

Chapter 614 She'll Soon Perish At Elliana's Superior...

Maxine's declaration still hung in the air when Davin interjected, "Precisely. Rita had convinced us her daughter was nothing more than a plain, worthless child, yet we now discover Elliana possesses extraordinary gifts that eclipse even her mother's brilliance."

"That revelation merely scratches the surface. I speak of something far more profound," Maxine said. "When Rita approached you and donated the 'Medical Codex' to Ublento Medical University, she had already penetrated your true identity. She recognized you as one of our own, so she gave you the 'Medical Codex' to quell my wrath."

Davin's jaw slackened in astonishment. "Such cunning never occurred to me. At the time, I basked in my own cleverness, believing I had secured the 'Medical Codex' without arousing Rita's suspicions. But it turns out, everything was within her calculations."

The mention of Rita stirred conflicting emotions within Maxine's chest—a bitter cocktail of admiration and resentment.

Rita's razor-sharp intellect and exceptional talents commanded Maxine's respect, yet Rita's repeated betrayals and calculated manipulations against her ignited burning resentment.

"What fate do you envision for Elliana, Ms. Griffiths?" Davin inquired carefully.

In previous discussions of Elliana, murderous intent would flash briefly in Maxine's eyes before dissolving, dismissed because she perceived Elliana as a worthless, unattractive girl.

Now, however, Elliana's name sparked genuine admiration and delight in Maxine's gaze. "I adopted Rita back then to harness her superior genetics for producing a worthy Griffiths heiress. Since Rita abandoned this sacred duty, her daughter must fulfill the obligation in her stead."

Davin immediately grasped Maxine's calculated strategy, his initial response radiating enthusiasm. "Elliana carries the bloodlines of both Rita and Arthur—her genetic potential must be extraordinary. Should she unite with a superior Griffiths male, their daughter would surely embody perfection. What a magnificent prospect!"

Yet, concern creased Davin's brow moments later. "However, Katrina already wears the crown of designated heiress. I doubt she would surrender her position to allow Elliana's future daughter to inherit the Griffiths' legacy. Such arrangements inevitably breed catastrophic conflicts."

The complication that troubled Davin barely registered as a concern for Maxine. A cold smile curved her lips as she responded, "Merit alone has always determined the Griffiths heiress. Katrina's capabilities have never satisfied my expectations. Now that a superior candidate has emerged, replacement becomes inevitable."

Davin nodded, finding nothing shocking in Maxine's ruthless pragmatism. Throughout Griffith's history, heiress replacements had occurred multiple times before. However, each transition had painted the family halls crimson with blood and death.

Contemplating such grim possibilities, Davin released a weary sigh. "Pursuing this course will undoubtedly ignite Katrina's fury and rally her supporters against us, creating fresh chaos within our own ranks."

Years of service to the Griffiths dynasty had exposed Davin to countless internal machinations, lending weight to his somber observations.

Previously, each heiress had successfully produced exceptional daughters, maintaining the sacred duty of bloodline continuation.

But Maxine had shattered this tradition; her lack of any descendants resulted in repeated heiress changes, triggering multiple upheavals throughout the family structure.

Miguel had possessed brilliance rivaling Rita's own—his wisdom and talents burned like twin stars. Such a remarkable man had never intended to serve as a mere tool within the Griffiths machine, yet his profound love for Rita convinced him to accept contentment within their confines.

After Rita fled her arranged marriage with Miguel to bear Arthur's children, Miguel's devotion had transformed into bitter conflict with Maxine. He'd vanished in rage, his current whereabouts remaining a mystery.

Maxine had cherished this nephew deeply, valuing his contributions immensely. Miguel's departure carved a wound that never fully healed.

Losing both Rita and Miguel simultaneously had dealt devastating blows to the family's foundation.

Beyond these losses, another exceptionally gifted member had abandoned the family fold, her fate shrouded in uncertainty—life or death remained unknown.

That member bore the name Sophie Seydoux, daughter of Maxine's elder sister.

Sophie had blazed with prodigious intelligence, initially catching Maxine's attention as potential heiress material. Unfortunately, cruel genetics had cursed Sophie with a mutation, transforming her into a Psycephrenia patient.

No family member possessed the knowledge to cure Psycephrenia—even Maxine's vast expertise proved helpless against the affliction.

Sophie's combat abilities had reached legendary status, and each illness episode unleashed unpredictable destruction. After careful deliberation, Maxine had ordered Sophie's execution. However, maternal love had prevented the deed—Sophie's mother had secretly orchestrated her escape.

The Griffiths code forbade anyone possessing intimate family secrets from walking free. Following ancient traditions, Maxine had dispatched hunters to track Sophie, yet she remained perpetually beyond their grasp.

Sophie's mother, having committed this grave transgression, had languished in dungeon darkness for years, enduring endless torment.

Davin sincerely hoped the Griffiths family would avoid another devastating betrayal. Should Katrina rebel over the heiress transition, it would carve fresh scars across their already delicate dynamics.

Yet, Maxine remained utterly indifferent to Davin's concerns. In her worldview, succession battles demanded nothing less than absolute brutality.

"Katrina merits no worry whatsoever. She lacks the intellectual fire and raw talent that Rita or Sophie possessed." Maxine dismissed with casual cruelty. "I have granted her command of the Serpent Society for one month, tasking her with ending Elliana. In my estimation, she will soon perish at Elliana's superior hands."