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Chapter 41 The guy with the phone blinked in confusion , realizing his viewfinder was suddenly blocked .

Il , imposing figure stepped forward Harley .

His sharp , cold gaze locked onto the would be photographer like a hawk spotting prey.

A tall , Dont take photos without permission , Harley said , his voice low but packed with authority S.

Sorry ! The student stammered , lowering his phone immediately under the weight of Harleys chilling aura .

Harley confirmed there were no pictures saved before turning away and striding toward Noelle .

All night .

I get it youre amazing .

Now open your eyes liefore people start thinking we have a little blind student wandering around , he said with an exasperated chuckle .

Hmph .

Noelle slowly blinked her eyes open , tilting her head at Harley .

Next time , dont underestimate me She puffed up her cheeks slightly , still miffed .

As if someone like Harley could actually protect her .

She used to be his commanding officer !! Harley couldnt help but smirk at her stubborn streak .

I didnt underestimate you .

Then why are you hovering like Im some fragile doll ? Caught off guard , Harley stumbled for a reply .

He gazed at her , wondering how someone could be so perceptive about some things and so clueless about others .

Its just instinct , I guess , he finally admitted , shrugging with a small sigh .

Fine .

My bad .

Good .

Noelle said triumphantly .

Dont do it again .

Leia , walking nearby , had been listening to their exchange the entire time .

What is wrong with Noelle she thought , exasperated .

Anyone with half a brain could see Harley wants to protect her because he likes her ! But she twists it into some ridiculous insult about being underestimated .

How dense can one person be ? Sull , Leia couldnt help but see the silver lining .

If Noelle was going to remain oblivious , it gave her more room to swoop in and win Harley over The group eventually reached their assigned section for the opening ceremony .

The event started with the usual pleasantries from the university president , filled with generic words of encouragement for the incoming freshmen Next up was a speech from the student council president .

However , r , due to the president being unwell , the vice president Eli was called to step This was a side of Ei that Noelle had never seen before .

He walked confidently onto the stage , his tall , lean frame exuding a quiet authority .

His crisp white shirt , perfectly knotted tie , and polished demeanor made him look every bit the part of a leader .

Yet , there was a warmth in his smile that softened his otherwise composed and professional When Eli spoke , his voice was clear and soothing , cutting through the summer heat like a refreshing breeze .

From the moment he appeared , the audience was captivated especially the girls .

God , the vice president is so handsome ? Forget joining a club .

Tin joining the student council to be near him ! Hry , mind your tongue .

Were in school 1/3 Chapter 41 Damn .

Hes so attractive ! Is he single ! Because if he is , Im shooting my shot.

Noelle , overhearing the chatter around her , could hardly believe her ears .

What the heck ! Is this really Elif Noelle thought Her impression of Eli was vastly different .

At home , he was the perpetually stern and nagging older brother .

Yet here , he was practically a celebrity .

Is Eli secretly a master of disguise ? Noelle thought .

Leia , on the other hand , was fully aware of Els popularity at school , but even she hadnt realized it was this overwhelming .

A plan began forming in her mind .

If Eli was this admired , she could surely use his influence to her advantage .

After the opening ceremony , the first year students gathered in their classrooms to elect class representatives .

Harley , naturally , chose to sit next to Noelle , with Leia taking the spot beside him .

Harley , are you going to run for class rep ? Leia asked sweetly .

kaning toward him slightly .

Instead of answering her , Harley turned to Noelle .

Are you interested in running for anything ? Ugh , no way .

Sounds like too much work , Noelle said , scrunching her nose .

The memory of middle school, where being a class rep meant endless chores , was still fresh in her mind .

Then I wont run either , Harley said nonchalantly .

What ? Why not ? Noelle asked , genuinely puzzled .

Do you want me to run ? Harley countered , his tone teasing .

Well .

Noelles eyes lit up mischievously .

If you become class rep , you could totally bend the rules for me , right ? Harley raised an eyebrow , a slow smirk spreading across his face .

In that case , Ill run for class rep .

Yay ! Leia clenched her fists under the table , her nails digging into her palms .

Harley and Noelles close relationship was a puzzle to most people .

Harley wasnt just anyone he was the scion of a prestigious family , his lineage marked by both historical achievements and societal influence .

Compared to the Anderson family , his status was a whole tier above , making it clear that Harley had no reason to defer to anyone , let alone cater their whims .

And yet , when it came to Noelle , he was almost unrecognizable .

saf To Harley listened to her , indulged her , and even went so far as to change his own plans just because Noelle mentioned wanting someone to pull some strings for her .

It left everyone scratching thei their heads .

Who is Noelle , really ? What has she done to deserve st such loyalty from someone like Harley !? The results of the class officer elections were announced .

In the end , Harley won the election by a landslide and was named class rep .

Lela , much to her satisfaction , became the vice rep , tasked with assisting him After the class officer elections wrapped up and the advisor finished going over the necessary details , the meeting was dismissed .

Students trickled out of the classroom one by one Leia quickly caught up to Harley , flashing him a sweet smile .

Harley , I remember back in high school , you were the class president , and I was the vice president .

Now , in college , its the same again .

Looks like were really meant to be , huh ? 9:29 AM c Chapter 41 Mm Harley responded , his tone flat and indifferent .

Without another word , he walked straight to Noelles side .

Its lunchtime .

Noelle , lets go eat .

Okay Any food preferences Nope .

But I love meat .

Make sure to order lots of it .

I know .

Harley couldnt help but chuckle .

He still remembered when the Thunder Unit came to their school for training back then .

Noelle was a complete carnivore .

She could skip everything else , but meat ! That was non negotiable .

Two years had passed , and she was still the same .

Leia watched their easy , familiar exchange , and the jealousy gnawed at her .

She forced a smile and asked , Harley , Noelle , how did you two meet ! You seem so close Noelle turned to Leia , blinking innocently .

You really want to know ? Of course Leia answered eagerly , her eyes filled with anticipation .

Tell me , Noelle .

Im really curious .

Harley frowned slightly .

Noelle had been adamant about keeping her identity under wraps .

Leia might act friendly on the surface , but she wasnt someone to be taken lightly .

If she found out the truth , it could lead to trouble .

Then , before Harley could say anything , Noelle simply smiled and said .

Thats a secret between me and Harley .

Im not telling you Nick had warned her Leia wasnt to be trusted .

And Noelle wasnt about to fall into her trap .

Chapter 43 Harley , lets go .

Noelle said , tugging at Harleys sleeve .

Eli had left with Leia , and the group of girls who had gathered around him dispersed .

Harleys mind lingered on what had just happened , but Noelles call brought him back to the present .

He turned to her , his expression a mix of concern and frustration .

Noelle , youre the real daughter of the Anderson family , right ! Leia was switched at birth and wont even related to them ? Uh huh , thats right Why ? Noelle replied , her tone casual .

Harley frowned deeply , irritation flashing in his eyes .

Then why does Eli treat you like this ? He didnt even bother figuring out what happened before scalding you , and when he realized he was wrong , he didnt apologize .

He just left .

er ! Eli cares about Leia more .

She cried , so of course , hed rush to comfort her Noelle tilted her head , puzzled , Why does it matter ? Her tone was so matter of fact that Harleys anger surged .

Why does he care more about Leia ! Youre his actual sister .

Even if he doesnt favor you .

he should at least treat you equally .

How is this acceptable ! Noelle blinked , considering his words .

I guess you have a point Its not just a point its the truth Harleys voice rose .

You dont realize it , but the way he treats you is completely wrong .

Noelle was just too naive , and it seemed like she had no sense of the complexities of relationships at all .

Thats why , even being treated this way , she didnt seem to feel anything .

But then , something else crossed Harleys mind .

Could it be that Noelle had always been treated like this in th the Anderson family ! Perhaps , because everyone like Eli always favored Leia , Noelle never knew what it felt like to be supported or protected .

She had no sense of comparison , no sense of what she was missing because it was all she had ever know , Harley thought .

The thought made Harleys heart sink , a heavy weight sealing deep within him .

Noelle Harley began , his voice quieter but laced with concern .

