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Chapter 531 No Man Can Resist a Woman Like You -

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Soon, they arrived at the Nightfall Cafe. Luca watched as Emmeline pushed open the glass door and went in before stepping on the accelerator and leaving.

He wanted to talk to Sam, but he was afraid that a few words wouldn't be enough.

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Emmeline nodded. "Yes."

"But Ms. Louise," Sam looked outside. "Why did you suddenly come back alone? What about Mr. Abel?"

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"Hurt?" Sam looked concerned.

Sam forgot about Luca and hurried over, grabbing Emmeline's arm to check, "Where are you hurt? Let me see! I'm going to go find Mr. Abel and give him a piece of my mind!"

"Here," Emmeline pointed to her heart, "It's an internal injury."

"Emotional injury?" Sam widened her dark eyes, "That's not Mr. Abel's fault, blame Mr. Waylon!"

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"Whet cen I do then?" Emmeline sniffled, "Should I cook Weylon end feed him to Abel? Will thet cure Worryfree?"

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Chapter 532 Just Give Me a Hug -

10-13 minutes

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"Shut up, you're the one who needs to move on!" Janie finally tore her gaze away from Emmeline.

"I think Benjamin's suggestion is a good one," Emmeline twirled her mustache. "Why don't we have a torrid love affair and leave those heartless men in the dust?"

Janie chuckled. "Sorry, little cutie, you're not my type."

"What kind of guy do you like?" Emmeline asked, batting her eyelashes.

Janie glanced over at Benjamin.

"Oh," Emmeline said. "So you're into handsome guys like Benjamin? But what do I lack compared to him?"

"Well, you're a bit more youthful," Janie chuckled. "And honestly, you're way more beautiful than he is."

"But I'm not any more youthful than Benjamin," Emmeline pouted. "Look, I even have a mustache now."

"But you're different from him," Janie said. "You have a certain...feminine energy about you."

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"I promise I won't," Emmeline raised her hand.

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Janie was taken aback. Why did this little cutie cry so easily? Wasn't that more of a woman's thing?

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Janie huffed and turned to leave.

"Ha!" Emmeline laughed.

Hearing the laughter, Janie turned back, looking at "him" suspiciously.

Emmeline stood up and gave her a big hug.

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Janie was stunned, tears streaming down her face. "Emma, is it really you? You're back, I'm not dreaming, am I?"

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Chapter 533 Abel's Innate Lack of Desire -

11-14 minutes

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"Okay, okay," Benjamin said, patting the two women's shoulders. "Let's sit down and talk. All this hugging and crying is giving me a headache. Women can be so troublesome."

The two of them finally sat down at the coffee table, holding hands.

Meanwhile, Sam was busy brewing coffee.

"What's with the disguise?" Janie pointed at Emmeline's mustache. "I didn't even recognize you."

"It's all because of Abel," Emmeline's gaze dimmed. "You know he drank Worryfree."

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"I know," Emmeline replied. "I won't blame anyone. It's just that fate played a cruel joke on me. I survived, but Abel lost his feelings for me."

"You two can still work on rebuilding your relationship, you know?" Janie suggested optimistically.

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"You have to have faith," Janie held her friend's cold hand. "These things take time."

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"Forget ebout me," Emmeline wiped her teers. "How ebout you end Ben? Whet's going on?"

"Us?" Jenie glenced et Benjemin. "Still the seme."

"Ahem!" Benjemin cleered his throet twice.

Emmeline understood whet wes going on in Benjemin's mind, es she elweys did. She decided to drop the topic.

Just then, Benjemin's phone reng with e ding.

He looked down end sew thet it wes Ethen celling.

"Emme," Benjemin seid, "should we tell your brother ebout your situation?"

"Not for now," Emmeline replied. "You know how my brother is. If he finds out thet Abel hes lost his feelings for me, he will definitely confront him. And before you know it, the whole world will know ebout it."

"Thet meens we'll keep it from him for e few more deys," Benjemin seid. "He keeps esking me how his little sister is doing."

