

The Noble 306

Chapter 306: Gardens

Finally we managed to escape to a free terrace, which also had servants at the disposal of the guests who went there for fresh air or a change of scenery, and I gave orders to one of them to bring everything he could, while the girls and I sat at some tables, chatting a bit.... well, I was focused on something else.

"yum, mnm!, oh, this is the only good thing about this, mngh!!, water"

"here you go, my lady" (Elena)

"glup! huaaa~ I'm saved, thank you, Elena"

"I really can't believe you're the same person" (Silvia)

"what? what do you mean? "

"that I can't believe that you used to act so impeccably before, and now you eat like a pig" (Silvia)

"hey Silvia, acting like this is not easy, I need to de-stress a little, besides, the food at the palace is really good..."

"well, anyway, I thank you, I'm not very good at dealing with my father" (Silvia)

"huh? your father? at what point... oh, the weird guy with blue hair and red mustache?"

"yeah, that was him, although he left without being able to say anything" (Silvia)

'Shit Silvia! why didn't you warn me?'

I didn't remember talking to Silvia's father, but among the people who came to me, there was a middle aged man with a red mustache and blue hair. He was so strange that I remembered him.

I just guessed, and well, I related them by the color of their hair. It was the first time I had met him, although when he arrived I treated him like the rest.

As I saw him looking penetratingly at Silvia, I politely told him to fuck off like the others.

Apparently I had been mistaken, and he wasn't looking at her out of interest or some ulterior motive. Maybe he was appreciating how beautiful his daughter looked. I should have talked to him better, like I did with Alice's father.

"no, this way is fine, he and I have a complicated relationship"(Silvia)

uff, false alarm if that's the case it's ok'.

"uhm, oh well, if you say so, ñomn. oh, Elena, you must learn to make this! it tastes delicious, ñomn"

"yes, I will keep it in mind, my lady" (Elena)

"big sister, try this one! it is also very good"(Alice)

"oh, good. by the way, Alice, this one has cherries in it, I know you like them"

"oh, thank you, humm, yes it is delicious, big sister"(Alice)

"The difference is abysmal...rather, Elena, doesn't it bother you that she's acting like this? I heard you warn her not to act like this before" (Aurora)

"..."(Elena)

"hey don't put her in doubt, there's no one around, so it's okay, right?"

"...Yes, my lady. Just make sure no one else besides us sees her." (Elena)

I heard Aurora criticize me , and it wasn't for my acting like Silvia. She was looking between Alice and I, who were side by side, probably because while I was devouring things in one bite, Alice ate them slowly, quietly enjoying them.

But if I ate like her, I wouldn't be able to try the whole menu. It's a matter of efficiency, I need to see if there's something delicious for Elena to consider.

Besides, Aurora has some of the least manners after me. She's just pretending she's holding back.

She was just talking out of envy, and even trying to accuse me, with Elena, but it's my deserved reward .

"By the way, what did you mean when you said that the Silvercres would sponsor us? You were saying it every time the subject of sponsorship came up. It's the first time I've heard something like that."(Silvia)

"Oh yes, my father told me a few days ago that the nobleman he serves would give me his patronage. In fact, he was the first one who approached me, my father serves the Glass house..."(Lys).

Now I understand the confidence of that person, despite not knowing me directly.

Although my father had previously made arrangements, perhaps he thought to take advantage of the subject to talk, with us, but in the end I did not give him the opportunity either.

"Oh... well, don't worry, I already have it covered, my family will sponsor all of you so-."

"I don't need it..." (Cordelia)

"..."

'no, Cordelia, you definitely need it.'

That pesky instructor continues to coerce Astrid to fund her with resources and patronage in exchange for a double marriage bond.

Astrid, who was buried among so many wives - and not to mention she was only the previous patriarch's - doesn't have the resources to properly support Cordelia.

I think I'm beginning to understand what became of Astrid after I graduated, in the alternate line... something that definitely won't happen anymore.

Well, as for Lys and Silvia, it was better that my house gave them sponsorship. I had already talked to my father and he agreed.

I remember how both of them, on the alternate line, were on their own. Lys, is a late bloomer and didn't get much attention during the academy, and Silvia apparently didn't get along with her family.

Although I used to think it was because I was a commoner, and something like this banquet didn't seem to have happened.

So everyone was getting by as best they could, with the basic help from the kingdom, for the 50 students, which in that place is not that special and only served to keep you alive.

'Things are really changing.'

"Well, the arrangements are already made and they'll all be sponsored by the Silvercres."

"oh, that's what my father was referring to earlier, I hadn't understood-" (Alice)

"Well, Alice, in your case it's more of a collaboration. And the same with your father, Aurora. We won't be short of money or any resources we need."

"You're really doing what you want behind our backs!" (Aurora)

"Hey, I'm sure I told them... ehmm, hey Elena, did I tell them?"

"No." (Elena)

"Well... little details."

"I don't need it..." (Cordelia)

'Fuck, Cordelia, you're the one who needs it the most here. What's this useless nonsense?'

"Haaa... well unfortunately I also talked to your mother, and we already came to an agreement."

"You know her...?" (Cordelia)

'Ugh, I shouldn't have said that.'

Well, I don't think it matters if I know who her mother is, but her gaze suddenly became so sharp I felt it pierced me. I don't know what the problem is.

"W-well, she and I came to an agreement, just like with the rest. And you'll have our sponsorship, whether you want it or not. Do you have a problem with that conclusion?"

"...No." (Cordelia)

Well, I'm still confused whether she's really picking a fight or her intentions are otherwise, but if I'm blunt like I am now, I get answers free of misunderstanding.

So I think there's no problem. Although now she seemed thoughtful about something... well, Astrid will take care of it, then I'll ask her.

"Anyway, oh, if you ask, my heart is magnanimous. And Mike and Ban are sponsored too. The others can on their own."

Willian is now a nobleman, and the kingdom will definitely support him a lot on his own. Alexander was also a noble, and Cordelia's henchmen were the sons of decent nobles... or so they said.

