

## The Noble 276

Chapter 276: Personal satisfaction

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It seemed that the rumor was in its early stages. Apparently, it hadn't been as widespread as I thought... that, or I was very lucky.

After deciding to kill the idiot who was spreading the Silvia rumors, I gave Eira to Selene.

I didn't like to put unnecessary spin on matters, so I went straight to the shortest solution and quickly changed my appearance to a random one.

Depending on the circumstances, it would be bad even for Willian if I took on his appearance.

Without hesitation, I grabbed the two idiots who were talking loudly about Silvia and dragged them into a corner where I quickly started to get information out of them.

I couldn't use soul magic otherwise I would cripple them mentally, so I used physical methods and checked if they were telling the truth. I got what I needed.

They were not the ones responsible, so I was satisfied with what I did to them to get information. Then, I went after whoever had told them the rumor.

Using a mental image that I had them input into a save gem, and quickly running through the entire academy, I found the next link and followed the same pattern.

In less than ten minutes, I found someone who was spreading them on purpose. It wasn't the mastermind, but after questioning him, I managed to track down the real culprits.

Just as I was thinking about who the hell were these random guys spreading such scathing rumors out of nowhere, I remembered a conversation from months ago.

To confirm, I asked the lackey for the guys' last name and sure enough... I realized they were Silvia's brothers, whose existence I only knew in this life.

Silvia never told me about her family on the alternate line, and now that I found those responsible for such scathing rumors, I understood why, there was definitely not a good relationship here.

"Well, I found them, motherfuckers.hehehe!"

I didn't know Silvia's family situation, but from what I did, I don't think she would care if these guys disappeared.

And that was just what I was planning to do... but, in the end, to her they were her brothers or from what she had just heard her stepbrothers.

So, just in case, she wanted Silvia's opinion. Luckily, my doppelgänger was with her at the moment.

"Well, let's go meet those bastards and all their minions."

Those bastards... one was in Class B and the other was in Class C. I don't think either of them will become a representative, since I don't remember them at all.

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"Yeah, I definitely don't recognize them."

Now that I found them, I kidnapped them and took them to an isolated place. I observed them in detail: one had blue hair and the other red.

Their shades were the same as Silvia's separately, but both had purple eyes. There were too many traits in common... they were definitely Silvia's siblings.

I may have run into them before, but since they weren't relevant or even have an ability, I overlooked them.

But the important thing here is that they dared to spread rumors about Silvia. Putting aside her yanderism towards Willian, she's a decent person. That's unforgivable.

"Well, there's still a little time left... but if I leave my doppelgänger, I have an alibi. Besides, I have to find the rest... but first, let's get even a little."

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In the end, I left my doppelgänger in charge of finishing the job. It was a shame, but Silvia wouldn't let me disappear them.

I wasn't going to kill them, but they would definitely disappear.... I thought about it, but if Silvia won't let me make them disappear, I can make them want to disappear voluntarily.

I rejoined Selene and Eira, who I gave a quick massage to at least get her moving a little, and we went in at the last minute to the start of classes.

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"tell me the truth... what did you do, why isn't she in my class today, what did you mean it's too late?"

It was a free class day, so it was only during lunch when Silvia found me and dragged me to a corner of the hallways to interrogate me.

Apparently, Silvia was sharing one of her free choice classes with one of her brothers.

I know Silvia is soft by nature and, her yanderism towards Willian aside, it's hard to make her angry. She always prefers dialogue over anything else.

Honestly, Silvia would be a perfect prospect for my harem... if it weren't for her future ,or maybe current, yanderism, and what she would be capable of doing when her love is unrequited and another girl is too close to her love interest.

It is difficult even for me to link both facets as the same person.

On the one hand, she is calm, with a lot of common sense, moderate, and if I had to say someone too soft.

Knowing her she would probably do nothing and bear the rumors in silence without doing anything about it.

And on the other if I had to see Willian, all of the above disappears and she would intend to eliminate you if she sees you as an obstacle, although I think she is still not like that or so I hope.

Since in the memories Even her friends, like poor Lys who was also her friend in that alternate future, was no exception, and if it wasn't for me....

That's why she would be totally ruled out of my harem. Her type of yanderism is not compatible with the word "harem", and the two of us are not compatible other than as friends.

Silvia is truly a complex and inexplicable person even with the years my alternate self had known her and being her friend her thought process and yandere logic were incomprehensible to him and now to me.

I just hoped that in this reality she would be better and not fall as low as in the alternate future.

As her friend, I want to make sure again to take her on the right and better path ...

'Maybe, as a thank you, she'll let me touch her big boobs, heuheuhueh.'

"Calamitas, dis-"

"Damn it!... I feel like you're not going to be satisfied until you cast that spell on me. Fine, cast it, I'll take it."

My thoughts were interrupted by Silvia, who seemed to be intending to cast that spell on me anyway, but I won't back down if I put my mind to it I can take it.

"...Haaa~ just tell me what you did. You didn't kill them, did you? Also, there are rumors that students have been disappearing all morning. The instructors are taking matters into their own hands."

Well, it didn't matter. My doppelgänger was using morphogenesis and would leave no evidence of anything, Even if the instructors intervened.

Well, Silvia, rather than worried about her siblings, seemed more worried that I had killed them or something and ended up getting into trouble.

Which relieved me a bit, considering what I did and Well, it's not like I was a bloodthirsty madman; at best, I'd give them to my father to put to work in the black adamantium mine.

I had already questioned them and found out the reason behind this rumor nonsense. They did it out of hatred, envy and jealousy towards Silvia's talent.

Besides, those guys kept saying that she was the daughter of a prostitute and other things.

Apparently, Silvia had a whole story behind it, but if she doesn't want to talk about it, I'm not going to interfere. Just knowing that it was them was enough for me.

So I did what I did without any remorse. And now that I think about it...