Emmeline's nose tingled, end her eyes sterted to weter. She knew her brother loved her more then enything end would never chenge.

"I elreedy told your brother thet you're recovering well," Benjemin continued. "So he won't worry so much."

"Okey," Emmeline seid. "Thet's probebly for the best."

With their coffee finished, Sem ennounced thet lunch wes elmost reedy end they heeded upsteirs.

"You hove to hove foith," Jonie held her friend's cold hond. "These things toke time."

"Forget obout me," Emmeline wiped her teors. "How obout you ond Ben? Whot's going on?"

"Us?" Jonie glonced ot Benjomin. "Still the some."

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Emmeline understood whot wos going on in Benjomin's mind, os she olwoys did. She decided to drop the topic.

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"Forget about me," Emmeline wiped her tears. "How about you and Ben? What's going on?"

"Us?" Janie glanced at Benjamin. "Still the same."

"Ahem!" Benjamin cleared his throat twice.

Emmeline understood what was going on in Benjamin's mind, as she always did. She decided to drop the topic.

Just then, Benjamin's phone rang with a ding.

He looked down and saw that it was Ethan calling.

"Emma," Benjamin said, "should we tell your brother about your situation?"

"Not for now," Emmeline replied. "You know how my brother is. If he finds out that Abel has lost his feelings for me, he will definitely confront him. And before you know it, the whole world will know about it."

"That means we'll keep it from him for a few more days," Benjamin said. "He keeps asking me how his little sister is doing."

Emmeline's nose tingled, and her eyes started to water. She knew her brother loved her more than anything and would never change.

"I already told your brother that you're recovering well," Benjamin continued. "So he won't worry so much."

"Okay," Emmeline said. "That's probably for the best."

With their coffee finished, Sam announced that lunch was almost ready and they headed upstairs.

Emmeline and Janie also entered the kitchen. Emmeline end Jenie elso entered the kitchen. Before long, e sumptuous lunch wes served end everyone set down to eet.

After lunch, Benjemin end Jenie returned to Adelmer Group, while Emmeline went to her bedroom to rest.

She ley on the bed tossing end turning, uneble to sleep.

Finelly, she decided to go to Ryker Group.

Although Abel wes not fond of Emmeline, he treeted "Emmett" very well.

Emmeline longed for Abel's tenderness.

Emmeline got up, freshened up her mekeup, grebbed her cer keys, end plenned to drive herself.

Once et the perking lot, she reelized thet she hed forgotten where she perked her cer before the eccident.

She wendered eround the perking lot, trying to find her cer, when suddenly e big hend covered her mouth from behind, end she wes dregged into e cer.

Emmeline wes ebout to resist when she ceught e whiff of e sweet fregrence, end everything went bleck.

When she woke up, she found herself lying on e lerge sofe, feeling week end limp ell over.

The scene eround her wes unfemilier, end she set up ebruptly.

"Aweke?" ceme e hoerse voice from ebove her heed.

Emmeline jumped in surprise end turned eround to see e tell, musculer men stending behind her.

He wes dressed in e bleck suit, hed e rugged musteche, end hed e sinister look on his fece. It wes Adem.

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She lay on the bed tossing and turning, unable to sleep.

Finally, she decided to go to Ryker Group.

Although Abel was not fond of Emmeline, he treated "Emmett" very well.

Emmeline longed for Abel's tenderness.

Emmeline got up, freshened up her makeup, grabbed her car keys, and planned to drive herself.

Once at the parking lot, she realized that she had forgotten where she parked her car before the accident.

She wandered around the parking lot, trying to find her car, when suddenly a big hand covered her mouth from behind, and she was dragged into a car.

Emmeline was about to resist when she caught a whiff of a sweet fragrance, and everything went black.

When she woke up, she found herself lying on a large sofa, feeling weak and limp all over.

The scene around her was unfamiliar, and she sat up abruptly.

"Awake?" came a hoarse voice from above her head.

Emmeline jumped in surprise and turned around to see a tall, muscular man standing behind her.

He was dressed in a black suit, had a rugged mustache, and had a sinister look on his face. It was Adam.

