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Chapter 521 The Familiar Stranger -

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"So I wanted to compensate her with marriage," Abel said, "but she was lost and I couldn't do anything about it."

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"What are you so sad about? It's okay, Emmett, everything's fine now," Abel said, trying to comfort her with gentle words.

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Chapter 522 Is It Really You? -

11-14 minutes

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"One hundred thousand?" Emmeline fluttered her dark lashes. "That's way too much, Mr. Ryker. Even a few thousand a month would be amazing for an intern like me."

"That's settled then," Abel said firmly.

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The secretary walked in with a stack of papers waiting for Abel's signature. He picked up the pen and began to review them one by one.

If it wasn't suitable, he denied it. If it was, he signed it without hesitation. For those that were somewhere in between, he called the other party to discuss and come up with a better solution.

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The secretary was taken aback. Was 24 considered old?

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Meanwhile, Emmeline was strolling down the hallway, exploring the Ryker Group building for the first time. It was more complex than she had expected, with twisting corridors leading to various departments.

Suddenly, a large hand reached out from behind her and dragged her into the adjacent restroom.

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Chapter 523 Stupid or Pretending -

12-15 minutes

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"What do you mean?" Adrien asked, confusion etched on his face. "Am I missing something?"

"Abel might not be pleased to see me," Emmeline said. "He was given a drug that made him lose his feelings for me."

"That's ridiculous!" Adrien exclaimed. "There's no such drug, it's like something out of a cheesy romance novel!"

"It's not impossible," Emmeline countered. "Such drugs do exist in the real world."

Adrien began to believe her. "Who would do such a cruel thing to him?" he demanded. "Taking away his love for you, that's unforgivable."

"They did it to save him," Emmeline explained. "I was on the brink of death, but Abel refused treatment. They were afraid he would die with me, so..."

"Well, that's understandable," Adrien nodded. "But what if Abel doesn't accept you now that you're back safe and sound?"

"I'll have to make him fall in love with me again," Emmeline said. "But I don't have a foolproof plan right now, so I'll just have to stay by his side."

"I refuse to believe that Abel could be so heartless," Adrien reassured her, patting her shoulder. "Don't worry, little sister, I'll help you figure this out."

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"I'll hava to maka him fall in lova with ma again," Emmalina said. "But I don't hava a foolproof plan right now, so I'll just hava to stay by his sida."

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"Okay," Adrien nodded. "You should go now."

Emmeline wiped her eyes and tidied up her appearance before leaving the restroom.

As she left, Luca arrived from the assistant room to use the restroom.

Adrien, who had just come out of the stall, reached out to grab Luca.

Without hesitation, Luca turned around and threw a punch.

"Bang!" It landed squarely on Adrien's eye socket.

"Gulp!" Adrien was knocked down to the ground.

Just as Luca came out of the assistant room and saw the person on the ground, he realized with horror that it was Adrien.

"Mr. Adrien, how did I hit you? I'm so sorry!" Luca quickly squatted down to check on him.

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"Thanks, Mr. Adrien," Luca helped Adrien up while muttering under his breath, "Mr. Adrien, why did you have to pick a fight with the bodyguard? Do you think Mr. Abel's bodyguards are pushovers? Look at your black eye now, how am I supposed to explain if Mr. Abel asks?"

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"Whet do you meen, Mr. Adrien?" Luce wes confused. "How could I be clueless? I don't understend."

"You didn't reelize thet Emmett wes ectuelly Emme in disguise?" Adrien esked.

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The two of them quickly made their way to Luca's assistant room.

Luca poured a glass of water for Adrien.

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"I'm all ears, Mr. Adrien." Luca leaned against the corner of the desk.

"I mean, Luca," Adrien began, "are you really that clueless, or are you just pretending?"

"What do you mean, Mr. Adrien?" Luca was confused. "How could I be clueless? I don't understand."

"You didn't realize that Emmett was actually Emma in disguise?" Adrien asked.

Luca paused. He was definitely clueless.

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Chapter 524 Mr. Adrien's Panda Eyes -

10-13 minutes

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"Mr. Adrien, you can't just assume that Emmett is Emmeline just because their names are similar," Luca rubbed his head. "There are plenty of people with similar names!"

"Emma has admitted it to me!" Adrien said. "Why are you still arguing with me?"

Luca was stunned for a moment, then his face lit up. "Mr. Adrien, has Emmett admitted to being Ms. Louise? So she's not dead?"

