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Chapter 461 Emma's Loaded -

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"When I offered her my credit card, she told me she had money. I even laughed at her and said her money wasn't enough..." Abel smiled at the memory. "Who would've guessed that she was actually loaded!"

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"Of course not," Abel said. "I would've been upset if Emma had to continue making ends meet by herself for the children's sake after being chased out by the Louises five years ago. I couldn't be more thankful that the Adelmars were there for her! How could I be upset with her?"

The group found a nearby hotel to stay for the night. As soon as they settled down, Luca made a call to Sam once more. This time, she finally picked up.

"Oh no," Sam said as soon as she realized her blunder. "I got too used to calling him Benjamin that I forgot his real name. He's known as Benedict Adelmar to people on the island."

"Benedict?" Luca could not hide his surprise. "No wonder the guard said there was no one named Benjamin."

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"Emma, Emma..." he chanted her name on like a prayer on his lips. "Emma, give me the strength to find you..." He rinsed his mouth with water before swallowing a few more painkillers despite knowing that the medicine barely had any effect any longer. Feeling slightly more energized after having some rest, he changed into a fitting suit before knocking on the door of Luca's room.

"We can leave now! No time to waste," Abel announced. Luca and the four bodyguards who came along scarfed down their half-eaten meals hastily and got themselves ready in five minutes. They knew how desperate Abel was to find his wife.

"Let's get going, gentlemen," Luca informed the team of bodyguards. As they opened the door to leave the room, Janie had also appeared from her room.

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"I'm fine," Abel assured her despite his hand on his abdomen. The pain was killing him.

The entourage called for a cab and left for the manor. Ten minutes later, they were standing in front of the same copper and wood door again. This time, Luca rang the doorbell.

The same guard appeared from the guard post again. "Master has said he won't be seeing you. Please leave the premises," he repeated his words from this afternoon.

Luca turned to look at Abel helplessly. "Mr. Abel, what do we do?" he asked.

Abel was not able to answer Luca as he felt a burning sensation in his stomach. The next moment, he projectile vomited all over the gleaming marble tiles of the front porch, staining the floor red.

"Mr. Abel!" Luca exclaimed as he leaped forward to hold Abel up.

"Mr. Ryker just vomited blood!" Janie blurted out in horror. "Oh no... We should get him to a hospital immediately!"

Suddenly, the sound of tires screeching filled the air as a limited-edition Rolls Royce pulled up into the driveway. The shiny black body of the car reflected the light from the surrounding lamps, temporarily blinding the group. The car door opened, and a slender man dressed in dark clothes exited the car first before ushering another man out of the car.

Chapter 462 Waylon is Here -

14-18 minutes

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"What are you doing?!" Luca yelled.

"Take him inside," Waylon ordered. "He'll need surgery if we wait any longer." He instructed the guard to open the front doors.

"Mr. Waylon, Master Adelmar said they're not welcomed here," the guard informed him.

"This man's stomach is bleeding out. Do you really want him to die in front of our gates?" Waylon challenged, leaving the poor guard caught between a rock and a hard place.

"How do I address you?" Abel asked weakly as he looked at the man who had just stuffed needles inside him. He was a tall man with handsome features, no younger than thirty-five or six.

"I'm Waylon Adelmar," the man said. "And you must be Abel Ryker, I presume?"

"That's right," Abel managed.

"The three kids look very much like you," Waylon added. "I see where they get their good genes from."

"There's four of them actually," Abel corrected. "Emma's first child is still with me."

"So I've heard from my father... Please go inside first, Mr. Ryker. Your condition needs to be treated immediately," Waylon advised.

"Thank you, Mr. Adelmar," Abel nodded gratefully.

"You don't have to thank me," Waylon said. "I'm your brother after all. It's my father who has a bone to pick with you."

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"This was the exact reason why my father refused to see you," Waylon's expression darkened. "Let's talk about that later..."

Abel felt his heart catapulting. "Wh... what do you mean by that? Emma..."