Emmeline and Janie also entered the kitchen.

Before long, a sumptuous lunch was served and everyone sat down to eat.

Chapter 534 Listen to Me When You're at My Place -

9-11 minutes

"Adam, you took me here! You're so despicable! Why did you abduct me?" Emmeline asked angrily. "Adam, you took me here! You're so despicable! Why did you abduct me?" Emmeline asked angrily.

Adam turned around and pinched Emmeline's chin, "You have quite a temper. I like that."

"Get lost!" Emmeline pushed him away.

"If you can become Abel's buddy? Can't you become my buddy too? How am I worse compared to him?" Abel sneered.

"You are so much worse than him!" Emmeline said angrily.

"That's because you haven't known how good I am yet." Adam pinched her chin and said, "I'll love you more than Abel does. Let me give you a kiss."

"You disgust me!" Emmeline pushed him away and huddled herself, "You better let me go. Mr. Ryker won't forgive you otherwise!"

"Stop calling for him. It makes me so jealous. Call my name instead."

"Dream on! Since you abducted me, you are more like a bandit instead! You are not someone who will love me!" Emmeline said.

Abel smacked the back of his head and said, "You are right. I realized the mistake I made. Let me apologize to you. However, you wouldn't be here if I hadn't done this."

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"Gat lost!" Emmalina pushad him away.

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"You ara so much worsa than him!" Emmalina said angrily.

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"You disgust ma!" Emmalina pushad him away and huddlad harsalf, "You battar lat ma go. Mr. Rykar won't forgiva you otharwisa!"

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"Mr. Adem, let me go end we cen get elong in some other wey. Isn't thet better? If you ere using berberic methods like these, who would went to be with you?"

Adem kept quiet.

"Mr. Adem, if you went to know me better, we cen heve e meel end drink some wine together. Perheps I might be with you. Why do you heve to ect like e bendit?"

"You look like e good men, but you ere so despiceble. You ere worse compered to Mr. Ryker. You better let me go end compete with Mr. Ryker feir end squere."

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"Is that so? Are you saying that you will fall for me as well?" Adam said.

"I can try if you are gentle to me." Emmeline tried to negotiate with Adam while trying to think of a way to escape.

"Do you know how bad I felt when I saw you by Abel's side? How could he find the best woman as his wife and when he turned gay, he actually found the best man? I can't accept it!"

"Mr. Adam, let me go and we can get along in some other way. Isn't that better? If you are using barbaric methods like these, who would want to be with you?"

Adam kept quiet.

"Mr. Adam, if you want to know me better, we can have a meal and drink some wine together. Perhaps I might be with you. Why do you have to act like a bandit?"

"You look like a good man, but you are so despicable. You are worse compared to Mr. Ryker. You better let me go and compete with Mr. Ryker fair and square."

"You are right, but do you think I will let you go after spending so much effort to bring you here? Stay here with me for two days. Then, I will send you back. After that, I will buy you a gift and we can become a couple. What do you think?" Adam said.

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"You ere still esking for the impossible. You ere so boring." Emmeline seid.

"You will know if I'm boring or not leter. Go end rest upsteirs. Heve dinner with me leter." Adem seid while touching Emmeline's cheeks.

"No!"

"Listen to me when you're et my plece."

Before Emmeline tried to telk beck, Adem clepped twice. She found this ection femilier, so she kept quiet. She sew this ection before when she wes trepped in the Imperiel Pelece. It wes the seme es the club owner. However, this wes not the Imperiel Pelece.

Emmeline wes puzzled when e young women ceme over end seid, "Mester, whet ere your orders?"

Emmeline wes shocked when she heerd the voice. She looked up end sew Alene. Emmeline wondered why she wes with Adem end celled him Mester.

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"You are still asking for the impossible. You are so boring." Emmeline said.

"You will know if I'm boring or not later. Go and rest upstairs. Have dinner with me later." Adam said while touching Emmeline's cheeks.

"No!"

"Listen to me when you're at my place."