"...Oh, it's almost time. Come, follow me, Silvia. We can't miss the show."

"...Really, what did you do?!"

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"You had to go and do it...are you satisfied now?"

"Whew...you have no idea how much. You said I lack empathy and awareness, right? So I empathized with your situation and released my frustration at such injustice."

"I didn't mean this. and you can't call this justice...can you?"

"yes, who am I kidding? It was personal satisfaction, hahaha. No one goes and spreads rumors about my best friend, haha~."

"...You know what, do whatever you want. I'll settle for the fact that you didn't kill them. Besides, it's true that they deserved it..."

Well I got the okay from Silvia, as I thought she wouldn't be a fool who would want a one-sided relationship with people who would be capable of something like what they did....

'wait, come to think of it, that sounds like me and... no, it's different...'

"Well Silvia you know with me around no one will take advantage of you or bully you, even if you are a softie,"

"...you know I'm not going to say you did it was good, but I appreciate it..., still right now I feel like I want to hit you!"

"See that's what I mean, you attacking the wrong person, who understands you Silvia, haaa~ but and with this I don't think anyone will dare to speak ill of you. Possibly, there will be other kinds of rumors."

"Yes,... the one about a madman who goes around kidnapping students and hanging them upside down naked. Besides, it wasn't just those two...why are there so many?"

"Well, they're the ones these guys used to spread the rumor. Luckily, those girls who were talking trash in front of you were there too, so I didn't have to deal with them separately."

"At least tell me you didn't use Will's appearance."

"Oh, so you deduced that too."

"It's enough to know you can transform. Will would never do that. Besides... truth be told, I suspected you even when I didn't know you transformed."

"Hey, what do you mean by that? And no, I didn't use Willian's appearance. That would be too much. Having your future husband have that kind of background would be problematic, so I used a random appearance."

"Will already has a record because of you. Besides, you had the nerve to tell him that in the morning...he was shocked when you ran away from him like that. We had to console him."

"Oh, yeah, Alice told me that too. That's good... less chance of her falling in love with me"

"Yeah, definitely being your friend is not a good thing. Besides, we're all suspects now."

"That's why you have the privilege of being my best friend forever, there are pure perks. Besides, we all have alibis. We all got calsses normally while it was happening, didn't we? Besides, our group was already half-feared in the academy, so what's the difference?"

"...Well, at least you thought of that. But why don't the instructors come to stop this? They've been there for more than 15 minutes."

"Oh, yeah, I also made it look like there was going to be a terrorist attack again, so it'll take them a while to realize it's a false alarm. That way, all the students will have time to appreciate and record what's going on."

"...You know what, being your enemy would be worse. You really don't know moderation."

"I did. You have all five of your limbs intact, right?"

Yes, since Silvia wouldn't let them disappear, I made sure to kill several birds with one stone.

So when I caught them, I had them call their subordinates or whoever helped them spread the rumors. And those who didn't come, I made sure to kidnap them during class changes.

Since everything was done by number two, both Seraphina and Chris had alibis. In the end, I stripped them all naked and hung them upside down in the early lunch hours in the courtyard, where they could be seen from the dining room windows and many Classrooms.

With a sign that read, "I am a %0#+\*'+"%&%//% spreading false rumors. Be careful, or you could be the next &#\$%###"/=\$%." I asked Eira to help me.

Now, Silvia and I were watching the show along with almost all the students, while talking in a corner, obviously under a veil of silence.

Now, with this, people would be more cautious about talking about Silvia, who was obviously the one of the rumors.

They would doubt the rumors about her. Now, the topic would be about this incident, about the people who were suspended upside down and about the person who did it. Leaving Silvia free of rumors.

And if it didn't work out, I didn't mind continuing to hunt more bastards. Now those guys would either disappear voluntarily out of shame or continue to attend the academy in that state.

Either way is fine with me.

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Honestly, I think with Willian's protagonis power, they could have eventually found the culprit and settled this legally, while gaining recognition from the rest.

But honestly I didn't want Silvia to be in the middle of this for a long time and if it was possible to do it quickly as I did it was much better.

As I told Silvia, it was just personal satisfaction and I don't think I'm a protagonist or anything.

Those bastards just annoyed me and I did what I wanted, while I took the opportunity to get rid of the rumors, nothing more, nothing less.

It's like Silvia says, I honestly put my emotions first, and I lacked a lot of consideration in her opinion of all this.

And I did it knowing that I might have angered her, although luckily I didn't.

I told myself with the Aurora incident that happened only last night, that I was going to improve this aspect, but apparently I lack more than just realizing to improve this part of me.

"Haa~haha, I don't know whether to laugh or sigh. it's true that those guys deserved this, but still you didn't have to, haha.... You know, I don't even want to know the face my dad will make when he finds out about this."

Oh, Silvia is laughing. i'm glad i even got a laugh out of her, really is that i wouldn't know how to react if Silvia really liked those idiots, and i was thinking of what to do to ask for her forgiveness.

"I'm glad you understand me, Silva. This was a good mini-arc to reinforce our friendship."

"Chriss!!! Don't hug me being a boy, the surroundings will misunderstand us."

"ah!?, that's true, but it's okay when I'm a girl, right?"

"... fine, anyway it's hard to stop you, do what you want, but just being a girl."

"So, can I stick my head in and go' brrr'?, the 'brrr' is important"

"Chris!!, I give you an inch, and you want to take the whole mile."

"But that's how girls reinforce friendship, that's common sense in my former world."

"You're lying! Don't think I don't know that. You were able to fool my alternate self with that, but you remember she found out the truth later."

"Yet you still let me keep doing it!"

"And I'm telling you we're not the same person, what she did had nothing to do with me."

"At least let me give you a grope. I won't be able to do that when you go out with Willian or will I...wait, I guess I can since they would be a girl on girl interaction after all."