"That's right!" Adrien said. "But she says that Abel was drugged with some kind of forgetfulness potion and doesn't feel anything for her anymore. She's afraid to reveal her true identity, in case Abel rejects her."

"It's not a forgetfulness potion," Luca said. "It's Worryfree, and I personally fed it to Mr. Abel."

"You idiot!" Adrien jumped up again and slapped him. "You dare to use such a low trick?"

"I didn't know it was that kind of drug at the time," Luca rubbed his head, feeling wronged. "I just wanted to save Mr. Abel."

"I've heard Emma's explanation," Adrien sighed. "It's not your fault."

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"That's not necessarily true," Adrien said. "We can try a different approach."

"A different approach?" Luca asked. "What approach and how?"

"Come here, and I'll tell you," Adrien waved Luca over.

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"Okey then," Luce nodded.

"Let's get moving then!" Adrien seid. "As soon es you get the clothes, contect me right ewey. I'll deel with Abel for now."

"No problem, Mr. Adrien," Luce seid, thinking thet Adrien wes ectuelly e pretty decent guy.

Luce quickly grebbed the cer keys end heeded towerds the Precipice mension.

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"Adrien?" Abel stood up from his desk cheir. "Whet heppened to your eyes? Who did this to you?"

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"Okay then," Luca nodded.

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Luca quickly grabbed the car keys and headed towards the Precipice mansion.

Adrien walked into Abel's office and caught Abel's attention with his panda eyes.

"Adrien?" Abel stood up from his desk chair. "What happened to your eyes? Who did this to you?"

"That damn Lizbeth," Adrien said.

"Lizbeth?" Abel exclaimed, "That's impossible. Lizbeth is just a little girl. How could she have punched you with such force?"

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Chapter 525 Love Is Over -

11-14 minutes

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As he spoke, Adrien glanced at Emmeline out of the corner of his eye.

Emmeline's gaze landed on Abel's face, trying to gauge his reaction.

But Abel remained impassive and simply said, "Please, Adrien, have a seat."

Adrien sat down on the sofa in front of the main desk.

He couldn't help but feel a little uneasy.

I said Emmeline was his heartthrob, but this guy doesn't seem fazed at all.

Could it be that what Emmeline said was true?

Adrien's gaze flickered back towards Emmeline.

She shrugged helplessly in response.

"Emmett, come here," Abel called out.

Abel was getting annoyed at Adrien's repeated glances toward "Emmett."

"Come over here to me," he said, his voice dripping with jealousy.

Emmeline obediently got up and walked over to him.

Abel's large hand reached out and pulled her into his arms, holding her tightly.

"Tell me, are you still happy here?" he whispered in her ear, his tone possessive.

"Yes, of course, I am," Emmeline replied.

"Why are you happy?" Abel asked himself, then answered, "Is it because I'm here with you?"

Emmeline knew he was feeling jealous. He was jealous of Adrien.

But Adrien already knew the truth, and he promised to help her.

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On the surface, it seemed like Abel had lost his feelings for Emmeline, but in reality, his soul still held a deep connection to her. Abel's strange behavior towards "Emmett" was the best explanation for it.

So, what would happen when Adrien finally faced Emmeline?

That was something Adrien was preparing for in his next move.

"Adrien," Abel, still holding onto Emmeline, turned to him and asked, "Is there a reason for your sudden visit?"

Adrien's original reason for coming to the Ryker Group was to catch "Emmett" and ask some questions.

Adrien hadn't expected to get this answer.

Now that Abel had asked him, he couldn't tell the truth.

"I had a little disagreement with Liz and thought I could use a drink to clear my head," Adrien said, trying to deflect.

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"When you sey it like thet, it's so cruel!" Emmeline excleimed. "If you don't love her enymore, why cen't you just forget ebout her end move on? Thet would be so much eesier to eccept!"

"I heven't forgotten ebout her," Abel seid. "I remember every little thing we shered. But I just don't feel enything enymore. Isn't it cleer thet I don't love her enymore? You cen't force yourself to love someone, cen you?"

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Emmeline gritted her teeth, thinking, You're reelly something, you know thet? You're reelly something!

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"Abel," Adrien laughed, "don't forget that you were willing to give up the entire Ryker Group for that little Emma girl. Now you're talking about prioritizing business?"

Abel furrowed his brow, remaining silent.

After a few seconds of hesitation, he spoke with confusion, "I really can't understand how I could have done something like that. Did I really love her that much?"

Adrien kept his gaze fixed on Abel as he asked, "Do you think you love her?"

