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Although he didn't finish his sentence, Olivia already knew what he would say—otherwise, he would definitely not show any mercy!

She gazed into his eyes and smiled warmly. He would shower her with loads of love and security so that no matter what happened, she knew clearly that he would stand by her side without hesitation!

North stared at the computer screen in the bedroom as his tiny hands flew across the keyboard at lightning speed.

Today, he finally accepted that particular request, and it was special because the ones making the request were three six-year-olds, and they wanted him to cover their tracks so that they wouldn't be followed until they reached Criccia.

In fact, he had seen this request a long time ago, and after he found out that they were three children, he was worried it would be horrible if an accident happened along the way without any adults with them. So, he didn't accept the job.

Today, they sent the request to him again. Only then did he find out that they didn't give up even after he had turned down their request. In contrast, they had strayed further away. Departing from Mastar simultaneously, one was now at Halentis, another at Scanlivia, and one more had ended up on Promise Island after hopping onto a cruise. All of them were now scattered across the globe.

Furthermore, he had really met the child at Promise Island before—the one who was drawing on the island, and he didn't expect that they would actually meet up in real life.

While he was shocked, he also started to worry. Hence, he asked around tentatively to find out why they came to Criccia.

According to them, their mother had passed away, and they had escaped the clutches of a bad guy. So they wanted to look for their father in Criccia but were worried that the bad guy would find them. So when they heard how amazing Wily Rabbit was, they went to Will-o'-Wisp to look for him.

After he heard their tale, he pitied them because he could deeply sympathize with fatherless children longing for their father's love.

In addition, rather than letting them wander around aimlessly, he might as well help them out. At least, if they run into criminals, he could hear about it as soon as possible.

Therefore, he accepted this request and didn't charge them anything because he wanted to help them.

Initially, he wanted to ask them if they needed money. What were they living on, and how was their living situation? After all, they were children and probably couldn't use any kind of transportation without an adult.

As it turned out, after more questioning, he realized that he was overthinking. All the children had the capabilities to earn money, and their identities were incredible. So, finding an adult companion was a piece of cake for them.

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"I'll give Godmother a call right now," North threatened coldly.

Nathan instantly stopped his teasing and became serious. "If she knows that I'm here, she won't come over at all."

North frowned as he regarded him. "What happened between the both of you?"

Nathan sighed with feeling as he briefly summarized the incident. "Earlier in my car, I found a tiny listening bug under my driver's seat. Someone planned this."

"You're saying that Melanie did so much to draw a wedge between you and Godmother?" North asked.

"Yes," he answered.

"Is she that dumb?" North questioned. "What good will it do her by spending so much effort to draw a wedge between you? Will she get to be with you?"

Nathan spat spitefully, "She can dream on!"

North continued asking sweetly and innocently, "Exactly. If she knows that she can't be with you?"

"That woman is crazy. Who knows what goes on in her head?" Nathan argued.

Right after, a man's voice echoed from the door. "Even if she's crazy, she's not an idiot. Knowing that you won't let her off, she still did it. That shows that it's not purely for revenge. It may also be for money."

"Are you saying that someone is instructing her behind the scenes?" Nathan asked in surprise, looking at Eugene.

"Olivia already told you it is a coordinated crime, but you didn't listen to her."

It wasn't that he didn't listen. He just didn't know who else had the motive to bear a grudge against him besides Melanie.

Eugene said in resignation. "Alright, let North help you to investigate. Unfortunately, that brain of yours isn't as bright as my son's."

"Uncle Eugene, I'm already lost and bewildered. Don't give me another hit now because I may break down any time."

Eugene gave him an icy side-eye as he retorted, "What? Are you blaming this on me?"

An aggrieved Nathan could only sulk as he changed the topic, "Anyway, as long as I've not patched things up with Kate, I'll come over every day to harass all of you. That will definitely waste a lot of sweet time between you and Olivia. So, you have to help me."

Frozen on the spot, Eugene stared at him in bewilderment and thought, Rascal, the nerve of him to threaten me now! Should I chase him out so I can have peace of mind, or should I settle it once and for all for him so there will be no more trouble?

After he contemplated the matter for a few minutes, he decided not to throw him out just because Nathan was still his nephew.

Nathan trotted after Eugene shamelessly. "Uncle Eugene, do you have any idea what to do?"