And Ivan caught his father's attention, and will be sponsored by the Argent, even though he is not a legitimate son.

As for those two, Ban came from a fallen noble family that was just rising, and Mike is only the son of a baron - the lowest within the nobility, not counting knights.

So I felt a little sorry for them, as they seemed nervous about not having support. Although this event was for that, it didn't hurt to put them under our veil.

Still we lose nothing, and since it's a collaboration between my family, the royal family and some other nobles, there's no one who would object to this amount of patronage for the most talented.

So I asked my father to sponsor them as well, since he is the center of all this. He asked me a lot of questions though... and he seemed to have even more questions for them. Well, if they survive, they'll have a strong sponsor.

"Hey, what about Chris?" (Aurora)

"Huh? What's Chris got?"

"You're not going to sponsor him? As far as I know, he's just the son of one of your knights." (Aurora)

"...oh, that's right. I'll sponsor it too. That's obvious, I left that out because it was obvious."

"Oh, I was worried about that too. Since you didn't mention it..." (Lys)

"Yeah, well, that obvious...oh, I know, let's go for a walk around the gardens."

I wanted to bury the subject, and now that I had tasted everything well and was full, nothing better than a stroll through the uselessly large and beautiful gardens of this castle.

"Huh? Can we do that?" (Lys)

"Yes, let's go. The gardens are beautiful. It's better than going back in there; the smell of perfume and makeup of those nobles makes me dizzy, as long as they are with me no one will mind."

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"Then, when he tried to follow me to my personal balcony, I grabbed a flowerpot and threw it at him."

"Do people like that really exist?" (Lys)

"Yes, and that's why I didn't want to leave them alone. In fact, there were many predatory looks from old men before, tasting them up and down."

"Hi!!"(Lys)

"My Lady, don't disturb Miss Lys." (Elena)

"Well, it's the truth. You must have felt them too, didn't you, it really bothered me, I wanted to throw a punch at them,"

"Still you did great, big sis."(Alice)

"he~ , your praise makes me stronger..., it certainly was hard, Although the number one victim was Silvia's breasts".

"The only look I felt was yours...and Chris'." (Silvia)

"Well, that's true, but you're not going to deny the rest, are you, you of all people must have noticed it?"

"haah~ yes, and it's not very nice, in fact I prefer yours a thousand times"(Silvia)

"true, Besides, I was correctly appreciating how nice that dress fits you. That...and your breasts, but it's appreciative. I'm sure Chris was too."

"Hum... although that fool took a hit from Eira for looking at me so much...". (Silvia)

"Ahem, Chris is a gentleman, and you probably misunderstand, he was probably just looking at nothing."

'Silvia, if you're listening to me, shut up. That Lys might have a bad opinion of me. '

I relayed my intentions to Silvia, who lately seems more intent on sabotaging me than helping.

And well, it was true that curiously Silvia got a lot of the looks. She is beautiful, along with that wine dress, her breasts and without her glasses, plus her perfectly coiffed hair, along with her big breasts. She could even outshine me.

I really wanted her to spend time with William, but there were a lot of problems. Considering that being next to him meant being the center of attention, it would be very difficult to do anything.

In the end, I let her do whatever she wanted. She would make her decision, and she has stuck with us. In fact, she broke away of her own free will and came with us, even though I didn't encourage her.

'Well, that's better... I don't know if William has the skill and tact to keep her safe, as beautiful as she is now.'

After thinking about it I looked at her and realized that she was definitely using her skill.

'Heee~, you're blushing. How cute.'

"Shut up!" (Silvia)

"Hey, what's wrong Silvia, did I say something wrong?" (Lys).

"Uh... no, Lys... I was thinking about something else. What were you saying?" (Silvia)

'Hue~ silly, only you listen to me. That's what you get for using your skillso much.'

I laughed at Silvia, who inadvertently shushed Lys as she spoke. And well, it's funny to pick on Silvia, considering that it's getting hard to bother her.

"Oh, I was saying Chris seemed nervous for some reason. You were coming in the same carriage, do you know why?" (Lys)

"Well, apparently he's going to meet his father-in-law. Hopefully he'll get a beating for messing with both sisters."(Silvia)

'Hey!'

"Oh, so that was it? They're going to formalize their relationship, huh..."(Lys)

"Oh, Lys, what do you think regarding-"

"My Lady, Sir Andres is looking this way." (Elena)

"Who?"

Suddenly Elena interrupted me as I was about to ask Lys what she thought about that, pointing to a guy on the balcony who, after looking at us, smiled and came back inside.

He looked like he had intentions of coming this way. He looked familiar from somewhere, and if Elena knows him, I should...

"...My Lady, her fiancé!"

"Oh, that's right, he..."

Chapter 307: Those Hands Were Not a Woman's

"...My Lady, her fiancé!"

"Oh, that's right, he..."

Yes, I remembered. Well, he's all dressed up and different, so it's not entirely my fault for not recognizing him right away.

"Wait... you're really engaged? You? Really?" (Silvia)

"Oh, that's right..., I'm engaged."

I don't think I ever discussed it with Silvia, but at some point I really stopped caring about this engagement that was inevitably destined to be cancelled.

Even my alternate self who did everything worse than I did, got off the hook to the point that I myself found out that I had this engagement since he left nothing regarding it, because of how irrelevant it was, me being engaged to a prince

"What?!? Wait, you're engaged to my brother!" (Aurora)

"Oh, that's right... that he's your brother."

I had missed that fact too, but it seems like it's the first time she heard of this fact or she wouldn't be this surprised. the world really is small.

"Engaged like Alice and Alex?" (Lys)

"Oh, that's right... that Alice is engaged too."

Come to think of it, that marriage was also destined to fail, although in the first life the cause was William.

Alexander...it was so pitiful that I didn't even have to interfere. Alice, who normally had difficulty giving a "no" for an answer, was very blunt about her arranged marriage and her answer was absolute, even more so than in the alternate line.