Does everyone in the Anderson family treat Leia like this ? Like shes the center of the world ! Yeah Noelle replied with a shrug .

They all care more about Lela .

Compared to the others , Elis actually not that bad .

Harley stared at her in disbelief .

Not that bad ? Elis attitude alone is unacceptable ! If this is what you call not bad , then- He stopped himself , his anger boiling over .

Without thinking , he grabbed Noelles hand .

Noelle , leave the Anderson family What ? Noelle looked at him , bewildered Harleys grip tightened as he met her gaze .

Come to my place .

Ill protect you .

I wont let anyone yell at you or treat you like this ever again .

No Noelle pulled her hand away .

Her tone was firm .

Im staying with the Andersons Why Harley demanded , unable to fathom her decision .

Theyve been with Leia for years and dont care about you .

Why put yourself through Noelle was stubborn , speaking each word carefully Then Ill stay in the Anderson family Why ? Harley didnt understand why someone as brilliant and capable as Noelle was so determined to stay with the Anderson family .

Even without then , she could thrive slar might even do better without them .

You wouldnt understand Noelle pouted , her gace drifting away .

But Harley was persistent , Then just tell me why ? Noelle , clearly imitated , frowned at Harley and snapped , Youre so annoying .

This doesnt concern you , and I wont tell you She stuck her tongue e out at him like a mischievous child and darted away , leaving Harley standing there , dumbfounded .

Noelle had her reasons .

The Anderson family night at treat her well now , but she had a mission to build a strong bond with them .

Once she succeeded , she could move on to her next goal and leave the Andersons behind .

Harley d didnt need to know any of this, though .

1/3 9.30 AM Chapter t When the time came , she would naturally carry out the new mission .

And then , she would say a final goodliye to the Anderson family .

But none of this lud anything to do with Harley .

Noelle hated anyone prying into her mission or asking about things related to it .

Besides , Noelle thought , Nick never priced war with questions .

Nick trusted her and let her keep her secret As she walked , Noelle found herself thinking about Nick .

If she ever had to leave for for her next mission , the realized , the might actually miss Meanwhile , Eli had taken Leia to his lounge On the way , he began to regret how he had acted .

Have I been too harsh on Noelle earlier ? i thought .

And hearing Leia say that she wasnt crying because of Noelle , he realized he hadnt apologized to Noelle , nor did he know if she was feeling hurt The thought of Noelles always sunny face , possibly crying somewhere out of his sight , made Eli uneasy Leia noticed Elis distraction and her gaze darkened .

She suddenly stopped .

El are you thinking about Noelle ! Im fine now , if you want to go find her , go ahead As she spoke , tears still clung to her lashes , her face a picture of vulnerability and forced strength .

Seeing her like that Eli couldnt bring himself to mention going to find Noelle .

No.

Leia , youre the most important right now .

Tell me , what really happened ? Why were y Its nothing really Leia bit her lip .

Nothing Eli frowned .

Then why were you crying ? were you crying ? Seeing Elis displeasure , Leia quickly added , Its just that Im too sensitive .

I saw Harley getting close to Noelle and it hurt .

Then , when I saw you .

I couldnt hold it in and cried When Leia mentioned Harley .

Eli recalled how Harley had defended Noelle .

He asked .

By the way , isnt Harley your high school classmate ? But I saw Harley getting closer to Noelle than to you .

Whats going on ? I dont know either Leia sniffed , looking sad .

Tasked Harley and Nuelle , but neither of them would tell me .

Why wouldnt they tell you ? Eli furrowed his brow Eli frowned .

Leias voor was full of melancholy .

Maybe to them , Fin just an outsider , so they didnt feel like sharing Thats ridiculous Elis expression darkened as he said .

Youre Noelles sister , her family , Why would she hide anything from you ? Taught Noelle considered us her family too .

Leia lowered her gaze , her voice tinged with both sadness and self mockery .

But now , it seems like I was just fooling myself .

Elis expopression shifted at her words .

Clenching his fists , he muttered , II Noelle really sees us as outsiders , then Ive been mistaken about her .

Leia noticed Elis stormy expression and , fringing sympathy , said , Eli , maybe Noelle is just like that with me , but with you , shes genuine .

Dont take it out on her because of me .

Were her family , so are you .

If she cant accept you , I v I wont accept her either .

2/3 Chapter 43 El Enough .

Let me take you to reu Alright Leia sighed , but a flicker of satisfaction crossed her eyes .

After thinking it through , Eli decided he should apologize to Noelle and find out what was going on with her and Harley.

But with all the student council duties , Eli got caught up in work and by the time he was done , it was too late to go home .

So , he ended up staying at the school dorm for the night .

By the next day , the first year students were starting military training .

And so , Eli missed the chance to meet Noelle .

Whether it was to apologize or to clear things up , everything had to be postponed .

chapter 42 Leia froze , her mind blanking at Noelles blunt response .

What was that Leia thought .

Next to her .

Harley couldnt help but let out a low chuckle .

Harley prided himself on being reserved and stoic , not the type to laugh easily .

But when it came to Noelle , she always had a way of catching him .

off guard , making him laugh at the most unexpected moments .

Noelle , noticing their reactions , placed her hands on her hips and raised a delicate brow at Leia
Leia she said in a matter of fact tone , This is between Harley and me .

Its personal , so no , Im not telling you .

Harley nodded in agreement .

Lets drop it .

Time to grab lunch .

At the mention of food .

Noelles eyes sparkled with enthusiasm .

Lets go ! Im starving ! TM Harleys gaze softened as he looked at her .

Dont worry , Ill make sure you get plenty of meat .

Really ? Noelle turned to him with a grin so bright it could melt the iciest of hearts .

Harley , youre such a great person .

All it takes is some meat for you to think that ? he teased , raising an eyebrow , Yup Noelle nodded Harley chuckled , his voice dropping to a gentle murmur .

Then Ill make sure you get more next time .

Deal ! Noelle chirped , holding him to his word .

As Harley and Noelle left the classroom , chatting and laughing .

Leia was left behind , her expression darkening with every passing second .

She glared after them , her nails digging into her palms .

Damn .

Noelle .

You think you can embarrass me and get away with it ! Fine .

You just wait In the Anderson family , Leia was always the center of attention , adored and doted upon .

Even Eli , the one person who used to sit by Noelles side , had shifted his loyalty back to Leia after their recent spat But outside of the family home , it seemed the dynamics had flipped entirely .

Harley took Noelle and Leia to a family style restaurant .

The food was excellent , and the portions of meat were generous , more than enough to satisfy Noelles cravings .

The dining tables were the usual square ones youd find at a cozy eatery .

Naturally , Harley sat next to Noelle , while Leia took a seat on her own at the other side .

When it came time to order , Harley handed the menu to Noelle first , saying , Noelle , take a look and see what youd like to love .

Noelle took the menu directly Grilled fries) chút ken , ribs ... Oh , and this roasted beef looks good .

And ooh , crispy sausages ! Leias face went pale .

All meat ! Heally ? y finish so much food ! And Harley wasnt stopping her ! If anything , he seemed amused , letting How could Noelle not see that they couldnt possibly Noelle have her way .

To dour Noelle chirped , handing the clock to Harley .

Got it Harley took the menu and was about to hand it to the waiter when he noticed Leias lingering , slightly wounded expression .

Thinking for a moment , for passed the menu to Leia .

Leia , anything youd like to add ? Lela glanced at the menui , her heart sinking further .

Wasnt this meal supposed to be Harleys apology to me ! Yet somehow , I felt like the third wheel .

1/3 0:30 AM ch Chapter 12 Im fine , she said curtly , even though she preferred lighter dishes , a stark contrast to the heavy , spicy meat dishes Noelle had ordered .

Harley didnt push her .

He simply handed the meni to the waiter and said .

Thatll be all The waiter said Olay , please wait a moment .

The dishes soon arrived , one after another , filling the table with rich aromas .

Lets eat .

Harley said casually Noelle dove in immediately , her face glowing with delight as she thig into the spread of meats .

Leia , meanwhile , stared at the overly seasoned dishes with a sinking heart .

She nibbled reluctantly , barely able to stomach a few bites .

