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Chapter 51 With a single hand , Noelle cracked the egg , the egg white and yolk drawing a perfect arc through the air before landing smoothly in the bowl .

Knife and fork swiftly whisked the eggs into a frothy mixture , Next came the diced ham , followed by corn , peas , shrimp , and other fresh ingredients .

The gas burner roared to life , heating the iron pan .

Oil sizzled as the egg mixture was poured in , swiftly scrambled into fluffy curds .

In went the cold pasta , coated in the creamy eggs that hadn't fully set yet .

Diced ham , corn , peas , and shrimp joined the mix , all tossed together in the pan .

Despite her petite frame , Noelle wielded the heavy iron pan with surprising strength , flipping the contents into the air with a single hand .

The ingredients formed a perfect semicircle in mid air before landing back in the pan .

Every motion was sharp , fluid , and effortlessly elegant .

Though it was just fried pasta , the process had the grace of a master artist at work .

From preparing the ingredients to plating the egg fried pasta , it took Noelle less than ten minutes .

Two large plates were placed on the table .

Each portion was served with a rounded spoonful , forming a perfect dome .

A garnish of fresh cilantro added a touch of vibrant green , elevating the simple egg fried pasta to the level of a Michelin worthy dish .

All done Noelle placed the plates in front of Vincent and Kimberly , her eyes crinkling into a smile .

Mom , Dad , give it a try ! The couple sat there in stunned silence , still processing the sheer skill Noelle hadj Kimberly stared at Noelle , wide eyed .

Noelle .

You really are a master chef ... Though Kimberly didnt cook often , she was a passionate food enthusiast .

just displayed .

Half of Vincents study was filled with her culinary books .

She knew that even something as simple as egg fried pasta could be a litmus test for a diefs fundamentals .

And Noelles precision and skill just now ? Absolutely master level .

Of course I am ! I told you already .

Noelle said with a bright smile .

Now hurry up and try it .

Egg fried pasta is best when its hot ! Alright Kimberly chuckled and picked up her spoon The moment the pasta touched her tongue , her eyes lit up .

Her admiration for Noelle soared to new heights .

From this day forward , Noelle was officially her idol Vincent , though quieter , expressed his approval by finishing his plate clear He hadnt expected Noelle to have so many ludden talents .

If he had our complaint , it was that the portion size wasnt big enough ... Leia would never have guessed that while she was sweating and struggling through military training at school , Noelle was winning over Kimberly and Vincent with a single dish of egg fried pasta .

Kimberlys newfound interest in cooking meant Noelle , with her free time and absence from school , stayed home to teach her .

ys culinary skills improved by leaps and bounds .

Her smiles grew brighter , and every Noelle Under Noelles guidance as a master chief , Kimberlys the uttered souled weeter than the list .

One morning .

Kimberly woke up early and found Norlle already downstairs .

Smiling warmly , she walked over .

Noelle , why are you up so early ! What dish are we learning today ? Good morning , Mom Nuelle greeted her mother cheerfully , then said , No cooking lessons inday .

Oh ? Why not ? Kimberly y asked , a little surprised .

Are you heading back to school ! D Dreams Read Romance ... 0:31 AM Chapter 31 Nope .

Noelle replied , shaking her head .

She smiled .

Damon has a race today .

I want to go cheer for him .

The tracks pretty far , so I need to leave Oh ..

Ise Kimberly suddenly remembered Damon mentioning his upcoming race now she felt a pang of guilt grace before he left .

She hadnt paid much attention at the time , but It touched her to see Noelle , despite Damons cold attitude , still remembering and caring about his race .

Noelle , I didnt expect y you to remember Damons race .

Thats so thoughtful of you .

Considering how distant Damon had been toward Noelle , most people would have avoided him entirely .

But Noelle didnt seem to hold a grudge and was even willing to support him The more time Kimberly spent with Noelle , the more more endearing her daughter became .

Mom , do you want to come with me ? Noelle asked .

Come with you ? Sure , why not ? Kimberly agreed .

She didnt have anything pressing to do at home , and if Damon acted out again , at least shed be there to mediate They arrived at Racing League Ciment in Elysian City The track was packed with racing fans .

The stands at the finish line were overflowing , flags waving wildly , and the roar of cheers filled the air .

Amid the cacophony , one name echoed above all others : Storm Chasers , the star team of the day .

It was also the team Damon belonged to Damon was not only part of the team but its ace , the top seeded champion for the tournament , Damont Damont Damon A group of seven or eight young women , dressed provocatively , gathered outside the teams lounge .

Waving light sticks and banners , they screamed Damons name nonstop .

In the world of racing , Damon , young , handsome , and immensely talented , was undoubtedly a superstar .

Inside the lounge , Damon sat on the sofa , legs crossed , wearing his racing suit .

His chiseled , handsome face was devoid of expression , which only added to his cold , magnetic appeal .

The door opened , and a man in a burgundy suit strolled in Spotting Damon , he walked over and slung an arm around his shoulders , grinning Hey .

Damon ! Youre such a troublemaker , man .

Theres a whole crowd of girls outside screaming your name .

If I didnt know better , Id think you were some celebrity from the entertainment industry ! Damon didnt respond , his gaze fixed on h his phone .

As time passed , his expression darkened , and the air around him grew colder .

Noticing the shift in Damons mood , the man removed his arm and asked , Whats up ? Youve been staring at your phone is it your girlfriend ? Another rater nearby chuckled .

Brice , stop joking .

Damons upset because his sister hasnt texted him yet Seriously ? Thats what this is about Brice laughed , finding it absurd .

He glanced at Damod and teased , Dont tell me youre a sister obsessed control freak , Damon Shut up .

Damon snapped , his eyes glued to his screen .

No texts .

Frustrated , he tossed his phone aside and glared at his teammates .

Do you really think I care about that ? Grow up .

Sure , keep pretending , Brice s suurked It wasnt like Then tell me , you were staring at your phone earlier , werent you waiting for your sisters message ? 2/3 0:32 AM Chapter 51 No Damon answered in a cold voice , then sneered and said , Tm not a child , so what if she didnt send me a message ? Do you really think I care ! What are you thinking ? Just keep pretending Say whatever y r you want .

Damon shrugged , pretending to be indifferent .

Just then , a young man entered the room , scanning the lounge until his gaze landed on Damon . There were two people outside .

They say they're your mother and sister .

Before the man even finished speaking .

Damon bolted upright and strode toward the door .

His speed was astonishing , leaving everyone in the lounge dumbfounded .

One teammate finally recovered and laughed .

See ? As soon as he hears his sisters here , he's flying out the door .

Still denying it ? Another shook his head with a chuckle .

Chapter 52 Damon strode out of the lounge , his mood soaring from the depths of frustration to an unexpected high .

it it .

Damon was well aware that his walking was entirely due to Leias lack of communication these past few days .

Though he'd never admit it .

Da In the past , whether his race was a major event or just a local competition , Leis always made an effort to cheer him on .

If her classes conflicted with his schedule , she would even request leave from school just to attend .

Damon had often told Leis it wasn't necessary to come every time , but she always showed up with her warm smile to support him .

This unwavering dedication from Leia had always touched Damon , which is why he went to such lengths to protect her .

But this time , things were different .

Before he left , he had criticized Harley , someone Leia liked .

His words had been harsh , and when he departed , Leia didn't even bother to see him off .

It was only after others , including Noelle , cheered him on that Leis reluctantly added her own half hearted encouragement . The incident left a bitter taste in Damons mouth .

During his training sessions , he purposely avoided calling or texting Leia , hoping to see when she might reach out first .

But now , on the day of his race , Leia hadn't even sent him a single message , let alone appeared in person .

Damon kept telling himself Leia was busy with university life and military training .

She couldn't be as attentive as before .

But surely her phone wasn't completely off limits 24 hours a day .

Her silence seemed to prove one thing she no longer cared about him .

Damon thought , Was it really just because of Harley ? Was Leia willing to turn her back on me because of that one argument ? These thoughts gnawed at Damon , leaving him increasingly irritable .

