

## Read She Becomes Glamorous After The Engagement Annulment

### Chapter 864 The Murderer Is Here!!

Nora: "..."

When she saw Oscar really opening up her Internet browser and keying in the search term, she asked in surprise, "Haven't you seen one before?"

There were indeed news reports about her in the States, but she and Justin had deleted them from the Internet after each incident after all, she didn't want to reveal her face. If one checked the news in time, they might still be able to catch a photo of her, but now...

"Why aren't there any pictures?"

Oscar was surprised. "I heard that she trended on social media and was even in a tormented relationship with the richest man in America! I also heard that Anti has two children but I don't know if it's true or not."

Nora: "..."

While they were chatting, Epson had completely forgotten the crisis that would come that night. Dejected and dispirited, he waved off the students around him and said, "Let's all just go back for now!"

The time...

Nora checked the time it was exactly one o'clock in the morning.

She stopped everyone and said, "We are in a time of crisis right now. If we split up at this time, we'll be in even more danger. I think it's better that we stay in the lab. This way, if something happens, at least we can work together..."

Barbarian might be powerful but surely even he couldn't attack all thirty-odd students in the lab, right ?!

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But as soon as she said that, Epson took his anger out on her. He snapped, "Murderer? What murderer?! The SWAT team is just trying to scare us! I told you, there is no murderer at all! You just want to stay here to laugh at me, right?"

Nora: "?"

His reaction frightened Oscar and she hid by the side. The rest of the students looked at Nora.

Nora lowered her eyes. "Professor Epson, have you heard of a medical condition known as persecutory delusion? You seem to be suffering from it. Do you need me to contact a doctor for you?"

Epson: "!"

That woman didn't even need to use swear words when she insulted someone!

He pointed at Nora furiously and continued ranting. "Do you think I've lost to Anti just because my experiment was unsuccessful? If nothing else, she didn't even try! When you look at it that way, I'm still better than her!"

Nora: "..."

She ignored the lunatic and looked at the students instead. She said, "It's very cold outside right now and the police have already closed entry to the dorms a long time ago. Even if you leave, there's nowhere for you to go. On the contrary, it's safer here and the police have also stepped up security measures around the laboratory building. In my opinion, everyone should stay here until daybreak! But of course, all of you have the freedom to choose

what you want to do.” Nora’s voice was filled with sarcasm when she mentioned “freedom”.

Everyone looked at one another. In the end, Oscar took the lead and walked over to Nora. She said, “I... I’m staying.”

The rest were divided into two factions at once. Some approved of staying there for the time being but gave very grandiose reasons for their decision, of course.

“Professor, our dorm has already closed, so we can’t go in now anyway. I don’t want to disturb the dorm supervisor, so I’ll just stay! I’ll just go back at five o’clock.”

“Yeah, that’s right. I live relatively far away, Professor, so I won’t be going back, either.”

There were also some who wanted to leave.

“Hah, you are all cowards who allowed that woman to scare you! Professor Epson, I’ll go. I’m going back to the dorm now. Isn’t it more comfortable to go back and sleep on a comfy bed instead?”

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Everyone quickly split into two factions. However, only two male students left with Professor Epson in the end.

Epson looked at his favorite students and then at the rest. He snorted and said, “What a bunch of cowards! How are people like you going to create miracles for the pharmaceutical industry? You don’t even have the courage to go back to your rooms! You’re not suitable for carrying out research with me at all!”

After scolding them, Epson sneered. “Let’s

*go!”*

“Okay.”

The two students followed Epson. One even said, “Professor, we’ll walk you back to the staff dormitory before we go back!”

“Good going!” After the three men’s voices gradually faded into the distance, Nora and the rest of the students each found a comfortable spot in the laboratory, planning to leave once dawn broke.

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Epson and the two students entered the elevator.

Because of the failed experiment, Epson was pulling a long face and had a very serious expression. He stared straight ahead of him, his eyes behind his glasses full of anger and embarrassment.

The two students standing behind him echoed his opinion and comforted him. They said, “Professor Epson, you don’t have to care about them! They are all cowards!”

“Professor Epson, you don’t have to worry about the experiment’s failure... This method may not have worked, but at least we ruled out the possibility, which is also a kind of proof of the theory. We have still made a contribution to the pharmaceutical industry!”

“Professor Epson, although Anti had already proposed a year ago that this direction doesn’t really work, she did not carry out the experiment. Instead, we reached the final step and proved that this direction indeed doesn’t work. Academics should have the spirit of getting to the bottom of things. From this point alone, you are much better than Professor Anti! At the very least, when she discovered obstacles, she did not overcome them but chose to give up instead. She is too lacking in the spirit of scientific research!”

Each of the two was more eloquent than the other and their coaxing gradually made the awful look on Epson's face turn for the better.

However, they completely didn't realize the fallacy in their words.

