

Taming A Billionaire

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Note : Steamy scene ahead

Maya's POV

It seems I've failed to understand Niklaus once more , cause this man wasn't absolutely kidding when he said he was going to give me a massage.

" Nik " I gasped when he kissed my neck, sending delicious shivers down my spine.

"Shhhh, stay back and enjoy " He whispered against my skin and began to nibble at that sensitive spot between my neck and shoulder sending a whirlpool of pleasure surging through my veins.

My heart stepped up pace and I found myself arching to meet him but he pushed me back before his lips came down hard on mine. I surrendered to him passionately and thought I had actually gone to heaven and returned.

Suddenly his hand slipped under my shirt and my eyes snapped open at once and began its questioning

"W-what are you - "

"The massage remember? " He said with his usual dry, wicked smile and twinkling eyes that spoke of expectation.

Almost immediately his fingers began to caress my stomach while his lips started down my neck and I thought I was going to die from the intense pleasure rocking my body.

"Nik " I moaned but he ignored me and instead began to work at the muscles in my back and God, that felt good.

He would gently massage the muscles in my back and sides while tactically letting his fingers brush across my bosom teasing me in the process , but reality always knows how to break the spell.

I screamed and hid beneath Nik's body when the door was suddenly pushed open and through a space in Nik's embrace saw Izzy freeze in the doorstep and next we knew, she hightailed it out of the room.

I stared at Nik shocked " You didn't lock the door? "

"I thought I did but I guess I was much distracted than I thought " Came his absentminded answer cause his eyes was fixed somewhere else - my bosom.

Exasperated, I pushed him away and he fell back to the bed with a wry smile on his lips.

"I'm serious here Niklaus, we must have traumatized the poor girl " I insisted and climbed out of the bed while straightening my wrinkled clothes and dishevelled hair.

But contrary to my expectation, Niklaus burst into a long, hard, scorning laughter that made my frown deepen into a huge scowl.

I wrapped my arms across my chest " What's so funny? "

"No -" But humour wouldn't let him be cause he burst into another round of body shaking laughter until I grabbed the nearest pillow and hit him with it.

"I'm serious here Nik " I said sternly but nothing changed, he was still laughing hard while holding his stomach .

Vexed, I lifted the pillow and was about to hit him with it again when he suddenly grabbed my hand and tugged me towards him and I fell right into his open arm.

"It would sound more convincing if you told me Isabelle was giving birth than being traumatized " He said, his burning gaze boring into mine while his hands on my waist wandered aimlessly.

"She's just a kid Niklaus " I murmured, my eyes fixed on his face and I gulped because I was currently kneeling on either side of his laps on the bed , while my arms were wrapped around his neck to keep myself from falling.

"She's more than a kid " He countered, pressing me further against his body.

"We did something inappropriate in front of her and we're going to go downstairs and apologize to her period " I insisted, resisting the urge to surrender to the warmth his hands on my body.

He said nonchalantly "It's not my fault she banged into my room and saw something - "

"She wouldn't have seen if the door was properly locked " I interjected and pressed my lips firmly together against his lips as he tried to gain entrance .

He chuckled but I knew I just excited him the more cause Niklaus was someone who derives satisfaction from a good challenge.

"That still doesn't move me " He said and his hand moved to the inside of my thigh and my breath hitched , this guy !

Our eyes met and held, he knows what he was doing to me and it was slowly becoming a game to him. On my own side, the closeness of his chest and feel of his thigh against my skin was making my heart go pit-a-pat

"You're going to drag your ass downstairs and we are going to apologize to our daughter" I hissed at him, hoping I appeared as ferocious as I imagined in my head.

He raised a brow " Our daughter? " His lips curled up " I like the sound of that cause it makes me wonder how many more daughters we could make " He said as his hand moved further up my thigh.

I gasped, my hand unconsciously tightening around his neck " Nik , stop fooling around else - "

" Else what? " He challenged.

"Else, I won't let you near me for a week " came my reply that wasn't one hell convincing at all.

"Really, Is that a threat? " there was an excited gleam in his eyes and I swallowed, what have I gotten myself into?

"Ye-" I was about to say when his hand suddenly moved further up and rubbed that particular sensitive spot below, tilting the linen blocking his entrance to the side.

I slumped against his chest the moment the intense pleasure rippled through me while my breath came in gasps as his fingers continued to move down below .

But just as I was close to coming, he stopped and withdrew his hand and said to me "You were saying? "

"W-what ?" I asked, face flushed and confused while my breath rate was totally off the chart.

A smug smile curled up his lips " Let's go down and apologize to Izzy " He said, dropped a full kiss on my lips and moved out of the bed while I stood frozen like a statue.

What just happened? I asked my senses which flew out of the window moments ago , to no avail.

Thankfully, my senses gradually returned but my eyes widened in shock, Did Niklaus just tease me?

I would definitely skin that guy alive but that would be after I calm down - I was so aroused I could hardly move - my muscles was tensed and my breathing so fast that I lay back on the bed, frustrated.

Nik stood at the entrance, leaning against the door frame and staring at me with an amused and self-satisfied expression on his face.

After a few minutes of internal struggle with my body, I got off the bed and walked past Niklaus without looking or saying a word to him ; Since I can't defeat him in bed, I've decided the silent treatment approach.

"Are you angry?" He goaded me as I climbed down the stairs but I ignored him until I got to the kitchen where I saw Amanda discussing something with Izzy.

" Hi Amanda, can I speak with Izzy for a while? " I requested and Amanda nodded and obliged me by leaving

"Hey , Izzy " I waved as soon as she turned to face me with this expressionless look on her face aka Nik's usual poker face. It was so uncanny how two different beings could pull off the same expression flawlessly.

"What? " She asked, arms folded across chest

"I'm sorry about what you saw earlier and I promise it would never happen again. So we cool? " I asked, but honestly didn't expect a positive reply in return.

But Izzy seems to be full of surprises.

" Sure " She said with a shrugged

"You sure? " I blinked , wondering if this was another of her trap.

"Of course, you're my future mommy, so what I saw was expected " came her answer which sounded surreal to me.

I pursed my lips in thought but decided to wave the doubt away. Since Izzy has said so, I should simply take it that way then. Then I looked back and with my eyes gestured Niklaus to come and render his own apology.

Thankfully, he obeyed willingly while I went inside the kitchen to get a drink. I was about to grab a soft drink from the fridge when my eyes captured Nik's coffee resting on the counter untouched.

I grinned mischievously, betting he would be so pissed off after discovering I drank his coffee - revenge is best served cold.

So I grabbed the coffee and out of the corner of my eyes saw Izzy furiously turning her head from side to side as if saying no to whatever I was doing, but it was already too late ; I had already chugged half the contents down my throat.

Chapter 72 - Seventy-two : Revenge Is Best Served Bitter - 2

Nik's POV

I had to admit my days were always interesting with her around ; nobody else had the Maya effect .

Seriously, who in the world was stupid enough to dream of defeating me on the bed not to think of threatening me with bedroom antics. Conquer me, the master of all ?