His frustrations even started affecting his performance during the race .

But now , the news that his mother and sister had come to see him made everything better .

It reassured him that , in Leia's heart , family still mattered more than Harley Damon quickly made his way toward the reception area .

Damon , someone called out as they exited the room .

He stopped and asked , Are my mother and sister inside ? Yes , they're waiting for you .

Damon said , Great Damon practically jogged the last few steps to the door , his excitement bubbling over as he opened it .

Mom , Le ... His words caught in his throat , and his smile vanished entirely .

It wasn't Leia waiting for him .

It was Noelle .

Hi , Damon ! I came to cheer for you ! Noelle stood up with a bright smile and greeted him enthusiastically .

But Damon's mood immediately plummeted .

It was not Leia = Noelle His expression darkened , and his tone turned sharp , Why are you here ! Who invited you ? Damon ! Is that how you talk to your sister ? Kimberly i stood up a and scolded him .

Leia is your sister , and so is Noelle .

How can you be so rude to are you defending her ? Damon asked incredulously , glaring at Noelle .

His voice grew colder .

Who asked for her to come ! Tell her to Mom , why are you d leaver 1/3 932 AM Chapter 32 paren
Kimberlys face hardened .

Noelle came here to support you .

The least you could do is show some gratitude .

Instead , youre being unbelievably ride .

Apologize to her right now ! But Damon , still fuiming , refused to back down .

Disappointment and anger seirled in his chest , clouding his judgment .

His words grew harsher .

Why should I care about her support ! I told you before I dont want her here .

She shamelessly came anyway .

Why should I welcome her ? Does she even deserve that ? Damon Kimberlys face turned livid , her
voice trembling with anger .

Mom .

Damon was startled to see Kimberly so furious .

He turned to Noelle , who remained quiet .

Though his tone softened slightly , his words were no less cutting .

Why arent you saying anything ! Are you pretending to be a saint so Mom will feel sorry for you ?
Huh ! Noelle tied her head , confused .

Why would I pretend to be a saint ? I am a good person .

Damon was speechless .

He had no idea how to respond to someone as unbothered as Noelle .

Wheres Leia ! Damon demanded .

Why isnt she here ? What did you do to her ! In Damons mind .

Noelle w was a scheming , manipulative woman .

Leias absence could only mean Noelle had sabotaged her somehow .

Noelle , unaware of Damons suspicions , answered honestly .

I didnt do anything to Leia.

Shes busy with military training .

so she couldnt come .

Then why arent you in training ? Did you get special permission or did you sneak away ? Dont think this will earn you any points with me .

Damon sheered .

Noelle puffed out her chest and replied smugly .

I didnt need permission or sneaking around .

I beat the instructors , so Im excused from training What ? You beat the instructors ? Damon looked at her as if she were speaking another language .

Kimberly unmediately jumped in to defend her daughter .

Thats right , Damon .

Noelles incredibly skilled ! The deal was , win against an instructor and get a day of Noelle beat 14 instructors , so she has two weeks off from training Mom , thats ts not quite right , Noelle corrected with a proud smile .

It wasnt just 14 it was 26.

They all wanted to challenge me , so I had to defeat them one by one Oh ... I sce .

Guess they were lining up for a beating .

Damon remarked sarcastically .

They probably thought they could win , but they didnt realize how amazing I am , Noelle said , grinning Exactly ! Noelle is the best ! Kimberly beamed .

Watching the mother and daughters cheerful interaction , Damon frowned deeply Mom , since when did you become so close to her ? Damon asked suspiciously .

Before he left , Kamberlys attitude toward Noelle had been polite at best .

Now , they were acting like best friends .

Damon thought to himself , Ive only been gone for ten days .

What on earth happened ! Did Noelle brainwash Mom ? Kimberly , slightly embarrassed , shot Damon a glare .

What nonsense are you talking about ? Ive always had a good relationship with Noelle ! Damon scoffed laur didnt argue cheft shes been teaching me all sorts of Sensing the frision , Kimberly quickly changed the subject .

Oh , Damon , did you know Noelle is a master chef ? She dishes .

When you come home , Ill cook something for your Youre cooking again? Damons face turned pale .

He vividly remembered past experiences that almost landed the entire family in the hospital .

Dont be so dramatic , Kimberly huffed .

Ive been making pasta for days now , and your dad hasnt died yet Youve been making pasta .

for days ? Damon repeated in disbelief .

Yes Kimberlys face lit up .

Thanks to Noelles guidance , my cooking has improved so much .

Noelle is 2/3 my teacher ! Noelles eyes curved into a bright smile .

Thats because Mom is naturally talented .

Oh , you sweet talker ! Kimberly laughed .

Damon finally understood how Noelle had managed to win Kimberly over so quickly .

He glanced at Noelle , his lips curling into a sneer .

Using tricks like this to manipulate the family , Noelle , youre really something

hapter 53 Kimberly frowned at Damons harsh wonds .

Damon , canty cant you say a single kind thing ? Danon , unbothered , snorted raldly , Sorry , Mom , but I dont have anything nice to say about ber You Before Kimberly could start lecturing , Noelle interjected .

Damon , thats not fair Oh ! Not fair ! Damon sneered looking at her with disdain Noelie , however , remained serious .

Mom enjoys cooking , and I huppen to know how to cook .

Teaching her makes her happy , and it ensures the pasta she makes in the future is safe to cat .

Isn't that a win-win situation? Why do you call that manipulative? Damon's face darkened, and he replied coldly.

Because your motives aren't pure.

You're just trying to win them over. And why shouldn't I? Noelle asked, puzzled.

They're my parents too.

Is it wrong to make them happy? They're not your parents, Damon snapped through gritted teeth.

You're just trying to force your way into this family so you won't be left out. Noelle tilted her head, genuinely confused.

Of course I want to fit in.

I want everyone to like me.

Why is that a problem! Oh, stop pretending. You're trying to take Leias place.

Don't act like you don't know it, I'm not trying to take Leias place.

Noelle looked straight into Damon's eyes, unwavering.

I just want everyone to like me.

How does that translate to taking Leias place! Can't we both coexist? Damon, I really don't understand your logic. You.

Damon tried to argue, but he found himself altering.

Noelle's words made sense. Too much sense.

It made him look like he was being unreasonable.

No.

That couldn't happen.

He had to stand firmly by Leias side.

He couldn't let Noelle shake his resolve.

Shaking his head to dispel the doubt, Damon glared at her and snapped, You're just a scheming woman.

There's no way you're sincere about Noelle. Noelle raised her eyebrows.

Damon , what makes you say that ! What evidence do you have that Im manipulative ? 1Duron stuttered , unable to respond .

He had stubbornly convinced himself that Noelle was scheming , yet he had no proof to back it up .

Everything she did seemed straightforward almost like she was a simple minded fool .

Where was the manipulation Well Damon Wheres your proof ? Noelle pressed on , unrelenting .

Ugh .

enough already Damon exclaimed , visibly sweating Just then , a staff member knocked on the door and entered .

Damon , are you done ? The race is about to st Relieved , Damon quickly turned and said .

Im on my w With that , he practically fled the reception mont start .

You need to head out .

Since Kimberly and Noelle were e were Damons mother and sister , the racing team had an Farranged VII I VIP seats for them to watch the race .

Despite Damons earlier turmoil , his undeniable skill shone through during the competition .

The race began , and though Damon fell behind briefly , he quickly regained focus .

Pushing past his frustrations , he caught up to the first place driver and overtook them with cair , dis the end , he secured the championship with an impressive 15 second lead over the runner up .

As Damon stepped out of his rar , swarm of reporters descended upon him .

In front of the cameras , Damon was a completely different person .

Cone was the fiery friendly , he will answered every question the reporters ilitew at him .

temper he showed Noelle .

Though not exactly warm and 1/3 Candy Crush Saga .

932 AM C Chapter 38 After handling the press , his teammates crowded around him .

While everyone knew Damon was skilled , his crushing victory still drew admiration .

Damon , youre incredible .

Youre definitely taking the championship at the World League ! Yeah Dumon , youre a pain to deal with , but your driving skills are unbeatable .