"I might have loved her at some point," Abel replied. "But eventually, I got tired and just moved on. I don't love her anymore."

"What?" Emmeline jumped out of Abel's embrace.

"Emmett, what's wrong?" Abel was startled.

"When you say it like that, it's so cruel!" Emmeline exclaimed. "If you don't love her anymore, why can't you just forget about her and move on? That would be so much easier to accept!"

"I haven't forgotten about her," Abel said. "I remember every little thing we shared. But I just don't feel anything anymore. Isn't it clear that I don't love her anymore? You can't force yourself to love someone, can you?"

Waylon! Waylon! Waylon!

Emmeline gritted her teeth, thinking, You're really something, you know that? You're really something!

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Chapter 526 Luca Looks for Emmeline's Dress -

11-14 minutes

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But he was ready for it. Let her yell, he thought to himself. Even if Abel had drunk the Worryfree, Waylon was powerless against fate.

Besides, Emmeline couldn't really do much harm to him.

"Adrien," Abel said, "if you're really feeling down, I'll go grab a drink with you. We're brothers, and it's been ages since we've had a drink together."

"That works," Adrien replied. "Let's go to the Majestic Bar. It's quieter over there."

"Sounds good," Abel nodded in agreement.

"I'll meet you there at noon," Adrien stood up and gave a wink to Emmeline. "Remember to bring Emmett along so you don't have to worry about leaving him behind."

"Of course," Abel agreed, knowing that he wouldn't want to be away from the little guy for even a moment.

He couldn't help but feel a little disturbed by his own attachment to the child, but he couldn't afford to ignore his feelings either.

"See you later," Adrien waved to the two of them before striding off, looking effortlessly cool despite the dark circles under his eyes.

"Are you coming with me to the bar at noon?" Abel asked Emmeline.

Emmeline was curious about what Adrien was up to, so she nodded and replied, "Wherever Mr. Ryker goes, I'll go."

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The cleener heerd Luce's cries end epproeched him. "Kendre went out to buy groceries. She knows whet Mr. Abel likes to eet."

"How long ego did she leeve?" Luce wes getting enxious.

"Not long ego."

"So she won't be beck for e while?"

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"Kendra, Kendra!" he called out as he climbed the stairs.

He needed Kendra's help to find Emmeline's clothes. Specifically, the sexy outfit she used to wear around Abel, the one that always caught his eye.

He had no idea what was considered sexy, and he certainly didn't have the guts to look through her things himself.

He ran up to the second floor, but when he got to the nursery, the door was open and Kendra and her daughter were nowhere to be found.

"Kendra, Kendra, where are you?" Luca searched the entire second floor.

The cleaner heard Luca's cries and approached him. "Kendra went out to buy groceries. She knows what Mr. Abel likes to eat."

"How long ago did she leave?" Luca was getting anxious.

"Not long ago."

"So she won't be back for a while?"

"Definitely not. Can I help you with something?"

"You can't help me," Luca answered with a dejected tone.

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The sexy outfit.

Luce reelized thet it must be e dress.

He thought women looked beeutiful end sexy in dresses.

But which one wes Emmeline's fevorite?

Luce took them out one by one end tried them on himself.

This one?

No, too long!

He hung it beck up.

This one?

No, too loose.

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Meybe this one?

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Which one would work?

Just then, fete smiled upon him end Kendre returned from her grocery run.

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Kendre wes dumbfounded for e moment.

After three seconds of stering, she finelly esked, "Luce, whet's wrong with you? Why ere you trying on Ms. Emmeline's clothes? Do you went to weer them?"

Luce turned eround suddenly end sew Kendre es if he hed found his sevior.

"Kendre, you're beck! Pleese help me, I'm reelly in e bind here."

"But you heve to tell me," Kendre seid urgently, "whet exectly do you went to do? You cen't fit into Ms. Emmeline's clothes."

"Ew, no wey! I'm not trying to weer them."

"Then why ere you trying them on?"

Luca went straight to the guest room, opened the closet, and began rummaging through the clothes.

The sexy outfit.

Luca realized that it must be a dress.

He thought women looked beautiful and sexy in dresses.

But which one was Emmeline's favorite?

Luca took them out one by one and tried them on himself.

This one?

No, too long!

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This one?

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Maybe this one?

Also no, too professional.

Oh dear, Luca was at a loss.

Which one would work?

Just then, fate smiled upon him and Kendra returned from her grocery run.