Back at home , this wouldve been unthinkable .

The Anderson family wouldve rallied around Leia , ensuring she had everything she wanted .

But here ! Harleys entire focus was on Noelle .

Leias discomfort went unnoticed and unaddressed .Follow new episodes on the CrushnovelS.Com

When they returned to campus , Noelle leaned back , patting her stomach in satisfaction .

That was so good ! Im stuffed .

Harley , watching her with amusement , couldnt hide the fondness in his tone .

Glad you liked it .

That place seems to suit your tastes .

Its great ! Their meat dishes are amazing .

Noelle said with a grin .

Then well go again tomorrow , Harley offered without hesitation .

Harley , youre so silly , Noelle replied , giving him a playful look .

Tomorrow we start military training .

There wont be time for fancy lunches .

Harley didnt miss a beat .

Then we well sneake out Noelle piegled , clearly entertained by the idea .

I like the way you think .

Leia trailed behind them , her heart sinking with every step .

This scene contrasted sharply with the morning when Eli dropped Noelle and Leia off at school .

In the morning .

Noelle was mostly ignored by Eli and Leia , while now , Leia was being left out by Noelle and Harley .

Noelle , however , had a good mindset and a strong ability to handle things .

Even when Eli ignored her , she quickly adjusted her emotions .

But Leis was struggling she felt suffocated , a mix of discomfort and grievance .

How had she gone from being the one everyone admired to thist When had she sunk so low as to become Noelles sidekick Eli ! Hey , Elir Över here ? Leia turned to see Eli walking toward them , surrounded by a small group of admiring girls .

When Elis eyes landed on Noelle , her radiant smile and warm greeting tugged at something deep in his chest .

Was I too harsh on her he wondered .

hesitated , ready to offer a small nod or word of acknowledgment .

But before he could , his gaze shifted to Leia , whose ryes were brimming with tears .

entire demeanor clunged .

The warmth bed felt moments turned into concern and urgency as he approached Leia .

Whats wrong ? Why are you crying ? asked gently Kill Leia choked out , her voice trembling .

She couldnt hold back anymore .

She tung herself into his arms , sobbing uncontrollably .

The scene froze everyone around them .

Whats going out hot Elis sider supposed to be a freshnant Why are there two girls clinging to him ? Leja amunt be lais sister .

But whos the other gide Who knows ? She manve done something to upset bria Look , shes crying now ? Eli overland the whispers and felt his temper rise .

Ils slurp eyes eyes darted toward Noelle , his voice stern .

Noelle , what did you d you do to Lela ? 2/3 9:30 AM c Chapter 12 What Nothing Noelle replied , utterly baffled .

Noelle thought to herself , Wasnt everything fine just a moment ago ? How did Leia go from fine to crying in the blink of an eye ? I didnt do anything to her Did you do something to make Leia cry ? Eli snapped angrily .

From Elis point of view , since Leia and Noelle had come back together , and now Leia was crying , it must have been something Noelle did earlier to upset her.

Just then , Harley stepped forward , positioning himself between Noelle and Eli , confronting him .

Eli , Noelle didnt do anything.

Instead of blindly blaming her , why dont you ask Leia whats going on Eli shot a cold glare at Harley and asked , Youre Harley ? The guy Leia liked why was he defending Noelle now ? Eli ththought .

Yes , Harley replied calmly , his voice steady .

Both of them stood their ground , a tense stand off between them .

Leia , worried that the confrontation would escalate and make Harley angry , quickly wiped away her tears and shook her head at Eli .

Eli , its not Noelles fault .

Its my own problem .

Leia Eli was about to ask Leia what had happened when , once again , her tears began to fall As more people gathered around .

Eli realized he had to get Leis away from the situation .

He softly said .

Lets go .

Ill take you somewhere quiet to calm down .

Okay : Leia nodded , and with Eli shielding her , they quickly left .

Harley watched them leave , a cold glint flashing in his eyes .

Isn't Noelle also an Anderson ! But Eli he seemed to have eyes only for Leia .

The entire time , he hadn't even glanced at Noelle once as they walked away .

Chapter 44 Military training began All freshmen were outfitted in the standard olive green training uniforms .

Despite the sweltering heat , Noelle had tied her hair up neatly under her cap , her petite frame standing tall and proud .

Her unadorned face exuded a sharp , energetic charm that made her seem vibrant and commanding .

During the initial drill , the instructors noticed her immediately .

Take a good look , everyone .

This is how you stand at attention steady as a mountain , upright and unwavering .

Not like a bunch of crooked trees swaying in the wind .

Korbin Dalton , their lead instructor , barked .

a wave of murmurs from the back rows .

The praise , however , spurred a wave of may Excuse me .

Sir ! Who exactly are we supposed to look at We can't see from here ? a better view ! Yeah , Sir ! Bring them to the front so we can get a better view Korbins eyes narrowed , and he snapped back at the hecklers .

Stop with the nonsense back there ! You He pointed at Noelle .

Get up here and show them how it's done Okay .

Noelle stepped forward without hesitation She marched with precision , her every step measured and deliberate .

Stopping sharply , she turned with the fluidity of a seasoned soldier , Her movements were so clean and crisp that the students murmured again but this time in awe , Korbins gaze swept over her with admiration .

That was impressive .

Have you trained before ? Yes , Sir .

I have Noelle replied , her voice ringing clear and confident .

And what have you learned ? he asked , curious , Noelle tilted her head slightly , as if pondering how much to reveal A playful grin spread across her face .

Everything you know , Sir , I know too .

A collective gasp rippled through the students .

Whoa , shes bold Isnt that a bit too cocky ? Shes asking for trouble .

Mr.

Daltons not gonna let that slide Humph , I hope the instructor will teach her a lesson Leia , standing nearby , couldnt suppress a smirk .

Noelle had a knack for rubbing people the wrong way down a peg- However , she also hoped that the instructor would make Noelle la gway , and Leia hoped Korbin would bring her Noelle lose face That way , Noelle would be even less popular at school .

Hearing the discussion from the ranks , the instructor immediately Whoever speaks again will stand at attention for two more hours ! ly turned around and scolded .

What are y are you all talking about down there ? Silence instantly fell over the ranks .

Korbin , however , increly ly chuckled darkly .

Well , if you know everything I do , lets put it to the test .

If you fail , youll hours .

If you pass , you get to rest immediately youll stand at attention for two extra Really ? Noelles eyes sparkled at the mention of rest .

Heally Korbin said , his lips curving into a sly grin Lets start with the basics .

Attention ! Noelle snapped to position instantly .

A case ! March in place ! Forward march ! Halr Mark time ! 1/4 9:30 AM ch Chapter 41 Forward , march ! Had Every command was executed flawlessly , her movements seamless and sharp the rest of the group , he gestured to Noelle .

This is what you should all strive for a perfect example Not bad .

Korbin admitted .

Turning to th Sir , can I rest now ? Noelle asked , her hopeful eyes blinking up Korbin smirked .

Not so fast .

You think being a soldier is just about drills Can you handle hand to hand combat ? Of course .

Noelle replied without missing a beat , Alright then , Korbin said , his smile widening .

If you can last ten moves against me , you can rest ? Deal Noelle chirped .

Whispers broke out among the students .

Ten moves ! Against Mr.

Dalton ? No way she lasts .

This is payback for her bragging .

But if she cant do it , shell have to stand at attention for two more hours What ? Do you feel sorry for him ? Kind of .

Standing in the back because of his height , Harley overheard the discussion between the boys next to him .

His lips curled into a smirk , amused by the ignorance of these people Here , even the instructor from the Thunder Unit was sparring with Noelle in a mock fight , but this wasnt a fair match it was nothing more than our sided beatdownL Lets begin .

You attack first .

Korbin beckoned Noelle with a flick of his finger .

Well , here I go Noelle wasted no time , eager to start .

Go ahead , go ahead , Korbin casually dismissed her , not taking her seriously at all .

A crowd had gathered, some watching for the fun of it , others waiting eagerly for Noelle to embarrass herself .

Leia , too , was brimming with excitement .

erly crush Noelle .