Not to mention that Alice herself reliably told me that she would take care of everything, so I put that issue aside as well.

although none of that changes that the next target I will use my spear on to copy a skill would be him .

"Tsk... An arranged marriage, You're truly pathetic. It's miserable that you haven't broken it off."
(Cordelia)

"oh, that's right, I'm pathetic, wait what did you say?"

".....What you heard"(Cordelia)

'she's looking for a fight?'

"My Lady, be serious." (Elena)

"hah! well... the truth is, I forgot. I mean, that engagement is practically dead."

"Mine too. I don't have any relationship with Alex beyond friends." (Alice)

"That's right, Alice! We're independent women! High five!"

"Yes, big sister!" (Alice)

Plack!

"My Lady... Miss Alice... 눈_눈" (Elena)

"I'm sorry." (Alice)

"don't worry, Miss Alice I know my lady is the problem here"(Elena)

"yes,yes I am the bad guy... rather, let me take care of that guy. It's about time to shatter any of your hopes."

"Please be formal. He's a member of royalty." (Elena)

"Come on, Elena. Did you see his face? Did you see that smile, like he's planning the best plan in the world, we have no connection, because Cres he would come. He's obviously coming to cause trouble."

"..." (Elena)

"just a little yes, to vent me..., let's do this, if he really comes with bad intentions let me take care of him, I deserve a little, I won't make a fuss "

"...haa~ but do it in a more secluded place and don't leave evidence..." (Elena)

"you really let her do it?"(Aurora)

"hee ~ I already got permission from Elena no one can stop me. Come on, girls, come on, there's a maze of roses around here."

"eh, what's going on what are you going to do?"(Lys)

"well Lys, you'll see how the nobles, they take care of things"

"hey stop talking nonsense to Lys..., but this is really ok?, there will be no consequences?"(Silvia)

"ehem!, Silvia, not what are you thinking, but anything physical that happens will be in self-defense"

"Yes, I see you already have your alibi, haaa~ it's really useless to worry about you"(Silvia).

"hey! I always appreciate, the concern of a friend, Lys, you are worried, about me right?"

"yeah, but are you going to fight?, because?" (Lys)

"uhm, I don't know ^_(\u2197)_/,- later we asked him..., oh!?! Cordelia are you worried about me too?"

I asked Cordelia who looked at me piercingly as always, not really expecting anything more than something resembling provocation, but.

"...yes I am" (Cordelia)

'Oh, I didn't expect that',

It seems the point here is not that she's hiding anything, but that she's not expressing herself correctly, although I swear her earlier comment was meant to pick a fight maybe it was just her expressing her concern, right?

So if I ask questions like that I think I can understand her better, yes, as long as she is honest things would be easier, I will tell Astrid to tell her that honesty is important in relationships.

As we walked into the garden, I explained to Lys that he was just a villain—third-rate, really—and that people like him usually pick fights for some stupid reason no one understands.

Most of them don't pose a real threat, so there's no need to worry. I also hoped Cordelia would overhear and stop acting like one herself.

Pov: Third person

"So I hope he looks positively on my family."

"He's not to be trusted. He plays dirty and would betray anyone for the smallest gain. On the other hand, my house is renowned and-"

"You nosy bastard! Why don't you talk about how your predecessor's corruption was discovered?"

"What did you say, you bastard?"

"Calm down! Keep your decorum, right now we're i-!"

"Shut up you, I heard you're in debt from your gambling. You just come to lick her feet. The only daughter you have is already entering her forties...with three divorces."

"Now you asked for it!"

"....."(Will)

William watched the scene for a moment, still uncomprehending. In fact, he hadn't understood anything for quite some time.

Suddenly, he was surrounded by people he didn't know; some appeared to know him, while others started talking to him about things that were completely foreign to him.

It was good that his daughters were cute, but William couldn't understand why several strangers suddenly started talking about them.

Since it all started, he had limited himself to answering what he could to the barrage of questions and requests.

For him, who was already feeling overwhelmed, the situation became even more confusing to the point that without fully realizing it, he had made an appointment with six young ladies - one of them being just a five-year-old girl - and agreed to arrange engagements with three more... one of whom turned out to be a very handsome man.

Apparently, one of the nobles was testing the waters in an unorthodox way.

Powerful families or those with children in the academy did not dare to act so directly, as there were many things to take into account, even the royal family itself avoided getting involved in these games.

But the lower-ranking merchants and nobles with no outstanding talents, who had little to lose and much to gain, brazenly tried and this was the only time they would have the opportunity to do so.

Just then, the discussion between nobles got out of control and a small scuffle started. Willian reacted and seeing the opportunity, looked at his friends.

They understood his intentions and without saying a word, they took advantage of the chaos to sneak into the crowd in the middle of the fight, it was a golden opportunity that they were not going to miss.

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Finally, the group of Boys found a clear balcony in a corner of the second floor and were able to calm down.

"Puhaa~ Damn, what was that? I felt like I was suffocating." (Esteban)

"Ugh, don't mention it... it was horrible. It's the first time it's happened to me." (Alexander)

"I... I felt like someone grabbed my ass." (Mike)

"R-Really? Me too...and those weren't a woman's hands." ʝ ^ ʌ (Ivan)

"I was going to complain, but I feel like you guys got it worse." (Ban)

"Me too.... who the hell dared to do that to me?" (Tharen)

"Guys, calm down, don't yell. We're in the royal palace." (Will)

"Hey, you're just saying that because your integrity wasn't attacked. Damn!" (Ivan)

"Rather, this situation is obviously your fault, Will." (Ban)

"Yeah, those guys were focused on you. Like Chris said, by your blessing." (Alex)

"Ugh... sorry, guys. I didn't think it would be that bad. I didn't really understand anything." (Will)

"Me neither. The only thing I understood was that a man touched my butt!!." ʌ (`□´) ʝ (Ivan)

"Wait.... where are Chris and the twins? Did they stay there?" (Esteban)

"No... that fucker ran off with the twins a while ago. I held out my hand for a ride and he just scoffed and took off. That bastard!" (Mike)