I love you , man ! Senoudy , is there anyone in the world who can rival Damou ? Being unbeatable must be so lonely Though he appreciated the compliments , Damon remained grounded .

When his teammates started comparing him to a goil , he couldn't help but tease , Alright , that's enough .

Im far from the best .

There's still a long way to go before I can claim the title of w worlds greatest Whoa , whoa , Damon ! Is that humility we hear ! Come on , you're the best ! You've already won the World Racing League championship .

If not you , then who else ? Damon smirked .

Sure , Ive won official competitions , but what about the unofficial ones ! What do you mean ? someone asked , confused Another teammate nudged him .

He's talking about underground racing , dummy Oh , you mean those illegal street races Underground racing was a lawless arena , where the only rule was speed .

Drivers could use any means necessary to win .

Though dangerous and unregulated , the high stakes and massive prize pools attracted top tier talent .

Tumon those guys are just reckless daredevils .

They're nothing compared to you .

If they were that good , they'd be competing in official races one Beammate remarked .

You don't get it , Damon replied , exasperated .

Official races have strict rules and selection processes .

Not everyone can participate.

Some of the best drivers are barred from competing and have no choice but to race underground , Brice another racer , grinned and shing an arm around Damon .

Let me guess you're thinking about that person , aren't you ? Damon didn't respond , but his silence spoke volumes .

The others , still confused , asked , Who ? What person ? Brice answered , Someone named Emberling He continued , A year ago , at Fallwood Raceway the holy ground of illegal racing Emberling shattered the record , finishing two minutes ahead of the runner up .

No ones come close to breaking that record since Whoa , that sounds impressive , someone murmured .

Its not just impressive , Damon interjected , his voice heavy with admiration .

Its extraordinary Damon , why are you hypsing them up so much ! Sure , they might be good compared to others , but if you were there Id still be a minute behind , Damon cut in , his gaze distant , Everyour love .

Damon continued , When that race happened , it was a big deal .

Plenty of official racers tried to beat Emberlings record , but none succeeded .

I was one of them .

Even with a clear track and no obstacles , I still fell a minute short .

Holy ... Turdinsaur , one teammate whispered , finally grasping the magnitude of Emberlings skill .

Who are they ? A man ! A woman someone asked .

Damon pressed his lips together , saying nothing Brice shrugged .

Thats the beauty of underground racing .

No one asks questions .

A fake name is all you need .

To this day , no one knows Chapter 53 Emberlings identity or even their gender .

TI End them Damon said firmly , clenching his fists .

No matter what it takes .

I will meet Embering At that moment , a bright cheerful voice called out , Damont Damon !

The famous Nightstrike of the racing world , a total sister obsessed softie .

Chapter 54 Hearing the voice , everyone turned to see a living doll with a delicate , exquisite face and a bright smile running toward them .

That dell was , of course , Noelle .

Wow ..

The team members couldnt help but gasp in admiration as they watched her approach .

One of them timed to Damon and said , Damon , is that your sister ! Shes stunning Hervoir is so sweet .

She looks like the clingy y little sister type : No wonder Damons a sister obsessed guy .

Who wouldn't adore a sister like her ? But another team member raised a question .

Wait , that's weird .

I've met Damon's sister before , and she didn't look like this .

Huh ? What do you mean ? The others looked at Damon for clarification Damon , however , wore a dark expression as he stared at Noelle running toward them , his face devoid of any warmth .

Damon , you got first place ! Congratulations ! Noelle stopped in front of Damon , beaming as she congratulated him .

In front of everyone , Damon didn't bother to hide his irritation .

His voice was icy as he said , What are you doing here ? The race is over .

You should leave Seeing Damon's sour expression and harsh tone , Noelle pouted and replied , I just wanted to congratulate you .

Well , you've said it now .

You can go .

Damon said coldly .

Oh Noelle's cheerful demeanor dimmed as she quietly nodded The team members , noticing Damon's attitude toward Noelle , began to feel uncomfortable .

Brice nudged Damon with his elbow , trying to ease the tension .

What's going on , Damon ! Your sisters here to celebrate with you , and you can't even give her a friendly face ? Without waiting for Damon's reply , Brice turned to Noelle and introduced himself .

Hi there , little sis .

What's your name ? My name is Brice Noelle looked at Brice and responded politely , her sweet demeanor instantly softening his heart .

Brice was charmed by Noelle's innocent smile .

Grinning , he introduced himself .

Noelle , huh ? Nice to meet you .

I'm Brice Cardenas , but everyone just calls me Brice Feel free to do the same .

Okay , Hello , Brice , Noelle replied in a cheerful tone .

to meet you , Noelle .

Were heading to a victory party later .

If youre free , would you like to join us ? Hearing this , Noelles eyes lit up Rrally , Brice ? Can I go ? Before Brice could fish .

Damon cut him off sharply .

Brice , what are you are you doing ? Why are you inviting her to the party ! Whats wrong but she pour sister ? Brice shot back .

barely .

Damon stoppard mid sentence , his gaze inadvertently meeting Noelles .

Noelle was looking at him quicily , her clear , innocent eyes shining with a mix of curiosity and sincerity .

She stood there without complaint or pretense , her expression almost childlike in its simplicity .

Fora micanent , Dainon faltered As much as he disliked in , loathed Noelle , he couldnt bring himself to berate her in front of everyone .

1/3 Chapter 54 Doing so would only make him look petty .

And exposing family conflicts in public ? That wasnt his style .

With a resigned sigh .

Damon muttered .

Tine .

Do whatever you want .

There we go ? Brice laughed and turned back to Noelle .

Noelle , youre coming to the party , then !! Okay Noelle agreed enthusiastically , thinking this was a good opportunity to bond with Damon She suddenly remembered something and asked , Trice , will there be me Meat ! Brice blinked , then burst out laughing when when he saw the eager look in her eyes .

Of course ! Therell be plenty of meat Yay ! Noelle cheered .

This was turning out to be a great day .

When Kimberly heard that Noelle would be joining Damons team for the victory party , she was pleased .

Clearly , she hoped this would help the siblings build a better relationship .

Damon , Noelles unfamiliar with this place .

place .Follow new episodes on the CrushnovelS.Com

As her older brother , you need to take care of her , understand ? Kimberly said before they left .

Damon , however , wore a sour expression .

Mom , Im the star of the party .

Ill have plenty of people to deal with .

How can I have time to babysit her ! Besides Noelles an adult .

She can take care of herself Kimberlys smile disappeared , What kind of attitude is that ? Im just being honest .

Isnt it better than pretending to agree and then ignoring her ? Damon countered You little .

Kimberly looked ready to smack him .

Noelle stepped in with a cheerful smile .

Its okay , Mom .

Damons right .

I can take care of myself .

Dont worry Noelle Kimberly looked at her daughters sunny , unbothered face , and her heart warmed .

She gave Noelle a final reminder .

Take care of yourself , and if anything happens , dont hesitate to ask Damon for help .

Dont be shy .

I wont , Mom .

Dont worry : Noelle replied brightly .

After Kimberly left , Noelle followed the team to the party venue .

As Brice had promised , the buffet was packed with delicious meats steaks , shrimp , and more unlimited supply .

The flavors were excellent , and Noelle happily indulged , completely forgetting her original plan to bond with Damon .

As she prepared to tackle her third steak , two team members suddenly sat down on either side of her .

One of them held a bottle of wine and smiled Noelle , just eating meat is no fun .

How about a drink ? You're old enough , right ? No thanks , Noelle replied , her mouth full of steak .

I don't like alcohol .

She had tried it before out of curiosity but found it too harsh and unpleasant .

Aw , come on .

This is just champagne a sweet , fruity drink with barely any alcohol Girls love it really Noelle asked , skeptical Try it and see for yourself One of the men poured a glass and handed it to her .

Oh .

Noelle took the glass , still unsure .

She dipped her tongue into the golden liquid and tasted it .

Her eyes lit up instantly .

It really is sweet ! Sure We weren't lying Mm hmm .

