a moment before saying, "I know you. You work for Conrad."

Sophia put down her hands and said, "Yes. You have quite the good memory."

"Why are you hiding here?" he said with a blank face and then looked at the Thomas residence. "Who are you looking for?"

"No one. We're just taking a walk," Sophia said.

"Eileen," Peter said as he glared at her. "Tell me."

Eileen suddenly felt unsure of what to do.

Sophia had just told her that Peter helped Esme assume her new identity.

Which meant that Peter was helping Esme!

He harassed Fia together with that woman!

But... Peter had helped her in the past.

It was a debt that she had to repay. She owed him one.

"Peter, I don't want to lie to you. What's your relationship with Britney Thomas?"

Peter was silent for a few seconds before saying, "We're done with each other already."

"You sure?" Eileen said as she took a step forward. "I believe you. I hope that you won't lie to me"

"Believe whatever you want. I don't owe you anything," Peter said before going over to press

the bell.

Sophia pulled Eileen over and stood at the side. She whispered, "Let's observe."

The Thomases' maid came out and asked Peter over the gate, "Who are you looking for?"

"I'm here to see Barbara."

She was surprised. The madam told her to tell him that Britney wasn't at home if Peter was looking for her.

However, she never mentioned what to do if it was Barbara he wanted to see instead.

"Please wait a moment. I'll need to forward this question."

Peter smiled coldly. He knew what kind of games they were playing.

After a short while, the maid came out and said, "They're both not in."

"Are

you sure?" Peter's tone was a bit cold.

"Yes! If you don't believe me, you can give them a call."

Peter had no words. If Barbara would pick up his calls, he wouldn't be here looking for her.

The maid went back inside afterward.

Eileen then asked, "Why are you here asking for their eldest?"

"It has nothing to do with you." Peter turned around and was going to get back up into the car after glancing at her.

At this time, a sports car approached them and stopped.

Shortly after, Esme got out of the car.