I leaned against the door frame with a smug smile on my lips - It was too funny to watch . I knew how frustrated she must be right now infact I was in no better shape than her but I didn't let it show on my face.

It was amazing, I never pride myself on having an unshakable self-control but ever since I made that promise to her, it's as if I fell under a spell or something - my insatiable sexual appetite died at once .

But that doesn't mean the urge to take Maya on died as well , cause God I'll do anything just to have her beneath me as I fill her womb and drive her to ecstasy , while she screams and moans my name with her nails digging into my skin . But for the first time in my entire years of existence ; I want to do it the old-fashioned way.

I want to take things slow but steady cause I knew Maya would be nothing but pudding in my hand if I dare to make such move on her . I wouldn't even have to sweat just to have her on my bed but this time - I want to get to know her first, inside and outside before any other thing.

I crave to know every little thing about her, her do's and don'ts , what makes her tick , what makes her happy the most - Infact, everything about her and truthfully, it made me exceptionally happy she had accepted Isabella as her own already.

Her intense care for Isabella warms my heart the most. Though I spend little time with my daughter and we don't see eye to eye on a lot of matters , but that doesn't mean I detest her - God, I'm not some monster - if anything, I want the best for her .

Which is another reason I haven't settled down - Kay issues and others set aside. I wasn't stupid, just as I knew most women like the back of my palm, I also know when someone is pretending to care for my daughter.

Judging from her achievements at such a young age, it was already obvious that Isabella would be the one to succeed me - if she doesn't force me out of my position herself.

But I instinctively knew any woman who dares settle down with me and mistakenly bears a heir, would try to salvage everything for her own child and in the process becomes a major stumbling block to Isabella's success.

And that was what I was scared of the most.

Unlike what people thinks, I myself knows Isabella didn't take after me in terms of character but after her grandfather - they both are tenacious like a bulldog.

And yes, her tenacity was quite a valuable asset but it was also a dangerous weapon in the hands of the wielder.

Just like bulldogs who would never let go once they bite and grab unto their targeted bull - to the point of hanging on forever - Izzy and my father are extremist who would pursue their goals with persistence, determination and perseverance and would rather switch to another course of action if it isn't smooth sailing.

I was sure with this attitude of her's, she wouldn't hesitate to dispose of anyone who dares to cross her ; sibling or not , she wouldn't care.

But Maya cares for her, neither was she daring enough to try such a thing in the future - though greed can amp and boost a person's guts - but I'm sure she wouldn't.

Moreover, she knows when to and when not to push Isabella's button, so I'm sure the both of them would workout just fine .

"Are you angry? " I intentionally asked her but she didn't even reply neither did she look at me but climbed downstairs. I snickered inwardly , was she giving me the silent treatment? I shook my head, this is why one should choose their battles wisely.

It seems she was quite determined on this silent treatment of her's cause she walked straight to Amanda, ignoring me that was trying hard to grab her attention.

"Hi Amanda, can I speak with Izzy for a while" She said to Amanda who immediately left to continue her chores while I stood by the side watching - I wondered what my wonderful daughter would do this time.

"Hey , Izzy " Maya said but my daughter had out on that irritating poker face of her's . Who did she even copy such expression from? I wondered.

"What? " She asked, arms folded across chest

"I'm sorry about what you saw earlier and I promise it would never happen again. So we cool? " She apologized and my breath held in anticipation for her reply , this was the moment I've been waiting for.

" Sure " came her reply with a shrug but my brows knitted together, forming a deep frown -I don't believe her.

"You sure? " Maya asked, as unsure as I was - Nope, I'm highly unsure.

"Of course, you're my future mommy, so what I saw was expected " came her reply that made me rub my jaw in concentration. Well , I'll keep watching to see how everything unfolds.

Then I saw Maya gesturing with her eyes for me to come and render my own apology and though I had the urge to exasperate her a bit but I decided against it , after all I've been nothing but a burden to her since last night - It was time to behave.

And so I approached this lovely daughter of mine that had this sourly expression on her face . What did I do so wrong this time? I pondered. Surely, this wasn't the first time she'd seen such a thing especially with the ever-growing and booming internet .

Moreover Maya and I didn't even go that far , just necking on the bed , maybe? But why was she staring at me as if I committed high treason against her?

"Hey kiddo " I called but she snorts and turned her?face away?- She really wasn't going to make this easy for me.

"I'm sorry for..... " The words were still rolling off my tongue when I saw Izzy fervently shaking her head as if telling someone " No" and so I turned just in time to see Maya gulping down my coffee.

A wry smile twisted my mouth - she was really out for revenge. But then what happened next almost made me double over with laughter.

I never knew Maya could run faster than the Flash until now. I saw her eyes widen like saucers the moment the contents went down her throat.

She dropped the mug with lightening speed and dashed to the kitchen sink, leaned over it, retching uncontrollably to the extent I was scared she would throw up her intestines in the process.

With a deep scowl on my face, I strode to the counter and picked up the mug , examining it with great care.

Sure it didn't look like it was tampered with, and yes I enjoy my coffee with no additional additives but Maya's reaction was far too real to be exaggerated and so I took a sip.

My coffees were usually bitter but the sharp , pungent, acrid taste left in my mouth told me something else was added to this coffee. It was so bitter - like alum - that I couldn't even stomach it and ejected the whole thing in the sink - bless your heart , Maya.

I turned to glower at a certain someone who looked away as soon as our eyes met and began to whisper a tune.

Chapter 73 - Seventy - Three : Jerk Of A Boyfriend

Maya's POV

It was really easy to go mental , cause I thought I've actually ran mad. I perfectly knew coffee wasn't chocolate and Niklaus didn't hit me as someone who enjoys sweetened stuffs but the amount of bitterness I tasted in that coffee would never be forgotten till the day I die.

It was so bitter to the point it stung my tongue and irritated the inside of my mouth. I coughed and retched until my voice went hoarse but I could still collect bitter saliva in my mouth.

Suddenly, I felt an arm snake around my waist and was turned towards a body. Nik lifted my chin and said to me "Open up " but I gave him a questioning look.

"Salt will cut the bitterness " He said to me before I opened my mouth and he dropped a two-fingered pinch of salt into my mouth

Few minutes later, I found myself on the sofa in the living room sucking on a swirly rainbow lollipop like a five-year old while glaring daggers at Izzy who didn't look bothered by the way.

I pulled the lollipop out of my mouth and said to Izzy sternly " I'm confiscating all your electronic gadgets for a week which means no making of calls, streaming video and playing games "

I wasn't stupid , I knew someone had tampered with that coffee and the only person capable of pulling such a crude prank was the one and only Izzy.

She spat " You have no right! "

"Sorry to disappoint you but I was given the full right by your father and as your nanny to discipline you when in the wrong " came my reply but she just rolled her eyes towards heaven , contemptuously.

"You wouldn't dare! " She sassed back

" As a matter of fact, watch me " I stood to my feet " Now hand over the cellphone, young lady " I demanded and stretched out my hand in anticipation.