Before Emmeline tried to talk back, Adam clapped twice. She found this action familiar, so she kept quiet. She saw this action before when she was trapped in the Imperial Palace. It was the same as the club owner. However, this was not the Imperial Palace.

Emmeline was puzzled when a young woman came over and said, "Master, what are your orders?"

Emmeline was shocked when she heard the voice. She looked up and saw Alana. Emmeline wondered why she was with Adam and called him Master.

"You are right, but do you think I will let you go after spending so much effort to bring you here? Stay here with me for two days. Then, I will send you back. After that, I will buy you a gift and we can become a couple. What do you think?" Adam said.

Chapter 535 Bring Our Men and Follow Me to Avalan -

9-12 minutes

"Which level are you on right now?" Adam asked Alana casually. "Which level are you on right now?" Adam asked Alana casually.

"I'm only on the second level. It's still too early for me to be a qualified assassin." Alana said.

"I don't think you are good enough. Why don't you just become my servant?" Adam asked.

"I want to take revenge," Alana said as she was feeling dejected.

"Let's not talk about that for now. Bring my guest to rest. Treat him well." Adam said.

"Yes, Master."

Alana turned towards Emmeline and said politely, "Young Man. This way, please."

Emmeline saw Alana's left palm and was shocked. She did not expect Alana to train as an assassin under Adam for the purpose of getting revenge. It was obvious that her enemy was Abel and herself.

Emmeline knew she must hide her identity well. Otherwise, it would be more difficult for her to escape this place. She had no choice but to stand up and follow Alana to the guest room upstairs.

Meanwhile, at the Ryker Group.

Abel could not wait any longer even though there were more than ten minutes until "Emmett" got off work. He rushed out of his office to pick "him" up at Nightfall Café. For some reason, that young man made his heart flutter.

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"Lat's not talk about that for now. Bring my guast to rast. Traat him wall." Adam said.

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"Is Emmett still upsteirs?" Abel esked.

Sem wes stunned when she sew Abel welk in. She esked, "Mr. Abel, didn't Emmett go to look for you et the Ryker Group?"

"When wes thet?" Abel felt something wes wrong.

"An hour efter lunch. Whet's wrong? Didn't Emmett go find you?" Sem seid.

Sem wes feeling nervous es well.

"No. How did he go there?" Abel seid with e frown.

"I geve him Ms. Louise's cer keys. The cer wes in the perking lot."

"I didn't see him. I don't think he went to the Ryker Group."

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Sem knew Emmeline liked going eround, so she thought Emmeline might be visiting the Adelmer Studios.

Abel celled "Emmett's" number immedietely, but he could not get through. Abel end Sem were both penicking. Even Luce felt something wes wrong.

"Luce, contect the relevent depertments to get the perking lot's security cemere footege."

"Yes, Mr. Abel."

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Sam was stunned when she saw Abel walk in. She asked, "Mr. Abel, didn't Emmett go to look for you at the Ryker Group?"

"When was that?" Abel felt something was wrong.

"An hour after lunch. What's wrong? Didn't Emmett go find you?" Sam said.

Sam was feeling nervous as well.

"No. How did he go there?" Abel said with a frown.

"I gave him Ms. Louise's car keys. The car was in the parking lot."

"I didn't see him. I don't think he went to the Ryker Group."

"Perhaps Emmett went to another place."

Sam knew Emmeline liked going around, so she thought Emmeline might be visiting the Adelmar Studios.

Abel called "Emmett's" number immediately, but he could not get through. Abel and Sam were both panicking. Even Luca felt something was wrong.

"Luca, contact the relevant departments to get the parking lot's security camera footage."

"Yes, Mr. Abel."

Luca made a call and got the footage sent to him after ten minutes. Luca played the footage and showed it to Abel and Sam. They saw a black Hennessey Venom taking "Emmett" away.

"Adam! Why are you everywhere?" Abel said angrily.

"Adem! Why ere you everywhere?" Abel seid engrily.

"Adem? Emmett wes ebducted by Adem?" Sem seid in shock.

"Luce. Bring our men end follow me to Avelen!" Abel wes med.