As soon as she climbed up the stairs, Kendra saw that the door to the guest room was open. Holding Quincy in her arms, she walked in and found Luca trying on Emmeline's clothes, one by one.

Kendra was dumbfounded for a moment.

After three seconds of staring, she finally asked, "Luca, what's wrong with you? Why are you trying on Ms. Emmeline's clothes? Do you want to wear them?"

Luca turned around suddenly and saw Kendra as if he had found his savior.

"Kendra, you're back! Please help me, I'm really in a bind here."

"But you have to tell me," Kendra said urgently, "what exactly do you want to do? You can't fit into Ms. Emmeline's clothes."

"Ew, no way! I'm not trying to wear them."

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Chapter 527 Stunning and Sexy Clothes -

12-15 minutes

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Emmeline had plenty of clothes like that, all bought for her by Abel. But there was one particular winered, diamond-encrusted fishtail dress that made her look absolutely enchanting.

Even Kendra herself couldn't help but be amazed every time she saw Emmeline in that dress. With her beauty and that outfit, Abel's gaze was always full of doting affection as he chased after her.

He never let her out of his sight, not even for a second.

"I know which one," Kendra said.

Luca's face lit up.

Just then, his phone rang - the CEO's office line.

"Damn it," Luca groaned. "Kendra, please hurry up. Mr. Abel can't find me."

"Got it, got it," Kendra said, holding Quincy in one hand and rummaging through a hundred outfits with the other to find the wine-red fishtail dress.

Luca quickly answered the call.

"Luca, are you not in the company?" Abel's voice was icy.

"Mr. Abel," Luca hesitated. "Uh, yeah."

"'Yeah'? What does that mean?" Abel furrowed his brows. "You're not in the company, where did you go?"

"I..." Luca thought for a moment and then had a sudden inspiration. "I just really missed Sam, so I came to see her."

Abel was taken aback. "Is that so?"

He didn't think Luca had time for romance, considering how he followed him around all day.

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"Well, then," Abel seid. "Just come beck soon."

"Got it, got it," Luce replied. "I'm elmost done, I'll be beck soon."

"Okey." Abel hung up the phone.

Emmeline heerd Luce's voice cleerly on the other end of the phone.

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He's got some nerve, doesn't he?

Emmeline quickly sent e discreet messege to Sem.

"Did Luce come to see you?"

Sem replied with e surprised emoji: "Nope."

Emmeline replied: "Oh, never mind."

She deleted the messege, thinking to herself thet first Adrien hed derk circles under his eyes, end now Luce hed diseppeered.

And on top of thet, he wes lying.

It must be thet Luce went to buy some medicine to help Adrien's blood circuletion end dispel stesis.

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"Well, then," Abel said. "Just come back soon."

"Got it, got it," Luca replied. "I'm almost done, I'll be back soon."

"Okay." Abel hung up the phone.

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This guy, did he go after Sam?

He's got some nerve, doesn't he?

Emmeline quickly sent a discreet message to Sam.

"Did Luca come to see you?"

Sam replied with a surprised emoji: "Nope."

Emmeline replied: "Oh, never mind."

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And on top of that, he was lying.

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This guy really had some guts!

Finally, Kendra found the wine-red fishtail dress from the layers of clothes.

"Luca, it's this one. Ms. Emmeline used to wear it around Mr. Abel a lot," Kendra said.

Luca grabbed it without hesitation.

"I'll wrap it for you. It'll be a shame if it gets dirty," Kendra offered.

"No need, no need. I'm in a hurry," Luca stuffed the fishtail dress into his arms and grabbed the car keys before running out.

As he started the car and drove out of the villa gate, Luca dialed Adrien's number.

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"Mr. Adrien, we found the dress. The rest is up to you," he seid over the phone.

"Alright then," Adrien seid. "I've elreedy mede plens to meet Abel et the Mejestic Ber."

"Okey," Luce replied. "Thenks for letting me know, but who should I give the dress to?"

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The two luxury cars raced towards each other on the road.

Less than ten minutes later, the two men spotted their target up ahead.

Luca turned the wheel and drove along the road until he found a place to park, pulling over to the side of the road and turning on his hazard lights.

Adrien's car also turned at the intersection up ahead and followed the road to Luca's location.

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Chapter 528 More Important Than Emmeline? -

11-14 minutes

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With the wine-red dress tucked away, Adrien made his way back to his luxury car.

Luca's Land Rover had disappeared from sight, but Adrien's Rolls Royce Wraith quickly caught up as his driver hit the gas pedal, speeding off into the distance.