"I can't answer you," Waylon sighed, cutting Abel off. "Let's leave it to fate."

Abel could barely hold it together any longer. He had not been eating or sleeping for the past ten days, only to hear those five brutal words from Waylon. His vision began to blur and darken as he slowly lost consciousness, passing out on the Adelmar's front porch.

"Bring him to my car," Waylon told Luca. "We're still a distance away from the main building."

"Yes, Mr. Adelmar," Luca and Janie immediately carried Abel onto Waylon's Rolls Royce, while the other four bodyguards tagged along behind closely. The cars travelled down a windy path shaded by tall trees and passed by several ornamental pavilions before arriving at a castle-like grand building two minutes later.

Waylon got off the car and hollered for Luca and Janie to carry an unconscious Abel. A woman dressed in a maid's uniform came rushing from the building to greet Waylon. She spoke in a language that neither Luca nor Janie understood.

"My father spotted your entourage from inside the building," Waylon translated the maid's message. "Why don't you bring Mr. Abel to the lounge first? I'll be with you in a moment."

"Sure, and thank you for your help," Luca replied politely.

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"Mr. Abel!" Luca immediately rushed over to Abel's side upon noticing that he had stirred. "Master Adelmar knows we're here. We're waiting in the lounge for now."

"What did he say? How's Emma?" Abel asked, still slightly dazed.

"How dare you ask that question?" a voice bellowed from the doorway as a severe looking old man appeared. Abel immediately recognized him as the old man who was at the emergency room that night.

"You're Master Adelmar?!" Abel was incredulous, jumping to his feet immediately. "Where's Emma?"

"You've got some nerve coming here demanding for things!" Robert Adelmar boomed. "I treated and loved her like a daughter. How dare you come looking for her after what you've done to her?!"

"Master Adelmar..." Abel began. "I know I don't deserve to ask for anything, but... I just want to know where she is, and how is she doing..."

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Chapter 463 Abel Refuses Treatment -

12-16 minutes

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"Your stomach ulcers are extremely severe. Your stomach is bleeding out. You'll die soon without treatment," Robert said as a matter-of-factly.

"I'm not in any position to care for myself now," Abel argued. "I have to see Emma."

"Take this medicine first," Robert insisted as he fished out a small plastic film with some brown powder inside. "Get someone to mix this into a drink for you!"

"Thank you, Master Adelmar!" Luca exclaimed as he reached his hand out to receive the medicine, but his hand was swatted away by Abel instead. Abel grabbed the medicine bag himself, opened it and poured the contents on the floor.

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"I must see her no matter what," Abel insisted, trying to stand up from the sofa. "I'm begging you!!"

"No way," Robert was as unmoving as a mountain. "You're not getting anywhere near her!"

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"Ha! I bet you heard about that from your grandfather, didn't you?" Robert's chest puffed up. "Oscar Ryker may have held a grudge against the Adelmars, but we certainly don't bear any ill will toward the Rykers. Otherwise, you wouldn't even be standing in front of me right now."

"Wh... what do you mean?" Abel did not fully understand the old man's words.

"You should ask your grandfather. I can't be bothered to explain it all to you..." Robert mused.

"Abel was silent for a moment before speaking. "If you won't allow me to see Emma, can I at least see Benjamin York?"

"Benjamin?" Robert's tone held a sharp edge. "Why would you want to meet a dead man walking?"

"Dead man walking?!" Janie gasped. "What did you do to Benjamin?"

"Deed men welking?!" Jenie gesped. "Whet did you do to Benjemin?"

"Hmph!" Robert cut Jenie e sherp glence. "Who ere you, end how dere you speek to me like thet?"

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"Then you should punish me too!" a tear fell down Abel's cheek as he spoke. "I failed to protect Emma. If you want to blame someone, I'm willing to accept any punishment you dole out!"

"Hmph! You're about to die anyway if you don't receive treatment soon. I don't need to punish you," Robert said.