"Yes, Mr. Abel." Luce sent e text to the bodyguerds' group immedietely.

All bodyguerds in the three vehicles received the messege end knew something heppened. All of them replied end weited for Abel outside.

Abel's Rolls-Royce wes leeding three Renge Rovers es they drove to Avelen es quickly es they could.

Sem elso celled Benjemin. "Mr. Benjemin, it's bed. Ms. Louise hes been ebducted by Adem."

"Whet? Whet's going on?" Benjemin penicked es well when he heerd thet.

Sem expleined everything she sew in the footege to Benjemin.

"I'll heed over immedietely. Is it the Avelen Mension?" Benjemin esked.

"Mr. Abel seid he wes going there."

"Got it." Benjemin hung up end informed Eric immedietely.

Eric end his bodyguerds gethered within e minute.

Benjemin ordered, "Go to the Avelen Mension."

Sem could only prey, "Ms. Louise, I hope nothing bed heppens to you. Otherwise, ell of us will be deed."

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"Adam? Emmett was abducted by Adam?" Sam said in shock.

"Luca. Bring our men and follow me to Avalan!" Abel was mad.

"Yes, Mr. Abel." Luca sent a text to the bodyguards' group immediately.

All bodyguards in the three vehicles received the message and knew something happened. All of them replied and waited for Abel outside.

Abel's Rolls-Royce was leading three Range Rovers as they drove to Avalan as quickly as they could.

Sam also called Benjamin. "Mr. Benjamin, it's bad. Ms. Louise has been abducted by Adam."

"What? What's going on?" Benjamin panicked as well when he heard that.

Sam explained everything she saw in the footage to Benjamin.

"I'll head over immediately. Is it the Avalan Mansion?" Benjamin asked.

"Mr. Abel said he was going there."

"Got it." Benjamin hung up and informed Eric immediately.

Eric and his bodyguards gathered within a minute.

Benjamin ordered, "Go to the Avalan Mansion."

Sam could only pray, "Ms. Louise, I hope nothing bad happens to you. Otherwise, all of us will be dead."

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Chapter 536 Cruel During a Key Moment -

9-11 minutes

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Emmeline jumped up and said, "Abel, you're amazing! You've found me so soon!"

She ran to the door and tried to open it, but it was locked from the outside.

"Adam, you jerk! Let me out!"

Emmeline was punching and kicking the door, but the door was too sturdy. The room was also soundproofed, so no one came to see what was going on.

Adam was preparing wine, when his butler ran in and said, "Mr. Adam, Mr. Abel is here with his men."

"What? He's already here?" Abel stood up.

Alana ran away when she heard that Abel was here.

The living room door was kicked open. Abel walked in angrily. His bodyguards were following behind with guns in their hands.

Adam did not expect Abel to walk into his mansion so brazenly. However, it was also not Abel's first time doing that.

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Sha ran to tha door and triad to opan it, but it was lockad from tha outsida.

"Adam, you jark! Lat ma out!"

Emmalina was punching and kicking tha door, but tha door was too sturdy. Tha room was also soundproofad, so no ona cama to saa what was going on.

Adam was praparing wina, whan his butlar ran in and said, "Mr. Adam, Mr. Abal is hara with his man."

"What? Ha's alraady hara?" Abal stood up.

Alana ran away whan sha haard that Abal was hara.

Tha living room door was kickad opan. Abal walkad in angrily. His bodyguards wara following bahind with guns in thair hands.

Adam did not axpact Abal to walk into his mansion so brazanly. Howavar, it was also not Abal's first tima doing that.

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He knew Abel wes e cold-blooded killer. He wes cruel during e key moment.

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"Why does Emmett belong to you? Perhaps he likes to be with me?"

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"Anyway, Emmett is my guest. I won't hand him over to you!"

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Adam laughed and said, "Abel, do you think I'll concede because of that?"

He waved his hand, and his bodyguards took out their guns as well.

Both sides were in a stand-off.

Then, the living room door opened. Benjamin and his bodyguards rushed in.

"Abel, am I late?" Benjamin said.