"Stop using you're a girl as an excuse! It sounds weird when you say it with your current appearance, and I won't let you grope anything, you won't go further than a simple hug."

"Oh, So, you're letting me. good, I'm still satisfied. They're so big that I'll still feel them and hueheuhue- Ouch, you started with the kicks!"

"You really don't change, urg!!! Don't poke me!!!" "

"You think because you're a Tsundere I'll let one-sided violence happen?"

"Obviously you're the one who's wrong here, I'm not being a Tsundere! Take that!"

"Ugh! You used star magic on that kick, damn it, Silvia, I didn't give it to you for that. Fine, let's settle this. I won't back down even if you want to cause mutual destruction."

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After that, it happened as Silvia thought. Although we had alibis, they question us, especially Willian, who had a record, but they didn't get anything out of us.

Still, the infamy of our group got a little worse, but it didn't affect us at all.

Because of what I did I could not meet with Astrid that day, due to a meeting she had, which delayed my confession for two more days since there was another one the next day.

Thursday At the end of the class, I finally had my assistant role with Astrid, where I finally talked to her to introduce her to the girls and tell her something important.

Honestly there was no reason, why I should do it, but I want to take my relationship with Astrid to a new level.

I thought it would be good for the girls to be with me and support me as it's never an easy thing to say and explain, plus I don't know if my nervousness will lead me to mess it up like with Eira and it would be good to have support.

Astrid is a very logical person, and it will be hard for her to believe everything I will tell her, and she might refuse to believe some things, she will have a lot of questions and my nerves could ruin it.

Although I still can't get it out of my head that all her logical thinking goes out the window when it comes to novels.

Even though we made up, I still can't believe I want my Bella to be defiled by twelve guys.

'No, let's not think about that. The important thing now is for her to meet the girls.'

being Friday , it was me and my whole harem walking in the direction of Astrid's office.

The last time I introduced Astrid to Alice, everything went well and she even asked me when she could bring her back and asked me if she could meet Selene.

That, although Astrid has not met her directly, as an instructor, she could see her every time she teaches. Also, yesterday I told Astrid about Eira, so everything should be fine.

'Wait, come to think of it...'

"Girls, like I said, let's go see Astrid. You all know she's a married woman with a daughter, right?"

I asked them and even Eira nodded. Apparently, during that week that I was gone, she had caught up with everything going on around me.

I didn't want a repeat of Alice the last time she was taken by surprise.

"Besides, Eira 눈\_눈."

"What, why are you looking at me like that?"

"In case you don't know, I'll tell you that Astrid has, to put it mildly, she has big breasts, so I don't want irrational violence."

Astrid usually wears robes with the function of concealment, to hide her voluptuous figure. It didn't work on me, that's why I hadn't noticed it.

Then I realized that the rest of the persons (men) never talked about his explosive body, which was still a bit visible through those big robes.

Although it was still little to be noticed, one can deduce the immensity that she hid, and only talked about how beautiful she was.

It was then that I asked her and she explained the function of the tunic, on which she herself had inscribed with runes.

So Eira probably doesn't understand the magnitude of what Astrid's body is.

"Hey, do you think I'm going to attack her or something just because she has big breasts?"

"Maybe. I know you have something against it, Lily already told me about it, how you were raging at her breasts. She even told me that you slapped my little angel's from time to time for no reason."

Thank goodness she doesn't do it anymore, but I know it was because her attention went to Silvia, who was a superior nuisance to her.

"well, it's my fault, I won't do anything, besides how big can they get?"

"more than Silvia"

"... seriously ?"

"very seriously 눈\_눈"

"...how is it even possible.... well it's okay!!!, don't look at me like that, I still wouldn't attack a female instructor just because of her breasts."

"well I'm glad, I hope you guys get along".

"hmph!"

Since I filled her with love, she has been calmer.

As I thought, what she was missing was a pinch of love, which I couldn't give her during the week I was gone.

She has been so calm and acting well since then that I just warned her in case seeing Astrid's body brought something back to life in her.

If I think about it Eira has changed quite a lot, my alternate self never met such a moderate Eira, although for me she was annoying and exasperating at the beginning it was true that compared to what my alternate self saw, her way of acting is much better.

She never insulted me again as bad as our first meeting, even when I started dating Selene.

Whether what Lily said was true or not, it is true that Eira was relatively better and now that everything had been clarified, that we were at peace and in a relationship, she has calmed down even more.

While her personality hasn't changed, at least with the people around us, although recently they had earned the old insults from Eira when they doubted our relationship or rather when they called her flat-chested.

Especially Silvia, these days, didn't seem to be actively looking for a fight as usual and stopped being insistent about the secret affair.

And with me, when I didn't bother her, she was affectionate like a girlfriend, and even every time we are alone she was more sincere, and now I would say that she is the most cuddly of all of them so far.

Even her complaints and jealousy about how I interact with the girls who aren't in the harem seem cute to me, and she didn't seem to be as against it as the first day either.

Well at least with Lys and Cordelia, if I had to say the reason besides showering her with love and giving her the attention she deserves, it was my talk about balance.

Since she didn't seem to be a problem, I went back to concentrating on what was going to happen.

I wanted to stay focused, my secrets is never an easy thing to say.

I mean, from my point of view, it's more shocking to be told that your boyfriend is a woman, than to be told that your girlfriend can become a man, not to mention that I was a man in my past life.

It's so hard to believe all that it's not easy for me to say, but I was serious about her, and secrets like that are something I have to tell from the beginning to have a long relationship.

If I tell them later it could be worse, and more so if they found out on their own. Astrid and I have already started dating and our relationship has gone beyond the simple desire of the body, so I think it was time to be honest, but it is never easy for me.

The fear of being rejected and her not liking my situation flooded my head...everyone is unique and has a different mindset, and I didn't know how she would take this revelation.