Chapter 464 Reflecting on My Mistakes -

12-15 minutes

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"But how is she? Pleese, Mr. Adelmer, I'm begging you to let me see her just once," Abel begged once more.

Weylon shook his heed. "I'm efreid I cennot promise you thet."

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"Keep waiting here then!" Robert huffed. "One day, when it suits my mood, perhaps I'll think about it!"

"Master Adelmar!" Abel called out, but the old man had already stormed out of the door.

Just as Abel let out a defeated sigh, Waylon Adelmar entered the room. "Mr. Adelmar," Abel greeted although he was visibly in pain.

"My father is acting out only because of how much he is hurting. Please forgive him, Mr. Ryker," Waylon explained.

"Master Adelmar was more than gracious. I know he's hurting over Emma, and I could tell he was reigning his anger in. I would've let him beat me up willingly because this was all my fault," Abel said dejectedly.

"It's good that you understand. We're Emma's family after all," Waylon remarked.

"But how is she? Please, Mr. Adelmar, I'm begging you to let me see her just once," Abel begged once more.

Waylon shook his head. "I'm afraid I cannot promise you that."

"Mr. Adelmar, what about Benjamin? Can we see him instead?" Janie tried her luck.

Waylon contemplated her request for a moment before finally nodding. "Follow me," he said, before leading Abel, Luca and Janie toward the east wing of the manor. They walked through the corridors of the building until they finally reached a tiny flight of stairs.

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"I won't receive treetment before I get to see Emme," Abel seid with strong determinetion in his voice. "You don't heve to persuede me eny further."

"Alright then ... " Weylon turned to leeve.

Abel's group rushed up the steirs end reeched e wooden door with intricete cervings of roses end twines. Jenie knocked on the door severel times.

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"Alright then..." Waylon turned to leave.

Abel's group rushed up the stairs and reached a wooden door with intricate carvings of roses and twines. Janie knocked on the door several times.

"Mr. Benjamin... Mr. Benjamin, are you in there?" she asked out loud, but there was no response. Luca was about to reach for the heavy wooden doorknob when the door creaked and opened on its own. Upon entering the room, they found Benjamin right there, dressed in a black silk shirt and black pants, looking like he had lost ten pounds in a short amount of time.

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"Abel, how did you find your wey here?" Benjemin esked in return.

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"Ms. Louise isn't here," Benjemin confirmed. "This is where I'm supposed to be reflecting on my mistekes. Why would she be here?"

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"She's not on this island. Master Adelmar sent her to another island..." Benjamin explained.

"What?" Abel's heart raced as he processed this information. "Why is she ...?"

Chapter 465 Love is Not Everything -

13-16 minutes

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"Didn't you just sey love isn't everything? Don't be e hypocrite, Benjemin! Cen you reelly let Emme go?" Abel chided.

Fet teers streemed down Benjemin's fece es he choked out, "I cen't!"

Jenie felt her heert sink es Benjemin confirmed her worst feer. His heert only hed spece for Emmeline despite heving slept with her. He wes only trying to do the responsible thing es e men, but he wes uneble to give her whet she wented – true feelings. Still, Jenie refused to give up. She rushed over to Benjemin end embreced him.

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"Emma..." Abel stumbled forward on shaky legs.

Luca immediately stepped forward to support him. "Calm down, Mr. Abel..."

"Abel, you don't look too good. Are you unwell?" Benjamin asked out of concern.

"My gastroenteritis has worsened," Abel's face scrunched up in pain. "But I won't die so easily. At least, not yet..."

"What do you mean?" Benjamin frowned. "You're Mr. Abel Ryker, the devil from hell himself! How can you be so weak and pathetic?!"

"I'll be fine as long as Emma is fine," Abel chuckled bitterly. "If anything happens to her, I..."

Benjamin interrupted Abel before he could finish his sentence. "Don't forget your four children! Love isn't everything, Abel!" Benjamin snapped at him.