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"Get someone to keep an eye on the people he's in contact with. It will be best to put up a show to lure out the person behind the scenes so they will show up by themselves."

"How do I get about doing that?" Nathan inquired.

"This person's motive is none other than to cause you and Katie to break up, but Melanie isn't the only one. So, she must have someone manipulating the strings in the dark. What you need to do is draw the snake out of its hole."

"What do you think is on their minds? What's the benefit if I break up with Katie? Am I going to date them instead?"

Olivia pouted her lips. "I don't think that's entirely impossible. You used to have a new girlfriend every month in the past!"

Nathan was rendered mute as he thought, This label is staying with me forever, huh?

"Did you pick up another girl again?"

"No, I swear. Recently, I've been so busy coaxing Katie that I don't even have the energy to pick up other girls!"

"So, you're only not flirting because you don't have the time?" Olivia said nonchalantly.

He helplessly defended himself, although he felt he couldn't explain this no matter how much he tried as he said in exasperation, "I mean, I didn't pick up any girls. Can you understand the main point?"

In a severe tone, Eugene chided, "Watch your tone when you speak to your aunt-in-law."

Olivia leaned into Eugene's embrace as she wore a provocative expression. "Exactly! He has no manners!"

My buddy is now my aunt-in-law. This escalated far too quickly! Nathan lamented silently, dumbfounded.

With her head tilted toward Eugene, Olivia said snobbishly, "We should just throw him out!"

Eugene nodded in agreement. "My thoughts exactly."

Nathan was so shocked that he clutched the couch desperately and cried out in an exaggerated manner, "Oh no, please don't! I was wrong, Aunt Olivia. I shouldn't have talked back to you."

He did not doubt that his uncle, who doted on his wife unconditionally, would do as she wanted regardless if she was in the right or not!

Olivia and Eugene exchanged glances before collectively bursting out in laughter. Fortunately, North had finally left his room at this time.

North poured himself a glass of water and finished most of it before saying, "Melanie is on a car to Worthersby."

Nathan asked in astonishment, "She's no longer in Summer City?"

"Yeah." North picked up an apple on the counter and started biting into it. "What do you think? Would you like to keep looking for her?"

"Yes! I'll find her even if she's at the end of the world," he hissed through gritted teeth.

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Actually, she had been so mad for the past few days and had given Nathan a terrible scolding at home.

Still, she couldn't deny that he broke her heart, even when she left with so much grace during the breakup, like a bold and fearless woman who could call it quits anytime.

Despite that, he kept occupying her mind; it was utterly frustrating that his presence wouldn't leave her alone after she had dumped him.

Although she had made a rash promise to try dating Jasper, she still had to honor her word, or it wouldn't be unfair to him.

Recently, she would always show up whenever he asked her out, giving him and herself a chance. As he was such a fantastic person, maybe she would fall for him after giving their relationship a try.

Every day, that was how she would hypnotize herself, but a date that was supposed to be romantic and heartwarming turned into a tormenting experience that she resisted from the bottom of her heart.

And the man who made her this way actually had the cheek to go to Olivia so she could put in a good word for him.

"He has no shame at all, telling all this nonsense to you!"

Olivia sighed helplessly as she soothed Kate, "Alright, don't be sad anymore. Actually, Nathan didn't contact Melanie. I'm afraid both of you have been set up by someone."

"Don't listen to the bullsh*t coming out of his mouth. All day, he's just spouting nonsense. If I trust him again, I'll take his last name!"

Her remark made Olivia chuckle. "Looks like you'll really have to take his last name then, Mrs. Baker!"

"I'll ignore you if you keep speaking up for him!"

"I'm not speaking up for him but telling you a fact. Someone installed a bug in his car and had eavesdropped on all your conversation. That's why someone sent that text at that time, and you happened to see it."

Kate was silent for a few seconds when she heard that piece of information. "Are you telling the truth?"

"Will I lie to you? Hang on," Olivia said, sending a picture to her on the messaging app. That was the picture Nathan took of the bug under his car seat. "This is the bug he discovered in his car. So, someone purposely instigated the break-up between you."

The moment she saw the picture, she didn't waste any time asking, "Is it Melanie Hopper?"

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"That's only my suspicion. You have to pay more attention to it yourself."