"I saw him too. Everywhere he passed, the nobles seemed to panic and run away holding their crotches." (Ban)

"He probably pulled a dirty trick...but you know, I hear he's going to meet his father-in-law." (Tharen)

"Oh...I hope he gets a beating, he needs consequences for being with Selene." (Mike)

"Huh? What about Eira?" (Will)

"Well... being with her is punishment enough." (Mike)

"You're talking because she just a few days ago beat you to a pulp. And you're wrong, you didn't see how cute she acts when she's with him." (Ban)

"Yeah, their fights now are superficial,I hope someday Alice and I..." (Alex)

"Dude, give it up already. I haven't been here long, but it's obvious there's no chance." (Esteban)

"Yeah, that's true. That's what I've been telling you for a long time." (Ivan)

"/_\" (Alex)

"On the other hand.... what do we do? I don't want to go back inside, but we can't stay on this balcony. They'll eventually find us." (Tharen)

"Let's stay here, who cares. When they find us, we jump off and hide again." (Mike)

"How crude...that's against etiquette. Tsk, what did I expect from an uncivilized person like you." (Ban)

"Hey, shut up! I'm nobler than you, you fucker!" (Mike)

"hmp~ my family is resurfacing and we're viscounts, you idiot. I have more rank. Besides, what's the use of you being a noble if you act like a savage?" (Ban)

"Now you do, you idiot. Let's see if I don't beat you to a pulp today." (Mike)

"Heh~, Idiot, you can't use magic, what can you do? I'm going to-" (Ban)

"Aren't those the girls?" (Will).

Willian suddenly caught everyone's attention, even Mike and Ban, who were about to fight.

Towards the garden, in the distance, the group of girls could be seen entering what looked like a maze of roses, the walls of which were over ten feet high. Once inside, they lost sight of them.

"haah~,They all look so pretty today..... I wish I could be with them." (Ivan)

"And what good would that do you? They've all already rejected you. You don't stand a chance with any of them." (Ban)

"Hey, it's nice just being surrounded by pretty girls."(Ivan)

"I agree with him. It's better than being surrounded by just you idiots. Thanks to that, someone groped my ass." (Mike)

"We can't. Miss Silvercrest has an aversion to men. The girls and Chris warned us about that too." (Will)

"Damn, that's cheating! Aurora is with her. She was supposed to be one of us and yet she betrayed us." (Ivan)

"Well put on a skirt and go test the waters. Even cheeky Chris stayed away." (Esteban)

"But really they're all wearing dresses from the best dressmaker in the kingdom. That job can only be Felix's." (Tharen)

"Yes, I had heard them. They had been meeting with Miss Silvercrest for that." (Ban)

"Yeah, in the end it's a shame not to be with them. Hey... but speaking of Miss Silvercrest, did you see what a beauty she is? Damn, now I understand why Alice talks about her like she's in love? ups", sorry."
(Ivan)

"/_\" (Alex)

"True, she went unnoticed... just like Silvia. Those round glasses must be illegal. What's up with the radical changes all of a sudden?" (Mike)

"At least Aurora is still as plain as ever. If on top of being a woman she was a real beauty, it would be crazy." (Ivan)

"You bastard... She's the only one you haven't asked out. It's because she's not very pretty, isn't it?"
(Ban)

"Ahem... she's a drinking buddy, I couldn't see her that way. That's why." (Ivan)

"Bullshit. You don't care about anything. You even went after Alice when you knew Alex likes her."
(Mike)

"Well, from the beginning with him it seemed like a hopeless case, so..." (Ivan).

"/_\" (Alex)

"Hey, guys! Look over there. I think that would be a problem, wouldn't it?" (Tharen)

"Wait... that guy, if I'm not mistaken, is the prince, right?" (Esteban)

"He doesn't look like he means well." (Will)

William sensed it. Maybe from their body language, or a hunch. William sensed that those two entering the rose maze definitely didn't seem to have good intentions, it was obvious that it didn't seem coincidental that they were heading towards the same place as the girls.

"Leaving aside the prince... the other one looks strong. Besides, he doesn't look our age." (Ban)

"Oh, guys, it's oportu-ejem.... I mean, we have to help. Who knows what they have in mind." (Ivan)

"Alice... here I come." (Alex)

"....." (everyone)

Just when everyone was thinking of going to see if the situation was bad or not, there was someone who didn't hesitate and jumped down from the second floor balcony.

Although his specialty was magic and at this time he could not use it. but luckily all of them wizards or not have bodies strong enough to resist both....

"Y-Yes, let's go. Let's see if something happens. If it's nothing let's apologize, for showing up." (Will)

"Fine." (the rest)

So, they all jumped down from the second floor and went after the girls, not knowing that they would discover something beyond their imagination.

Chapter 308: Curiosity

Finally we were in a corner of this maze of roses, with my supposed fiancé and a tall man, about 6'4".

He looked to be in his late 30s to early 40s, and the fool looked at me lustfully, so I could see he was on the seventh metamorphosis. Without needing to extend my senses.

"So here you are. If you wanted to run away, you should have run away to the castle. I have unfinished business with you." (Andres)

"See, Elena, what did I tell you, look, he even brought a big guy as backup."

"...Haa~ just make sure to eliminate any incriminating evidence." (Elena)

"Fine!"

"Hey! Don't ignore me! I've had enough, you keep ignoring me and looking down on me!... Well, now that we're not in the academy, you'll see that..." (Andres)

"Wait, stop for a moment. There!"

"What?" (Andres)

I stopped him, whatever he was going to say, and thought of something, seeing his winning smile on his face, that more than anything, honestly, aroused my curiosity and now before I started I wanted to satiate.

I thought it would be an opportunity to learn something new before I started to de-stress a bit.

"First of all... you cleared the area, right? So that no one would come even if I yelled for help."

"Yes... so don't think about doing something useless like that.." (Andres)

"Oh, no. Thank you for that."