In her mind , she was praying that Korbin would utterly So what if Noelle was good at sports ? She acted so smug about it .

Compared to a real soldier like Korbin , what was Noclic even worth .

As Noelle charged at Korbin , nearly half of the onlookers including Korbin himself were sure she was about to be taken down .

Korbin had planned to use a simple flip to throw Noelle to the ground .

But as soon as he grabbed her wrist , to his shock , Noelle reversed the grip , locking his arm in place , and with a swift turn , Korbin couldnt react fast enough .

Before he knew it , his whole body was in midair , and the next thing he felt was the hard slam of the ground beneath him .

It was a perfect over the shoulder throw The entire crowd was stunned into silence .

What the hell ! He got taken down in one move ! No way ... Did I see that right Damn , Noelles kinda badass 9:30 AM t Chapter 11 Korbin , you got thrown by a female student Someone teased him .

Korbin , still dazed from the fall , slowly regained his senses and stared at Noelle , stunned .

Youre really a seasoned fighter , huh ? Noelle grinned , flashing her teeth as she said playfully .

Am I impressive or what Impressive ... The instructors , now intrigued , couldnt help but want to test themselves against Noelle .

Partly because they had seen her skill firsthand .

And partly because , as instructors , they couldnt let a defeat like this go unaddressed in front of the students .

Oh Noelle poured , slightly annoyed , and said .

But you said I could re eat him .

Another instructor laughed and said .

If you beat me , you wont have to train for the rest of the day .

Do you mean it ? Noelles eyes lit up .

Alright , bring it on Korbin avoured the stance again , and Noelle dashed toward him .

Before he could react , the same thud sounded as he was sent flying once again by another flawless over the shoulder throw .

Holy crap , that was fast .

Another one hit wonder .

The students erupted into cheers .

Under the hot sun , they had been forced to stand in military posture for what seemed like forever , but seeing the instructors get humiliated was more than enough to make them feel a bit of satisfaction .

The other instructors , hearing the students cheers , couldnt help but get riled up .

Lets go again ! Let me have a go Another instructor stepped forward .

Noelle , with a mischievous grin , raised one f finger and said , One day off She meant , if they wanted to spar , they had to give her an extra day of rest .

Fine The instruct ctor agreed without hesitation .

And once more , with no surprise , Noelle threw him with a perfect shoulder throw The instructors air getting completely wrecked today Alright , again ! Another instructor stepped forward .

The students began to shout , No more shoulder throws ! Give us something new ! You little troublemakers .

If I win , youll all owe me an extra hour of training Wan beat The students Laughed The instructor , clearly annoyed , ignored them and turned to Noelle .

Alright , come on Lets du att Noelles eyes glinted with excitement .

And this time , she alad indeed bring out something new .

In one fluid motion , she kicked her leg up in a spinning kick .

The instructor , towering at 6 feet tall , soared through the air in a perfect arc before crashing down to the ground .

o.30 AM Chapter 15 Chapter 45 The news that a freshman had single handedly defeated an entire squad of instructors spread like wildfire across the school forum .

Eli had just wrapped up the ceremony , officially transitioning from vice presélent to president of the student council .

As the meeting adjourned , his friend Gunner Perry sidled up with a grin and an air of excitement .

Ell youre not gonna believe this , Gunner began .

This years freshmen are something else .

The forums blowing up some girl just a the instructors Shes unbeatable ! Really ? Ili raised a curious brow , a faint smile playing on his lips .

A girl managed Noelle Gunner replied , suppressing a chuckle .

Eli froze for a moment , his expression turning flat .

Impressive Whats her namer annihilated a While the freshmen endured the blistering sun and grueling drills , Noelle was enjoying her newfound freedom .

Having thoroughly defeated the instructors , shed carmed an exemption from the entire two week training period .

Now , she strolled toward the school gate , a popsicle perched jauntily in her mouth , her steps light and carefree .

Shed wasted no time sharing the news with Nicolas , shamelessly asking him to come play with her .

Naturally , Nicolas indulged her , sending a car to pick her up As she waited for the car near the school gate , her phone buzzed .

Clancing at the screen , she was surprised to see Elis name .

ever .

Hello ! Eli ? Noelle answered cheerfully , her voice as lively and crisp as ev El , on the other end , hesitated .

Hed been worried that she might still be upset about his behavior yesterday , but her tone was so lighthearted it seemed she hadnt even given it a second thought .

She really was a carefree little troublemaker .

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9:30 AM et Chapter 43 Chapter 45 The news that a freshman had single handedly defeated an entire squad of instructors spread like wildfire across the school forum .

Eli had just wrapped up the ceremony , officially transitioning from vice president to president of the student council .

As the meeting adjourned , his friend Gunner Perry sidled up with a grin and an air of excitement .

El you're not gonna believe this , Gunner began .

This year's freshmen are something else .

The forums blowing up some girl just annihilated all the instructors .

She's unbeatable ! Really ? Eli raised a curious brow , a faint smile playing on his lips .

A girl managed that Impressive .

Whats her name ? Noelle Gunner replied , suppressing a chuckle .

Eli froze for a moment , his expression turning flat .

While the freshmen endured the blistering sun and grueling drills , Noelle was enjoying her newfound freedom .

Having thoroughly defeated the instructors , shed earned an exemption from the entire two week training period .

Now , she strolled toward the school gate , a popsicle perched jauntily in her mouth , her steps light and carefree .

shed : I wasted no time sharing the news with Nicolas , shamelessly asking him to come play with her .

Naturally , Nicolas indulged her , sending a car pick her up .

As she waited for the car near the school gate , her phone buzzed , Glancing at the screen , she was surprised to see Elis name .

Hello ? Eli ? Noelle answered cheerfully , her voice as lively and crisp as ever .

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belles mouth now made his heart heavy Noelle was his sister , after all .

Achis real sister , yet she felt it was only natural for the l lavor another sister , one with no blood te From an outsiders perspective , that would be heartbreaking No wonder Harleys expression had been so dark , even defending , Noelle en an outsider like him couldnt stand it anymore , Probably , hern an The more Eli thought about it , the more unsettled he became .

After a while , he finally spoke to Noelle .

Where are you right now ? Are you hungry ? ant me to take you out to cat ! elle loved meat .

He would make sure to i to get her extra meat this Even if she didnt want to eat any vegetables , he wouldnt say a word about it .

Noelle paused for a second and said , Huh ? Eli said .

What do you mean huh ? Im asking where you you are itar school gate What are you doing at the school gatel Where are you leaded ? Before Eli could even finish his sentence , A mans ware suddenly came through Noelles phone .

Ms.

Anderson , good afternoon .

Please get in the car

Chapter 46 As soon as that voice emerged , Elis stomach churned with unease .

His grip on the phone tightened , his tone dropping into something sharp and demanding Noelle , who was that speaking just now ? Uh the driver , Noelle answered honestly , her voice tinged with her usual breeziness .

The driver ? Elis frown deepened No ordinary driver would address her as Miss Anderson A troubling thought passed through his mind , and his voice dropped another octave .

Whose driver ? Dont tell me it a Nicolays It is Noelle chirped , completely oblivious to the storm brewing on the other end .

Nick sent him to pick me up Elis patience snapped .

Nocllet Anticipating his outburst .

Noelle quickly pulled the phone away , holding it at arms length to shield her ears She sighed inwardly .

Sure enough , the mere mention of Nick was enough to set Eli off like fireworks on New Years Eve .

But she didnt feel the need to hide anything why should she ? She hadnt done anything wrong .

You stay right there at the school gate .

Eli barked , trying to rein in his frustration .

Im coming to get you ! But then he realized Noelle really had a way of making his blood boil with a single sentence .

To avoid another fight , Eli could only suppress his anger , planning to lecture Noelle properly when he saw her .

Uh ... Noelle hesitated , glancing out the car window , But Im already in the car , and were pretty far from school now .

What ? Elis voice escalated to a near shout .

Youre telling me you were getting in the car this whole time ! Eli , I think you have a bit of a temper ! Are you u angry ? Ill bring you back some honey later to cool you down .

Who needs you to cool me down ? with anger .

Get out of the car right now ! he ordered .