Delighted by the taste , Noelle drank the whole glass .

2/3 9:32 AM C Chapter 1 Before she could set the glass down , the man refilled it .

Here , have another .

As the star of the party .

Damon wasn't lying when he said he'd be busy .

A constant stream of people came up to him for toasts and conversation .

Finally managing to escape the crowd , he remembered that Noelle was here .

Though he didn't care much , he figured he should check on her .

If she went back and complained to Kimberly , it would only give him a headache .

Scanning the room .

Damon spotted Noelle in a corner .

She was flanked by two team members , surrounded by five or six empty bottles of wine .

The men were still encouraging her to drink Wow , Noelle ! Youre amazing what a high tolerance .

Come on , lets keep going ! Yeah , another glass ! Noelle , her cheeks flushed pink , was clearly tipsy but still smiling .

She accepted each drink they handed her , gulping them down one after another .

From a distance , Damon watched as the two men leaned closer to Noelle , their smiles a little too eager .

His brows furrowed tightly .

Who wouldve thought

Chapter 55 1 Cismon remembered contri correctly , the two men wete NEW chackup racers who shard recently joined the team .

Their skills were decent , but their personal lives were notoriously messy .

Not long ago , a pregnant woman had stormed into the teams headquarters , demanding to know which of the two was the father of her child .

The incident had entaged the team leader , who punished them by banning them from participating in any races for three months .

They were only invited to todays victory party as a courtesy , yet here they were , stirring up trouble again .

Damon conudered stepping in to stop them but pauseid mid step : thought .

Why should I care ? Noelle has insisted on coming and claimed she could take care of herself .

If something happened , it would be her own fault not my responsibility : If he intervened .

Lesa might misinterpret his actions and think he was siding with Noelle .

That would devastate Leia He thought .

No.

I cant get involved .

Theres no reason for me to do so Just as Damon was struggling internally , a drunken teammate stumbled over and threw an arm around him .

Damon ! What are you doing over here ! Come on , youre the star tonight .

Lets drink ! The trammate dragged Damon back to the party .

Damon haltheartedly followed but couldnt help glancing back toward Noelle .

From the comer of his eye , he saw the two scumbags still pressuring her to drink .

Noelle youre amazing ! Five bottles already ! Baker watched in disbelief as Noelle downed her fifth boule of champagne .

Sure , the champagne wasnt particularly strong at first sap , but its aftereffects packed a punch .

Most women would be passed out after just one bottle , yet Noelle had polished off five without batting an eye ... I told you she can hold her Liquor ! Lets keep going Jarari Cannon popped open another bottle and poured it into Noelles glass .

Erick gave Jamari a look .

(Dude , are we still doing this !] Jamani replied with a shrug (Why not ? Shes not drunk yri .

] Erick : This champagnes expensive .

Lainan (Who cares ? The teams paying for it | Erick : What if something happen to her ?] Janan (Kelax.

Damon doesnt care , and well just take her away quietly .

No one will know | Fræk hentated but finally relented (Alright , keep going Niselle , one more glass , Jamari coaxed , pouring her another drink .

beautiful ryes were slightly lazy , adding an unintentional allure that no more .

Noelle shook her head , her fair checks flushed a rosy red .

Her beaut inade her look almost enchanting What a grin .

Jamani dhaought , hús excitement g growing Whats s wrong .

Noeller Feeling dizzy ? Finally , after five bottles of champagne , was she about to pass out ? No.

I need to the the bathroom , Noelle and , wobbling to her feet .

Oh , the bathroon ? Sure , well take you there , Jamari offered , reaching out to steady her .

But Noelle dodged his hand .

I dont need your help .

I can walk by myself □ 9:32 AM c Chapter 55 Alright , be careful .

Jamari smiled sheepishly but mentally planned to take her to a hotel as soon as she returned .

Herschanged a look with Erick , and the three of them left the party hall Not long after .

Damon suddenly returned to the area where Noelle had been drinking No matter how much he dishked Noelle , he couldnt just leave her to fend for herself , especially with two guys like Erick and Jamari .

If they succeeded in taking advantage of her , her life would be ruined But when Damon arrived , the three of them were gone .

Where were they ? His heart sank .

Where were they ? In just a few minutes , they had disappeared .

Images of the hysterical pregnant woman who had confronted the team flashed in his mind .

He imagined Noelle meeting a similar fate , and a cold sweat broke out on his back His chest felt tight , like a weight was pressing on it , making it hard to breathe .

phone to call Erick and Jamari .

His hands trembled so much that he nearly dropped the device .

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The incident had entaged the team leader , who punished them by banning them from participating in any races for three months .

They were only invited to todays victory party as a courtesy , yet here they were , stirring up trouble again .

Damon conudered stepping in to stop them but pauseid mid step : thought .

Why should I care ? Noelle has insisted on coming and claimed she could take care of herself .

If something happened , it would be her own fault not my responsibility : If he intervened .

Lesa might misinterpret his actions and think he was siding with Noelle .

That would devastate Leia He thought .

No.

I cant get involved .

Theres no reason for me to do so Just as Damon was struggling internally , a drunken teammate stumbled over and threw an arm around him .

Damon ! What are you doing over here ! Come on , youre the star tonight .

Lets drink ! The trammate dragged Damon back to the party .

Damon haltheartedly followed but couldnt help glancing back toward Noelle .

From the comer of his eye , he saw the two scumbags still pressuring her to drink .

Noelle youre amazing ! Five bottles already ! Baker watched in disbelief as Noelle downed her fifth boule of champagne .

Sure , the champagne wasnt particularly strong at first sap , but its aftereffects packed a punch .

Most women would be passed out after just one bottle , yet Noelle had polished off five without batting an eye ... I told you she can hold her Liquor ! Lets keep going Jarari Cannon popped open another bottle and poured it into Noelles glass .

Erick gave Jamari a look .

(Dude , are we still doing this !] Jamani replied with a shrug (Why not ? Shes not drunk yri .

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Her beaut inade her look almost enchanting What a grin .

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Noeller Feeling dizzy ? Finally , after five bottles of champagne , was she about to pass out ? No.

I need to the the bathroom , Noelle and , wobbling to her feet .

Oh , the bathroon ? Sure , well take you there , Jamari offered , reaching out to steady her .

But Noelle dodged his hand .

I dont need your help .

I can walk by myself L 9:32 AM c Chapter 55 Alright , be careful .

Jamari smiled sheepishly but mentally planned to take her to a hotel as soon as she returned .

Herschanged a look with Erick , and the three of them left the party hall Not long after .

Damon suddenly returned to the area where Noelle had been drinking No matter how much he dishked Noelle , he couldnt just leave her to fend for herself , especially with two guys like Erick and Jamari .

If they succeeded in taking advantage of her , her life would be ruined But when Damon arrived , the three of them were gone .

Where were they ? His heart sank .

Where were they ? In just a few minutes , they had disappeared .

Images of the hysterical pregnant woman who had confronted the team flashed in his mind .

He imagined Noelle meeting a similar fate , and a cold sweat broke out on his back His chest felt tight , like a weight was pressing on it , making it hard to breathe .

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Chapter 56 Nothing about the situation had gone as Damon had expected .

He had rushed over , heart pounding , fearing that something terrible had happened to Noelle .

Hut to his surprise , it was Erick and Jamari those two team mishus who had ended up on the receiving end of disaster .

They are you telling me you did this to them ? Damon stared at the two crumpled figures on the floor , bruised and bloodied , before shifting his gaze to Noelle small , delicate , and seemingly incapable of harming a fly .

I was me Noelle admitted , looking both sheepish and proud .

Who else would it be ? Your fighting skills are impressive , Domon said , his eyelid twitching .

Hed heard the stones about Noelle defeating her instructors during military training , but since he hadnt seen it for himself , hed assumed there had to be some kind of exaggeration or fluke .

But now , sering Erick and Jamaris wrecked faces with his own eyes , Damon couldnt deny it anymore Noelle could actually fight Hearing Damons compliment , Noelles confidence swelled .

She lifted her chin proudly .