"Make me " She dared with a raised brow

"Works just fine for me cause I have this wonderful thought of inviting Annabelle over for dinner and there's this urge to have a very, very good chitchat with her and I'm sure she would love to hear of your latest rendezvous , wouldn't she? " I threatened with a sweet smile on my face and we began a stare down until she gave in.

Izzy strode towards me and handed over the cellphone in quite a rude manner and turned to leave but I stopped her.

"Your tablet " I said motioning to the sofa where she had hidden the device earlier when she thought I had not been looking. I had to give this girl some credit - she was incredibly smart.

Izzy must have known this would happen and had hidden it on time but her plan was busted, I caught her in the act without her knowledge - *KO

As childish as it might sound, but it was so refreshing and I'm so happy I have the upper hand this time ; I defeated Izzy in her own game!

After handing whatever device she had on her to me - both hidden and unhidden - Izzy gave me a death glare and strode to her room, banging the door so hard, the house shook.

I sat back down and turned to ask Niklaus with a concerned look " Was I too harsh on her? "

But Niklaus shook his head and gave me a thumbs-up sign saying " No, you did right " but he clasped his heart theatrically "You were so cool that my heart began to beat too fast.Wow, I really thought I saw an amazon warrior "

I scrunched up my nose and scowled at him

"What nonsense are you vomiting this time? "

Without warning, he grabbed me by the waist and pushed me up against his body , the side of my head resting directly on his chest.

He asked with a smile " Can you hear it? "

Though it didn't sound as exaggerated as he said earlier but I could make out the "thump thump " sound of his heart and soon enough, it felt like music to my ears.

I leaned in further and wrapped my arms around his waist, his chest was as a comfy as a pillow.

"Oi " Nik called poking me in the ribs with a finger and complained " I'm not a human bolster "

I ignored him and instead tightened my hold on him " You used me as a bolster yesterday, today's my turn " I stated firmly.

Nik threw his head back and laughed "I never knew you were this petty "

"I learned from you of course " I murmured against his chest while his hands raked through my hair

"If that's the only thing you learnt , then you're not a bright student " he ridiculed and I hit him on the chest annoyed.

"I'll have you know I was the best in my class and I graduated summa cum laude " I clarified .

"Fine, you're a top student " He concurred at last and drew me further into his embrace and I actually had plans of sleeping when his cellphone rang, disrupting this peaceful and romantic moment. Reluctantly, I got off his body in order for him to answer the call.

" Hello " Nik said and then walked out of sight. It was obvious that he didn't want me to listen to his conversation.

I sighed deeply , lay on the sofa and picked up my phone and decided to browse the net for latest gossip.

I hardly searched for long before a trending video caught my attention.

" MAN ARRESTED FOR PUBLIC INDECENCY "

What really attracted me to the news wasn't the headline, but the face of the said culprit who looked suspiciously similar to my ex-boyfriend.

So I clicked on the news, making sure to read through the lines and by the time I was done, I was utterly flabbergasted.

This was totally unbelievable, Andrew might have been a jerk of a boyfriend but I never knew him as someone of questionable morals unless..... Oh my God.

I turned just in turn to see Niklaus putting on a grey blazer, he looked like he was heading out and his face was back to it's stoic state.

"Niklaus, are you - "

He silenced me with a kiss " I'll be back, see you later " he said and left before I could even protest.

KO : Knockout

Chapter 74 - Seventy - Four : Maya Casted A Spell

Nik's POV

I was reluctant to leave Maya's side but there was nothing I could do, I had duties to perform - very important duties that if not solved would become a problem for everyone whether I wanted it or not .

"How and where did you find him? " I asked Judy who surprisingly hasn't said anything for a while now.

Our eyes met through the rear view mirror and he answered "Its quite shocking cause he returned on his own with what's remaining of the ammunition "

My eye twitched, the thief returned on his own? what game is he trying to play? I rubbed my chin thoughtfully until Judy announced to me we've arrived.

I stepped out of the car and looked around the abandoned warehouse that looked like it would collapse anytime soon. My once playful aura dissipated at once and was replaced by a serious, intimidating expression.

I signalled Judy and he led the way into the warehouse while I followed after him while acknowledging the greetings some of my people stationed outside the warehouse were giving by slightly bowing their head.

Once inside the warehouse, I saw a figure standing if not almost dangling : his hands were tied upward with a rope to the roof while his clothes were bloodied and torn in diverse places.

" Let him down " I commanded Judy who then signalled his men and they released him and the guy slumped to the ground.

He remained motionless on the floor but Judy wasn't through with him, a bucket of water was given to him and he poured the whole content on the guy who stirred at once.

He was not given a chance to recover cause he was grabbed from the ground and placed on a chair that was stationed in front of me.

"Hi Leo, what a pleasure to meet you in person" I said to the guy who had dared to steal from me with a smile that spoke volumes.

Leo tried to open his swollen red eyes but winced instead and I smiled , my men did beat him black and blue. He was currently sporting a black eye and bruised cheek - his face was quite in a sorry state.

"I'm sorry but I had to do it " Leo said almost immediately surprising me. He was making this interrogation quite easy unlike others who would open up after a series of stomach churning tortures.

"Interesting " I murmured and crossed my leg over the other while stroking my chin. My blazing eyes staring into his , I asked " Where is the rest of the of the ammunition? "

" Sold " came his curt answer

" Where? "

" In the streets "

I closed my eyes and bottled my anger, how many times have I warned against my goods being readily accessible to the public.

Though we often did shady deals but we meticulously select our buyers since our weapons are expertly constructed and known for their quality, style and craftsmanship.

"Do you know how many lives you endanger by putting our weapons in the hands of just any commoner?! " I spat at him resisting the urge to swing a blow at him.

He wiped the bleeding from his nose with the back of his hand " I know which is why I'm very sorry, so you can do anything you want with me "

I scrutinized this guy closely, he looked like someone who was prepared to die but I can't help but feel he's protecting something or someone .

I asked "Why did you do it? "

He looked up through his barely opened eyes and said to me " I needed the money badly "

My brows arched " Why did you need the money badly enough to cross me "

He gulped and I saw fear flash across his features confirming my suspicion, he was surely protecting something.

"Don't make me find that out on my own cause then, I would not be magnanimous enough " I threatened and he gulped again.

He stuttered " Y-you won't hurt her right? "

I frowned " Hurt her? "

He repeated " Y-you won't do anything to her, right? "

My frown deepened into a scowl as confusion set in but suddenly a light bulb went off in my head and I let out a gurgle of laughter which came to a startling stop.

My eyes darkened " You endangered the lives of many and my company because of a woman? "

He began to shake visibly "I-I had to do it, she needed the money desperately "

I shook my head, tsk tsk, this guy got fooled by a woman - I can't believe he would be this stupid enough to risk his life because of a woman that wasn't even here to share his pain - I bet she had no idea of where he had gotten the money she must have spent shopping and others.

"Yeah, She must have needed my money for her manicures and clubbing " I said calmly but my voice was dripping with acid as he stared at me wide-eyed with shock.