Although with what I understood about her, I thought everything would be fine. The anxiety never diminished; she was already in my heart and it would be hard to lose her.

Nothing could fill the void she would leave. Every girl is special to me.

Still, I would endure Astrid's rejection and I would give up on her after nagging her 10, no, 100 times to reconsider.

After all, if you love something, you have to let it go..... To the thousandth rejection...or maybe the ten thousandth...hmm....

"Ha~"

Knock!...knock!.

"It's open."

At that moment, the 6 of us entered her office. Yes, there was also my Doppelganger Seraphina, because it would be easier to explain things that way.

When we all sat down on the couch, I looked at Astrid, but she seemed curiously serious.

'Is she nervous about meeting all the girls and my what I had to say? Or is it that instructor again...'

Just as I wondered if that instructor again came to visit her and if I should get rid of him somehow too, she spoke.

"Welcome, make yourselves comfortable, you can have a seat. I think I know why everyone is here, but, student Christian..."

"Uh....what's going on?"

I say. He usually calls me 'honey' when we're alone, but in public he calls me that.

What I don't understand is why she 'now' speaks as an instructor, and also calls me "student Christian".

Minimally I would expect her to call me "Chris", plus that tone of professionalism as an instructor, speaking to me as a student, is something I haven't heard in a while, except when we role play.

Anxiety began to grow in me and I wondered if I had done something wrong from the beginning.

"If I'm not mistaken, today those who are here are because of what you told me earlier, right?"

"Y-yes?"

So stop talking like that, you're making me more nervous.

"Yes, I thought so. But could you tell me why the student Seraphina is in this place? I didn't hear anything about it."

'Maybe it was better not to have brought her. Hmm... where do I start?'

"Astrid... haaaa..."

I ignored her 'don't call me casually in front of strangers' look, but there was no problem here anyway and continued.

"There's something I want to tell you and it has to do with regarding that girl."

"Wait... don't tell me that... she's also part of our family."

Yes, Astrid usually refers to my harem as family, somehow she has that in common with Alice, that's another reason I brought her along the previous time.

Even though she hasn't met the rest of them until now, she tends to say it that way, as if she's psyching herself up to live with them, which I'm glad for.

While she doesn't have Alice's sisterly tendencies, she is very motherly. In fact, our role-plays lately went awry and every now and then we get into something more... taboo.

Well, the point is, I need to clear this up, but before I could even say anything, she continued.

"If that's the way it is. I don't accept it."

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Chapter 278: Who went crazy?

"Eh? Astrid, why...? No, wait, let me explain it to you first. The thing is..."

"I'm sorry, but I can't accept this."

"Wait, what do you mean by that? No, more importantly, let me explain. She and I..."

"I can accept all the girls you want in our family, but with her I can't do it, if it were otherwise maybe, but being like this I can't accept this."

What the hell is going on? I don't understand anything. Something doesn't connect. I'm trying to explain to her that I am Seraphina, not that she is in my harem.

Apparently, she don't want Seraphina to be part of the family. Did I do something wrong?

I didn't remember having any interaction with Astrid, so it must be just because it's me (seraphina) that Astrid doesn't like me. what's wrong with me?

"What did I do, what's wrong with me?"

My doppelgänger voiced my doubt . We were both in a state of confusion and wanted to clear this up.

"There is nothing wrong with you. In fact, you're a good girl. Still, I can't do it. I can't accept you....  
Honey, decide: it's her or me."

'But what the hell happened here? There's a misunderstanding!'

This Affair It's not even about that, and Astrid was absolutely rejecting me.

That means she doesn't want Seraphina. She doesn't want me. If that happens, I wouldn't know what to do.

I believed in the connection we had, but that belief was crumbling at the first stage.

Connecting with my other parts wasn't helping at all; it was only confusing me more. Multiple ideas were coming to me and I didn't know what the problem was, no matter how much I thought about it.

What's wrong? And if he doesn't want to see me anymore, what do I do now? what did I do wrong?'

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At that moment, I felt a strong blow on my cheek. Not knowing what was happening, I came back to reality and saw Elena, who was the culprit. At that moment...

Plack.

He hit my doppelgänger. I mean, I understood it was to talk some sense into me, but why did he hit my doppelgänger? I mean, that she also came to her senses when she hit me.

"My lady, sir Christian, make things clear and say clearly what you have to say."

"Eh?..... Oh!!!, you're right, Elena. It's not the time to be confused.... Astrid." (x2)

Unintentionally, I spoke in double. But more importantly She's right, I can't stay in a maelstrom of misunderstanding.

Whatever Astrid rejected me for, I had to clear things up before they got worse and find the problem.

I'll talk before this gets any more chaotic.

"Astrid, what I want to tell you is that..."

I approached with a firm step and faded into my morphogenesis, transforming back into my original form.

"I am Seraphina."

"..."

'Phew, I didn't have intrusive thoughts.'

Leaving aside that they correctly came out what I wanted, I looked into her eyes, which were wide open in shock and disbelief.

She's smart, so it shouldn't be hard to tie it together. she already knew I could clone myself and transform.

I didn't mind them knowing and I had already told her, just like with Lily, but she would have to think outside the box to get to the truth of my secrets.

And if they found out on their own, I honestly didn't care, it would be easier to explain to them, without general misunderstandings.

It was time to come clean and let what had to happen happen happen.

"Yes, I understand it's hard to believe, but I'll explain it to you calmly. It all started when I died, then the goddess of purity brought me into this world and..."

"My lady..."

"Not now, Elena. I'm explaining... as I was saying, I was brought, but I was a man..."

"Yes, she doesn't seem to be listening."(Eira)

"She fainted, didn't she?"(Alice).

"...she's falling down."(Selene)

"uh!?!... what!?!... Astrid!!!... Hey, Astrid, react! Stay with us, don't go into the light!"