"..." (Andres)

I mean, this guy was acting just like I thought he would. In fact, I think this is the first time I've talked to him directly, since the whole deal went through the adults when we were younger.

But there really was something I wanted to ask.

"Let's get to the point. Now you come to teach me a lesson or something, right?"

"Y-yes, that's exactly it. Like my wife you-" (Andres)

"Let me finish.... So, since you're not stronger than me, you brought this more powerful guy to do it in your place?"

"...Shut up! This is my power." (Andres)

"Wait! I don't judge you. But explain to me what gives you the confidence that even if that guy beats me or gives me my 'lesson', or even if it was just to intimidate me do you think you'll get away with it? I am a Silvercrest . If you're part of the royal family, you should know that even your father wouldn't dare to do something like that lightly."

"..." (Andres)

" you should think about the consequences of all this. Not to mention that even if I wasn't a Silvercrest , I would be protected by the halo of the academy. You know well the interest the kingdom and your father have in that."

"..." (Andres)

"Okay. My question is, as a third-rate villain: did you really think this was a good idea? I'm genuinely curious."

I wanted to understand the psychology of people who do this kind of dumb stuff. I wondered if in his head it was a foolproof or minimally viable plan or if he was just going through the motions based on personal feelings without really thinking anything through.

My alternate self met many like this... and so will I in the future.

Now that I have the opportunity, I would like to know what these people think, honestly it's all so silly and superficial that I just don't understand them.

'Maybe it will serve as a reference for me in the future.'

"..." (Andres)

I waited to see what he had to say to me, but he was silent, even the man next to him was nervous, not knowing what to do.

"Aren't you going to answer me?"

"Ehem. Like I said, I just wanted to stop by to say hi to my fiancée... who I haven't had time to talk to in a while." (Andres)

"...Huh? "

"It was a pleasure to see you again, forgive me if you felt there was any ulterior motive for bringing my friend with me, if you will excuse me.... I will withdraw." (Andres)

"What's that bullshit excuse for retiring? Did your feet get cold?"

"..." (Andres)

I couldn't believe it. The guy came to his senses and realized he was doing something stupid.

But that question of mine was just out of curiosity to begin with. I didn't want to make him come to his senses... he was going to be my stress-relieving punching bag.

Since he wasn't going to answer me, I couldn't let him back down, so I provoked him a bit. If he came here with such a silly idea, I think I can easily bring him down.

"You really suck, even for a third-rate villain. I heard that the only good thing you did... no, that you wanted to do, was to lead the students during the terrorist attack... and you led them straight to a group of monsters."

"..." (Andres)

Yes, I had heard that from Silvia, who was in that group. This guy is useless with power.

That also made me remember that frustration I had stored up for putting Silvia in danger back then... so I'll be more serious this time.

"You're only in Class A because you're a prince. But eventually-..."

"My Lady, he's in class B." (Elena)

"Huh? Since when?"

"Since a month ago he descended." (Elena)

"Oh. See? You're so useless that even as a prince you couldn't stay in the A class for more than six months. And you want to be my fiancé?"

"You're out of line! I'm royalty!" (Andres)

"Fuck you, asshole! If you want, go cry with your daddy... and introduce him to your boyfriend while you're at it."

"..."(x2)

I said pointing to the guy next to him, who hadn't said anything and looked confused, in fact they both looked confused.

Apparently, his plan took a turn and he didn't know what to do. but hearing my words seemed to make him angry and he looked at me threateningly.

It's time to de-stress a bit and put into practice what I learned at the academy... or rather, what I learned from watching Eira.

"What are you looking at me, scum? Let's see, I have another curiosity, does he stick it in you or you stick it in him? Well, you look like you're the one receiving, you like it when it goes in you, don't you?"

"Put in, receive? What are you talking about, Phina?"(Lys).

"No, Lys, don't listen to her, don't let her influence you." (Silvia)

"That's it, big sister!" (Alice).

"Miss Alice, don't encourage her anymore, or she might overdo it." (Elena)

"But Elena, is it really okay? He's royalty!" (Aurora)

"...If she remove any evidence... it's fine." (Elena)

"Hum... we have to eliminate him." (Cordelia)

I'm going to assume that the girls' murmur is their support of what I'm going to do, I looked at the guy who looked increasingly angry and at the prince, who also looked angrier.

Well, that felt good, and it doesn't look like Elena definitely isn't going to stop me, so I got the green light, I'm not going to hold back.

'I invoke my girlfriend's ability (drunk sailor's mouth)'.

I needed to up my game even more and try my best to imitate Eira and start an unwanted conflict.

"And if you don't have anything else to say, you cowards, you pussies? Fuck you, scum like you, you don't even deserve to breathe the same air as us. No, you don't deserve to breathe, go to a corner and die."

'Ohh ☹️ o ☹️, I didn't know I was that good, I almost sounded like Eira when we first met. '

"Enough, you're the one who doesn't know her place." (Andres)

"Well if you're not content, go tell your daddy, you idiot. I'm not a coward like you, if I start something I finish it."

"Terssan, go and teach this shameless and vulgar woman a lesson!" (Andres)

"Yes, your highness." (Terssan)

"Wait!"

"Did you chicken out now, arrogant girl?"(Terssan).

"No, before we fight, I want you to look at my hand."

I told the guy whose name was Terssan to look at my left palm just as he lunged at me.

He, not understanding - or probably thinking I just wanted to give him an excuse because I had chickened out - looked at it closely.

"What, what's wrong with it? If it's just an excuse." (Terssan)

"No, take a good look at it..."

"What's wrong with it...? I just see a fucking han-" (Terssan)

Plack!

"Agh!" (Terssan)

"Tsk, are you an idiot? Why the hell did you listen to me!?"

Bang!

I finished it fast. While he was concentrating on my left hand, my right built up enough strength and I delivered an accurate punch to his jaw that knocked him out immediately.

I made sure he was well down and gave him a stomp with my heel. I definitely sent him into the world of unconsciousness.

I was quick and efficient. After all, I didn't want to ruin my dress.