"That can't be. We randomly found a restaurant yesterday, and he didn't purposely plan it. Furthermore, he's an especially considerate guy. That day, I was so mad that I struck Nathan with my heels and got into his car without shoes. The first thing he did was take me to a mall to buy socks and shoes, and he even cleaned my feet for me. I think not even my mom would do something like this. How can such a gentle and attentive person like him be so manipulative?"

"For such a meticulous man, will he randomly pick a restaurant?" Olivia pointed out directly.

Kate was silent. That's right. For a person like him who has a plan for everything, how could he randomly pick a restaurant?

"I was the one who asked to go to a random restaurant, but maybe he had eaten in that place before. The food in that restaurant is rather tasty, actually."

"Well, this is only my suspicion. If it's not him, then there's most probably someone who was following both of you," Olivia added.

"It looks like a puppet master is pulling the strings in the dark!" Kate muttered to herself.

"Seeing how you're defending Jasper, I feel kinda consoled. Do you have feelings for him already?"

"Actually, he's a really nice guy."

"So, you're going to friend zone him?"

Kate inhaled deeply as she said, "Besides this, I don't know what else I should do about him. Recently, I've been trying my best to treat him as my boyfriend, but I realize that I really can't do it, and I even feel awkward when he holds my hand!"

"Don't do it if you can't. Whether it's Nathan or Jasper, nobody should dictate your actions. You should just do as your heart wants!" Olivia said.

"I feel much better after chatting with you. I've been feeling horrible recently," Olivia replied.

"Why didn't you tell me when you're feeling so terrible? Aren't you just forcing me to switch sides?"

"That's because I'm afraid Eugene will come and get even with me," Kate said with a chuckle.

"What gives him the right to do that?"

"Well, you're his girlfriend."

"First, I'm myself before I'm his girlfriend. He doesn't have the right to ask me not to be myself. Do you get it?"

"You're amazing, Olivia Maxwell!" Kate complimented, laughing.

The court proceedings started three days later, and just as Evan and Mandy expected, even if Eugene wiped away the incident of Ellen's death, the fact remains that Lara had a motive for harming Ellen in addition to defamation, premeditated murder, poisoning, and other charges. Even if Penny had hired the best attorneys for Lara, she was still sentenced to eleven years and six months of jail time.

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"I'm fine. Olivia has cured me. What about you? I heard from Rocky that you have lost the ability to walk!"

"It's all good now. An unconventional doctor cured me!" Ellen said.

Eugene couldn't help but laugh. "Let's continue our conversation inside!"

"That's right. Oh, look at me forgetting my manners. Here, let me push you!" she added as she took over Connor's responsibility to push Merlin into the living room.

Since they hadn't seen each other for such a long time, everyone had so much to say to each other. But, of course, Ellen knew that she could live till this day because Merlin was helping her in the dark, and she had no words to express how thankful she was to him

On the other hand, Merlin also knew about all the things his foolish son had done, and no matter how much he did, he couldn't make up for what the Nolan Family owed her.

I suppose the court proceeding today can be considered a delayed gratification for the victim, Merlin thought.

Everyone gathered and talked about all the significant events that took place over the years, speaking about their opinions and yearnings so much that Eugene and the other younger ones couldn't interject for a long time.

After a while, Merlin asked, "What are the sentences?"

"Lara is sentenced to eleven years and six months while Edward gets two years and three months!" Eugene answered promptly.

Merlin nodded firmly at the decision. "That's good. Ellen, don't blame me for being biased. Both of you are dear to me, and I really can't choose!"

"Dad, you don't have to say this because I understand. Right after I walked out of the courthouse, you were the first thing on my mind because I was worried that you'd get the wrong idea. Not to mention that you risked so much danger to save me, just because Eugene has been safe and sound for so many years. I already know that you're the one protecting him in the dark. So I'm full of gratitude to you just for this fact alone," Ellen said.

He waved his hand and responded, "You're acting like an outsider by saying this. Rocky is my grandson as well, and this is my responsibility as his grandfather. Don't overthink this matter. Even though both of them were scot-free for a few years, they couldn't escape the judgment of the law in the end. After this, you can return with your head held high."

"I'm already used to my life over there," she answered with a laugh. "There will be many things I can't get used to if I move here. Dad, would you like to spend your retirement on the island with me? Olivia says that the island has a comfortable temperature suitable for retirement!"