"This interrogation is officially over " I said to him, stood to my feet and turned to face Judy " You already know what to do with those that steal from me " I stated and was preparing to leave when he suddenly screamed,

"She's dying ! "

I froze.

I turned to face him " Excuse me? "

Leo gritted "I didn't mean to steal from you but I can't watch her leave this world without having her wishes fulfilled either. I admit I wasn't the best boyfriend to her but I love her dearly and can't watch her leaving this world with regrets " he caught his breath.

"And even if I have to do it over and over again, I don't regret a thing, that's just how much I love her. So please don't bother her and let her die peacefully, you can do whatever you want with me instead "

I gulped and though I had my back turned to him, I felt exposed.

My hand unconsciously went to my heart, why was I feeling this way? I couldn't help but reverse this scene in my head as I pictured Maya and I being in this situation.

If Maya was the one dying with a lot of wishes, I would definitely try to get them fulfilled at any cost even if it means stealing from the devil himself.

I frowned, but I didn't love Maya.

Maybe I like her, but it was because she was going to be my wife and I had to show at least that amount of feelings. I would do everything for her, not because I love her but because it's my responsibility - yeah, a sense of dedication.

I was just dedicated to her because I had made a promise to her and had to stay true to my promise ; that's all, nothing else .

I ignored his pleas and walked towards the entrance even though my heart was in a turmoil.

What's wrong with me?

"Are you Ok ? " Judy asked from the side rousing me from my thoughts and I realized I've been standing outside for a while now.

I cleared my throat " Those things he vomited, are they true? "

"Yes, it's being confirmed. His girlfriend is suffering from cancer and has less than three months to live "

"Mmm" I breathed and looked away when I met Judy's penetrative gaze. That guy sometimes, his gaze makes me uneasy as if he could see through my thoughts - is it because he has been following me for a while now?

Suddenly, Leo's pained screams filled my ears. Were my men torturing him? again?

"Let him go " I blurted out before realizing it.

"What? " Judy asked surprised.

"And give him some cash to take care of his girlfriend " I added drawing another " what?!" from Judy's lips.

"But the others would see this as an avenue to commit their own - "

"Am I stupid? " I threw at Judy when I understood where he's heading from. If news circulates that I showed mercy to one of the men that stole from me, the daring ones would try to commit same offence with the hope that such treatment would be meted out on them.

"I don't need to explain myself to anyone so let them dare " I said and added " But chop Leo's most beloved finger just to serve as an example to the others " I ordered and climbed into the car.

Judy gave the same order to his subordinates before climbing into the driver's seat and drove away - thankfully he didn't press further on the issue.

Bored, I couldn't help but go through my phone until I decided to check my calendar having realized something.

"It has been a month " I thought out loud

"What? " asked Judy who caught my words.

"I haven't had sex for a month now " I confessed, my eyes glued on the current date displayed on my phone screen.

A wry smile twisted Judy's mouth " Surprising, considering your sexual appetite is a thing of legend "

I knew it was true, I was once a man who couldn't last two days without doing it, but now it seems Maya has casted a spell on my member.

Chapter 75 - Seventy-five : Keep Him Company.

Maya's POV

It was still hard to imagine my boyfriend Andrew was someone who would flash his genitals in public - at least he wasn't that lewd the time we were dating.

The case was the hottest trending news on social media and the court have convicted him for indecent exposure.

Though my ex-boyfriend Andrew which is currently the defendant raised lack of intent as a defense but the numerous evidence heaped against him didn't give him a surviving chance.

Finally the court imposed a fine of one thousand dollars, alongside a three hours community service for a month.

I knew most of his friends who had mocked me after our breakup would try to chat me up so I knowingly didn't open any of my chats ; they could go to hell for all I care.

But my mouth twitched, wasn't Nik a little bit extreme this time ? Though at first it was hard to believe but the way evidence kept piling after the other, told me strings were being pulled from behind.

No one else had promised me revenge aside from him and truthfully I had forgotten all about that ; swept it under the carpet.

I shivered and wrapped myself with my arms, Nik could really bear a grudge. I wouldn't even dare to cross him, I had learnt my lesson the hard way : someone willing to lock me up for supposed forty million dollars fraud was not to be trifled with - I still haven't forgotten that.

My gaze was torn from the script I was currently studying when Izzy strolled into the living room and sat on the other end of the sofa I was sitting on.

She gave me a dirty look when I wouldn't stop staring at her " What?! " She spat " Do you think I came here to play another prank? I came down to eat, haven't had my breakfast yet, understand? " She raised her chin, giving me a defiant look .

I tsked and shook my head " Who said anything? aren't you the one defending your purpose? "

She glowered at me but I continued nevertheless " Besides, your reputation precedes you "

Izzy chokes "Y-you! "

I raised my chin " Why? does it infuriates you? then try being good for once " I concluded and went back to my script while she snorts and looked away.

I hardly took a breath when the doorbell rang and next thing I knew Annabelle was running into my arms and I carried her off her feet , though that took a lot of groaning and effort - the girl weighed quite a lot even though she did not look it.

"My little pumpkin " I said pinching her cheek and she let out a gurgle of laughter. What an adorable kid! If only Izzy could be half as adorable as her.

"What am I even talking about? " I scoffed in my head. If Isabelle could be as cute and adorable as Anabelle then that means the kingdom of Atlantis has reappeared on land.

"How are you doing, Aunty Maya ?" She asked with a concerned face as I put her down

I smiled " This aunt of yours is doing well "

Annabelle turns towards Izzy " Hi Izzy " She greeted and waved her hand at her, but the young lady in question scrunches up her nose in disgust and looks away.

I massaged my temple, this girl !

But as usual Annabelle didn't mind and rushed towards her and sat down beside her but Izzy put up a hand saying,

"Three metres away "

But Annabelle didn't listen at all and instead engulfed her in a tight hug , surprising me as well.

Has Annabelle gotten over her phobia of Izzy?

But Izzy pushed her away " Touch me again and I'll make sure that barbie pink manicured fingers of yours are chopped off one after the other and used for my birthday cake decoration, how yummy " She emphasized and

licked her lips .

This time the threat was effective cause Annabelle became as silent as a hound at fault and gave her some space but just as I was about to scold Izzy, my phone vibrated with a message.

I opened it only to discover it was from Cecil and she was asking if it was okay to send her son over to my place, she had an emergency.

I stared at the two girls having a staring contest and smiled, they would definitely keep him company and so I replied her,

"Fine, you can send him over. Your kid is in safe hands, trust me "

I turned around in time to see the once quiet Annabelle asking Isabelle " Hey Izzy, what do you like the most? "

But Isabelle gave her a ridiculous look and raised a brow " Why? You want to take it from me? "

I watched Annabelle go red in the face and stutter "N-no, of course not.. I-m just curious because I want to help Y-you out "

Izzy gave her a sweet smile that never did reach her eyes "Oh Annabelle, how sweet of you " She said in a singsong before all smiles vanished from her face as if it had never being there at the first place.