At that moment I realized that indeed, as the Girls said , Astrid had lost consciousness, standing there with her eyes wide open.

She was about to fall, but I managed to catch her in time. I had to act fast and give her first aid, she even seemed to stop breathing for a moment.

She suffered a bigger shock than I thought ....

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"Now you are calmer, breathe softly and let's talk properly."

"huuu....haaa~....well explain to me."

Finally, after I cast the most powerful healing and recovery spells, she came back to us.

I was reverting back to my Chris appearance in case it hadn't sunk in yet, I didn't want her to faint again at the sight of two Seraphinas.

I understand it's shocking, but I was still surprised by her reaction. I didn't expect her to go into shock like that.

She seemed open to explanations and Definitely, there was definitely need to talk, so as before, I started to explain everything to her: my true story since my reincarnation, my identity and everything else. As always, just omitting the topics of the future.

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"Haaaahh... I understand a little, certainly, it's kind of unbelievable, but I think I get it. Still.... haaa... honey, this is too much.... this is bad, very bad..., but wait if you're Seraphina then.... Humm"

I don't know what she's thinking, but right now she attached "honey", so it shouldn't be that bad, not to mention she said she understood.

I wouldn't call me that again if I couldn't accept my identity, well maybe I'm overthinking it, but it's good to be positive.

Not to mention there was something weird going on here, I especially don't understand what he meant by the second part of what he said.

If I think about it, it seems like the important point was Seraphina being in my harem, rather than the fact that I was Seraphina, now rather than rejecting me like before, she seemed thoughtful of who knows what.

Still I fail to connect the dots. Knowing Astrid, honestly the only thing I can think of, big enough to reject me before to the point of leaving me in a choice, is her daughter.

I know she puts her even above our relationship, but I don't understand what that has to do with it, so it must be something else I don't know yet.

"Astrid, tell me the truth, why are you against Seraphina being in the harem? No, more importantly, because you say it's bad, it bothers you that she's a woman, that or she's Seraphina?"

"No, certainly that's a very shocking thing, no, it's more than shocking, and more so because you are Seraphina, but the reason I said it was bad is because of my daughter."

"Wait Astrid, is it really because of your daughter? Or rather, I'm not connecting anything..."

"I'm going to be straight with you too. My daughter is Cordelia Argent ."

"( ͡° ͜ʖ ͡°)... Astrid, my dear, I love you very much and you know it, but this is no time for jokes."

"What joke? My daughter is Cordelia, the girl you usually spend time with. You know, the one with the light purple, platinum hair, the one with the beautiful long eyelashes and silver eyes, the one who sits next to you."

"...."

"I knew it, Elena, didn't I tell you those two looked alike?"

"Yes, Miss Alice, you mentioned it and my lady tossed it aside as nonsense."

"The idiot did it again, he didn't get enough of us and was planning to go for more, why am I even dating that fool?"

"...for love."

"Selene, don't answer me."

"Ha.... huuu.... haaaa."

I started hyperventilating. This was something I hadn't expected. I knew Astrid had a daughter, but I thought she was just a girl between 10 or 13, since whenever she talked about her she gave that impression, not an adult in her late 20s.

As Eira said, I was repeating the same mistake again. Alice had said she thought of this after meeting Astrid, but I thought it was nonsense.

You'd think it would be obvious, since they are both from the Argent ducal house, but that's not so.

I took the time to explain how complicated that family was. Totally ruling out that possibility.

In fact, I thought Cordelia was an illegitimate child like Ivan of the current duke, since, like the former, he is known for having many children.

In this academy, including Ivan, there were many with that surname and I didn't relate them at all, or unconsciously I didn't want to relate them because that would mean that....

'damn, now it's a reality!!!, really why do such improbable things happen to me...it must be because of Willian,damn you!!!'

But leaving that aside it's not entirely my fault. Both Astrid and Lily I don't understand your need to talk about your daughters as if they are smaller than they are.

No, rather it is acceptable of Lily, because of the tender appearances and short stature of Eria and Selene, that you could hardly describe them without misunderstanding, unless they give key facts like age.

That's what I told myself at the time, but no matter how you look at it, it's Astrid's fault, for how little she talked about her daughter, and described her as such, here the wrong one was her.

Not to mention neither I nor my alternate self have seen any interaction beyond student-teacher in my entire two lives and in fact there was never any interaction, other than Cordelia answering questions during class and other normal things.

My alternate self found no connection and I knew both of them very well, unlike Lily, who only I knew.

I didn't even think of it as a possibility, but that's not what's important here. Leaving aside the fact that luckily Cordelia is not in my harem and technically I would not make the same mistake again.

I don't want Astrid to reject me because of her daughter's unjustified hatred for me.

Rather, I think this is a good opportunity to clear the air, but first I need to calm down....

"Huuh.... haaa~...."

I thought I was the one with the shocking revelation, but the tables were turned. Now I'm the shocked one.

"What's wrong, why are you acting like this knowing she's my daughter, is there a problem?"

"I'm going to be honest with you there are a lot of problems, rather can you tell me why she hates me? The truth is I've always wanted to make amends."

"Hate? My daughter doesn't hate you."

"I'm not talking about me, well yes, but my Seraphina self... she clearly hates me and I don't know what I did to deserve it. you rejected me because you can't accept your daughter's enemy, right? But honestly, I don't know what I did."

"...Honey, there's a misunderstanding here. I didn't reject you because my daughter hated you. The problem is that my daughter is in love with you. You know, with Seraphina."

"..."

Yes, I think either one of us has gone crazy or she's just saying crazy things or I'm hearing crazy things that don't make any sense.

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I looked at the rest in case I had heard more, and sure enough, Alice had a look on her face that I couldn't believe.

It seemed that, although she did get it right about the relationship between Astrid and Cordelia, just as I couldn't believe what Astrid was saying, Elena had a "I didn't expect that" expression, something rare for her.