Merlin laughed heartily but rejected her offer, "I'm not going." Then, his voice turned croaky as his hand rubbed the rough back of his other palm, and he scanned around with a nostalgic look in his eyes. "I've been living here for decades, and I can't bear to leave this place because whenever I look around, I see your mother's shadow."

Chapter 747

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Elation washed over Ellen's face, and she grabbed Jewel as she exclaimed in shock, "You're able to speak now?!"

While she spoke, she continued gesturing in sign language, "Yes, a little."

Ellen chuckled again and hugged her tightly. "That's great! This is wonderful news. Take your time, as long as you can speak; all that's left is to practice," she said and turned to Olivia. "You're so amazing."

Eugene's eyes were filled with gratitude as he gazed at Olivia. "Yeah, she's amazing."

Olivia chuckled as she replied, "This is a result of Jewel's efforts. You guys have no idea how hardworking she is, practicing with a book daily."

"Don't rush and take your time. If you overextend yourself, you'll have more to lose than to gain."

"I got it!" Jewel answered slowly.

They took their seats, and Eugene went into the kitchen to prepare food, but Alex felt awkward eating ready-made food. Nevertheless, even though he didn't know how to cook, he had a commendable attitude as he followed Eugene into the kitchen.

At first, Olivia wanted to help them out, but knowing that she hadn't fully recovered, Eugene didn't allow her and suggested she keep Ellen company alongside Jewel.

Unfortunately, Ellen was engrossed in a game of chess with North, and the atmosphere was so harmonious that the girls would disrupt her if they started chatting with her. Hence, Jewel dragged Olivia into a room instead.

Once they were in a private room, she cast an anxious look at Olivia as she asked, using sign language, 'How are you? Why didn't I know that you're injured?'

Olivia didn't breathe a word about her accident this time to Jewel because she didn't meet her in person, and the other reason was she didn't want her to worry.

"It's fine. Look, you can't even tell that I was injured."

Jewel continued in sign, 'I heard from Alex that it was Nicole's doing?'

"Yeah," Olivia muttered and briefly told her what happened. "Everything is fine now. But, at that time, I truly thought that I won't make it back alive."

Jewel's face turned dark. 'That woman is seeking death!'

"Eugene already taught her a lesson, so this incident is over," Olivia said.

Jewel pouted. 'I didn't like her that much when I met her at Promise Island that day. Just one look and I could tell she's an experienced manipulator.'

Chapter 748

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Meanwhile, Alex was also worried because his bodyguard, Jewel, was too responsible.

Usually, she wouldn't allow him to drop her home, let alone let him into her house. She was so uptight. Nevertheless, he had to admit that if it were another woman, she would have tried her best to get into his good books and earned herself a promotion by now.

After he ensured that the kitchen door was tightly shut, he sought advice from Eugene.

The strategy he was currently using—taking a step back and befriending Olivia as a method to bring their relationship to the next level—not only repaired their relationship, she even willingly stayed by his side. Because of this, he was beginning to doubt himself; a longtime bachelor actually had better ideas than a Casanova like himself, who literally lived and breathed seduction.

Eugene gave him the side-eye as he mocked, "It's only been a few days with her, and you already want to go to the next base with her?"

"I'm not planning to move on to the next base with her. I just don't know how to get along with her," Alex explained.

Eugene scrutinized him and said with a straight face, "She doesn't like to be indebted to others, so just let her owe you all the time. Do you know what is the hardest debt to repay?"

"What?" he asked.

With his eyes fixed on him, Eugene gave him a thoughtful smirk. "A true heart."

As though he understood what he meant, Alex nodded. "But my heart is true."

"Can she feel it, then?" Eugene asked.

"Like hell, she can. She's as polite to me as a stranger," he complained.

Eugene patted Alex's shoulder consolingly and said, "Okay, prepare the vegetables. This will keep your mind occupied for days."

A helpless sigh escaped Alex's mouth, and he asked while rinsing the vegetables, "That's right, what's up with Nicole? Hayden told me that you beat her."

A ruthless look flashed over his face. "She's asking for it. Not only did she have the nerves to kill Olivia, she even tried to frame Penny for it."

"Really? Do you have any hard evidence that proves that she did it?" Alex asked.

Eugene glared at him icily. "If I have any solid evidence, do you think she would still be alive?"