"What about you then, huh?" Abel challenged. "Benjamin... No, Benedict, what would you do if anything happens to Emma?"

"I..." Benjamin looked down at his feet, unable to answer Abel.

"Didn't you just say love isn't everything? Don't be a hypocrite, Benjamin! Can you really let Emma go?" Abel chided.

Fat tears streamed down Benjamin's face as he choked out, "I can't!"

Janie felt her heart sink as Benjamin confirmed her worst fear. His heart only had space for Emmeline despite having slept with her. He was only trying to do the responsible thing as a man, but he was unable to give her what she wanted – true feelings. Still, Janie refused to give up. She rushed over to Benjamin and embraced him.

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"Silly," Benjemin comforted her, stroking her beck. "I'm not seying I'll leeve you. I've elreedy promised you merriege, but I cen't give you love. Do you understend how I feel now?"

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The group left the room, with Luce helping Abel end Jenie holding onto Benjemin. Luce preyed to eny higher power thet wes listening to help Mr. Abel end bring Ms. Emme beck sefely.

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The group left the room, with Luca helping Abel and Janie holding onto Benjamin. Luca prayed to any higher power that was listening to help Mr. Abel and bring Ms. Emma back safely.

As if remembering something, Janie looked up at Benjamin. "So your name is Benedict Adelmar? You're one of them?"

"I was adopted by Master Adelmar," Benjamin explained. "York was my original family name, but all of the children that he took in will change their last name to Adelmar. We're not his real children, but we do serve the family in whatever capacity we can."

"Benjamin, which island is Emma on? Can you take me there?" Abel asked.

Benjamin considered Abel's request for a moment before nodding softly. "Return to your guest rooms for now and come back here at nine. I'll bring you to Emma."

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"Mr. Abel, the boys and I won't be joining for dinner. Why don't you and Janie go ahead?" Luca suggested.

"Mr. Waylon has already made dining arrangements for everyone. He would insist for everyone to join," the maid explained. Luca and the bodyguards had no choice but to join in for dinner as well.

The group made their way to the lavish dining hall, where dinner was already served neatly on the table. Waylon Adelmar sat at the head of the table waiting for his guests. His eyes lit up when he spotted Abel.

"Mr. Ryker! Please have a seat," Waylon greeted politely.

"Just call me Abel," Abel insisted. "As you said, we're not exactly strangers."

"Mhmm," Waylon nodded. "Emma is my father's only disciple and my only sister, so you're rightfully my brother-in-law."

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Chapter 466 Finding Emma -

15-19 minutes

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"You just need to take some of that medicine my father offered," Waylon said. "It helps to reduce the ulcer inflammation."

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"You don't trust my father?" Waylon raised an eyebrow.

"Of course not! On the contrary, I'm very impressed with his medical knowledge," Abel clarified.

"Then what are you smiling about?" Waylon wondered.

"I just don't see the point of getting treated if I don't even know how Emma is doing," Abel looked visibly saddened.

"If she died, would you lose the will to live as well?" Waylon frowned.

Abel did not answer Waylon immediately. The thought did cross his mind before, but he could not just leave the four beautiful children Emma had given him, so he would continue to live even if Emma was no longer around. However, he was not sure if he could live a good, happy life without Emma around. It was his cross to bear because no one else would understand the pain of losing the woman he loved. It was as if Waylon silently understood what Abel was thinking just from Abel's expression, so he merely sighed and did not press any further. After dinner, Abel and his entourage returned to their respective guest rooms as everybody patiently waited for nightfall. At 9pm sharp, Abel, Luca and Janie made their way to the little room in the east wing, where Benjamin sentenced himself to isolation to make up for his mistakes.

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"Don't worry, I sent Abel to you this afternoon precisely because I knew you'd be persuaded to take them to Emma. I'm coming with you," Waylon revealed.

"Waylon, I cannot begin to thank you enough," Abel said as he grabbed Waylon's hand into a firm handshake.