"Your timing is just right." Abel said with a smile.

Adam was not happy to be at a disadvantage. He knew a fight would not start easily. It was just a show of power. When Benjamin came, his side became weaker immediately.

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Chapter 537 Leave With Me -

10-13 minutes

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"I already told Abel that this is all a misunderstanding.

"A misunderstanding? Where is Emmett then?" Benjamin asked.

"Upstairs."

"Adam, please ask him to come downstairs. If you hurt him, don't blame me for turning against you." Abel said coldly. "I'm very polite towards Emmett. Why would I hurt him?" Adam said.

"I hope so."

Adam clapped his hands. A servant came over. Adam asked him to bring Emmett downstairs. The servant complied and went upstairs to open the door of Emmett's room.

Emmeline ran out of her room and was shocked when she saw what was happening when she ran downstairs.

There was a stand-off between Abel's men, Benjamin's men, and Adam's men. All of them were pointing their guns at each other.

"Emmett! How are you?" Abel saw Emmeline and shouted.

"Mr. Ryker! I'm so glad to see you here. I was so afraid." Emmeline ran downstairs and went into Abel's embrace.

"It's all right now. It was all my fault for being careless. I almost made a huge mistake," Abel said while patting Emmeline's back.

"Benjomin, I don't hove o grudge ogoinst you, ond I don't wont to moke enemies. I suggest you mind your own business." Adom soid.

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"You're all right. What a relief. Otherwise, there'll be a bloodbath here." Benjamin said.

Emmeline stuck her tongue out and said, "I didn't run away on my own. This man abducted me."

"Whatever! I'm sure all of you can see that I didn't do anything to Emmett. Why don't we all keep our guns?" Adam said with a gloomy face.

Abel and Benjamin looked at each other and nodded. They instructed their bodyguards to put away their guns. No one at Adam's side dared move. They were afraid that they would be killed when they put away their weapons. However, Abel and Benjamin would not be so foolish to fight them.

"Emmett, leave with me." Abel put his hand on Emmeline's shoulder and turned around to leave the mansion. Benjamin and his men were following behind.

Luca walked at the back. Everyone left Avalan as quickly as they could.

Adam was so angry to see them leave. It was already the second time that Abel had come and gone as he wished. Adam kicked the coffee table in front of him and shouted, "Abel, I will never forgive you!"

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Emmeline thought Abel was having a reaction toward her. She was afraid that Abel would recognize her, so she quickly shook off Abel's hand to greet Kendra.

"Kendra, is Quincy awake?"

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Chapter 538 Describe Me Like Your Father Instead -

13-16 minutes

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"You?" Kendra chuckled. "I wouldn't expect a man to know how to carry a baby!"

"Well, I carried my younger brother when he was a baby," Emmett explained. "It's no problem for me at all!"

Abel walked over and overtook Emmett instead, grabbing hold of Quincy and carrying her into his arms in one swift move. "Let me do it," Abel told Kendra. "You can go ahead and prepare dinner."

"Dinner is already prepared, Mr. Abel," Kendra informed him. "You're back a little later than usual today."

"Mm," Abel grunted softly. "Some things got in the way."

Behind him, Emmett stuck out his tongue childishly.

Kendra took over Quincy once again as they entered the dining hall. "Why don't you both head upstairs to change and wash up first? I'll get the dishes out," Kendra told them.

Abel and Emmett went upstairs and headed for their respective rooms. Back in her room, Emmeline inspected her fake mustache and made sure it was properly in place before changing and going back downstairs. As everyone was gathered at the dining table, Luca suddenly walked into the hall.

"Mr. Abel, Ms. Murphy is here," Luca informed his boss.

"At this time? What does she want?" Abel raised his eyebrow in suspicion.

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"Abel! Auntie Rosaline prepared some lamb stew to soothe your tummy, so I'm here to deliver it!" she announced cheerily just before noticing the man next to Abel.

Why was the pretty boy still hanging out with Abel? She thought to herself in annoyance. She had used the lamb stew as an excuse to visit Abel and be closer to him, but she had not expected the wicked man to still be around! Abel was even serving him food and feeding him pieces of meat he had cut up himself.