Elis head was pounding wi Noelle uid .

What ? Eli shouted , Get our of the cir Noelle said , Hello Eli , what did you say ? I cant hear you ! You heard me .

Get out Oh no , di , I think the signats bad .

What did you say ? Noelle , Eli growled , his frustration bubbling over .

Dont play dumb with me : Hello ? Hi ! Youre breaking up why hy arent you saying anything ? Okay , if youre not talking .

Im hanging up Byer And with a decisive click , the call endel Lat his platane in disbelief , his jaw tightening .

Noeller car had pulled into the underground parking lot , Petty nuustes later , Bryan escorted Noelle to the entrance of a sleek , lowering skyscraper .

The car hudp and now far farid the elevator door open for her , gesturing politely .

This way , Miss Anderson , Bryan Lid with a professional smile .

1/3 0.31 AM Chapter 46 Noelle followed him without hesitation , 1 , her eyes sparkling with curiosity .

They rode the exclusive elevator to the top floor .

As they approached the grand office , the muffled sound of a mans voice floated through the partially closed door .

Adrielién is enough that I'm running things ! I'm perfectly content being a well dressed idler .

Stop trying to rope me into more work the voice drawled lazily .

Bryan pushed the door open a fraction and placed a finger to his lips , signaling Noelle to be quiet Noelle nodded , wide eyed , and pressed her lips together, her curiosity bubbling just below the surface .

Inside .

Nicolas sat reclined in a leather chair , his posture effortlessly casual .

His long , elegant fingers toyed with a sleek silver pen , spinning it between his knuckles with practiced ease .

His entire demeanor radiated sophistication and a kind of careless allure that was frankly , devastatingly As his gaze flicked toward the door , his expression softened upon seeing Noelle .

He motioned for her to come closer Noelle didn't need a second invitation .

She practically bounced across the room , moving with the lightness of a cat .

Within seconds , she was standing right in front of him .

Without missing a beat .

Nicolas hooked a hand around her wrist and gave a gentle tug , effortlessly pulling her into his lap .

For anyone else , the move might have been a cause for bashfulness or protest .

But not Noelle .

She happily curled her arms around his neck , settling into his embrace as if it were the most natural thing in the world .

Meanwhile , the voice on the phone continued .

Nicolas .

I know you're still bitter about not being assigned a position in the Sawyer Group's core management , but Adrielién's offering you the music production company .

You could prove yourself there , and I'll talk to Father about promoting you .

The speaker's tone was conciliatory , almost kindly .

Don't bother , Nicolas replied , his smile sharp and laced with cold amusement .

Id rather avoid the headache of actual work .

I have 30 % of the Sawyer Groups shares , dont I Thats more than enough to live comfortably for a lifetime .Follow new episodes on the [Crushnovels.Com](http://Crushnovels.com)

You and Adriel can handle the heavy lifting Ell just sit back and enjoy my dividends .

A pause hung in the air , heavy with unspoken tension Finally , the voice on the other end belonging to Nicolass brother , Marshall let out a forced laugh .

Youve got it easy , dont you ? Living off your shares while the rest of us break our backs Well isnt that what youve always wanted ? Nicolass tone turned mockingly sweet .

Youre the ambitious workaholic Father adores .

Meanwhile .

I get to reap the rewards of your hard work .

Its a win win , isnt it ? The jab was impossible to miss , and Marshall fell silent for several long moments before speaking again , his tone noticeably strained .

Fine .

Suit yourself .

But Ive heard youve been spending time with the Anderson familys daughter .

If things are serious , why not bring her home to incet the family Shes sly Nicolas lied smoothly , stroking Noelles hair as he spoke .

Maybe some other time .

Noelle ulted her head , her brow furrowing in confusion .

Shy ? She wanted to protest since when was she shy but before she could speak .

Nicolas pressed a hand to the back of her head , effectively silencing her by tucking her back against his chest .

As she nestled against hum , Noelle caught a faint whiff of his cologne clean and crisp , with a subtle , enticing warmth .

Her little nose twitched as she inhaled deeply .

Nick smelled so good , she thought with a blissful sigh , taking another sniff for good measure .

On the phone , Marshall sighed .

Well , talk to her .

Shell need to meet us eventually if shes going to join the family San Nicolas replied with disinterest .

Marshall said his goodbyes , and Nicolas ended the call with a flick of his thumb , tossing the phone onto the desk .

Noelle peeked up at him , noting the faint tension in his jaw .

Nick , do you not get along with your family ? Not at all , Nicolas replied bluntly .

Why ? 2/3 9:31 AM Chapter 6 His lips curved into a mischievous smirk .

Want to know ? Yes ! Then kiss me .

Nicolas said .

Hed meant it as a joke , but before he could react , Noelles face lit up .

Without hesitation , she leaned in and pressed her lips to his The gesture was bold but utterly unskilled just a simple press of lips against lips .

It lacked finesse , and Nicolas winced slightly as her teeth bumped against his .

Are you trying to kiss me or headbutt me ? he teased , rubbing his jaw .

Isnt this how you do it Noelle asked innocently , tilting her head .

Ive never kissed anyone before , so I just copied what Ive seen Nicolas sighed , equal parts amused and exasperated .

Youre hopeless , he muttered , his fingers threading through her hair .

Fine .

Ill teach you

later .

Why not now ? she asked , her eyes sparkling with unbridled curiosity Nicolas stiffened .

This girl was relentless .

Nicolass eyes twitched .

Nicolas thought .

What kind of freak is this girl ! How come you are more impatient than a man ? Nicolas was afraid that Noelle would take him down right here , so he quickly held her little paw that was trying to make trouble and asked , Didnt you want to know why my relationship with my family is not good ! Do you still want to listen ? Noelle immediately replied , Yes Then sit still and behave .

Noelle pouted but obediently settled herself , though her eyes still gleamed with anticipation.

Nick , after youre done explaining , will you teach me how to kiss ? Looking at the adorable girl nestled in his lap , her gaze filled with earnest curiosity , Nicolas felt his resolve weaken .

His lips curved into a slow , wicked smile .

She nodded enthusiastically .

She was curious about everything unknown .

And strive to be the best ! Nicolas curled his lips into a slight smile .

Chuckling .

Nicolas tilted her chin up with a gentle touch , his voice dropping to a husky murmur .

Alright , baby .

Open your mouth .

Chapter 47 Nicolass kiss was feather light , a tender gesture that carried the weight of reverence , as if he were handling a priceless artifact .

This gentle exploration was a sensation Noelle had never experienced before .

Her wide , expressive eyes reflected Nicolass strikingly handsome features , and she asked curiously , Nick , is this what kissing feels like ? Could you stop being so gentle ? Its ticklish like I just ate Sichuan pepper .

Shut up , Nicolas muttered , his composure cracking .

Leave it to Noelle to obliterate any semblance of romantic atmosphere with her straightforward observations Not wanting to risk her saying something even more outrageous , Nicolas leaned in again , effectively silencing her with another kiss .

When they finally pulled apart , their breaths lingered , mingling softly between them .

Noelles lips , now slightly swollen and glistening , looked even more enticing , while her pale cheeks carried a faint blush that gave her a cherubic glow Did you learn anything ? Nicolass deep voice carried a teasing lilt , his thumb brushing over her lips in a slow , deliberate motion that made her shiver .

It was Noelles first time experiencing something like this , and her heart was racing Noelle caught his hand mid motion , her bright eyes brimming with excitement .

Nick , this is the first time anyones kissed me like this .

Hmm ... that much was obvious , Nicolas replied , smirking at her inexperience .

Noelle pouted slightly , her expression both frustrated and eager .

But Im not sure Ive got the hang of it .

Nick , can I try again ? Just to practice Nicolas s sharp blue eyes flashed with amusement as he chuckled softly .

Not a chance .

Todays lesson is over Why ? The disappointment in her voice was palpable , her pout deepening After all , Noelle was very smart .

She could learn anything just by watching it once But it this time , she wasnt sure .

He glanced toward the office door , where his ever discreet secretary , Bryan , stood awkwardly , trying to blend into the background , Nicolas gently pinched Noelles cheek , pretending to be serious as he said .