"No worries, I'd feel better if I tagged along too since you guys may not know how to handle Emma in her immobile state," Waylon added.

Abel felt a piercing sensation through his heart as soon as he heard Waylon. What in the world happened to his dear Emma? He was both anxious and terrified to find out.

The five of them left the manor in two cars and headed in the direction of the pier. They boarded a luxury superyacht that took them toward another nearby island that was rather similar to Dawn Island. Despite it being midnight, the island city was still lit up by bright lights and colorful LED billboards. It was no surprise to Abel since Sam had explained to them that this was just another of the Adelmar family's many islands. Half an hour later, the group arrived in front of a large, imposing hospital.

"Is Emma is this hospital?" Abel asked.

Abel nodded slowly. "The hospitals on Dawn Island are older and less well equipped. This hospital has world-class facilities to ensure the best care for Emma."

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The vehicle ferrying the group entered the hospital compound but did not stop at the main building. Instead, they were driven to a standalone block that looked more like a hotel resort. Abel knew that Emma was likely inside that building. He felt his blood rush at the thought of being able to be close to Emma once again.

A few ladies in the same maid's uniform as those at the Adelmar manor greeted Waylon and his contingent as the car parked in front of the building. Once again, they whispered something to Waylon in a language that Abel did not understand.

"They're surprised that I'm here at this time," Waylon explained. "I was just here this morning."

"Where's Emma?" Abel asked directly. He could not wait any longer.

"Follow me," Waylon said as he led the group into the building.

Abel felt his heart racing like a horse. He was about to find out what exactly happened to Emma. My dear Emma... I'm almost there... Wait for me...

The ground floor of the building was a beautifully decorated lounge, but Waylon brought them up a flight of stairs to the second floor. A few doctors and nurses walked past them, and Waylon always made it a point to acknowledge them politely. Finally, Waylon stopped in his tracks as they arrived in front of a European-style door painted in cream.

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Chapter 467 No Guarantees -

13-17 minutes

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"This is usuelly where I spend some time with Emme. My fether spends helf his deys here es well," Weylon informed Abel.

"I went to see her," Abel urged. "Is she in there?"

Benjemin welked to the door end opened it, motioning for Abel to step inside first. Abel immedietely found Emme lying unconscious on e white king-sized bed covered in pristine white sheets. She wes completely still end silent, elmost like e wex figure. Abel froze in disbelief. Wes his Emme... deed?

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The room was a tastefully decorated waiting lounge, filled with warm lights and the scent of fresh flowers. There were two maids in the room who immediately greeted Waylon with a polite bow. Beyond the lounge was another door.

"You may leave the room. I have some guests," Waylon instructed the maids.

Abel glanced intently at the door, wondering if Emma was beyond those doors.

"This is usually where I spend some time with Emma. My father spends half his days here as well," Waylon informed Abel.

"I want to see her," Abel urged. "Is she in there?"

Benjamin walked to the door and opened it, motioning for Abel to step inside first. Abel immediately found Emma lying unconscious on a white king-sized bed covered in pristine white sheets. She was completely still and silent, almost like a wax figure. Abel froze in disbelief. Was his Emma... dead?

"Emma!" Abel called out as he tried to lurch forward, but Waylon held him back with a firm grip on his arm. Abel tried to wrestle himself out, but Waylon only tightened his grip.

"Please, Waylon, let me see her..." Abel pleaded.

"You can see her by all means, or else I wouldn't have brought you here, but you cannot touch her!" Waylon said authoritatively.

"What... why?" Abel asked in surprise. Only God knew how long he had dreamed of the day where he could hold Emma in his arms once again. He would never let her go ever again.

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"No," Abel shook his head. "I'm not going anywhere. I'm staying here with Emma until she wakes up!" Abel insisted.

"Emma might not win this battle in the end," Waylon emphasized again. "There's no point for you to be here, and who knows how long this process will take?"