"You, how did you do it!!! he has 7 metamorphoses!" (Andres)

"well it doesn't matter how strong he is, almost everyone will fall if he gets hit in a critical spot, when he doesn't expect it."

"Y-you coward!" (Andres)

"Huehuehue~... You little princess, are you really telling me that? Come on, I haven't vented my stress yet."

"N-no... stay away! I'm a prince!" (Andres)

"And I'm the one who's going to hit you, hue~"

Thud!

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Chapter 309: Save me

"Whew~, that felt good. Elena, hand me the ring to cast healing spells on them."

"Here you go, my Lady." (Elena)

"By the way, you can see, I already put a blanket over them."

"really, she can use magic, haa~ I'm not even going to ask" (Aurora).

"Every time I reaffirm to myself that being their enemy is the worst thing that could happen." (Silvia)

"I know, right? she have no respect for her enemies." (Aurora)

"Th-this is normal for the nobility?" (Lys)

"No, Miss Lys. She's the rare one, don't take her as standard." (Elena)

"Yes, only that she would mercilessly beat her fiancé and a passed out guard and leave them in that potion without remorse." (Silvia)

"My big sister is unique, isn't she, big sister Cordelia?" (Alice)

"Yes... she is." (Cordelia)

"But besides tying them up... she too leaving them in this position... now that I think about it, the incident of the guys being tied up..." (Aurora)

"Hey, Aurora, I heard you! Don't jump to conclusions, everyone saw me in class that day! Ahem... well, let's go back inside, nothing happened here..."

I said to the girls, as I started walking out of that maze of roses.

I left the pair of fallen men, covered with a sheet, and as Elena asked me not to leave evidence of my beating, I cast some healing spells on them with delayed activation.

When they start working, they will attract attention, and by the time they figure it out, the bigger wounds will be healed.

They will just think they had an intense romantic night in the corner of the garden, to the point of falling asleep and exhaustion.

"Big sister, that was great! With one punch you took that guy out." (Alice)

"Ahem... I am strong after all."

"You're just using a cowardly trick." (Aurora)

"But , I'm strong enough to use that cowardly trick. Besides, I could still have defeated him."

"You? Since when did you become so strong? Even though you looks like a wimp...hmmm, but I'm stronger.... Let's fight!" (Cordelia)

"Hey... Do you want to fight? Hum... Well, when we get back to the academy, I can have a duel, is that okay with you?"

"Yes!" (Cordelia)

Yes, I think I'm getting the hang of dealing with Cordelia, I think the point when I talk or address her, is to be direct with my questions.

As for her comments, I just have to ignore her tone of wanting to look for trouble, some words that seem derogatory and misused, as well as the provocative and hateful ones and in the end it would be something like:

["Wow, you really are strong, even though you didn't look it! Why don't we fight to deepen our friendship?".]

Or well, that's what I want to believe. If I think about it on the alternate future, she was challenging me to fight a lot.

Maybe that was his incomprehensible way of helping me become stronger and spending time with me, so that we would be closer.

Although all she earned was the hatred of my alternate self—and awakened in him a desire for revenge for all those beatings—it somehow worked.

He was definitely more motivated to grow stronger and finally put an end to the cycle of beatings.

Although, the part about getting closer definitely didn't work out the way she wanted it to.

Rustle!

It was at that moment when I heard a movement on the walls of this large labyrinth of roses, I became alert, I had forgotten it for a moment, but who knows if terrorism would start, nothing better than kidnapping important people and holding them hostage.

"Miss!"

Bang!

"Huh? Tristan?"

Suddenly a man came out of the bushes and I reacted to his unexpected approach by punching him downwards detecting his impulse, I didn't hold back, but I didn't use my art either.

It was only after that I realized that although the man looked haggard, he was someone I recognized, I had lived with him for the past three years, I realized it was Tristan, my servant, whom I had not seen since I entered the academy.

The blow did nothing to him, but he immediately crawled over and clung to my dress and began to plead with me.

"Miss, please help me, save me."(TT~~~~TT) (Tristan)

"Hey, what's wrong? Stop crying and clinging to my dress, you'll wrinkle it, what happened, did your wife...?"

"No, miss, you have to save me from your father, please stop him." (Tristan)

"Huh?...My father? What did you do?"

"I didn't do anything, it's about Chris, since he knows that between you and me there is something he doesn't know about, he hasn't stopped harassing me. Besides, I can't say anything because of contracts. Please help me miss, at least tell him the truth about Christian and you." (Tristan)

"Hey, wait, stop there, I understand. Come here for a moment."

I dragged Tristan, desperate, to a corner where the girls wouldn't hear.

luckily this idiot to begin with can't say anything important, still, who knows what they will misunderstand, especially Aurora who keeps actively probing, because of my provocation.

So I took him away and dragged to talk what specifically it was that had him in such a desperate state.

POV: Third person

"She lied to me. She's got something going on with Chris after all."(Aurora)

"Huh?"(Silvia)

Silvia, who was watching the duo walk away, heard Aurora's muttering beside her. He didn't understand what she was referring to.

According to Phina, Aurora lived in her bedroom and was, partially, part of her harem, although she didn't understand what that meant, Silvia thought that having spent enough time in her personal space, she should already know Phina's secrets.

And by the confident way Phina spoke of Aurora a few weeks ago when she explained her situation...Silvia really thought that Aurora had already formalized or started their relationship.

But if Silvia thought about it, it was likely that when that happened, Phina would come to tell her and show off directly.

Even so she was not entirely sure, since from her conversations with Phina it seemed that Aurora should know many things.

Perhaps understanding her doubt Alice who came to her side clarified it to her, telling her in a low voice.