"Trust me, anything I need; I take it, and anything I don't have ; I take it. So thanks for your unappreciated concern dear cousin "

"Manners young lady" I warned when I couldn't stand her sharp-tongue anymore, the girl really needs to be taught how to be nice.

"No, it's okay " Annabelle defended her

So I faced this sweet but dumb girl " Anytime Izzy says something insulting , you stand up for yourself, you hear me? "

She nodded and swallowed nervously which wasn't surprising considering this was my first time of being strict with her, Izzy was normally the one who takes the heat.

As if on cue, the doorbell rang and I hurried to open it while the girls stared at me in curiosity, it was obvious they weren't expecting any visitor.

"Hi Cecil " I welcomed and dropped a peck on both cheeks as she did the same.

"I'm so sorry to bother you but I have an emergency and I can't leave Pedro at home all by himself and - "

"It's okay, I totally understand . Besides Pedro is a nice boy and I've got kids inside who would keep him company " I explained and took Pedro from her.

"Thanks love, you're a life saver " She complimented me with a grateful smile and then squat down to ruffle Pedro's hair saying

"Be a good kid, mama's gonna be back soon "

But Pedro eyes me before returning his gaze to his mom and pouts his lips " Stop it mom, you're embarrassing me "

"Really? " Cecil's face lit up in amusement before she laughs "My son is all grown up "

She then stood and waved at me " I'll see you guys later "

I waved back " Good luck " She left and I welcomed Pedro into the house

"You don't have to be sad cause Isabelle and Anabelle are here and I'm sure they would keep you..... " I trailed off the moment we reached the living room cause the way the girls were staring at us; if eyes were bullet then we would be long dead.

Suddenly they stiffened and for a while nobody says anything until Annabelle screamed.

Chapter 76 - Seventy-six : The Alphas

Maya's POV

Annabelle's scream was so loud that I had to shield my ears with my hands. Then before my very eyes, she jumped on Pedro with a surprise hug , knocking him over in the process while screaming,

"Big brother Pedro !"

"Big brother Pedro ?!" Izzy and I chorused at same time with shocked expressions.

After recovering from the shock, I helped Pedro to his feet after Annabelle got off him but still staring at him with this excited twinkle in her eyes.

"How do you two know each other?" I asked genuinely surprised, I never thought the both would be acquaintances.

As usual Annabelle was the one to explain " We both met at this after-party at the Alvin and the chipmunks premiere in France. There was a competition held for kids and Pedro and I happened to perform the same song and dance "

Then she moved towards Pedro and asked " You still remember that song brother Pedro ,

'Gotta love Cheese balls, ah, ah, ah, ah, get in my belly , Cheese balls, get in there, ah, ah, ah, ah ' "

Annabelle reminded him and before my very eyes, these kids started singing and performing these choreographed dance and it was quite hilarious considering the way they were both moving their butts and all.

I was happy the kids were having a good time - well not everybody considering the fact my eyes mistakenly zoomed in on Izzy - her expression was deadly.

Her amber eyes had darkened and her features stony as she shot Annabelle an intense glare.

Wait a minute, was she jealous? No way !

Oh no, I realized at once. Izzy was as possessive as her father and if I was right, she had clearly marked Pedro as her's and I came to an startling conclusion : Isabella is an Alpha female

If there was one thing that stood out with Alpha characterised people, It was definitely their extreme possessiveness and dominance. I massaged my temples, It's going to be one hell of a bumpy ride training this girl up - what have I gotten into.

I have quite enough headaches handling Niklaus and now I have another alpha on my plate and not only that, but an alpha who would probably murder her niece if I don't do something at the moment.

"Pedro " I called , successfully tearing away his gaze from Anabelle " You never told Izzy about that? " Isabella was truly startled but at least her murderous expression softened.

Pedro scratched his scalp awkwardly and put on a sheepish grin " It wasn't exactly that fun but we might go there one day if you want to, albeit for another animation probably? "

But Izzy rolls her eyes skyward and snorts "Pfft, me? go? thanks but no thanks " She shot an eyebrow " I don't do childish things "

So he suggested instead " Perhaps, we go for a movie instead? "

This time I noticed Izzy's interest was piqued cause she cleared her throat and asked " Are you suggesting we go to a cinema? "

Pedro lit up " You want to go to the movie theater with me? "

"You were the one who said so " Izzy clarified and I shook my head, tsk tsk, she really knows how to turn the tables on somebody.

"Sure, my mom wouldn't have a problem with -"

"And I'm sure my dad wouldn't have a problem with that either " Annabelle chimed in and I was about to say a silent prayer on her behalf when Amanda arrived and salvaged the situation, barely.

"Breakfast is ready " Amanda announced and I quickly urged the kids to the dining room before someone receives a tongue-lash of the century. Little did I know the main war was going to begin at the dinning table.

As usual the ever cheerful Annabelle was the first to arrive and push out a chair which she easily slide into and sat down awaiting the others.

I dragged out the head seat and sat down while Isabella sat opposite Anabelle and since Pedro was the last to arrive, he had yet to choose a seat.

He was still standing and contemplating where to sit when Annabelle pulled out a dining chair and tapped it with a smile saying " Brother Pedro, come and sit with me "

My mouth quirked as I watched Izzy who was with a blank expression on her face watching Pedro who sauntered towards Annabelle. But just as he was about to sit down, three clear words were heard

"Pedro. Here. Now "

I've always wondered what's so scary about Izzy? was it her voice? gaze? aura? but I've come to realize that Izzy is equivalent to a Grimreaper , the girl was never an angel and would never be one, probably everyone knows that which is they steer clear of her.

Pedro was struck dumb for a while before his feet quickly drove him towards the seat Izzy had set aside for him.

Even Annabelle was dumbfounded too, she probably couldn't understand why Isabella was too possessive of this boy.

Well she wasn't the only one , I was too. I've thought of many reasons but it doesn't seem to make sense, there was no way , period.

There was so much tension at the table that even a knife could slice through it, so I cleared my throat and said a short prayer for the food.

" Dig in " I said to the kids after I was done but no sooner had the words left my mouth did Anabelle grab the bowl of meat and said " Brother Pedro, try this beef, they taste awesome "

She tried to add some meats to his plate but Izzy stopped her progress with a swipe of her spoon as she glowered " What do you think you're doing? "

" Can't you see I'm trying to feed him ? " She sassed back

Even if Anabelle wasn't smart as a whip , she was a human with feelings and was bound to notice sooner or later that Izzy was intentionally sabotaging her every actions.

But Izzy's expression?hardened as well asking,

"Are you just dumb or don't you know that eating beef products is a good way to expand your waistline and increase your chances of becoming impotent and developing?heart disease, diabetes, arthritis, and other health condition?"

Annabelle was stupefied, the bowl almost slipped from her hand had I not taken it from her in time.

Now speak of Izzy, how did she even know all this?

"B-but I eat it everyday and nothing happens, besides Dad said it will make them grow up big and strong - " Annabelle tried to defend herself but as usual, Izzy didn't let her recover one bit.

Suddenly I saw a sinister smile curl up Izzy's mouth. Uh-oh, this is not good.