His words tickled Alex. "That's true. By the way, you should stop now. According to Hayden, she's doing terribly. She lost a chunk of her hair, and her neck was completely swollen. Yet, she's so

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As Olivia returned the hug, she looked at him and teased, "How are you coping with your new responsibility as a chef?"

Eugene knew that she was teasing him, so he rubbed his forehead against Olivia's affectionately, "Adapting quite well. Though I have to say, there is one part that I can't seem to adapt..."

Olivia frowned slightly when she heard that. "What part?" That was when Eugene looked at her and smiled ambiguously, and Olivia instantly got the hint. She was rendered speechless at his dirty thoughts, and her intuition told her that the man wanted to tease her again.

Her intuition was accurate because she heard him continue, "I've been wanting to get intimate with you but haven't been able to, so I've been enduring a lot."

She smirked. "Surprise, surprise. When do you ever care about what others think?"

"Well, I don't care about others, but I still have to restrain myself in front of my mother and son. What if that little rascal learns from me?"

She laughed at what Eugene said. "You're right. Let go of me quickly. Otherwise, our son will see us."

When he heard that, not only did he not let her loose, he even tightened his hug on purpose. "Don't you think that this is a great opportunity our son has given us since he's already returned to his room?"

She was simultaneously annoyed and amused at his reply and pouted playfully while pushing him lightly. "You're quite smooth, aren't you?"

"Why don't I go to your room?" He seized that opportunity to ask her as the atmosphere was getting more heated.

"No!"

"But I want to kiss you."

"No way!"

"Just kiss, nothing else."

She suddenly laughed and snorted arrogantly. "Liar."

In that instant, he recalled that she once said all men were accustomed to lying, and he wanted to defend himself. "I swear, I'll just hug you and nothing else." But then, something flashed across his mind, and he could not help but laugh as he continued saying, "Okay, fine. I admit that I want something else, but I'll never force you if you don't consent to it!"

She gave him a coquettish glare as she replied, "You're not allowed to have any dirty thoughts."

To which he replied, "I can control my actions, but I can't control my mind, especially when I'm beside you. What you're asking violates human nature. It's akin to you prohibiting cats from eating catnip, but you can't force cats to forget about catnip."

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He felt that his brain was about to explode; they had kissed many times, but he was always the one who took the initiative every time. This was the first time that she initiated something, and he absolutely

loved it that he was almost rendered useless—his heart was beating uncontrollably and rampaging like a bull. But then, as he felt her two soft lips kissing him and patiently waited for further actions... Alas, there was no other movement!

Even though she was inexperienced in kissing, Eugene was enchanted. He could hardly control his strength when he clasped the back of her head with his big palm and immediately reversed the role from the one being kissed to the kisser by kissing her passionately. All she could think of was that he was asserting too much strength when kissing and that her lips were numb from his kisses. But evidently, he did not believe it was enough, even though he hugged her so tightly that there was no more space between them. He knew he wanted and needed more than this. He wanted it all.

He wanted her to belong to him, from her body to her heart. Olivia stopped him as his palm was about to reach underneath her clothes.

"Olivia..." he pleaded by calling her name but did not say anything other than that. So, naturally, she knew what he wanted, but... she merely kissed him to prove the point that the kissing would not do him any good as he would definitely suffer afterward.

He tried several times to touch her but to no avail, and when he finally gave up, he rested his head on Olivia's shoulder and panted heavily.

"You're trying to get me killed!"

She laughed at his complaint. "Why is that?"

Eugene looked up and glared at her with an aggrieved face. "Forget it, just kill me now, all right?"

"But... I didn't do anything!" She had an innocent look on her face.

"No, you kissed me first!"

"That's right," she said and nodded. "But that was because you wanted me to!" Eugene was rendered speechless by her reply. He could not find a way to argue against it as it was indeed his request.

"You are too difficult! Fine, then. I won't kiss you in the future." After she finished speaking, she pushed him away and was about to leave. Unfortunately, he quickly stepped forward again and cornered her between him and the wall, leaving no space between them.

This time, Olivia clearly felt something near her groin, and her face instantly turned beet red. Of course, she immediately knew what that was and didn't waste any time glaring at him.

Despite being on the receiving end of such a glare, he merely asked playfully, "What's wrong?"