Do you even know what shame is Bryans standing right there .

Arent you embarrassed ? He definitely is Bryan , stoic as ever , silently cursed his boss : Nicolas , youre using me as a scapegoat , arent you Well , if hes embarrassed , he should leave , Noelle said matter of factly , sparing Bryan a brief , accusatory glance as if he were a glaring third wheel Bryans expression didnt flinch , though inwardly he sighed .

Miss Anderson , I promise , Im the innocent party here The moments already ruined : Nicolas shrugged nonchalantly .

Im not in the mood anymore .

Noelle huffed , her lower lip jutting out in a dramatic sulk .

Alright , alright , Nicolas said , his tone softening as he pulled her closer .

Didnt you Her interest piqued again , and Noelle nodded nodded eagerly.

Yes , I do , you want to hear why I dont get along with my family ! Do you still Nicolas didnt see Noelle as an outsider , so he felt no need to hide the sordid details of the S her to know exactly what the might face should she ever encounter his relatives .

Sawyer familys inner workings .

If anything , he wanted The current head of the Sawyer family .

Braiden Sawyer , had four children : the eldest son , Marshall ; the second son , Luciano : Nicolas , the third ; and the youngest , a daughter named Shanno Norlle passed , a little puzzled by what she just heard .

She looked up a at Nicolas and asked , Nick , so you have a s a sister ? Thats quite a bus of siblings
1/3 Dreame Read Romance 931 AM c Chapter 17 Nicolas chuckled and gently pinched her earlobe , speaking in in his usual unhurried tone , Let me finish Among the four children .

Nicolas was the only one who wasnt the biological child of Marissa , the current matriarch of the Sawyer family .

Of course , Nicolas wasnt some illegitimate child either .

On paper , he was a legitimate heir with full inheritance rights : The complexity of this situation stemmed from the very beginning Marissa was Braidens first wife and the mother of his two sons , Marshall and Luciano .

Later , Marissa was presumed dead in a car accident .

Braiden then married Amelie .

Nicolass biological mother , and together they had Nicolas , their third child However , Amelie didnt have a happy life after marrying Braiden .

Despite being his wife and the person whose financial support helped revive the Sawyer Group , Braiden remained distant and indifferent toward her .

He clearly favored the two sons of his late wife Marissa and treated baby Nicolas as if he didnt exist .

Amelie , who had severed ties with her own family to marry Braiden , suffered in silence , often crying herself to sleep while holding her child .

But as if fate were playing a cruel joke , Marissa , who had been declared dead , returned alive .

Not only did she return , but rumors began circulating in the Sawyer family that Amelie had orchestrated the car accident to get rid of Marissa and marry Braiden .

Many openly or covertly labeled Amelie as a shameless homewrecker who h had usurped the rightful wifes place With the entire Sawyer family standing by Marissa and without any support from her own family .

Amelie was left isolated .

Every day , she had to endure the sight of her husband rekindling his love with his first wife while being treated as if she didnt exist .

such a life would break any woman .

When Nicolas was five , Amelie passed away from severe depression , Braiden , showing no regard for appearances , remarried Marissa just days after Amelies funeral .

Marissa returned to the Sawyer family as its matriarch , visibly pregnant .

This made it clear that she and Braiden had already resumed their relationship before Amelies death .

side got along well , but Nicolas was always the outlier .

Marissa gave birth to a daughter , Shannon .

The three children from the rightful si At one point , there was even a rumor that Nicolas wasnt Braidens biological son , but rather the product of Amelies infidelity .

Braiden didnt bother to deny it and even considered removing Nicolas from the Sawyer family registry altogether .

It wasnt until Amelies lawyer presented her will , which included 30 % of the Sawyer familys shares , that Nicolas was allowed to stay .

That will not only secured Nicolass position but also forced Braiden to keep up his façade as a kind and just patriarch .

At the time .

Nicolas was too young to investigate the truth behind many questions , For instance , why had Marissa , who had been officially declared dead , suddenly returned | alive ! Why did rumors about Amelie plotting against Marissa emerge as soon as Marissa returned ? And most importantly , was the entire situation a carefully orchestrated scheme ? Did Braiden marry Amelie for love , or was it for the shares she brought from her family ? is faded into obscurity As time passed , these questions When No

elle finished listening to the story , she remained calm , her eyes glimmering faintly .

Then she said with absolute certainty , Nick , your dads a piece of garbage , isnt he ? Your mom was literally driven to death by him and Marissas family You cant say that , Nicolas said with a faint smile , pinching her cheek lightly .

His voice was cold , laced with a hint of sarcasm .

Everyone now sees your future father in law as a model husband who refused to abandon his first wife , while your poor deceased mother in law is painted as a vicious and shameless mistress who tried to murder the original wife , only for divine intervention to save her from the flames ? No , no , this is all a scam , Noelle puffed up her cheeks they tricked her into marriage .

Once they got the funds and revived the company , they tossed her aside like trash .

They even tried to get rid of you , sand said .

What divine intervention ! This was a setup ! They wanted your moms money , so Nick ! Your dads no good you need to watch your back .

As she spoke , Noelle suddenly recalled the assassin they had encountered at Mount Dragoon .

The memory struck her lik 2/3 Chapter 47 Her er eyes gleamed , and she turned to Nicolas Nick , do you remember the assassin at Mount Dragoon ? I bet it was your dad who sent him .

Theyre after your 30 % shares

Chapter 48 Nicolas lowered his head , looking at the Noelle nestled in his arms with a trace of surprise .

Impressive , Elly .

How come your brain decided to work so well all of a sudden ? As he spoke , he flicked her forehead with his finger , But he was gentle , careful not to hurt his little treasure .

Hey ! What kind of remark is that ? My brains always working just fine , thank you very much Noelle pouted , visibly dissatisfied with his choice of words .

If I werent smart , how could I score perfect marks on my exams ? True Nicolas couldnt help but lean in and plant a kiss on her soft , round cheek , murmuring with a coaxing tone , Our Elly is the smartest .

You can see right through the Sawyer familys facade .

But if youre so clever , how come you havent seen through your own familys true nature yet ! In Nicolass opinion , the Anderson family wasnt any better .

Though they werent as outrageously vile as the Sawyer family , their blatant favoritism toward Leia and their indifference toward Noelle was enough to convince him that Noelle would be better off cutting ties with them altogether .

After all .

Elly was amazing she didnt need the Anderson family to succeed .

Why are we talking about me now ? Noelle puffed her cheeks .

She shifted her position , turning around to lean her back against Nicolass chest With a muffled voice , she said , Whatever the Anderson family is , good or bad , it doesnt matter to me .

Oh ! And whys that ? Nicolas encircled her slender waist with his arms , tilting his head to look at her .

Is it because they're family, so you'll accept them no matter what? Noelle said, You could put it that way. Erelly a mission. To Noelle, the Anderson family was merely a She didn't understand the purpose of the task, but in her heart, orders were absolute.

Once she received the objective, she had to see it through.

If the Anderson family treated her well, the mission was easier.

If they treated her poorly, the mission was harder.

Ultimately, they were just targets.

Their initial treatment of her good or bad was nothing more than a measure of difficulty in her eyes.

Nicolas's gaze deepened as he watched Noelle, her lashes lowered and her eyes filled with thoughts. What was she not saying?

Though Elly usually seemed like a silly, straightforward girl, there were moments when he realized he couldn't see through her at all.

Later on, Noelle came to understand something else.

While the Sawyer family did everything to keep Nicolas away from the core management of their empire, it turned out that Nick didn't care about the Sawyer Group at all. Thanks to the dividends from his 30% stake, he had quietly built his own business empire over the years.

For example, the wildly profitable Star Club she had visited, or the iconic Cloudspire Tower in Reniam City both belonged to Nicolas.

Marshall, blissfully ignorant, had even pretended to offer Nicolas a perpetually loss-making music studio to manage, unaware that Nicolas was the founder of Radiance Media. Radiance Media, with its roster of famous artists and an impressive portfolio of legendary movies and songs, was celebrated as an industry marvel all thanks to Nicolas's vision.