If one already knew that the path led to a dead-end, then why waste time researching

*it?*

However, they weren't going to bring that up at this time.

Instead, they began to ridicule the others.

“The Americans are so timid, they don't have the courage or spirit to forge new ground at all. It's just like how Lisa believed the SWAT'S claims. Besides, even if a murderer really comes, will the three of us men be unable to beat him in a fight when he's all alone? Hah, but they simply insist on getting through those four hours in the lab instead. They are so stupid!”

Epson even scoffed sarcastically and said, “What murderer? I think he's probably just a burglar or a robber. Professor Mayer was probably just killed because he was too thin and weak. Not only do I exercise every day, but the two of you are also so strong and well-built. If we run into a murderer, let's just catch them and throw them in the SWAT's face! This way, we can even put an awful look on their faces!”

The two students nodded in agreement again.

By then, the trio had reached the ground floor.

They walked out of the elevator with big smiles, ready to exit the laboratory building. None of them noticed the man in black standing in a corner in the dark.

He had nearly blended with the night.

Only a pair of eyes glowed red in the dark.

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Upstairs.

After Epson and the two students left, everyone found a corner suitable for themselves and got ready to rest.

At this time, someone suddenly asked, “Will Professor Epson hold a grudge against us and refuse to give us credits for this subject because we chose to stay?”

“Surely not...?”

“Actually, when you think about it, it doesn’t really seem that scary. The murderer they were talking about did not appear at all. Maybe all this really is a joke like what Epson said!”

“People will only mock us and call us cowards if we stay here. That exchange student is too timid. The moment there’s any sign of trouble, she immediately tells us to stay and not go out... Just how much does she cherish her life?!”

“I also think that we have been misled by Lisa. I suddenly regret staying, I should have left with Professor Epson just now...”

Of course, apart from these people with 20/20 hindsight, there were also those who defended Nora.

“Why didn’t you say that back then? What does this have to do with Lisa? You made your own choice, so don’t blame it on others!”

“Exactly. Besides, the police have been making a ruckus in school. That officer was so absolute when she said that she would leave if nothing happens by tomorrow, which means that something is definitely wrong! What’s the big deal about us staying here? It’s just four hours, is it so hard to get through that? I didn’t see you guys complaining this much when we were doing experiments overnight!” When the person who blamed the situation on Nora heard the people defending her, he got up and retorted, “What’s wrong with me griping a little? Why are you being so protective of her? Is it because she’s pretty? Is that why you developed protective feelings for her? Heh, if you have the time to have tender, protective feelings for the fairer sex, then why don’t you think about how to appease Professor Epsom’s anger instead?!”

The few who defended Nora happened to be male. It wasn’t that they had developed tender, protective feelings for the fairer sex, rather, there were only a pitifully small number of girls in the laboratory. Including Oscar and Nora, there were only four.

The other two had kept quiet, that’s all.

Seeing that they were going overboard with their words, Oscar immediately said, “That’s enough, you guys! Lisa is an exchange student, you know. Are you planning to have her tell everyone after she returns to the US that this is how we treat exchange students at Staav University? Where is your mettle as a student of Staav University? Have you forgotten the school motto?”

Oscar’s words calmed both parties down.

The boy who had blamed Nora said, “Fine, I was wrong, but I really shouldn’t have offended Professor Epsom. He is famous for being petty. It’s clear that we stayed behind because we were afraid that something would go wrong, but actually, with so many of us here, even if a murderer does show up, what’s there to be afraid of?”

As soon as he said this, the rest nodded. “Yeah, what’s there to be afraid of? Come on, let’s go. If we hurry and catch up with Professor Epsom, we may still be able to salvage a bit of our image. We can go back to our respective dorms later...”

Two-thirds of the remaining students got up in an instant. “Yeah, sounds good. Let’s go back to the dorms. This place gets really cold in the middle of the night, even with the heater on! The laboratory building is old after all, it was freezing the last two days.”

“Yeah, let’s go together. Even if we run into the murderer, I reckon our numbers will scare him sh\*tless. We’re no wimps... Besides, the murderer may not even exist!”

Everyone headed to the exit as they spoke.

However, it was at this moment that someone opened the door from the outside!

Immediately after, one of the students who had left with Professor Epsom just now appeared at the entrance.

The student who had criticized Nora just now immediately said, “Why are you back? We were just planning to go after you guys...”

But before he could finish, the student slumped right onto the floor!

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Thud!

The student fell straight to the floor, causing everyone to take a step back in shock.

It was also at this time that they realized that he was bleeding at the back of his head. Then, a strong and well-built man dressed fully in black, wearing a baseball cap and a black face mask, walked in.

He was not strong and muscular in the traditional sense, where one had bulging muscles and was big, tall, and mighty. Rather, he had a tall and slender figure but every muscle on his body seemed to be just right.

Although one couldn't see what he looked like, there was ferocity and savagery in his eyes.

Nora was certain that he was Barbarian pretty much right off the bat!