"Silvia, regarding that... Aurora doesn't know the matters regarding my older sister."(Alice)

"What? Really? But I thought that-"(Silvia)

"well, my older sister says that, it's a matter of time, that's why my older sister doesn't mind her living in her room."(Alice)

"Hey, I heard that! I already said I'm not into that matter. Besides, I live with her because of a problem with my condition, nothing else."(Aurora)

"You live with her?"●_●(Cordelia)

"Hey, Cordelia...why are you looking at me like that? I mean, yeah, I've been there for a while. Is there a problem?"(Aurora)

"...No. That explains why I never saw you leave there."(Cordelia)

"What do you mean by that?"(Aurora)

"...Nothing."(Cordelia)

"humm Silv, what are they talking about? I don't understand."(Lys)

Lys, who had also approached and didn't seem to understand anything either, asked Silvia in a low voice.

Silvia had many complicated thoughts, regarding Lys who was her friend, for many things related to Phina and Chris and the future.

In the end she didn't have much courage to get involved beyond what she should, so she could only sigh and answer.

"Haaa~

nothing, just a personal detail about Phina. Well, sooner or later you will know."(Silvia)

"oh, I see"(Lys)

"Wait, Silvia, are you involved in that? Do you know about me and the rest of the things she's keeping" (Aurora).

"y-yo no"(Silvia).

"hmmm, it seems that you do know, tell me that you get along well with both of them, you must know the relationship, what those two have..., she lied to me and told me that there was nothing, but from what that man just said, she must have lied to me, she even made Selene lie to me" (Aurora).

"Eh?, the relationship?, between them?, hum..., Elena, don't I understand the situation?"(Silvia)

Silvia did not understand to what extent she could talk about this and more so with the rest who do not know about this matter here present.

In fact, she wanted to stop this conversation if it was possible, but she didn't know how to do it, she could only ask for help to Elena who was calm just observing, she would really like her Imperturbability.

"Don't worry Miss Silvia, this situation is my wife's fault, she said that if Miss Aurora found out something on her own, she would tell you the rest, apparently she has no qualms in telling you or in her finding out."(Elena)

"What? Because she would do it that way,?... no, you know what, I bet it's just a whim, or she found it funny, she gets arrogant when her are in control"(Silvia)

"So, if you knew everything too, I guess you're not going to tell me anything haah~... it annoys me how she's having fun with this, plus she keeps throwing me clues all weird and nonsense, I bet they were all lies, like she had no relationship with Chris, she will deal with me when she comes back"(Aurora)

"uhm, but if she doesn't mind telling, she wouldn't be the type to lie, and Selene. ..oh! I know what she is doing here"(Silvia)

Silvia finally understood what Phina was doing to Aurora and how she was playing with the circumstances, and as if to back her up Alice said.

"yeah, my big sister is not lying, everything she told Aurora is true"(Alice)

"they are, seriously speaking!!!"(Aurora)

"haa~ she's just playing with the technicality, haa~ she's really just doing what she wants..., Aurora, for your mental health, don't play along and let her tell you if she wants to tell you everything. trying to find out all that alone will drive you crazy." (Silvia)

"Hey, that's exactly what Eira said too! Seriously, she's strange no matter how you look at her, and yet she still..."(Aurora)

"What secret are you talking about, is it something important?"(Cordelia)

"Oh, mmmhh... big sister Cordelia... well, about that... mmm... Elena ."(Alice)

"Yes. Regarding that Miss Cordelia, My lady has some things she prefers to keep secret, and only she can reveal them. I hope you understand that."(Elena)

"...I understand, but..."(Cordelia)

"Oh, I'm back!!! they were talking about me? You know, it is impolite to talk about a lady's secrets".
(Seraphina)

Chapter 310: Tristan's problem

'Whew, I made it in time.'

I went back to where the girls were, where the topic seemed to be me. I didn't know exactly what it was, but it seemed the conversation had veered toward finding out my secret.

And it all, I imagine, started because of what dumb Tristan said.

Well, in the end he didn't say anything that anyone else didn't know. They all know that Seraphina and Christian are related as mistress and servant, so there's no problem, beyond Aurora misunderstanding it and further complicating the ideas she's getting about me.

Although, by the time I got there, the conversation was already at a point where they seemed to be talking about me having a secret.

But I know that none of the girls who know will say anything more, although I was worried that Cordelia might be insistent, but I still interfered before she went any further. Beyond that it doesn't matter if they know I have a secret.

Who doesn't have them? Even Elena. In addition to her love of candy, I know she likes cute things...and cats. Things I had been keeping well guarded and discovered by pure coincidence.

It's something I discovered recently, when I was using Shadow Assimilation. She didn't notice me, and I saw how, when no one was around, she took Selene and started playing with her and pampering her.

She played with her as if she were a real cat, even said things like "nya this", "nya that", and Selene didn't resist at all; she seemed to like being pampered and played with like that.

I watched as Elena reminded Selene to keep it a secret when they broke up. It seemed it wasn't the first time it had happened.

Even Alice once left her storage bag lying around, and when I picked it up, she got nervous, like she was hiding something. I won't lie, I was curious, but I respected her privacy.

Although, because of that, I found a method to tease her: I would steal her storage on the condition that she would give me a kiss in return, and I too would take the opportunity to make requests that embarrassed her.

It was fun to tease her, whatever she was hiding in there.

"Okay, girls, now, now, let's go back. The one before that was Chris's father. Well, he's like my personal guard since I was a kid. He was just so happy to see me after so long."

I threw out a quick excuse to those who didn't know him and we continued on our way back. Aurora obviously looked like she wanted to say something, but held back. Still, it looked like she would ask me later.

I was considering ending this and just telling her, but she always seems so determined and tenacious in finding out on her own, giving me her increasingly creative theories, that I keep putting it off.

One characteristic I understand about Aurora is that she is persistent and determined. I feel like she has taken this thing about my relationship and my secrets personally, and wants to figure it out on her own.

Well, although I don't know what exactly she has in mind, all I know is that she is no longer afraid of me, and things are going decently between us. I think we're on the right track.

I won't hesitate to tease her though, as it's really funny, how badly she's doing trying to figure me out on her own.

Honestly I've even blurted out some key information that would make things easier for her.