Why is it so hard to find decent composers lately? Are their brains just mush now? Nicolas was working at his desk, surrounded by piles of rough drafts of music scores.

Meanwhile, Noelle sat next to him, legs swinging as she enjoyed the snacks Bryan had prepared for her.

She glanced curiously at the scattered sheets.

Nick, what are you up to? Flipping through the scores, Nicolas explained.

The company has a bunch of singers with good voices, but none of them have any talent for 1/3 9:31 AM Chapter 18 composing.

To release new songs, we have to find someone to write them.

But the drafts we've gotten so far are subpar Really ... Noelle leaned in with a mischievous glint in her eyes .

Want me to give it a shot ? You ? Nicolas raised an eyebrow , Yeah , me Noelle blinked .

I told you before , I've written songs before .

One of them even sold for 4.5 thousand dollars Nicolas thought for a moment .

She had mentioned something like that ..

It was during their first meeting when he was taking her out to eat .

She had said she'd written a song called The Shadows , which had been well- received At the time , he thought she was joking The Shadows was a global phenomenon .

It had become an instant classic , propelling pop diva Reyna Goodwin to stardom .

Even now , its royalties were a goldmine .

Claiming to have written it and sold it for just 4.5 thousand dollars ! Anyone would think she was delusional .

But now , Nicolas no longer underestimated Elly .

Elly , the The Shadows you mentioned is it this one He pulled up the song on his phone , and the familiar melody began to play .

Yep , that's the one .

Noelle nodded .

see .

Nicolas's gaze flickered as he studied her .

Elly , do you think you can write something like this again Of course How long would it take you ? Nicolas asked .

One day Alright .

Nicolas held up one finger with a playful smile .

Write me a song , and I'll pay you this much Three thousand dollars ? Nicolas laughed and flicked her forehead again .

Silly girl three million dollars .

Three million dollars for one song ? Noelle was stunned .

This was more lucrative than her former profession as an assassin .

Even her initial missions had earned her three million at most , only increasing to thirty million later .

But a song ? Just one song ? Whats there to be surprised about ? Nicolas chuckled at her wide eyed reaction .

Your music is worth that much Deal ! Noelle beamed .

If one songs worth three million , ten would be thirty million .

Ill write ten ! Nicolas didnt expect her to be such a little money grubber .

money whether its thirty million or three Smiling fondly , he pinched her cheek and teased , Look at you , so eager .

Once you marry me , all my mon hundred million will be yours anyway No one had ever said something like that to Noelle before .

Her heart swelled with sweetness , her eyes curving into crescent moons as she grinned .

But you still want me to write songs , right ? Of course Nicolas raised an eyebrow .

Write as many Yay ! as many as you want Ill take them all .

And Ill even give you royalties for each one .

Overwhelmed will joy , Noelle threw herself into his arms , hugging him rightly .

Nick , youre the best ! I really like you ! Is that all it takes to earn your affectioul Nicolas looked at her clinging to him and sighed lightly , his arms wrapping around her .

His eyes were filled with so much tenderness it could spill 2/3 9:31 AM Chapter 48 Elly , youd better brace yourself .

I plan to treat you even better , and Im not sure if your like will be enough Nick ... Looking up at him .

Noelle felt her heart races .

Shed never felt this way before so deeply and utterly captivated by someone .

Just seeing him made her happy , and she never wanted to be apart from him If only the mission would let her stay by Nicks side forever , it would be perfect .

The two basked in their moment of warmth until Nicolas suddenly chuckled Nick , whats so funny ! Noelle , now back in his lap .

looked up at him curiously .

With a sly smile .

Nicolas twirled a strand of her hair around his finger .

I just remembered something amusing What is it ? Noelle asked .

Nicolas looked down at her , his tone slow and deliberate .

Elly , you know Charlies in the entertainment industry , right ? Hes an actor and a singer Yeah , I know , Noelle replied .

Shed already investigated the Anderson family thoroughly before returning to them .

Nicolas said , I remember him saying something in an interview once .

What did he say ? As a singer , Nicolas drawled , a playful smirk tugging at his lips , the person he admires most is Reyna , the pop diva who created the iconic The Shadows

Chapter 49 Nicolas dropped Noelle off at home .

However , when she snuck into the hall like a thief , she Initially , Noelle was worried that Eli might be lurking downstairs , waiting to ambush her .

However , found only Kimberly there , with no one else in sight .

Noelle Kimberly was downstairs , sipping water .

She was unprised to see Noelle and asked , Why are you back ? Mom Noelle greeted her warmly , then explained , I didnt have much going on , so I came back Kimberly frowned in confusion .

How can you have nothing going on ? Didnt you say there was military training after school started ? Leias not back because they even have night sessions .

How did you gri away ! Oh that Noelle replied , puffing out her chest proudly .

Mom , I had a 1K match with the instructors today .

They said if I beat them .

I wouldnt have to attend military training .

So for the next 3 days , Tim excused from it .

Really Kimberlys face lit up with astonishment and delight .

She looked her daughter up and down in disbelief .

Noelle , youre telling me you beat the instructors ? Of course Leven took them down in one move - like this ... With that , Noelle performed a few textbook military style moves for her mother .

Kimberly stared , dumbfounded .

Oh my my daughter is this amazing ? Just then .

Noelles stomach let out a loud growl .

Her energy deflated like a popped balloon .

Holding her stomach , she muttered pitifully .

Mom , Im starving Kimberly couldnt help but laugh .

Covering her mouth , she said helplessly .

Youre just like a little monkey , arent you ? Alright , what do you want to eat Tell me , and I make it for you Noelles eyes widened in surprise .

Mom , are you cooking for me yourself ? Yes Kimberly nodded .

Most of the staff have gone to rest , and I dont want to bother them .

Besides , Ive never cooked for you before , so consider this me making in up to you Great Noelles eyes sparkled with excitement .

I want chicken , roast duck , and maybe some more ! Kimberlys smile almost faltered .

This child ... she really isnt holding back , is she ? Mor ! Whats wrong Noelle tilted her head curiously , noticing her mothers hesitant expression .

Kimberly took a deep breath and gave her daughter an awkward smile .

Noelle , its late , and complicated dishes are hard to make right now .

How about something simpler ? After a moment of thought , Noelles eyes ! es lit up .

How about pasta ! Sure ! Kimberly sighed in relief , smiling brightly .

Noelle , just wait .

Ill get it ready for you .

Okay ? Noelle nodded , watching as Kimberly disappeared into the kitchen .

About five minutes later , Noelles father , Vincent , came downstairs Seeing only Noelle in the hall , he looked equally surprised .

Noelle , why are you back Dad , like this .

Noelle explained the situation to Vincent as well .

After bearing her out , Vincent looked skeptical .

You ! Beat the instructor ? i without reason .

Noelle was petite and looked rather delicate like she might blow away in a strong wind .

How could she possibly His doula wakul defeat traged soldiers ? You dont belarve met Want to spar ? Noelle challenged him , hands on her hips , a mischievous smile on her face .

Alright .

Vincent hard served in the military when he w hr was younger .

Though he hadnt trained in years , he was confident he could easily handle a young girl .

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Download 931 AM Chapter 49 Lets keep it higla , he said , walking toward her .

You can make the first move Before he could finish his sentence , Noelles figure blurred and seemed to vanish into thin air When he blinked , she was suddenly right in front of him In that instant , an icy , oppressive aura engulfed Vincent , freezing him in place .

His heart pounded wildly , a primal sense of fear overtaking him as though death itsell had come for him Before he could tract , Noelles fist lightly touched his chin .

If she had followed through , Vincent wouldve been sent flying , But Noelle didnt strike .

She simply withdrew her hand with a playful smile .

Dad , you lost .

Vincent stared at her blankly , taking a moment to recover from the shock .

When he finally regained his composure , he looked at his petite daughter and paused for a beat before bursting into laughter .

You really are my daughter impressive skills ! Right ? Im awesome Noelle beamed , not shy about basking in the praise You sure are .

Vincents gaze softened , clearly reassessing his opinion of her .

Just then , a burnt smell wafted through the air .