Eira was like with a "Are you serious?" face and even Selene seemed to have a thoughtful face about the situation that or she was just thinking about what are we going to eat next?.

It seems that I hadn't misheard, but also that I wasn't the problem, at least I thought it wasn't me, being dense.

Cordelia's hatred of me was not a one-sided misunderstanding on my part.

I mean, both they and I saw Cordelia's behavior towards me and, were it not for the fact that I handled everything perfectly, that it never came to anything, as I was always one step ahead and waiting for what would happen.

Not only that, clearly what existed between Cordelia and all the memories of my alternate self were pure and hard hatred towards me, and it did not improve at all becoming more and more malicious and out of control, I don't know what she exact did .

But it earned a spot on my Elimination list, which my damned alternate self never made clear to me the exact motive.

That she was in love with me and didn't know how to express herself correctly is something I had already thought about, but dismissed because of all the evidence, it was silly to cling to something so silly and improbable and the girls in my harem agreed with me.

As much as I think about it, it was none other than Astrid who seemed to have lost her sanity a bit because of my previous statement.

"Lucis Mentis Claritas."

"Honey, you just cast a mental clarity spell on me, what are you trying to tell me?"

"Humm, nothing, but what did you say earlier about Cordelia?"

"Honey, don't think I don't know what you're thinking, and like I said, she's in love with you and, as her mother supported her love...no, rather, what did I do? Me to my daughter, this isn't right, this is wrong...or is it?"

Well, there doesn't seem to be anything wrong, I put a lot of blessing in that spell although I don't understand that contradiction at the end.

'No, this is not the time to think about Cordelia.'

I had gotten off topic but the important thing here right now is Astrid. I'm going to put that aside, I want to know about our relationship. Astrid is the most important thing to me right now.

"Okay, Astrid, I understand that, but Cordelia aside, I want to know what you think of me, everything I am and my secrets."

"..."

"Let's fix Cordelia later, tell me how you feel and your response to what I told you."

"... You see, honey, the truth is I knew you were holding something big back, and when you told me yesterday that you had something important to tell me, I was ready."

"..."

"We all have secrets, so I didn't want to pressure you and I was ready to accept whatever you would say when the time came."

"So..."

"Still, it's too much of a shock, honey. I thought you'd tell me you were using your ability to be more handsome than you are or that you were an illegitimate child of House Silvercrest ."

"Oh, she understands me." (Eira)

"...."

"This is shocking, from what I thought and I'm a little confused, I guess I have nothing against you being a woman, but now also my daughter...this is all complicated to me, honey, I don't know what's right, let me fix my thoughts a little."

"I understand."

So we all in the room were silent, and each was thinking about the other's revelation.

For my part I also need to analyze things well, see if I understand: Cordelia is Astrid's daughter and is in love or likes Seraphina.

Okay, now, the main thing: how to explain to Astrid that I had a misunderstanding.

I mean, that woman is not in love with me, there is no doubt that she hates me, the misunderstanding is obviously hers.

'No, let's give her the benefit of the doubt.'

'What doubt? 'There is no doubt, Astrid is misunderstanding her daughter.'

'You know, in fact, it's already puzzling that Cordelia is her daughter, they reapplied it to us, next time let's clear things up from the beginning.'

' humm it's true we had thought with that woman that.... shit because her daughter's information is unknown, '...'

' come on, a third time would be ridiculous, no rather with Cordelia we didn't get anywhere, so technically it wouldn't be a repeat of anything...'

' we just have to be careful who we mess with from now on...we almost blew it, with Astrid, by almost messing with her daughter'...'

' but we're not safe yet, it looks like she may reject us, because of Cordelia.'

' And we don't know if what she says is true.'

' You know As crazy as it sounds, it better be, because if Cordelia hates us, then Astrid...'

' Damn it, it's crazy, we have to confirm it.'

' I do.'

' But we can't do something extreme, it's Astrid's daughter and a possible love interest.'

' Hey, rule out that last one, we were almost giving up on her anyway, it's time to let it go. This is the sign, besides, I don't think Astrid wants us to.... Lily's already the odd one out.'

' What if Cordelia really likes us? Things won't end up like this.'

' No matter how you look at it, it's a misunderstanding. No, wait, so, is it good or bad that they like us?'

' I don't know.'

'Me neither.'

'I think it would be perfect, as long as he doesn't hate us.'

'We need to complete this puzzle.'

'It must be a misunderstanding. I'm not someone dense like William. I don't think he doesn't understand when a girl likes me.'

'What about Eira?'

'...That doesn't count...or does it, dammit because there's no one normal'

'...'

'Shit, number one, go find out the truth. Don't hurt her and do what you think you need to do.'

'You don't have to tell me.'

No, rather, Eira was more the type who didn't even understand that she was in love with me, so I can't be blamed.

But it did set a precedent, so I had to confirm it. I sent my doppelgänger to confirm it. He used morphogenesis, transformed into me and went to check something.

And I needed even more reassurance, so I approached the girls and started a meeting, since Astrid was still pensive.

"Girls, emergency meeting. Today's topic: Cordelia Argen. You guys heard too, I want your opinion..."

"I, Chris..."

"Go ahead, Alice."

"I think what big sister Astrid says is correct."

"Why do you think that, Alice?"

"If we think that, she just being clumsy in revealing her feelings."

"Hey, that's not just being clumsy..."

"It's true."

Eira, incredulous, answered her And I agree with Eira, that was already a conversation, to which we had come to the resolution 'there's no way she's not doing it on purpose' ruling out her clumsiness.

In fact, Alice herself, had been was a the main one convinced that Cordelia hated me, I don't know why she now supports her.

"What if maybe we've been misunderstanding her all this time?"

"Explain yourself, Elena, in what way?"

"..."

"Elena?"

"I'm sorry, I can't think of anything."