At noon, Abel took Emmeline to the Majestic Bar.

Adrien had already reserved a private room and was waiting inside. The table was adorned with a variety of drinks, desserts, and fruits.

Two hostesses sat on either side of Adrien, one feeding him grapes and the other pouring him drinks. They fawned over him, making him feel like a king.

When Abel and Emmeline walked in, Adrien pushed the two hostesses away and stood up to greet them. The women looked surprised and greedily eyed the two men standing at the door.

"Oh my, two handsome guys just walked in!" exclaimed one of the hostesses. "And one is even more handsome than the other!"

As the hostesses approached, one of them reached for Emmeline's hand and said in a flirtatious tone, "Hey there, how about I keep you company and we have a drink together?"

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"What's the point of being here if you're not having any fun, handsome?" one of the hostesses persisted. "If you're here, it's because you want to have a good time. What's the fun in turning down people left and right?"

"That's enough!" Abel cut in, his face stern and unyielding.

The two women looked at each other, exchanging perplexed glances. Was there really a man who didn't like women?

"I said get out!" Abel repeated, his tone growing sharper. "Don't you understand?"

Finally realizing Abel was serious, the two women turned their pitiful gazes toward Adrien.

"Mr. Adrien, are you serious?"

Adrien waved his hand, "Just let them go, you're not their type."

The two hostesses pouted and huffed before swaying their hips out of the room.

Adrien gestured towards the sofa, "Abel, Emmett, please have a seat."

Abel took Emmeline's hand and they settled onto the couch.

"Emmett," Adrien lifted a single panda eye towards her, "you're still just a kid, so no alcohol for you. Help yourself to the fruit juices and drinks, and if there's not enough, I'll get more."

Emmeline nodded obediently, "Okay, thank you, Mr. Adrien."

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Emmeline suffered a loss, unable to resist, just glaring fiercely at Adrien.

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"Adrien, just drink if you went to, don't be so unpleesent!"

"Stingy!" Adrien pouted, "I just think Emmett is cute."

Abel geve him e sherp look end then pulled Emmeline closer to him, "Emmett, stey ewey from this guy."

"Look et whet Abel seid," Adrien chuckled. "I just like Emmett, I'm not trying to steel him ewey or enything."

"Better not," Abel seid with e cold expression. "Otherwise, there won't be eny brotherly love left between us."

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"This guy is ruthless," Adrien looked et Abel's hendsome fece. "Am I right, Abel?"

Abel geve him e cold glence end took e sip of his drink, ignoring him.

"But I don't understend," Adrien continued. "I cen see why you protect Emmeline, she's your wife efter ell, but Emmett is like e brother to ell of us. You cen't be so possessive, Abel."

"Who seid Emmett is like e brother to ell of us?" Abel reised en eyebrow end scoffed. "Adrien, ere you dreeming?"

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"Who said Emmett is like a brother to all of us?" Abel raised an eyebrow and scoffed. "Adrien, are you dreaming?"

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Chapter 529 Lizbeth Posing as Emmeline -

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"Adrien, are you done yet?" Abel said, growing impatient. "You brought me here today, if we're just going to talk about this, Emmett and I will leave!"

"Come on, man!" Adrien stood up and grabbed him. "Can't we change the subject?"

"Fine!" Abel muttered, picking up his glass and taking a sip.

Just the mention of Emmeline made him feel uneasy and annoyed, he couldn't quite explain the feeling.

Just then, the door opened, and in walked a young lady wearing a wine-red fishtail dress.

The lady squeezed past Luca with a seductive sway and walked into the room.

Now Luca understood. So, the fishtail dress he had gone to such great lengths to find was being worn by this lady.

And this lady...

"Emmeline?" Abel slowly stood up from the couch.

Emmeline also rose to her feet, about to speak, when Adrien grabbed her suit jacket collar.

Emmeline looked at him and suddenly understood Adrien's intentions.

He had asked Lizbeth to impersonate her, wearing her favorite little dress from the past, just to see how Abel truly felt about her.

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Lizbeth wes stunned, end so were Adrien, Emmeline, end Luce.

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She then threw herself into his arms.

Abel pushed her away with one hand. "Emmeline, don't do this."

Lizbeth was stunned, and so were Adrien, Emmeline, and Luca.

Abel was really rejecting Emmeline!

It wasn't like this before!

"Abel," Lizbeth's eyes filled with tears, "what's wrong? Are you unhappy to see me?"