Vincents nose twitched , and a thought struck him .

By the way .

Noelle , have you seen your mom ! She said she was coming down for water Moms cooking for me .

Noelle replied cheerfully .

What ? Vincents expression shifted dramatically .

Staring at her in disbelief , he stammered , Noelle , what did you say ? Your mom is doing what ? Cooking .

Noelle repeated , blinking innocently .

I was hungry , so she said shed make something for me .

Why ? She cooking Vincents face turned pale , his voice tinged with worry .

You dont understand ... your moms cooking skills ... Before he could finish , Kimberlys voice called out from the kitchen Vincent , what are you doing down here ? A chill ran down Vincents spine .

Slowly , he turned to see Kimberly walking toward them , smiling radiantly .

Im making pasta for Noelle .

Since youre here , why dont you join us ? No need I dont eat at night Vincent tried to excuse himself , inching toward the stairs .

But before lar could escape , Kunberlys hand landed on his shoulder .

Her smile was warm as she asked , Whats wrong ? Your wife rarely cooks , and youre not even planning to try it .

Vincent ? Vincent sighed inwardly .

Dear , if you want to kill me , just say so , In the end , Vincent was forced to sit the dining table with Noelle as Kimberly went back to the kitchen to bring out the pasta .

Nocile , full of anticipation , said , I wonder how Moons cooking will taste .

This is the first time Ive ever had her food .

Beside Tier , Vincent looked a little green .

Rubbing his temple , he muttered , Dont get your hopes up too much ... Huh ? Why not ? Noelle asked , puzzled Youll see , Vinceni replied grimly , his face darkening as unpleasant men

Chapter 50 When Kimberly y emerged from the kitchen , carrying a tray with two large bowls , Noelles eyes lit u tup with excitement .

Vincent , on the other hand , wondered if he should call the family doctor preemptively Kimberly placed the tray between Noelle and Vincent with a proust smile .

Ta dal Freshly made egg pasta is ready ? Wow .

Noelle leaned forward eagerly to peek at the bowl , only to be greeted by a scene straight out of a culinary nightmare .

The ecc pasta was indescribable .

The eggs were overcooked to the point of being charred and bitter .

The pan , unwashed after frying the eggs , had left burnt black bits that floated ominously in the soup .

The pasta itself was overboiled , mushy , and dotted with the same blackened residue .

As for the soup it was more of an oil slick , with black specks swimming on the surface .

Just looking at it felt like the oil was already coating her throat .

Noelle .

Vincent , dig in while its hot ! Kimberly said cheerfully Vincent was speechless .

He had long known his wifes cooking skills were apocalyptic , but seeing it again still made him want to cry Would eating this really not cause food poisoning ? he thought .

Darling Vincent asked hesitantly , are you sure this is safe to eat ! Kimberly gave him an unimpressed look .

Of course ! Ive already tasted it .

It doesnt look great , but it tastes fine .

incent sighed internally .

Liar .

When has it ever tasted fine ? He knew Kimberly had a severe self cooking filter No matter how bad it actually tasted , she would convince herself it was decent .

But this time , her filter seemed to be on maximum , completely ignoring reality .

Whats with that expression ? You dont believe me ? Kimberly frowned , displeased .

Ts not I just think this might not be edible Vincent tried to wriggle out of it .

But before he could finish , Noelle had already picked up her knife and fork and started eating .

Noelle .

Vincent was stunned was trying to earn favor by eating her moms cooking , but being able to stomach this that took real guts .

He understood if Noelle w Kimberly & eyes , however , sparkled with delight .

She looked at Noelle like a kindred spirit .

Noelle ! Hmm ? Noticing both her parents staring at her , Noelle swallowed a mouthful of pasta and asked , Moon , Dad , whats wrong ? Vincent , looking slightly pale , asked cautiously , Noelle , how does it taste ? Kimberly , full of anticipation , chimed in , Isnt it delicious , Noelle ? uly , lils pasta ... Noelle slurped another bite , swallowed , and blinked at her parents .

Honestly , Vincent leaned in Yer Kimberly asked eagerly , Is it good ? In temide , Noelle said matter of factly .

Vincent and Kimberly were speechless .

Noelle continued her critique unabated .

The eggs are churred and hitted , the pastas overcooked and mushy , the soup is nothing but all , and its full of burnt residue .

The textures just awful .

Vincent frowned .

Noelle , you ... 031 AM c Chapter 30 Did she not know how to be tactful ? While everything she said was true , her bluntness left Vincent feeling slightly uncomfortable .

Kimberly , meanwhile , looked utterly deflated .

She quietly hid her oil splattered , burned hand behind her back and forced a smile .

I see ... Its really that bud ! Sony , Noelle .

I didnt do a good jobs this time .

Maybe you should .

Before she could finish , she watched in astonishment as Noelle ate the last bite of pasta and even drank all the soup .

Noelle Kimberly was utterly baffled .

Didnt she just say it was awful ? Why did she finish the whole thing ? Kimberly thought .

Yeah , the pasta was terrible ... Noelle Anderson wiped her greasy mouth and looked at Kimberly Anderson .

Noelle wiped her oily mouth , then turned to Kimberly with a bright , sunny smile .

But since you made it with love .

I had to finish it .

Also , Mom , you need to run cold water over your hand and put some ointment on it quickly , or itll hurt a lot later .

What ! Kimberly , your hand got burned ? Hearing this Vincent immediately turned to his wife in concern .

Its nothing , really , Kimberly said quickly , waving him off .

But her injured hand betrayed her , revealing several small red marks and even a few blisters on her palm and wrist .

My God , how did it get this bad Vincent exclaimed , grabbing her hand .

We need to treat this right away Its fine .

Kimberly dismissed her own injury , instead focusing on Noelle .

Looking at her daughters radiant smile , her eyes suddenly grew misty .

and a warm feeling spread through her heart .

Noelle , you She always thought Noelle was a silly , carefree child .

Yet , moments like this showed how deeply thoughtful and endearing she could be .

Kimberly wasnt usually an emotional person , but now , she felt incredibly touched .

Noelle kept smiling and asked , Mom , do you enjoy making pasta ? Making pasta Kimberly blinked , then glanced at Vincent before nodding .

Yes , I do .

From a young age , Kimberly had been interested in cooking .

But as a proper young lady from an aristocratic family , cooking wasnt deemed appropriate .

Her family forbade her from pursuing in st to cook .

Everything she wanted to eat was prepared by After marrying into the Anderson family , Vincents considerate nature meant she rarely got the household chefs .

Compared to them , Kimberlys skills were , unsurprisingly , subpar . Que time , she managed to make pasta for the family , only for everyone to end up nearly hospitalized .

After that , she was banned from the kitchen entirely . Tonight was a rare exception .

With most people away , and her daughter specifically asking for her cooking , Kimberly had finally gotten the chance to rook again . If you like making pasta , I can teach you , Noelle said with a twinkle in her eye .

Youll teach mor ? Kimberly was surprised . Yup Noelle nodded proudly .

Ive even got a chefs certification .

A master level one : A anaster level certification Really ? Kimberly was stunned . Master charls were again .

considered the pinnacle of culinary achievement .

She thought her daughter only knew how to eat , yet here she was , claiming to You dont believe me ? Ill slaw you right now ? Noelle rolled up her sleeves , ready to spring into action .

Vincent quickly intervened .

Uh , maybe not tonight its already late .

Having experienced Kimberlys cooking , Vincent was understandably wary .

If Noelle had inherited even a fraction of her mothers culinary skills , it could spell disaster .

1931 AM Chapter 30 Dont worry , Dad .

Ill just make some simple egg fried pasta .

It wont take long . Well Vincent hesitated , but Kimberly , who was clearly intrigued , urged him , Vincent , let her try .

Its just egg fried pasta it wont take long .

Kimberly was visibly excited at the prospect of her daughter cooking .

Seeing her enthusiasm , Vincent reluctantly nodded .

Alright , go ahead . This time , all three of them went into the kitchen together .

Kimberly wanted to see if Noelle really knew how to cook , while Vincent was there to supervise and intervene if needed .

But when Noelle picked up two eggs ...