"Then my dear cousin, you are on your way to an early grave cause red meat eaten in large quantities is closely related with higher levels of colorectal cancer. Meaning , death ; bye bye Annabelle "

Chapter 77 - Seventy-seven : Mommy Issues

Maya's POV

Annabelle's expression went from shocked to frightened while I face-palmed, this girl was so gullible.

But it seems Isabella was not through with her lectures yet cause she leaned over, carried the rice platter and scooped a mountain of rice onto Pedro's plate saying,

"As a growing child Pedro needs rice the most to accumulate muscles and it also provides energy, prevents obesity, improves metabolism, controls blood pressure , regulates body temperature , prevents chronic constipation and most of all prevents cancer unlike someone's suggestion of beef " She criticized Anabelle tactically and as a matter of fact, was staring her right in the eye.

I banged my hand hard on the table " Kids seriously? Can't you two coexist for like two minutes?! I came here to eat in peace not in pieces! " I chided them while massaging my temple, I could feel a headache brewing.

Thankfully, that kept them quiet for a while but the deed has been done. No matter how much I persuaded her , Anabelle wouldn't dare touch, talk more eat any meat and that was how she officially developed Carnophobia -- fear of meat - Izzy really did a number on her.

To be truthful, I'm definitely lost here.

How do I train up a kid whose own teenage rebellion started way before the normal age ? Even I can't even tell what I was like during my own teenage years thanks to the lack of motherly figure yet one thing was for sure, I wasn't this daring.

But it was definitely frustrating, how can I train a kid when I can't even boast of my own upbringing ? And speak of motherhood, I wasn't even sure I was going to make a good mother, but I knew inwardly that I would give my kid the best - blood-related or not.

"So how about your mother, brother Pedro " Annabelle who seem to have made a full recovery from the criticism earlier asked Pedro who surprisingly has not said a word since, preferring to stay on neutral ground.

"She's fine " He answered with a smile but his attention was grabbed when Izzy moved a spoonful of food towards his mouth.

She commanded firmly " Open up "

Pedro's nervous gaze flickered to Anabelle and Izzy noticed it cause her usual sinister smile curled up her mouth.

"Why? You don't want to? You're shy? But you were so enthusiastic and willing the last time you fed me " She said and I saw Pedro shift uncomfortably in his chair while I groaned and literally gripped my hair, Izzy is driving me crazy!

"Isabella! " I boomed, gritting my teeth in anger and frustration laced together " Pedro and Annabelle are visitors in this house and you would act appropriately towards them, so no more snide remarks or comments "

Her hands flew to her mouth and Izzy gasped dramatically "Oops, sorry. I forgot they were called visitors for a reason "

I rolled my eyes , really Isabella? Who are you kidding?

But it seems she wasn't close to the word called " done" cause the smile disappeared from her face and was instead replaced by a mischievous glint in her eyes " Fine then, let's move this discussion to the non visitors " She said, emphasizing on ' non visitors '

Her gaze bore into mine as she asked straightforwardly " When are you and that man called my father actually going to get married? "

Suddenly, there was a long shocked silence which was shattered when someone's spoon clattered to the ground.

"You're getting married to uncle Niklaus?!" Annabelle asked in disbelief, lips trembling and expression pale.

I shut my eyes and began a mental countdown

Izzy snorted contemptuously " Don't you know ? Maya would be my mommy instead of my nanny very soon and you wouldn't need to come over to my place anymore "

And this is it, I snapped " Alright young lady your time is up, now head back to your room right now ! "

She stood up without hesitating, a sardonic smile plastered on her face " Yes mommy " and sauntered towards the direction of the stairs leading to her room.

"And I hope I don't see your face till the sun goes down! " I yelled after her.

" My pleasure ! " She screamed back and banged her door shut, the very thud reverberating throughout the house.

I groaned and banged my head twice against the table out of frustration, finally figuring out why Izzy was behaving that way .

She was rebelling against me on purpose probably because of the punishment from earlier. She was now hell bent on making my life a misery at least until her punishment is over.

" Oh God " I breathed, what has Niklaus gotten me into ?

A sob by my side dragged me back to reality and I was shocked to discover Annabelle was bawling her eyes out.

What the hell is wrong with everybody today?

I pulled my seat close to her's and lifted her chin carefully " Hey pumpkin, what's wrong? "

She glanced up at me with trembling lips and teary eyes " Y-you are going to leave me "

When I heard her statement, I melted inwardly ; so she cared about me this much?

I gathered her into my arms and rubbed her back soothingly and said unto her " I won't leave you sweetheart, you hear me? Even if I do get married, You are free to come and see me as much as you like, alright? "

I assured her but that didn't placate her one bit, instead it made her weep louder as she tightly wrapped her hands around my neck - almost choking me in the process.

Suddenly with snotty nose and puffy eyes, Anabelle looked up and made a ridiculous request

"Can't you be my mommy instead? "

Chapter 78 - Seventy-eight : Make Your Choice

Maya's POV

It was quite a huge work getting Annabelle to calm down and I couldn't have been more grateful when her people came to take her home cause no matter of cajoling nor appeasing seem to work on her.

I didn't know Annabelle sincerely held me in high esteem till now to the extent of wanting me as a mother. Perhaps that dream of her's would've been achievable if I had met Eden first but unfortunately, I'm stuck with Niklaus and his daughter Isabella till God knows when.

Thankfully Izzy behaved while entertaining Pedro - amidst her punishment - for the rest of the evening till Cecil returned and took him home.

Without bothering to tuck myself in , I collapsed on my bed exhausted.I was so tired that I couldn't even lift a finger, the fatigue was already having its effect on me.

Thanks to Nik I didn't have a good rest last night and would've gotten one during the day if not for the dramas and everything. At lest I didn't have to put any effort and slept off right away.

I did not know how long I slept but my eyes snapped open the moment I felt myself being lifted in the air. My hands instinctively wrapped around his neck for safety when I realized Niklaus was carrying me in his arms.

"Shit, you're awake " he cursed and his expression softened " Sorry, I didn't mean to wake you up.I was just trying to tuck you into the bed and didn't realize you'll be awoken that easily " he explained and I smiled softly in response.

Though I wasn't a light sleeper who would wake up easily but I'm definitely not someone who could sleep through noise and other disruptions - I'm in between both.

The moment Nik placed me in the bed I knew it was game over for sleep at the moment. I had quite an erratic sleeping pattern so it would take a long time for me to fall asleep again unless under some special conditions.

Left with no choice, I left for my bathroom and did some brushing and face wash before returning to my room and honestly wasn't surprised to see Niklaus lying on my bed with his arms folded behind his head and leg crossed over the other.

"When did you return? " I asked, climbing into bed and placed a kiss on his cheek while he sat up.

His mouth curled up " Hasn't being that long " he replied and I could tell he was speaking the truth judging from the scent of his shampoo and aftershave wafting into my nostrils.

He was wearing a loose v-neck t-shirt that exposed his chest and coupled with a plaid pajama pants with pockets. I couldn't tell if it was intentional but he still had water dripping from his hair and had to fight the urge to run my hands through his hair and brush those water droplets away.