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"Don't forget that you need to be treated urgently too, or your stomach will bleed out anytime soon..." Waylon reminded him.

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"I really cannot win against you," Waylon sighed, realizing there was no changing Abel's mind. "Fine, you can stay here for the next few days. The facilities here are free for to use. Just call a doctor or nurse if you need anything."

"Thank you, Waylon. I really appreciate this," Abel thanked him.

"Waylon, I'd like to stay here too," Benjamin said suddenly. "Could you please persuade Master Adelmar on my behalf?"

Chapter 468 I'm Waiting Right Here for You -

14-17 minutes

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"It's good that you know that," Waylon said as he gave Benjamin a gentle pat on the back. "Stay here with Abel for the next few days then. You may continue with your reflection when you return home."

"Thank you, Waylon," Benjamin nodded somberly.

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"Could you guys leave us for a little while? I want to spend some time alone with Emma," Abel said out loud.

Benjamin looked like he was about to argue otherwise, but Janie held him back. "Let them have a momen alone," she whispered to Benjamin before tugging on his arm. Reluctantly, he followed Janie out of the room. Luca, who was the last to leave, closed the door, leaving Abel in the room alone with Emma. He brought a chair close to Emma's bed and sat down as he observed Emma's delicate features that decorated her dainty face.

"Emma, I'm begging you. You have to overcome this... You have to get better... I'm waiting right here for you," Abel said forlornly. "It's our wedding anniversary in less than a month. I'm still eagerly waiting for you to be my bride officially and for us to spend the night together. The children need you too. How will they be happy without you? Em..." Abel carefully placed her tiny lifeless hand in his. He would have thought that she was dead if not for her body warmth and the softness of her skin.

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Luca jumped up from his seat rather emotionally. "Mr. Abel, you... want to eat something?" he asked to confirm.

"Yes," Abel nodded. "I need to have energy to watch over Emma."

"Yes, yes, you're absolutely right, Mr. Abel!" Luca was pleasantly surprised. "It would be a disaster if Ms. Emma wakes up only to watch you pass out!"

"There's a kitchen downstairs," Janie added. "I could cook you some soup. You might not be used to the cuisine in this part of the world."

"That works. I'll join you in the kitchen. If there's no ingredients, I can make a trip out to get some," Benjamin offered.

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Chapter 469 Lover of Life -

15-18 minutes

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"Mr. Ryker's stomech is probably bleeding profusely. Ben, cell e doctor right now!" Jenie urged him. Benjemin immedietely celled the doctors through en intercom mechine.

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"Mr. Abel, are you alright?" Luca immediately went to his aid.

"Blerghhhhh..." Before he knew it, Abel had involuntarily vomited blood and soup all over the floor.

"Mr. Abel! Mr. Abel!" Luca exclaimed in shock as he rushed to sit Abel back down on the sofa.

"This is terrible. Why can't my stomach just behave?" he moaned in pain.

"I'll get a doctor. Hang in there, Mr. Abel!" Luca said before rushing out of the door.

Benjamin and Janie were chatting on the ground floor when Luca rushed in gasping for breath, shocking the both of them.

"Luca, what's wrong?" Benjamin asked, getting on his feet.

"Mr. York, please call a doctor! Mr. Abel is not doing well!" Luca breathed panickily.

Wordlessly, Benjamin and Janie immediately rushed to the room upstairs only to find Abel lying weakly on the sofa. The room was filled with the unpleasant stench of vomit that covered the floor. The entire scene shook Benjamin and Janie to their core.

"Abel! Abel, how are you feeling?" Benjamin almost yelled, but Abel was not able to answer.

"Mr. Ryker's stomach is probably bleeding profusely. Ben, call a doctor right now!" Janie urged him. Benjamin immediately called the doctors through an intercom machine.

Two minutes later, a few doctors and nurses arrived from the main hospital wing. They immediately carted Abel onto a stretcher and into an ambulance upon assessing his condition. Luca followed beside his employer the whole way.

