

Chapter 566 A Notorious Criminal

No one could tell what Jason was thinking beneath the mask that covered half his face, yet there was no mistaking the sharp edge of excitement in the air around him.

For as long as anyone could remember, Jason had been the Evans family's steadfast guardian. His calm presence and unshakable discipline made him as unreadable as stone, never revealing a flicker of emotion. But today was different.

From across the room, Bertram and Irene studied their son, curiosity written on their faces.

Jason ignored their watchful eyes as he swiped through Lilah's photos and then opened the Ublento Medical University forum to browse the posts. Piece by piece, he assembled the story.

Due to the extensive timeline and the overwhelming amount of information, it took him about ten minutes to sift through the relevant details.

During this process, the room stayed quiet, every person waiting, puzzled by his unusual focus.

Jason held a position in the Evans family second only to Cole, and his actions always drew attention. He seldom took such an interest in anyone, so when he did, it signaled something serious.

Given Jason's responsibility for the family's security, his prolonged study of Lilah's details naturally led everyone to believe she might be a danger.

Taylor couldn't help muttering under his breath, "You've got to be kidding me. The first girl I actually like turns out to be some notorious criminal?"

Although he spoke under his breath, everyone heard him, heightening the tension.

Bertram's expression turned grave as he asked, "Jason, is there something wrong?"

Standing firm, Jason didn't respond to Bertram but instead sharply raised his gaze to Taylor, warning, "This girl is not someone you should be pursuing. Stay away from her!"

With that, he tossed the phone back to Taylor and headed upstairs, leaving everyone bewildered by his behaviors and unanswered questions.

"Could it be that Jason is also interested in this girl, and he's just trying to scare us?" Taylor couldn't help but speculate.

This comment displeased Irene, who retorted sarcastically, "Taylor, how could you say that? Jason has devoted himself to protecting this family day and night, and you still have the nerve to question him?"

"That's enough," Emmanuel snapped at Taylor. "Don't talk nonsense."

Even those who didn't care for Irene never doubted Jason's loyalty. His years of service had proven his fairness and integrity to everyone.

Realizing he had crossed a line, Taylor said, "I'm sorry, Irene. I didn't mean it."

Irene gave a short, dismissive huff and turned her head away. Taylor's celebrity status didn't change the fact that it held no influence over her son's standing in the family, so she chose not to press the matter.

The other younger members of the Evans family dared not say a word against Jason and turned to whispering among themselves.

"Judging by Jason's stern demeanor, I bet Lilah is definitely a dangerous figure."

"Exactly. If she wasn't a big deal, he wouldn't even glance her way."

"I'm dying to know what she's done to make him react like that. Is she really some notorious criminal as Taylor suggested?"

"That doesn't sound right. If she's a criminal, why would she show up at Ublento Medical University and win the Campus Beauty title?"

"Maybe the Campus Beauty thing is just a disguise, and she's here to take someone out."

"Wait, what if her target is our current family head? That would mean Cole's life is in danger!"

Their speculation spiraled quickly, turning the quiet discussion into something that sounded like the plot of a crime drama.

Just then, Cole descended from upstairs. Having caught part of the conversation, he asked casually, "A dangerous criminal, here to assassinate me?"

Gripped by their grim assumptions, the younger members of the Evans family rushed to tell Cole every detail they had imagined, urging him, "Make sure you bring more bodyguards when you go out. It's far too dangerous!"

Cole, expressionless, took Taylor's phone and glanced at it, inwardly amused. With a meaningful look at the faces of the Evans family's younger members, he remarked, "She is truly formidable."

Her look could freeze him in place; wasn't that quite something? He wished she was here to assassinate him. If she were targeting him, he could find a way to keep her close.

Unfortunately, no one understood Cole's true thoughts, and his words only intensified the chilling atmosphere.

The younger members started suggesting various strategies.

"Cole, what should we do?"

"Should we take preventive measures? Let's take her out before she could do anything."

Cole's gaze swept over them, finally landing on Taylor's face. "I heard you fancy her? Let me warn you seriously, if you don't want a gruesome end, stay away from her!"