"Umm" I cleared my throat to distract myself from the X-rated thoughts running through my head right now " Where did you go to? "

"I had some business to attend to " he answered without further details and I knew unless he wanted to, I wasn't going to get any more information from him.

Suddenly, he pulled me closer to his side " So tell me " he began " what happened today, the house is oddly quiet "

"Oh that " I sighed " Isabella and I had a fight "

"Oh , that's new " he turned and laughed at my misery "I thought you both were the best of buddies? "

I glowered at him " Well, we used to be... " I corrected " We still are but she needs to be taught some manners, Isabella is too rude and arrogant "

"Then go get her tigress! " Nik exclaimed and even went ahead to make a clawing gesture.

I cocked a brow " Seriously Niklaus ?"

" What?" He acted ignorant and before I could retort, he leaned in and stole a short kiss.

"Y-you ! " Infuriated, I pulled out a pillow from behind and hit him with it as he went into a laughing fit.

I guess it wasn't painful cause he kept laughing, so I kept hitting him with it until he held up his hands in surrender.

"Fine, I'm sorry. I give up " he said, holding his stomach from laughing too much but I knew he never expected my question.

"You had a hand in Andrew's case right? "

His expression shifted and he put on his guarded look at once " You saw the news? "

I nodded, noticing his poker face was back "I saw the news, it was all over the internet "

He lifted a brow " And? "

I bite the inside of my mouth " Why did you do it? "

"He hurt you " came his blunt reply.

I shifted uncomfortably in the bed " Niklaus, that was eons ago.You shouldn't have bothered yourself, I've forgotten about him already " I pointed out but I'm sure he would see things differently.

He stared me straight in the eyes " But I haven't forgotten how he treated you and he played with your feelings "

"Isn't that what you do to " I faltered at once when I realized what I just blurted out. I gulped nervously, I really didn't mean to say that ; it was a slip of the tongue.

"Ouch " was all he said before a wry smile twisted his lips "All the women I've ever dated knew what they were getting themselves into from the very beginning , neither did I berate nor air their dirty laundry in public. It was strictly give and take " He said to me in a gentle yet cold voice that sent chills down my spine while trapping me with his body.

I understood perfectly what he was insinuating, moreover he was there on the day Andrew not only broke up but humiliated me in front of the public ; it was one of the worst day in my life.

"I'm sorry " I apologized while putting on a sad expression.

"No need to apologize cause I expected it anyway , besides I had done it without your consent amidst my promise " he reminded me and went back to his sitting position while I breathed a sigh of relief.

Finally, the crisis was averted.

"I'm bored " Niklaus said out of nowhere

"What? "

"Let's chat online " came his suggestion and I have him a funny look.

"Why do we need to chat online when you're right beside me? " I asked flabbergasted.

"Just do it alright " He pleaded, tugging on my hand the way a child would pull his mom's arm while demanding for something.

My instincts told me something was wrong and Nik was definitely up-to no good as usual but I ignored it and started the chat.

The chat record was clean considering this was the first time we both were chatting each other up.

Nik : " Well, hello there "

Maya : " Hello "

Nik : "How are you doing? "

I turned to give him a dirty look " Seriously this is stupid " I said and threw my hands up but Niklaus didn't say anything to me, instead my phone vibrated with a notification, he had sent another message.

Nik: " let's play a game "

My eyes narrowed in suspicion yet intrigued as I wondered what game he had in mind; it was definitely better than this dumb chat.

Maya : " Fine then " I agreed and Niklaus sent me a meme almost immediately as if he couldn't wait for me to see it.

"What do I owe you according to your birth month?

Jan : Deep kiss ??????

Feb: lunch date ?????????

Mar: A drink together ?????????

Apr : Four rounds ?????????

May: A baby ?????????

Jun : Have a walk together ?????????

Jul : Ice cream ?????????

Aug: Massage all over the body ?????♂????

Sep: Kiss biting ?????????

Oct: Ass grabbing ?????????

Nov: love bite ?????♂????♀

Dec: sex ????????? "

I turned slowly to face Niklaus with a shocked expression while this sly smile tugged his lips and he said,

"Now make your choice and I'm guessing you know my birth month "

Chapter 79 - Seventy-nine : The Birth Month Request

Note : Steamy scene ahead.

Maya's POV

My jaw dropped while my eyes widened in shock when I realized Nik's birth month was May, which means I owe him a baby.

"He can't be serious! " I thought out loud unknowingly

His brows lifted while his lips curled up in a sardonic smirk " Why? You're doubting my capability ? "

I choked "O-of course not " a huge lump of saliva went down my throat quickly and I switched to bootlicking " How could I doubt your capability? You're the almighty Niklaus "

His eyes twinkled humorously, he was enjoying this " But I heard you say so or am I turning deaf "

I pressed my lips together and felt like crying, he was intentionally making this difficult for me - I was between the devil and the deep blue sea.

I knew he would be able to tell I lied if I dare to say otherwise, he didn't get to the position he is today if he wasn't able to study and read people perfectly.

Neither could I say he heard wrongly, else he would probably misinterpret and quibble on my word purposely, insisting I claim he's deaf.

I banged my head against the wall internally , Niklaus would be the death of me !

So I came up with a better solution.

"But it isn't even May yet, I don't need to fulfill this request until your birthday comes up right ? We should wait until the time is ripe "I exploited the loophole at once.

Niklaus chuckled in amusement " You're not getting away from this " he said and suddenly leaned against me, trapping me with his body.

He went on " It would be much better if your baby bump appears right on my birthday "

My eyes widened like saucers but he wasn't done yet " Which means we should start working on that bump appearing, shouldn't we? " he threw at me with a lopsided smile.

My throat dried up when his tongue flicked out and touched my neck . I had to think of something fast else I'll get eaten up tonight.

"Fine, we'll do it your way but that would be after you've gone down on your knees and proposed to me " I came up with a solid excuse and rejoiced internally - at lest that would keep him away for a while.

" Touché " he murmured and rested his jaw on his knuckles, looking down at me with an amused expression " You fight dirty tigress "

"Fine then, Let's go with what you just said " He concurred at last or so I thought " But that means it's my own turn to fulfill your birth month request " he reminded me with a smug smile.

Shit, I forgot about that. My birth month was November.

He breathed into my ears " You know how much I love leaving my mark on you "

Like someone scalded by a hot iron , I pushed him away and sprang to my feet " You don't need to fulfill any requests, I'm totally good " I said a little bit out of breath.

As usual Nik didn't give up and rose to his feet too, approaching me with an excited glint in his eyes ; he loved the thrill of the chase.

I began to take a step back as he approached me slowly with a smile that spoke volumes plastered on his face.

At once, I tried to dive to the side with the intention of making a reach for the door but he grabbed me by the waist and pushed me up against the wall, knocking the breath out of me.

"Gotcha " He rasped and held my hands above my head with a wicked smile that spoke of many, many things to come.

"Niklaus " I struggled to be set free but he back me further up against the wall and used his knee to part my thigh.