Of course ! Im undefeated in one on one fights Damon found himself momentarily amused by Noelles smugness .

She was kind of cute .

But as soon as the thought entered his mind , he felt horrified .

Was I out of his mind ? How could I think Noelle was cute ? Damon thought Leia was the cutest person in the world .

Compared to Leia , Noelle was barely one ten thousandth as endearing .

Shaking his head to dispel the errant thought , Damon put on a stem expression and rained on her parade .

You had your fun beating them up , but now what ? Everyone was having a good time at the party , and you just had to ruin it by putting two team members in the hospital .

If this gets out , it could reflect badly on me too .

Huh ? Noelles triumphant mood deflated instantly .

Is it really that serious ? Daimons tone was exasperated .

You knocked their teeth out .

What do you think ? Oh ..

Noelle looked down , lips pressed together , seemingly reflecting on her actions Although Damon didnt particularly like Noelle , he knew Erick and Jamari were the real culprits here .

He also had to admit that he shared some of the blame for not keeping a closer eye on her .

He sighed and started to soften has tone .

You .

Damon began , but before he could finish , Noelle cut him off .

Damon , you should leave , she said , her expression suddenly serious What Damon was taken aback .

Leave ? What are you planning to do ? Noelles eyes darkened , and she whispered conspiratorially , Dont worry , Damon .

Ill handle this .

I promise it wont come back to haunt us , Hey confidence made Damo feel uneasy .

He raised an eyebrow and asked cautiously , What exactly are you planning ? Noelle made a sliring motion at ross her neck and said in a grave tone , Dispose of the bodies and erase all evidence Daina was perciless .

Noelle , oblivious to his reaction , continued tu explain her plan in detail .

Dont worry , Damon .

Those two didnt use my 11 to book the room , so theres no paper trail .

Ill hack into the surveillance system and delete the footage .

Then , III disguise myself as a cleaning staff member , inove their bodies out as if Im taking out the trash , and incinerate them in a cremation furnace ... 1/3 Enough ! Damon cut her off , looking utterly defeated .

He rubbed his temples and asked in disbelief , What were you even doing before this ? Why do you have ideas like this ? Forget it Ill handle this .

But you said it might cause problems for you .

Noelle protested .

Dont worry .

Damon .

Ima professional .

The police wont find anything- If you say one more word .

Im calling the cops right now , Damon threatened , his face dark with frustration .

Noelle immediately clammed up Shrinking back , she looked up at Damon with wide , innocent eyes .

But Damon , I was just trying to help .

Why are you calling the police on me ! Who needs that kind of help ? Damson snapped .

Murder ? Disposing of bodies ? What kind of law abiding citizen even thinks like that Damon though Damon was now seriously wondering if Noelle had a history in organized crime .

Elis warnings a The more .

about keeping an eye on Noelle suddenly made perfect sense .

Damon thought about it , the more his head throbbed .

Why did he have to deal with such chaos at a simple victory party ? Despite his irritation , Damon eventually called an ambulance for Frick and Jamari .

Once they were sent to the hospital , Damon contacted the team manager to explain the situation .

trying to He framed it as Erick and Jamari t to harass Noelle , leading to a necessary scuttle .

Damon Anderson called the team leader again and briefly explained the reason , which was that Zhang Jing and Wang Zhi were dishonest and bullied his sister Noelle Anderson , and he knew it , so he beat them up .

Thanks for your understanding Damon said to the manager .

Its nothing .

Honestly , this is on us for not managing them better .

Is your sister okay ? Should I come check on her ! No need Damon replied quickly , glancing over his shoulder .

Noelle was sitting nearby , happily munching on a chicken drumstick .

she caught Damons eye and flashed him a sweet smile , looking anything but traumatized .

Damons eye twitched , but he maintained his composure .

Shes shaken up and doesnt want to see anyone right now .

Ill take her home myself Thanks again for your help After hanging up , Damon walked over to Noelle .

She had just finished her chicken and was now holding a handful of lamb skewers .

She ran up to him , her face lit with curiosity .

Damon , is everything sorted ? Yeah Damon replied , still trying to process everything .

Great Noelle beamed , relieved that Damon wouldnt face any consequences .

Freling at case , she cheerfully polished off the lamb skewers .

Damon watched in disbelief as Noelle devoured the skewers How are you not full You are so much at the party , he asked , battled .

Tim not full , Noelle replied matter of factly .

Fighting takes a lot of energy , and you scared me with how serious you made this sound .

Stress burns calories , you know ! Stuffing the air , Noelles nose twitched .

Her eyes sparkled as she tugged on Damons sleeve .

Damon , I smell pancakes ! I think they are better Lets go get some Damon stared at her in disbelief .

Still hungry ? He had never met anyone with a bigger appetite or a thicker skin .

2/3 She kept calling him Damon even though he told her not to , always bouncing back from his scolding like it hadnt happened .

Now she wanted pancakes after all that lamb ? What is wrong with this girl ?

Chapter 57 Damon ... Noelle was like a broken record , calling his name repeatedly .

Damon was getting annoyed to no end .

He scowled at her and barked , What are you , summoning a spirit ! Stop trying to cozy up think this will make you replace Leia in my heart .

Huh ? Noelle blinked , confused about why Damon had veered the conversation in such a strange direction .

Pointing toward the source of the tempting aroma , she said earnestly .

Damon , I just wanted to get a pancake .

p to me .

Don't A pancake ? Can't you buy it yourself ? Damon shot back irritably .

Why does everything have to involve me ? he thought If this were a normal day , Leia would have been the one accompanying him to the celebration , walking around the city , and enjoying the evening together .

Instead , it was Noelle by his side a situation he found ridiculous .

The more he thought about it , the more absurd it seemed .

He must have gone mad , indulging Noelle like this .

Oblivious to Damon's inner turmoil , Noelle pouted and said , I would buy it myself , but I didn't bring any money ... Damon sighed in frustration , pulling out a large bill from his wallet .

He handed it to her with a scowl .

Here .

Go buy it yourself .

Stop bothering me .

Okay .

Noelle accepted the money , then cheerfully said , Damon , wait here ! I'll be back with the pancake , and we can share it ! Enough with the chatter .

Go already .

Noelle dashed off in the direction of the aroma , disappearing from sight in no time .

Damon stood there , shaking his head .

She's definitely a glutton reincarnated .

I've never seen anyone who eats as much as her , he muttered to himself .

Fifteen minutes passed , and Noelle still hadn't returned .

Damon glanced toward the direction she'd gone , a mix of worry and irritation creeping in .

Damon thought , What's taking her so long to buy a pancake ? Did something happen ? As he debated whether to call her , his phone rang .

It was Leia .

Damons mood instantly lifted , and he answered eagerly .

Hello ? Leia ! Leias gentle voice came through the line .

Hi , Damont Congratulations on your win .

I knew yo I knew youd do great Hearing her congratulations , Damons heart softened , though he kept his tone teasing Oh , so you still remember me ? I thought your heart belonged entirely to Harley by now ? Leu hesitated for a moment , then replied shyly , Damon , stop teasing me ! What are you talking about ? Oli , am I wrong ? Liking Harley doesnt mean I dont care about you .

Leia said sweetly .

Both of you are very important to me Both Damon frowned .

A sibling shed grown up with for over a decade and a Lequal footing in her heart ? The thought unsettled him , but Leia quickly asked , Damon , where are y Why do you ask ? His voice turned slightly defensive .

a classmate shed only known for six months were they really on are you right now ! 1/3 Leia giggled .

You had a big race today .

lovei , I snuck out to find you Normally , Id come to cheer you on and celebrate , but I couldnt leave because of training .

Now that its What Damon was stunned .

You came out by yourself ! Yes , Iria said .

Thats reckless ! Where are e you ? Ill come get you Leis gave him her location .

At that moment .

Damons attention shifted entirely to Leia , completely forgetting about Noelle .

When Noelle finally returned with two pancakes in hand , ready to share one with Damon , she found the spot where shed left him completely empty .

Hmm ? Where did Damon go ? Noelle said .