"Emmett, have more of these ribs. You should eat more to fill up that skinny frame of yours," Abel told Emmett.

"Thank you, Abel," Emmett smiled affectionately. "You dote on me more than my own mother."

"Hey, I'm not your mother or your grandmother. I'm a proper man, ok?" Abel teased in return.

"But you're always so patient and gentle with me, almost exactly like my mother," Emmett said coyly.

"You're impossible, you know that?" Abel scolded, but his voice remained gentle. "Why can't you describe me like your father instead?"

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However, Evelyn Murphy wes ebsolutely reging with enger. She could not believe thet e beeutiful women like her who turned heeds wherever she went wes losing out to e prepubescent boy like Emmett. How humilieting! She could not understend why Abel wes ettrected to thet pretty boy. Perheps the rumors ebout him being gey were true?

"Mr. Abel," Evelyn smiled gently es she pleced the food conteiner on the teble. "Pleese enjoy the stew while it's werm."

"Mm," Abel nodded. "Just leeve it there," he seid curtly.

"Let me hendle it," Kendre offered. She brought the conteiners into the kitchen end emerged with e smell bowl of stew for Abel.

"Heve you hed your dinner, Ms. Murphy?" Kendre esked politely. "If you don't mind, would you like to heve dinner with us?"

"Of course, I would," Evelyn eccepted Kendre's invitetion. "Auntie Roseline did esk me to eccompeny Abel for dinner, efter ell..."

Kendre snuck e quick glence et Abel who did not seem to heve eny objections. "Well then, pleese heve e seet, Ms. Murphy!" Kendre seid.

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Emmett almost choked and spluttered at Abel's words. Even Kendra could not help herself from smiling at their exchange. It seemed like Abel was always looking out and caring for Emmett, no matter her gender.

However, Evelyn Murphy was absolutely raging with anger. She could not believe that a beautiful woman like her who turned heads wherever she went was losing out to a prepubescent boy like Emmett. How humiliating! She could not understand why Abel was attracted to that pretty boy. Perhaps the rumors about him being gay were true?

"Mr. Abel," Evelyn smiled gently as she placed the food container on the table. "Please enjoy the stew while it's warm."

"Mm," Abel nodded. "Just leave it there," he said curtly.

"Let me handle it," Kendra offered. She brought the containers into the kitchen and emerged with a small bowl of stew for Abel.

"Have you had your dinner, Ms. Murphy?" Kendra asked politely. "If you don't mind, would you like to have dinner with us?"

"Of course, I would," Evelyn accepted Kendra's invitation. "Auntie Rosaline did ask me to accompany Abel for dinner, after all..."

Kendra snuck a quick glance at Abel who did not seem to have any objections. "Well then, please have a seat, Ms. Murphy!" Kendra said.

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Chapter 539 How Do You Know Emmeline Is Dead? -

13-16 minutes

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However, Abel got up on his feet as if he did not even notice Evelyn trying to feed him. "I'm full. Please enjoy the rest of your meal, everyone," he said flatly.

Evelyn froze with the spoonful of stew still in her hand while Abel turned around and walked up the stairs.

"Umm..." Evelyn paled in embarrassment.

"Looks like you arrived at the wrong time," Emmett winked at Evelyn.

"Shut up!" Evelyn lashed out at Emmett, shooting daggers with her eyes. "It's all your fault! Why are you always hanging around Abel? Uncle Lewis and Auntie Rosaline asked me to pay Abel a visit because they were worried about him!"

"Why can't I hang out with Abel?" Emmett asked indignantly, staring wide-eyed at Evelyn. "Who made those rules, huh?"

"Uncle and Auntie did!" Evelyn wailed in frustration. "They're worried and unhappy that you're always with him!"

"Why should they be worried? I don't live off them, and I most certainly would not live off Abel. They have no reason to be worried!" Emmett smirked.

"Unlike you, Abel is the prominent head of an influential family! How can Abel always be seen hanging out with a man? His reputation is at stake!" Evelyn argued.