"I understand what you're thinking, since she tends to act so weird and dissonant I might be open to thinking there might be a misunderstanding... but it's hard to find anything to back it up."

"I..."

"Huh? Yes, go ahead, Selene."

I was surprised that Selene wanted to jump into the conversation, so I listened.

"She's not a bad person...."

"Huh, really? Even after everything she tried to do to me the last few months?"

After that encounter, Cordelia started harassing Seraphina, which I avoided by all means, since, well, I was strong .

Not to mention that she had a mole in her ranks which was myself. In fact, that's why Alice, who is more likely to do so has never really been angry with Cordelia.

Although Alice notices that I don't seem to get along with her when I'm Seraphina and she tries to intimidate me, she lets it go since no real harm has been done so far and I get along with her when I'm Chris, which I bring up in our meetings to appease her.

Now Selene even came to her defense, which is rare. She herself has seen accidents happen, like what happened in the dining room, that she purposely tried to dump a bowl of hot soup on me, even though obviously the waiters could have taken it to the table and she shouldn't have been walking around with the bowl of soup.

Whenever she has tried something with Seraphina, I have always thwarted it. She herself looked frustrated, as if her plan had failed, and then she would return to her impassive face, give me a threatening look and finally walk away.

maybe in my alternate self if it affected her because she was weaker and couldn't defend herself, but I just see it as childish actions or as the actions of a second rate villain, this has happened in different scenarios, more than once.

It's not that I didn't try to see his intentions, but whenever I did it was like a block of iron with no intentions.

So I thought, because of her blessing, I couldn't feel anything and gave up trying, but I also never tried when Seraphina was around.

Maybe Selene picked up on something I didn't. I looked at Eira just in case.

'No, wait. She's the one who couldn't tell the difference between love and hate a few weeks ago, it's useless.'

"Haah~"

"Why are you sighing when you look at me, are you not interested in my opinion?"

"Well, you also said it's too much to be just clumsiness, didn't you?"

"Yes, but it's also true what Selene says. I never sensed a particularly malicious intent."

"Not even that time we found her stealing my clothes so she couldn't take physical classes?"

"No, not really. Rather, she seemed nervous, but as soon as her face went flat I stopped sensing anything. Humm..., she's weird."

"yes, she is"

"This.... Honey, you know I'm here, right? They're not using soundproofing. I don't know how to feel about hearing you talk about my daughter like that."

"Well, we're not talking bad about her, we're objective. And as you heard, we seem to be getting somewhere. Selene likes her, that's a great point."

"Was there really a misunderstanding like that? So the advice I gave her about love wasn't helpful /\_ \..."

"What, really, Cordelia, she asked you for advice?...rather then, what did you tell her?"

"You know, I had my pride as a mother and, well...you know, with my husband it's not a good example and you're the only one...besides, the novels...so..."

"...Haaa~ I don't know who's wrong here...but I think it's the one who wanted Bella to stay with twelve guys."

"Honey!!!, I thought we had settled the issue."

"...I read the last Chapter in secret today and.... and it ended in harem. "

"How could you! You promised we'd read it together, I waited for you.... Still, I was right: love triumphed."

"Damn it, don't look so proud, I'll find the bastard who wrote that and made my Bella end up like this and.... No, wait- .."

Something seems to have happened to my Doppelganger. I'm feeling strong emotions, so I was going to take a quick look at what he was doing.

I shouldn't have done it, it was definitely a mistake, and a bad moment, or rather, I should never ever have witnessed what my Doppelganger saw...

'Holy goddess Aleoria!!!, it's true! No, more than that, what I'm seeing, this is... it's...'

I fainted.

Chapter 280: Seeking the truth

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A few minutes earlier

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Well, right now I'm on a mission to see if what Astrid said is true or not. So, as soon as I left Astrid's office, I ran in search of Cordelia.

But I didn't have far to go; around a corner, a pair of hands appeared and held me down and abducted me.

Sure enough, in the dark corner of the hallway, under the stairs, was Cordelia, who had caught me.

I knew she must be close by, for I felt some time ago that someone was following me... or, rather, that Seraphina was being followed.

After a long time, I realized it was Cordelia.

She was very cautious, and I noticed that she was difficult to detect with normal detection methods.

She had no concealment, but her presence was naturally low, and even more so if she used stealth spells.

It took me a while to figure it out, but I deduced that it was simply another of her ploys to hurt Seraphina, seeking out her weaknesses.

So, I left her alone. It was better that than her actively pestering me.

It started right after their meeting, when she started looking for my weaknesses. The good thing is that when I would get to my room, after ten minutes, she would leave and since I wasn't doing anything particularly suspicious like Seraphina I didn't think anything of it, I wasn't going to get anything.

I didn't see a problem with it. But if it wasn't to look for weaknesses and, as Astrid says, it was interest, that means she...

'No, I'm not going to think about that. First, let's see if it's true or not.'

"What's going on because all of a sudden they all went to instructor Astrid's office."

"— ^ —"

Yes, I had also thought of the possibility that I had inadvertently dodged all signs of connection between them, but it doesn't seem like Cordelia wants to be linked to Astrid, it's a lesser issue, but if I may I will ask Astrid the reason for her lack of connection.

"what's the matter why are you looking at me like that, why did Seraphina and the rest of them come in with you?"

"uhm...oh yes, Cordelia, as you asked, I was watching Miss Seraphina and I found something important."

I need to get the truth out of Cordelia. Whether or not what Astrid said is true, I'll find out right away.

"Apparently, Miss Seraphina has a boyfriend and was seeking advice from Instructor Astrid because... apparently she got pregnant."

Yes, I lied and exaggerated, but I needed to get the whole truth out of her. Depending on how she reacted to such shocking and disturbing news, I would find out if Astrid was right or wrong.