But maybe she takes it that I am talking nonsense to disorient her, her problem is that she is someone very logical and my secrets and such are out of this realm, so even though she is very cunning and smart, this time it is playing against her.

Oddly enough, with her, rather than nervousness about telling her my secrets, I feel anticipation to see how she will react when I tell her everything and she sees that I haven't lied to her even once.

'well, now regarding the Tristan thing, let's see, I have to meet my father, although I wanted to avoid it, I don't want him to embarrass me in front of the girls. But if I find an opportunity....'

by another , I understood Tristan's problem. Apparently, the poor guy, ever since I started making a name for myself as "Chris", or basically since the entrance exams, my father - who obviously has ways of getting information, and even more so when it comes to my surroundings - started to investigate.

After a short inquiry about Chris, ... he got to my so-called father, Tristan, whom he immediately questioned.

But due to contracts, he could not say anything. That caused my father from that day on to intensify his training as a gentleman, which was more like harassment.

Truth be told, I overlooked it. I hadn't seen Tristan since I entered the academy, and of the times I met with my father, he never questioned me directly about Chris.

He only asked me if I had any special relationship with any boy. I immediately understood that if I said a name - any boy - and it wasn't important enough, like a prince, he would probably disappear.

Well, I answered honestly anyway that I had no relationship with any man.

That was the constant question when we saw each other, of course extorting money and information from him was also a constant.

But he never brought up the subject of Chris, which I was unconcerned about. But apparently, behind the scenes he had been harassing Tristan, stepping up his training with the excuse that someone who had earned my trust had to be of a high standard to repay my trust.

I understood right away that it was just my father's jealousy, because Tristan knew something he didn't know about me, and he was just taking it out pettily on him without even asking me any questions.

Tristan tried to defend himself, saying that I had tricked him and semi-coerced him into collaborating with me, and that only I could talk to him about Chris-related matters.

But it backfired, and all he succeeded in doing was earning my father's scorn for "selling me out."

That only made him increase his training even more, now being more intense as punishment for being a disloyal gentleman to his mistress — the one he betrayed and sold out without hesitation.

His situation made me feel guilty, and in fact my father was being unreasonable to the extreme, but at the same time it was all silly, I mean, he tried to defend himself with the truth and ended up worse, that sounded so silly that I laughed at the irony, making him burst into tears, making me feel bad again.

In a manner of speaking, he was trapped in noble conflicts, unable to do anything.

He was so desperate that he ran away from his job as my father's escort and, since he seems to know me and what I would do, he ended up hanging around here and actually found me.

Well, in the end I promised him I would talk to my father and at least make sure they stopped harassing him, with that Spartan training excuse.

I won't say anything to my father about Chris, but I will tell him to stop bothering Tristan. I may have to call him "daddy," but I know that will do it.

Besides, it's true that it's my fault. I'm going to make it up to him, even give him a paid vacation and lots of compensation, for all the trouble.

even so , I have a lot to say to that old man who dares to harass my accomplice behind my back.....

Rustle!

"Hey, Tristan, is that you again?"

Again I heard the sound of someone moving over the walls of the labyrinth and thought it was Tristan again, but....

"My princess!!!" (Dante)

"Ugh, damn, old man, now it's you!"

He appeared, the person I didn't want to see, but the one I had to meet to find justice for Tristan.

"Nooooo! My baby! Since when did you act so cold? Call me daddy." (Dante)

But he immediately started, as always, to complain about the way I called him, and to hug me loudly while he was complaining.

Elena always tells me to keep up the family image, but every time this old man acts like that, I feel like I'm not the biggest problem here, and I wonder—what family image, exactly?

Well, with him here, the situation was becoming more difficult, and I wanted to meet him alone—not now, not while he was with the girls.

Yes, I didn't want to do this in front of the girls, but....

"First of all, why do you have Tristan unconscious?"

Yes, the old man had appeared, and the moment he jumped over the wall towards me he released an unconscious Tristan who I had made sure to reassure a few moments ago, promising him that my father would not harass him.

Now because of this old man I had failed in my promise.

"I met him on the way, he left his duty as a guard, besides I'm going to sentence him for blaspheming me and talking nonsense about me..." (Dante)

"You old fuck! What do you mean you found him on the way? You were obviously listening to my conversation with him..., Well, since you listened, stop harassing him, or really... mmm, I'll call you an old fuck as a default."

Luckily I remembered that during my conversation with Tristan, we talked more about what my father was doing to him and said, nothing, compromising about who Chris really was.

'Really, not extend my senses is a pain in the ass.'

"Noo!!, My little girl! Since when did you become like that? Noooo! Tell me daddy." (Dante)

"No."

If I really didn't have Seraphina's memories, this old man would have tricked me, and I would have started calling him daddy so that the change wouldn't be noticed, when I took her body.

The "old fucker" came naturally to me, because she thought that way about him and said it too, just like me.

No, she was even worse than me, she just annoyed me, because she would take every opportunity to force me to call him "daddy", which I personally didn't like to do, but she meant it.

I won't deny that we had some similarities in the way we acted, she didn't hesitate to call him "daddy" to manipulate him and get what she wanted, just like me, although she did it on a whim, and I did it when it was necessary.

She could also behave relatively decently in front of her parents. And I say relatively, because he wasn't a paragon of virtue either.

But her way of thinking about them was so unique, that even with all her memories.... I still don't understand her at all.

From my point of view, the original Seraphina had some kind of strange mental illness because of the way she thought about her parents, although they obviously loved her.

Not to mention that her erratic behavior was also due to that strange way of thinking and seeing the world, she was very strange.

To the point that I feel that, as divine punishment, she truly earned having her body taken away from her. Perhaps Aeloria wanted to kill two birds with one stone when she had me take her body, among millions of her believers.

So, to begin with, that "when did I become like this?"... is something the original Seraphina also heard over and over again.

In fact, even though I act the way I am, without holding back or pretending anything, for those around me, including my parents, it was an improvement in their personality.

So much so, that no one ever had any doubts about me and my acting, everyone seemed happy that I improved as a person.