Noelle looked around and called his name yielded no response Damon Damon ? Still no reply .

Sheduled his number .

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Damon , where are you ? I cant find you .

Noelle said , puzzled .

Only then did Damon remember hed left Noelle behind .

But with Leis out on her own , his worry over her safety outweighed everything else .

Besides .

Noelle was capable of handling herself .

Im going to pick up Leia .

Just head home on your own , he said flatly .

What ? Noelle p protested Why did didnt you wait for me ? We couldve gone together ! Damons tone turned sharp .

Why would I wait for you ? ou ? Do you think Leia being out alone isnt dangerous ? I dont have time to wait for you to stroll luck You couldve at least told me , Noelle muttered , her voice tinged with disappointment .

Her complaint only irritated Damon further .

Feeling guilty but unwilling to admit it , his frustration boiled over .

Why should I ? Were not close .

Just because you came to cheer me on doesnt mean were suddenly buddies .

Leia is my only sister .

If youre upset , gery to Mom , or shut up With that , he hung Noelle stared at her phone , the screen now dark .

Why is Damon so moody all of a sudden Everything had been fine earlier , but now he was throwing a tantrum Damon really isnt all there , huh ? His emotional stability is concerning , she thought .

With Damon gone , Noelle had no choice but to hail a cab home .

Unfortunately , luck wasnt on laer side .

Despite waiting for half an hour , she couldnt catch a single taxi .

Frustrated , she stomped her feet and muttered , Where did all the cars go Elly A A deep , magnetic voice called out to her from not far away .

Huh ? Noelle turned toward the voice and saw a tall , impeccably dressed man in a tailored ash gray suit stepping out of a car and walking toward her .

2/3 When she recognized his face , her eyes lit up .

A radiant smile spread across her face as she ran toward him .

Nick !

Chapter 58 The moment Noelle threw herself into Nicolass arms , he instinctively wrapped her in a warm embrace .

Her petite , soft frame carried a delicate .

sweet fragrance unique to girls , tickling Nicolass senses and stirring something deep within him .

Noelle hadn't expected to run into her Nick here .

Overjoyed , she muzzled her head against his chest like an affectionate kitten , her voice sweet and soft as she kept repeating .

Nick , Nick_ Alright , Elly , if you keep this up , you're going to set my chest on fire , Nicolas teased , his deep voice tinged with indulgent warmth .

Gently , he cupped her head to stop her from moving- Im just so happy to see you ! Noelle grinned , her delight evident in her crescent shaped eyes .

Nicolass heart melted at the sight of her radiant smile .

He couldn't resist reaching out to pinch her delicate earlobe and softly asked , Elly , it's so late .

Why are you out here all alone ? Didn't you say you were going to cheer for Damon today ! I did cheer for him ! But now he's off to pick up Leia , Noelle explained candidly , without the slightest trace of concealment .

Hearing this , the smile on Nicolass face faded slightly .

His lips pressed into a thin line , and his grip on Noelles hand tightened imperceptibly .

He left you , a girl , alone on the street this late , just to pick up Leia ? Yeah , Leia showed up to see him , so he went to meet her , Noelle nodded , tugging playfully at Nicolass sleeve .

She tilted her head and pouted , Nick .

I ran out of money .

Will you take me home ** Seeing how unbothered Noelle was , Nicolas felt both amused and heartbroken .

The Anderson family really doesn't deserve her , he thought He released her momentarily , then clasped her hand again and asked , It's pretty late to head back to Reniam City .

I have a place nearby why don't you stay at my house tonight ? Really ? Noelle's eyes lit up with excitement .

200 Seeing her reaction , Nicolass eyes softened even more .

With a charming smile , he quipped .

You're going to be Mrs.

Nicolas soon , aren't you ? Going home early shouldn't require permission , should it ? His words sent warmth blooming in Noelle's chest , like countless tiny fireworks bursting into life .

She clung to his arm and leaned against him , looking up with a mischievous grin .

Nick , if we go home , can we do grown up things in advance ! Nicolass face froze for a moment Noelle's knack for bringing up that topic was truly unparalleled .

He flicked her forehead lightly and said , What are you even thinking ? You're too young for that .

But I'm already an adult ! Noelle puffed her cheeks in dissatisfaction .

Could it be Nick's not capable ? Noelle thought .

The thought earned her a more solid tap on the head .

Ow ! Noelle yelped , clutching her forehead .

Nick , you hit me again ! Leading her toward the car , Nicolas said calmly .

That's because I could tell you were having naughty thoughts No , I wasn't ! Nicolas said , Yes , you were .

Now get in the car , Nicolas opened the door and placed his hand over the top of the frame to make sure she wouldn't bump her head .

Once inside , Noelle , still brimming with excitement , rolled into Nicolass lap , wrapping her arms around his neck .

Nick ... What now ? Nicolas asked lazily , glancing down at her .

1/3 934 AM Chapter 58 just realized that whenever I'm with you , everything goes right , Noelle said with a giggle .

She recounted how shed been unable to find a ride home earlier until Nicolas appeared , as if he were her guardian angel .

Nicolas chuckled and teased .

So Im your lucky charm now ! Absolutely Noelle nodded earnestly , Overcome by a sudden impulse , she propped herself up and planted a quick kiss on his lips .

Her eyes sparkled , and she said with a bright smile .

Nick .

I really like you Meanwhile , Damon rushed to the location Leis had given him , only to find not just Leia but also his younger brother , Eli , waiting there .

Damon , congratulations ! Leia , holding a bouquet of fresh flowers , greeted him with a radiant smile as soon as he arrived , Thanks , Leia Damon accepted the flowers , still a bit dazed .

His gaze shifted to Eli .

Eli , what are you doing here ? I couldnt let Leia come out this late on her own , could I? Eli said nonchalantly If he had known Eli was also here , he would have gone back and picked up Noelle Eli said , Its so late , Leia said she wanted to see you , how could I not bring her ? Elis eyes swept over Damons shoulder .

Not seeing Noelle , his brows furrowed .

Wheres Noelle ? Mom said she came to cheer for you and even attended your celebration party .

Why are you here alone ? Noelle Damon hesitated , his expression shifting awkwardly .

Elis tone sharpened , Damon , where is Noelle ! What happened to her ? Leia , standing nearby , watched the exchange , relieved to see that Noelle wasnt with Damon .

However , she feigned concern , asking .

Yeah , Damon wheres Noelle ? Why isnt she here ? Cornered , Damons irritation flared .

I told her to go home on her own Whats the big deal ? You let her go home alone this late at night ? Elis voice rose in disbelief .

Damon , are you out of your mind ? Do you even know what time it is ! Do you realize how far it is to Reniam City ? How could you be okay with leaving Noelle on her own ? Damons irritation boiled over .

Why wouldnt I be okay with it ! She tagged along uninvited Im not responsible for her ? Damon ! Elis voice was filled with anger .

Sure , Noelles skilled enough to defend herself .

But shes also ridiculously naive ! If someone with bad intentions tricked her , shed probably hand them her money and thank them for it .

Damon opened his mouth but found himself unable to refute Elis words .

Everyone in the family had tacitly acknowledged Noelles guileless nature Damn it ... Eli muttered , raking a hand through his hair before pulling out his phone to call Noelle .

I thought you might at least take care of her since she came to support you .

But no , youve outdone yourself , Damon .

Unbelievable .

For once , Damon was too ashamed to talk back .

It was obvious to everyone that Noelle wasnt the sharpest tool in the the shed .

Damn it Eli ruffled his hair in frustration and pulled out his p phone to call Noelle .

As he duded , he said , I know youre not fond of Noelle , but considering she came to cheer you on today , I thought youd at least show her some kindness .

I didnt expect you to leave her out there alone so late .

Damon , with his fiery temper and sharp tongue , couldnt a single word in his dea in his defense as Eli scolded him .

ilty .

If Id know known this would Leia , standing behind Damon , chose to keep quiet , though she felt a twinge of irritation .

Was it really necessary for Eli to fuss so much over Noelle , that wild woman ? she thought .