"Janie, stay here with Emma. I'll keep an eye on Abel," Benjamin told Janie.

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"No, you need to be treeted right ewey!" Weylon refused to budge.

"Not yet!" Abel countered.

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"You know what you need? You need treatment," Waylon said flatly. "You're in critical condition right now."

"I won't die so easily," Abel argued. "I'm a lover of life, don't you know? If I receive surgery now, I won't be able to get out of the bed for weeks..."

"It's not up to you any longer," Waylon said. "I know you need Emma, but have you ever thought that Emma needs you just as much? If she was awake right now, would you want her to worry about you?"

Abel considered Waylon's words silently. It was true that he would not want Emma to worry about him, but he could not help himself.

"Waylon, please... I'm begging you... just let me watch over her!" Abel pleaded.

"No, you need to be treated right away!" Waylon refused to budge.

"Not yet!" Abel countered.

"Don't put me in a difficult position, Abel..." Waylon said directly.

Abel was silent for a moment before he spoke again. "Or why don't I take Master Adelmar's medicine?" he suggested.

"You'll still need to be treated in the hospital. Your stomach is critically inflamed and needs to be pumped to reduce the swelling," Waylon explained.

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Waylon raised his hand, sending a silver needle shooting straight toward Abel's chest, knocking him out once again.

Chapter 470 Is There Hope for Emma? -

13-17 minutes

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"Did something happen to Emma?!" Janie suddenly realized.

Luca looked at Abel worriedly. Thankfully, Abel was fully unconscious right now, or he would have gone mad if he heard the news about Emma. On the other hand, Luca wondered how Ms. Emma was doing. He crouched down into a kneeling position and said a silent prayer to protect the couple from any further suffering.

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Waylon and Benjamin rushed into Emma's room and found her surrounded by several doctors with solemn expressions on their faces. Waylon immediately grabbed Emma's wrist, but he could not feel any pulse. Did this mean... Was Emma...? He dared not finish his thoughts.

"Has Master Adelmar been notified?" he asked the doctors.

"Yes, he has," one of the doctors responded. "Is there... any hope left?"

Waylon could not answer the doctor. His eyes fogged up with tears. Was there any hope left? He wondered the same too. He could only hope that his father could give Emma a chance. He took out a few silver needles and tried a last-ditch attempt at reviving Emma.

Janie began to sob out loud, crying into Benjamin's chest. "Ben, Emma... She..."

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"Father, is there... any hope left?" Waylon asked tentatively.

"Let me see..." That was all Robert said before getting to work. The father and son worked on saving Emma from morning until late afternoon.

Benjamin was slumped outside the room, repeating the same prayer over and over again.

"Emma, I'll do anything for you as long as you live... I promise to protect you wholeheartedly and unwaveringly... Emma, please live..." he prayed and sobbed, while Janie sat by his side.

Janie could not help but feel a sense of overwhelming sadness as she saw Benjamin in such a state. Even until now, Benjamin never considered her as someone he could grow to love. His entire world was occupied by Emmeline. The man was promising some higher power that he would never leave Emma's side as long as she woke up. What about her then? Even then, Janie could not stop praying for Emma too. After all, there were other types of love apart from romantic love. There was familial love, and love among friends...

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"Not... Nothing, Mr. Abel..." Abel wanted to slap himself for almost spilling the beans.

"But I heard you mention her name! What happened to her, Luc?" Abel pressed.

"Ms. Emma... is still unconscious. That's all I was trying to say," Luca said unconvincingly. "Mr. Abel, you shouldn't go over. You need to be on bed rest right now."

"No, I need to be with Emma. She must be lonely on her own. Emma... Emma, wait for me..." he said out loud as he tried to get down from the bed, just as the door to the ward opened and Waylon strode in.

"Mr. Waylon, please talk to Mr. Abel. I can't stop him!" Luca looked at Waylon like he was his savior.

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