"I told you you can't escape me " he brushed my hair to the side and whispered into my ears causing my cheek to heat up .

He added " Unless I want you to " and then let his teeth graze my earlobe causing me to shiver.

Niklaus looked into my eyes and said to me as if calling for a toast " To your birth month " he then dipped his head and began to kiss my neck and I threw back my head with a moan.

I didn't know what to feel anymore cause I was feeling a rollercoaster of emotion all at once. I gasped softly when I felt Niklaus bite my skin .

"First mark " He whispered against my skin and my toes curled up.

"Niklaus " I breathed, struggling to free my hands, I couldn't stand this whole torture without keeping my hands busy.

As if he read my mind, he freed my hands at once but grabbed my butt and hoisted me up in his arms while my legs wrapped around his waist of its own volition.

I felt him moving and the next I knew we were lying on the bed and he was continuously raining kisses down my neck.

He suddenly came to rest on that sensitive spot between my neck and shoulder, suckling it , then bit down and I found myself moaning and threading my hands through his hair.

Unable to stand this slow torture anymore, I grabbed the front of his tee-shirt and pulled him in, pressing his lips against mine.

I felt him smile against my lips as he took over while my eyes shut close. He gave me a long deep passionate kiss while running his hands down my exposed laps which the dress failed to cover.

He sucked on my bottom lips and I wrapped my legs tighter while releasing little, breathy sounds . I felt like pudding in his hands , Niklaus knows how to leave me craving for more and I was sure craving for more if he had not whispered into my ears,

"At this rate, I might get my birth month request fulfilled "

My eyes snapped open at once .

Speechless and nearly panting , I pushed against his chest trying to pull away from him all to no avail.

Then he cocked a brow and reminded me "Your legs are wrapped around my waist remember? "

Oh my God, my face burned in shame and I wished there was an ejector seat to take me out of here.

I quickly released him and he got off me and pushed himself to the other side of the bed with a mocking smile on his lips.

I covered my face in shame but Niklaus rolled towards me and said " You don't need to be shy, I like my woman being dominant in bed "

I turned and glared at him.

"Alright, don't worry. I'll be the one to warm your bed while you sit back and enjoy the ride . Is that good with you? " he teased while trying to keep a straight face.

My glare intensified

Then he gave out a hearty laugh, reached out and snuggled against me, putting an arm around my waist.

"Ahh that reminds me, we have a charity gala to attend tomorrow "

Chapter 80 - Eighty : The Promotion

Maya's POV

It took everything in me not to smack Niklaus on the head right now. We were going to a charity gala and he was just telling me now?!

He repeated when I didn't give him a response "The company is organizing a charity gala ball and auction that will be graced by some of the world's business leaders, celebrities, political leaders, influencers and members of the public who believes in giving back to the society .

"Although it's just an avenue to showoff wealth and splendor but the charity gala would raise funds for established foundations catering for orphans and terminally-ill children and you're coming as my date. "

" No way " I murmured under my breath but he heard it.

"No way what? "

I pulled away from him and sat up and he did the same " Why are you telling me this now?! You knew I was going to come along with you to such an important and high-class occasion and you kept mum all this time?! "

"I'm sorry, It skipped my mind moreover the preparation has been ongoing for a while, so I initially thought I was going to go with Tina. I never thought it was going to be me and you in the end " he explained and I fell silent at once.

To be honest, though Niklaus says his relationship with Tina was doomed to end someday from the very beginning but sometimes I can't help but feel that I stole him from her.

Niklaus claims it was a deal from the initial and she had full knowledge of that and gave consent but the look in Tina's eyes told me she wanted more than Niklaus gave, not to talk of the evil eye she gives me whenever she sees me with him - infact, everything is so messed-up.

The environment was suddenly awkward and I quickly came up with something to ease this tension " But the party is tomorrow and I haven't even sorted through my wardrobe yet!"

Late minutes planning was one of my worst nightmare and I was going to attend a party where every women would be dolled up and dressed in Jaw-dropping gowns.

Niklaus laughed and drew close to me " You don't need to worry about to what to wear Tigress, it has already being arranged "

Though I was impressed with his effort but it still didn't ease the anxiety completely " But I didn't get my measurement taken, you don't even know my size " I pointed out while massaging my temple.

Nik gave me that usual weird smile of his , leaned further towards me and whispered " I don't need to take measurements Maya, I already know your size with just a glance "

Suddenly, his eyes rove over my body in such a way that made me shiver and became self conscious of my body. My hands immediately flew to my chest, covering it the best I could even though I was actually fully dressed.

"What are you doing? " I asked and tried to appear stern even though my heart was threatening to jump out of my chest. The way he was staring at me made me feel completely bare before him.

A smile curved his lips "It seems your boob has been promoted from A to B "

I gazed up at Niklaus wide-eyed. You know what, I take back my word, I'm going to smack Niklaus on the head till I knock some sense into him.

My hand moved towards him but he grabbed it saying " Oi miss Tigress, are you a gangster? why are you always hitting me at the slightest provocation "

I released a smile that didn't quite reach my eyes " How comforting, you can even tell you provoked me. Fine, the other times I can apologize but this time, someone needs to slap some sense into you " My other hand moved but he grabbed it as well and then pinned the both above my head with a hand.

OK, that was officially a stupid move and epic failure.

His intense gaze moved over my body once again and my throat dried up " If I'm correct then, you're currently a 32 B cup size "

I stared at him dumbfounded, how did this guy know this cause I'm sure I did not shove my bra label in his face and how could he be so blatant about it ?

"Consider yourself dead once I'm free "I spoke through gritted teeth having remembered this guy was once a professional Casanova - how could he not know all the bra sizes?

But Niklaus ignored my threat and went on "How could you be so mean when I'm just congratulating you on your recent progress "

Amid my glaring, his face scrunched up tight in concentration "Though I'm wondering what caused this tremendous progress "

He glanced up at me with a lewd smile and I could tell I was not going to be pleased with whatever he's about to say.

Niklaus wriggled his brow suggestively " Could it be as a result of the recent fondling " he added a wink.

Now, I'm done being nice.

I don't know what strength came over me and I quickly freed my hands , rolled him onto his back and straddled his hips. But just as I was about to exact my revenge on him , Niklaus made a statement that made me froze.

"Wrong move " he murmured, then shut his eyes with a groan saying " Move against that again and I won't care anymore, we would go straight into baby making "

I looked down, saw his swelling member and got to my feet at once with a startled scream - revenge forgotten.

Niklaus lay on the bed, chest heaving and cheeks flushed - talk of cheeks - mine was burning.

" A-are you okay? " I finally found the voice to ask when the swell of his pants kept rising. Did I do this?

"I would be once this calms down " he said, boldly pointing to his below.

I scratched the back of my neck, why was I feeling guilty ? it was all his fault, he was the one who started this ; he seduced me first!

" W-what can I do to help? "

His face lit up like Christmas " You want to help me? " but then the lewd smile graced his face again.

"On second thought, the cold shower is available. Make yourself comfortable " I said and escaped out of my own room .