Now Damons feeling all guilty .

If luppen , I wouldnt have let Eli come over in the first place ! 2/3 9:34 AM c Chapter 58 Before long , the call connected .

Hello ? Noelles bright , crisp voice came through .

She asked cheerfully , Eli , why are you calling me so Late ? Shouldnt you be sleeping Noelle , where are you right now ? Eli asked urgently .

Huh ? Noelle was caught off guard .

Eli , noticing her cluelessness and slow reaction , grew even more irritated .

He repeated sharply .

Im asking you where are you ? Tell me your location and stay put .

Dont wander around .

171 come pick you up .

Noelle sighed , exasperated .

Chapter 59 It feels like Eli had installed surveillance on her .

Noelle thought .

How come every time I am with Nick , Eli can accurately capture it ? Noelle ? Why arent you answering ? Say something ! Did something happen again ? Hearing that the little girl was silent .

Eli tensed up , afraid that something might happen to her .

His voice became more and more urgent , and he asked : Say something ! Dont tell me something happened again ? No , nothing happened , Noelle replied hesitantly .

Then tell me your location now .

Theres no need .

Eli , Noelle said .

What do you mean no need ? Its three hours to Reniam City from there .

Its too dangerous for you , a girl , to be out this late .

Just tell me where you are so I can pick you up .

Noelle said , No need .

Im not going back to Reniam City tonight .

Not going back ! Then where are you staying ! A hotel ? No , not a hotel ... Can you stop speaking in fragments ? If youre not staying at a hotel , then where ? Explain yourself ! Eli was running out of patience , his voice growing harsher .

Realizing she couldnt hide it anymore , Noelle decided to rip the band aid off .

Fine , Ill tell you .

Im with Nick , and Im staying at his place tonight .

Hell drive me home tomorrow .

You dont have to worry about me , As expected , the mere mention of Nicolas made Eli explode .

What ? Youre with Nicolas again ? Why does that guy keep sticking around like a ghost ? Noelle bristled at his tone .

No one could insult her Nick , not even her family .

Nicks here on a business trip .

He just happened to run into me , she defended .

Yeah , right .

How convenient , Eli sneered .

His tone became even more cutting .

That man is up to no good .

Tell him to bring you here right now .

No , I wont Noelles refusal was firm .

She hadnt seen Nick in days and wasnt about to cut their time short .

Eli , on the verge of blowing a fuse , shouted into the phone , Noelle 1 Hearing his booming voice , Noelle instinctively held the phone away from her ear .

What a headache .

Her relationship with Eli had already been strained recently , and this would only make it worse .

She was excellent at executing difficult tasks , but when it came to navigating interpersonal relationships , she felt utterly clueless .

Just then , Nicolas calmly reached over and took the phone from her hand .

Nick Noelle looked upat him in surprise .

Holding the phone , Nicolas began speaking to Eli , his voice calm but firm .

Eli , its quite late .

If I were to drive Elly to you now , no one would get any sleep tonight .

Shes my fiancée .

Rest assured , Ill take good care of her .

Though his tone remained polite , Nicolass expression darkened , exuding an icy aura that could make anyone shiver .

Eli , however , was unmoved .

You ? Take care of her ! Youre nothing but a playboy .

What gives you the right Anderson family .

We'll take care of her ourselves .

She doesnt need you .

Nicolas let out a cold chuckle .

Eli , where do you get the nerve to say that ? 1/3 t to make that claim ! Noelle is part of the Chapter 39 What do you mean ? Eli asked .

I mean , lets not even discuss how youve treated Elly in the past .

Lets talk about tonight .

She came all this way to cheer for Damon , and what did he do ? Left her stranded at a street corner with no money .

Did it ever occur to you what it feels like to be a young woman alone in an unfamiliar place What ? Noelle had no money ? Eli was stunned .

He turned to glare at Damon , his expression filled with reproach .

Hearing this , Damon finally recalled that Noelle had mentioned not having any money when she asked him to buy her pancakes .

Eli , seething with anger , grabbed Damon by the collar and snarled , Damon , are you even human ? You knew Noelle had no money , and you still left.

her alone ! m sure Damon didnt mean it Leia hurried forward , stepping between Eli and Dannon to stop him .

Eli , what are you doing ? Let go of Damon ! Im s Please dont hurt him ! Leia , move aside , Eli snapped , his anger boiling over .

As he reached out to push Leia away , he barely touched her , but she dramatically fell to the ground with a heavy thud .

Ah ... it hurts , Leia whimpered , her voice tinged with pain .

Damon , who had been overwhelmed with guilt moments before , completely lost it when he saw Leia fall He shoved Eli aside and rushed to help Leia up , his voice filled with concern .

Leia , are you okay ! Did you hurt yourself ? Tim fine .

Leia bit her lip and glanced at Eli with tear filled eyes .

Choking back a sob , she said , Eli , if youre angry , take it out on me , Damon only forgot about Noelle because he was in such a hurry to come pick me up .

Its my fault , not his Dont hurt him .

* Lea , I I ... El stammered , staring at Leia still sitting on the ground .

He hadnt even pushed her hard .

How had it turned into this ! And what did she mean by take it out on her ? She hadnt done anything wrong .

Damon was the one in the wrong here .

Something fell off , but Leias Tall had clearly pushed Damons protective instincts to the limit .

Damon stood abruptly , his anger igniting .

He turned and punched Eli square in the face , sending him sprawling to the ground .

Ah ! Eli ! Leia gasped , covering her mouth in shock .

She looked at Damon in disbelief .

Damon , how could you hit Eli ! He deserved it .

Damon growled .

For Noelle ? Hed even push you ? If he spends more time with you , whos to say he wont hurt you worse for her sake ! Turning to Eli , Damon jabbed a finger at him and roared , Eli , let me make this clear, even if Noelle drops dead on the street , I wont blink an eye- She clings to me like a leech , and I owe her nothing .

She can go wherever she wants I couldnt care less .

But if you ever hurt Leia again because of Noelle , I swear Ill make sure shes out of the picture for good Damon , what the hell are you saying ? Eli wiped the blood from his mouth , his reddened eyes glaring daggers at Damon Darmons face was a mask of cold fury .

Im telling you the truth .

If you or anyone else ever harms Leia because of Noelle , Ill take matters into my own hands With that , Damon grabbed Leias an arm Leia , lets s go .

But what about Eli Leia asked , hesitant .

Who cares about him ? Damon spat .

Hes obsessed with Noelle .

Let him go and be with her if thats what he wants .

Leia fell silent , her expression unreadable .

Deep down , she didnt want Eli to be with Noelle .

The Anderson family belonged to her every bit of love from their pa parents and all five brothers .

Noelle had no right to take any of it But Damon was too furious right now , and Lela didnt dare push him further .

Reluctantly , she followed him After Damon and Leia left , Eli remained in place , his face numbs from Damons punch .

Spitting out blood , he glanced at his phone and s I saw the call 2/3 9:34 AM c Chapter 49 had indeed been disconnected .

Damn it , he muttered .

He had no idea how much Noelle might have overheard .

Damon , drunk and reckless , had said such horrible things threatening to kill her , no less .

Eli found himself hoping more than ever that Noelle wouldnt take Damons words to heart .

Meanwhile , in a quiet car cabin , there was only silence .

Nicolas had made the call hoping to give Damon and Eli time to reflect and maybe bring Noelle home tonight .

Instead , it had escalated into a fight , with Damon even threatening Noelles life .

Nicolas prided himself on being a law abiding man .

But hearing Damons words had sparked a murderous rage he could barely suppress .

Still , his concern for Noelle far outweighed his anger at Damon Elly ... Nicolas said softly , turning to look at Noelle , who was gazing out the window .

Hmm ? Noelle turned her head , her bright , innocent eyes meeting his .

She smiled sweetly , Whats wrong , Nick ? Are you okay , sweetheart ? Nicolas asked , pulling her into his arms .

At that moment , his hear ached for her .

He had thought bringing Noelle home would surround her with love and protection .

Yet she had to endure such heart wrenching words from her own brother .