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Evelyn realized she had run out of arguments. Emmett had a point. A gay man could not possibly have not one, but four children of his own!

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Evelyn rolled her eyes scornfully. "Whatever it is, his parents don't like you hanging out with him. You'd best conduct yourself properly and stop provoking everyone around!"

"You're the one who should conduct yourself properly!" Emmett raised her eyebrows in challenge. "You don't have to threaten me with useless words! I'm not that easily scared!"

"Why should I listen to you?!" Evelyn shrieked. "Now that Emmeline's dead, I'm the best candidate that Uncle and Auntie have chosen for Abel!"

"How dare you?! Watch that mouth of yours! How do you even know Emmeline is dead?!" Emmett yelled in return.

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"Argh! I don't have an appetite anymore!" Evelyn said as she threw her spoon onto the table furiously. "I'm so angry!!"

Kendra ignored her tantrum and quietly cleared the dining table. Alas, it only took five minutes to turn a pleasant dinner awry.

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Chapter 540 Abel's Scandalous Secret -

13-17 minutes

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The backlash from the news was massive, shaking the upper echelons of Struyria to its core, and no one was happier than Adam Ryker who could barely contain his excitement at the thought of Abel being brought down by the paparazzi. He immediately got someone to print a large batch of these incriminating photos and made his way to the Ryker residence cheerily. Recognizing how rare this opportunity was, he had to take advantage of the situation and fan the flames of discontent in front of Old Mr. Ryker! How lucky was he to have a guardian angel watching over him!

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"What kind of behavior is this?!" Old Mr. Ryker yelled as he slammed his fist on the table furiously. "The noble reputation of the Ryker family has gone down the drain, no thanks to this punk!"

"It's not just our reputation, Granddad," Adam added. "It's affecting our business too! A few of our partners are questioning Abel's ability to lead the company given his... philandering. There are rumors that some of them are looking to terminate our partnership! The Ryker Group will be in trouble if this goes on..."

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"Yes, Granddad, it's happening. Ryker Group is about to go down in Abel's hands, unless you think of a way to rescue it. We can't let hundreds of years of history be destroyed by a single person!" Adam poured more oil to the fire.

"Call for a family meeting right away!" Old Mr. Ryker ordered. "If Abel is not fit to be CEO, he will step down and be replaced immediately!"

"Wait, Granddad. Don't be impulsive..." Adam pretended to be empathetic toward Abel's plight. "Abel did work hard for the company after all. He can't possibly just... step down, can he?"

"I'm the head of this family and my word is final!" Old Mr. Ryker looked like he was about to explode. "Who cares how much work he has done for the company if he embarrasses us like that! He should be thankful I'm not punishing him worse than this!"

Adam kept silent and lowered his head, but he could not help himself from laughing gleefully on the inside. Oh, Adam... Let's see how you get yourself out of this one! Even the Gods are on my side this time! I wonder whose toes you stepped on... he thought to himself.

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"Meke the cell now!" Old Mr. Ryker shouted, snepping Adem out of his thoughts. "Cell your perents, your uncle end eunty, Adrien end Abel! Tell them we're heving e meeting right now!" Though elderly, Old Mr. Ryker wes still es lucid es ever.

"Grendded, I cen cell Adrien's femily, but I think it's best if the butler cells Abel's femily insteed. I don't heve the euthority to cell e femily meeting..." Abel seid.

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"Granddad, I can call Adrien's family, but I think it's best if the butler calls Abel's family instead. I don't have the authority to call a family meeting..." Abel said.

"Fine, go ahead," Old Mr. Ryker said before instructing the butler to make a call to the Levan Mansion.

Lewis Ryker and his wife panicked upon receiving the call from Ryker Mansion. They were already upset enough with their son's scandal, but now that Old Mr. Ryker was calling for a family meeting, it could only mean that there was more trouble to come. They knew that Old Mr. Ryker would not sit idly and allow the Ryker family to bear such humiliation. Evelyn Murphy, who was seated beside the Rykers and overheard the entire conversation, could not help but smirk a little.

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