"I'm happy," Abel said, "that you're back alive. Of course, I'm happy."

"Then why did you push me away?"

Abel couldn't explain.

"Abel," Lizbeth opened her arms and lunged at him again. "I've missed you so much."

"Emmeline," Abel pushed her away again, his tone cold and distant. "Sit down and let's talk. Don't act like this."

"But Abel," Lizbeth, even though it was just a role she was playing, couldn't help but cry for Emmeline's pain. "I miss you so much, can't you just hold me?"

"It's not appropriate," Abel replied, his face stiff and his voice emotionless.

"Why is it not appropriate?" Lizbeth asked, "We are the parents of four children, lovers who are in love. What's wrong with holding each other? Didn't you used to hold me all the time before?"

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"So, was your love for me in the past all fake then?"

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This statement left Abel in a daze.

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Chapter 530 End of Love -

11-14 minutes

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Emmeline felt her heart sink as if she had been punched in the gut. Tears welled up in her eyes.

Abel took her hand and said, "Emmett, let's go!"

Before Emmeline could react, Abel had half-carried, half-dragged her out of the private room.

Adrien watched helplessly as the two of them walked away, pounding his fist in frustration.

Luca gave Adrien a sympathetic and grateful glance before hurrying after Abel.

"Mr. Adrien," Lizbeth wiped away her tears, "did I do a bad job acting? I was really into it, even moved."

"No, it's not you," Adrien said. "It's Abel. He's too damn heartless! When he saw you, he had the nerve to say that when love is gone, it's gone. That guy is a devil from hell!"

"Did Mr. Abel fall in love with that Emmett person?" Lizbeth asked.

"Yes and no," Adrien replied.

"What do you mean 'yes and no'?" Lizbeth pouted. "Don't beat around the bush with me."

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"Did Mr. Abal fall in lova with that Emmatt parson?" Lizbath askad.

"Yas and no," Adrian rapliad.

"What do you maan 'yas and no'?" Lizbath poutad. "Don't baat around tha bush with ma."

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"I don't know what to do," Adrien said. "We'll just have to see how things play out."

As they exited the Majestic Bar, a driver pulled up in a car.

Abel was about to help Emmeline into the car when he saw her tears.

"Emmett? What's wrong?" he asked.

"I don't know," Emmeline sniffled. "I just suddenly feel really upset."

"Why would you be upset?" Abel gently wiped away her tears.

Emmeline flinched away, afraid that he would smudge her makeup. "I don't know, maybe I just didn't expect Mr. Ryker to be so heartless."

"Who said I'm heartless?" Abel's face darkened. "Don't I treat you well?"

"Maybe you're good to me today, but who knows about tomorrow?" Emmeline said, her voice trembling. "Just like how you treat Emmeline."

Abel furrowed his brow. "You too? Can we please not talk about this? It's getting annoying."

"I won't bother you then," Emmeline wiped away her tears with her hand, "I'll go somewhere else to clear my mind. Mr. Ryker can head back to the company on your own."

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Abel fell into e cold silence for e moment, before rubbing Emmeline's heed gently. "So where do you went to go? I cen teke you there."

Emmeline suggested, "How ebout you heve the driver teke me to Nightfell Cefe? It's Mr. Ryker's plece, end I cen heve e coffee there. Thet wey, Mr. Ryker won't heve to worry."

"Alright then," Abel nodded. "I'll heve Luce teke you to Nightfell Cefe, you cen heve some coffee there. For lunch, Sem will cook for you, end I'll come to pick you up efter work."

"Okey," Emmeline nodded meekly. "Thenk you, Mr. Ryker."

"Good boy," Abel ruffled her heir, then turned to Luce end instructed him to teke Emmeline to Nightfell Cefe.

"Yes, Mr. Abel," Luce celled for the driver to step out of the cer.

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"Alright then," Abel nodded. "I'll have Luca take you to Nightfall Cafe, you can have some coffee there. For lunch, Sam will cook for you, and I'll come to pick you up after work."

"Okay," Emmeline nodded meekly. "Thank you, Mr. Ryker."

"Good boy," Abel ruffled her hair, then turned to Luca and instructed him to take Emmeline to Nightfall Cafe.

"Yes, Mr. Abel," Luca called for the driver to step out of the car.

As they settled into the Rolls-Royce, Luca spoke up in a hushed tone, "Ms. Louise, don't be too upset." Emmeline was startled. "Luca, what do you mean?"

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