Noelle tilted her head , her expression as carefree as ever .

Im fine , she said cheerfully , leaning into his embrace .

Looking up at him , she added .

with a teasing smile , Nick , why do you look so worried ? Its like you think Im some kind of poor little thing .

You are my poor little thing .

Nicolas thought , stroking her earlobe gently .

His voice softened further .

Elly , if anything is bothering you , just tell me .

Dont keep it bottled up , okay ? Noelle blinked , her eyes flickering with a trace of emotion .

Then she said softly .

Well , since youre asking , can I tell you ? Of course , Nicolas replied .

He was ready to be her listener , to hear all her sorrow and pain .

Instead , Noelle pointed out the window toward a barbecue restaurant they had just passed .

Her eyes sparkled with excitement .

Nick , I saw a barbecue place back there , and there was a really long line outside .

It must be delicious ! Can we go eat there ? For a moment , Nicolas was stunned .

Thats what you wanted to say ? Yeah .

What else would it be ? Noelle asked innocently , blinking up at him .

Nicolas sighed , a mix of exasperation and fondness washing over him .

Chapter 60 ad a big heart .

But he didnt realize just how big Nicolas knew Elly had a Taking a deep breath , he still felt something was off .

Was she holding back her true feelings ? Elly , tell me honestly when you heard Damon say those things earlier , did it really not hurt you ? Nicolas cupped Noelles face gently , urging her to look at him .

Huh ! Noelle lifted her gaze to meet his , her deep , dark eyes blinking innocently , her expression still carefree .

Not really , she said lightly .

Damon is weaker than me anyway .

Even if he wanted to kill me , he couldnt .

And if he hired an assassin ? Well , Im the worlds top assassin .

Anyone he hires would just be walking to their own grave Thats not what I meant Nicolas sighed , feeling like her focus was completely off He carefully explained , Damon is your biological brother .

For him to threaten your life just to protect Leia doesnt that make you feel cold inside ? Nope , not really Noelle replied bluntly .

Hes always been protective of Leia .

Nothing he says surprises me The way Noelle dismissed it so casually made Nicolass heart ache .

He wrapped an arm around her , pulling her close .

Then why stay with family like that ? Do you really think its worth it ? he asked , his voice firm Do you think its not worth it ? Noelle countered I dont think so , Nicolas said resolutely .

Hm .

Noelle pursed her lips and raised her eyes to him .

What about you , Nick Your family once hired assassins to kill them , arent your you , yet youre still with Thats different Nicolas said , his tone dropping as a cold glint flashed in his eyes .

I stay involved with the Sawyer family because of unresolved business interests .

When the time is right , Ill sever all ties with them .

Oh .

Noelle nodded , mimicking his tone .

Then Im the same as you .

Once the time is right .

Til deal with the Anderson family too But her words made Nicolas laugh softly .

Pinching her cheek lightly , he teased , Whats your plant Are you going to cozy up to them and then take over all their family assets ? No way I dont care about their money .

If I want money , I can earn it myself , Noelle replied .

She rubbed her head against Nicolass large hand before nestling against his chest , her gaze lowering .

Her f fingers brushed against the silver necklace around her neck , the metal cool against her skin as thoughts swirled in her mind .

Her decision to return to the Anderson family wasnt her own it had been dictated by the voice that came from her necklace .

The task was clear build a good relationship with her blood relatives .

But why ? What was the purpose ? she thought .

an unshakable trust in the d directives given by the voice tied to Nicolas , Questions of right or wrong , or the missions Deep in her instincts ultimate goal , werent hers to ponder .

So , no matter how the Anderson family treated her now , it didnt bother her .

This was just a task to complete .

Once it was done , the Anderson familys affairs would no longer concerns her .

Nicolas observed her silently , his arm tightening around her Elly appeared innocent and straightforward , but the secrets she carried ran deep , He could sense there was more to her return to the Anderson family , but her motives were an enigma .

Whenever he asked , she always deflected , brushing it off .

She could openly talk about being an assassin or an agent , yet her true purpose bere remained untouchable clearly a guarded If she wasnt willing to share , Nicolas wouldnt press her .

For now , it was enough to know she wasnt hurt by the Anderson familys actions .

His mission accomplished , Nicolas lightened his time and said , Elly , didnt you say you wanted barbecue ? Lets go now .

1/3 0.34 AM Chapter 60 At the mention of barbecue , Noelles attention immediately shifted , her face lighting up with a bright smile .

Nick , are we going now ? she asked .

her excitement palpable .

Yes , Noelle said .

Watching her radiant expression , Nicolas felt his heart soften .

He leaned down , planting a gentle kiss on her soft cheek , his voice brimming with indulgence .

How could I ever say no to you ! Noelles joy bubbled over as she threw her arms around his neck , kissing him lightly on the lips .

Her smile was dazzling as she said sincerely , Nick , i like you the most , the most , the most ! After their barbecue , Nicolas took Noelle back to his place .

It was nearly 2:30 am when B Bryan handed Nicolas a bag .

Mr.

Sawyer , here are the items you requested Thank you Nicolas took the bag and nodded .

Its late .

Find a hotel nearby and get some rest Yes , sir .

Bryan left .

Nicolas turned back inside , just in time to see Noelle wandering around the house like a curious kitten .

He scooped her up in one swift motion , handing her the bag .

Alright , adventurer , thats enough exploring for today .

Its late , so lets get you to the bathroom for a bath .

Hearing the word bath , Noelles eyes lit up with mischief .

She tilted her head and looked up at Nicolas with a hopeful gleam in her eyes .

Nick , how about we take a bath together ? Nicolas froze .

This girl ... what goes on in that head of hers ? How does she always steer the conversation into adult territory ! If it were anyone else , theyd have taken full advantage of her by now , Nick , Nick , please , okay ? Please ? Noelles voice was soft and sweet , like a clingy little kitten Her body kept rubbing against Nicolas , the soft , sticky sensation constantly stimulating his senses , almost like a tiny spark igniting on dry tinder In an instant , it could catch fire and burn fiercely .

Nicolass breath inevitably grew heavier as he restrained himself .

He pushed Noelle , who had been constantly rubbing against him , away slightly and said , Dont even think about it .

You wash your own , and when youre done , go to sleep Her invitation was rejected once again .

Noelle pouted unhappily and bargained with Nicolas , saying , Well , no bath together , but how about we sleep together tonight ? Thats okay , right ? Nicolas was speechless .

Are you sure that request isnt even more unreasonable No Nicolas firmly rejected her Now Noelle really protested .

She grabbed Nicolas arm and wouldnt let go , whining , I dont care .

You ha together : If not , Ill sneak attack you tonight .

have to choose between the bath or sleeping at Noelle , who was now teasing him , he joked .

You little * pervert , hub ! Talking about sneak attacks like that ? Nicolas couldnt help but laugh in disbelief .

Looking at 3 I just want to sleep with you .

Noelle said in a pitiful voice , Pouting , she added , Nick , were already engaged .

You wont do grown up things with me , and you wont this up , I might as well find someone else ? even agree to sleep together ? If you keep Hearing this , Nicolas immediately pinched her cheek hard and , in a slightly deeper voice , asked , Find someone else ? Elly , do you really want to find someone else to sleep with ? Hment Seeing that Nick was angry .

2/3 9:35 AM c Chapter 60 Noelle stuck out her little tongue and sheepishly said , I was just kidding .

Nick is so handsome , I only want to sleep with Nick .

So if you find someone better looking than me , will you sleep with him ? Nicolas narrowed his eyes .

Noelle actually took a moment to seriously think about it .

This move clearly irritated Nicolas .

Shes really considering its feasibility ? Nicolas lips curled into a thin line .

He suddenly leaned forward , grabbed Noelles wrist with one hand , and locked eyes with her .

Nick ? Noelle blinked at Nicolas slightly darkened face , wondering what was wrong with him .

Nicolas kept getting closer to her .

His deep , dark eyes reflected her figure , and his low , rich voice carried a cold anger as he said , So you really want to sleep with a man ? Fine , Ill satisfy you .