"What!!!, what do you mean she's pregnant, she can't be, who's the bastard, I'll kill him!"

"...."

That's the reaction I expected if what Astrid said was true. But the prejudice was so ingrained that I wasn't convinced.

I always believed it was best to find the reason and resolve the conflict, but apparently I couldn't accept that there wasn't even a conflict in the first place.

'Damn, I alternate, did you give me filtered memories on purpose or something? No, I lived it myself, so...Astrid!!, what kind of parenting did you do?'

I don't even know who to blame at this point. It seemed to be something decisive from her reaction, but I had yet to be completely sure.

"No, wait, this is no place to talk. Follow me."

When I was going to keep probing apparently she decided to change the venue although , well we could just put up a veil of Silence.

But what difference does the venue make, so I let myself be dragged, the angry Cordelia dragged me all the way across the school to the female dorms.

Men aren't totally forbidden there, they're just not allowed past a certain time.

Still, a lot of girls don't like the presence of men, so if you came, you'd have to put up with the pressure stares on you.

But Cordelia didn't mind my situation and dragged me straight to her room. Luckily, since classes had just ended, few people were still returning to the dorm.

We arrived at her room, which was just for her and as big as mine with a kitchen, bathroom, living room and two personal rooms.

"Okay, it's safe here. Tell me who it was that did it, I'll kill him! Was it her fiancé the prince, or was it another bastard with no status? No, it can't be. It shouldn't happen like this."

"Wait, stop, Cordelia, calm down."

"How do you want me to calm down, this... this is not good at all, not at all!"

She began to panic and babble nonsensically. He had never seen her like this. He knew she acted like a second rate villain when it came to Seraphina, or rather compared to how she always was, flat and emotionless, she was relatively normal and emotional.

So the fact that I reacted this way for her did not surprise me. Now, what I wondered was the reason and emotions behind her reaction?

'Okay, I'll get all the doubts out of the way and leave no more room for misunderstandings.'

"Cordelia, why are you acting like this? In the end, isn't it a good thing?"

"Huh? Did you just say what? Have you lost your mind?"

"No, but it's just that you hate Miss Seraphina, right? So her being kicked out for being pregnant is a good thing, right?"

Yes here, pitifully, you would get expelled from the academy for being pregnant if you were a woman.

After all, we who are insured don't notice it, but those lower down are in a constant competition of overcoming and fighting to secure their place by being among the representatives, gaining honor, recognition and power.

So for you to deviate for carnal pleasure or anything else is frowned upon, and they will not hesitate to expel you from the academy.

It's not very fair, since it's only the women, but as bad as it sounds, getting pregnant at a critical period is very bad, even for someone like Seraphina.

And if Cordelia really hated her like I thought she did, then she'd be more than happy.

"What are you talking about, I don't hate her!"

But it looked like she wasn't and she was looking at me angrily.

"... Hum, I want to clarify something, Cordelia. You can forgive me if I'm wrong, but all your actions so far can only be described as hatred for her."

"What!?, what do you mean?"

'Really, it wasn't on purpose?'

That doubt on her face seemed sincere, and I could even see traces of accusation of being a crazy person who is talking nonsense, which offended me more than I thought, I already want to believe that I am on the side of reason in this case.

I needed a full explanation, so I started listing all her actions, either because she wants to clarify her point or I have gained her trust unlike the first time. She did answer my questions.

Her harassment and follow up was just interest and curiosity in what I was doing, which I didn't think was right no matter how you look at it.

Things like stealing my notes, it was because she wanted to help me and see if I had done well.

Apparently, she wanted to take the opportunity to approach me, since she was good at knowledge, but since I never let her take my notes she didn't dare to approach me.

The time she approached me with the soup was because she wanted to eat with me but she tripped and messed it up, and told me she was glad that at least I was able to dodge the hot soup.

Although she didn't answer me why she wanted to steal my clothes or my things like pencils and erasers from time to time.

In fact, he would send me, as Chris, to do it, which I did to earn points and which I didn't care about to begin with.

I mean, it was just pencils and utensils. If she was satisfied with that little act, I was fine with it, but if it wasn't harassment, then....

'Why am I shivering, why is it cold all of a sudden?'

I ignored that and kept asking. Oddly she also didn't answer me the reason for what happened on our first day and I found she only seemed embarrassed, but I can deduce a little.

Suddenly, I also remembered the difference between the line of my alternate self and the current one and the reason why her harassment started later this time.

I mean, the first month she was quiet and it was only when the month was about to end that she started, unlike my alternate self, which was from day one.

"Uh?... I thought I could be like Alice and Elena and be close like them and..."

".../\_\"

For some reason, I feel like I'm getting a headache. I have so much to say and opinion, but at the same time, nothing is coming out of my mouth to refute what she is saying.

I'm trying to remember the events, if she was serious or just messing with me, but as far as I know, from her personality she wouldn't do that, which leads me to not even know what to think of this mess of a person named Cordelia.

Come to think of it, it was around that time that I got Parallel Thinking and started actively controlling my doppelgänger. Up until then, she was literally a doll who didn't talk out of turn.

Maybe that's why she couldn't bring herself to approach me. Or rather, that attempted approach that seemed like stalking was only because when I started flirting with Elene and Alice again and actively talking, since Alice had also found out about my secret, I encouraged her to do so.

So, she brought us together to get information, which rather than for harassment, was to get closer to me.

The reason she maybe harassed my alternate self earlier is because he, who was just Seraphina, started flirting and looking for opportunities with the girls at the academy, including Elena from day one.

If I think about it that way, it makes sense and is the reason why I see his status from day one, his interest was not in Christian it was in Seraphina.

So far Cordelia makes it sound like seeking friendship with Seraphina, but it seems like it's like Astrid says and Cordelia, more than friendship, she came to me with love interest.

Now, if I took everything she said as true, one could only conclude that she was a misunderstood mess.