She had met him in the room with the safe-deposit boxes in the Bank of New York back then.

Nora held her breath and clenched her fists.

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Barbarian had someone in his grip. With a light push, he pushed Epson into the laboratory. Epson looked in horror at the student's dead body on the floor and swallowed hard.

The rest of the students screamed and retreated in panic.

The four girls hid at the back. In fact, the other two were already hiding under the testbed. They huddled under the table as they shook in fear.

While Nora was observing Barbarian, Oscar pulled her by the arm and she hid under the table together with Oscar.

Oscar was shaking all over, her fearful and horror-stricken eyes big and wide. She gestured to Nora to keep quiet.

She actually remembered to pull her to safety at a critical moment like this...

Nora formed a bit of a good impression of Oscar.

Oscar took out her cell phone, typed on it, and showed the screen to Nora: “Don’t make a sound. Don’t be afraid, the police are nearby. They will definitely come to save us!”

Nora: “...”

When she looked up, she saw that even though Oscar was clearly terrified, she still nodded affirmatively at her as though she was trying to give her confidence.

She cast her eyes down and looked out through the gap under the table.

Epson’s arms were raised and he swallowed. The door to the laboratory had already been shut by then. Barbarian stood at the door, his eyes quietly observing everything in the room. He stared straight at Epson and said slowly, “The gene serum.”

His voice was very low and deep. Additionally, the man spoke very briefly and concisely. It seemed like he was a very reticent man.

Epson was taken aback. He said, “What gene serum? I... I don’t know...”

Barbarian stepped forward abruptly and grabbed his wrist. To outsiders, it seemed like he had only exerted a little force, but Epson immediately cried out in pain. By the time Barbarian let go, his hand had already slumped down loosely, his wrist obviously broken.

Epson fell to the floor and rolled around in pain. None of the students beside him dared to step forward.

Barbarian spoke again. “Tell me everything about the gene serum.”

He spoke very slowly, just like how he had back in the States.

Epson waved and hurriedly explained, “I really don’t know anything about a gene serum or whatnot. Can you be reasonable? I am just an unimportant little professor, how would I possibly know about such big things?!”

Barbarian frowned.

His red eyes were filled with suspicion.

Nora noticed that Barbarian didn’t seem to know what to say but he suddenly turned his head as though he was listening to a voice in his earphone.

Thereupon, Barbarian suddenly understood something. He walked over immediately and asked, “Which file in the archives is related to the gene serum?”

Epson wanted to cry. He replied, “I really don’t know. The files in the archives are all accessible. If you want to know, I can check them out for you... But I’ve never heard of the gene serum or whatever you’re talking about...”

“You’re lying!”

Barbarian was very hot-tempered. Just like in the US back then, he got violent the moment he didn’t get the answer he wanted. He kicked Epson, sending him flying. It wasn’t until he crashed into a chair that he finally came to a stop.

The kick made Epson cough up a mouthful of blood.

“Ahh!”

The girl squatting at the table nearby screamed in fright, attracting Barbarian’s attention.

Barbarian turned his head and looked over.

The rest of the students gathered. A boy suddenly said, “A-are you the serial killer? Do you know that there are thirty of us here?! You can’t beat us alone! You...”

Before he could finish, Barbarian suddenly fished out a silver pistol from his pocket and shot his knee.

Bang!

The boy fell to his knees.

With that, the others finally realized just how strong he was. Putting aside his physical strength that could send one flying with a single kick, just his gun alone already meant that none of them was a match for him.

Just as they were in a panic, Barbarian suddenly looked at Epson again. “Are you sure... you don’t know anything about the gene serum?”

Epson was curled up on the floor in pain. When he heard the question, he nodded hurriedly. “I really don’t know anything, I...”

Bang!

Another gunshot rang out.

Barbarian shot another student.

The man, whose eyes were blood-red, said, “If you really can’t remember, then I can get them to jog your memory a little.”

Epson: “!”

His eyes widened and he shouted furiously, “They are students! They don’t know anything! C-come at me if you want something! Don’t go after them!”

Barbarian narrowed his eyes a little. He turned his head sideways again, likely listening to Spacey's instructions. The next moment, he held up the pistol and pointed it at another student. "Will you talk or not?"

Nora, who was hiding under the table, was already clenching her fists.

She was not Barbarian's match... nor was she a police officer. However, when she saw Epsom, someone who was usually awfully bad-tempered, protecting his students, for some reason, an impetuous feeling suddenly surged up in her.

She cast her eyes down and lightly expelled a breath of air.

She was no saint.

She had waited here for Barbarian so that she could find out what his intentions were, and also to get a clear look at his movements, so as to prepare for the retrieval of File No. 004 later on.

Now that she had discovered that Barbarian only knew that the gene serum was in Staav University but didn't know anything else, she was relieved.

She really shouldn't be going out there at this time.

Firstly, Barbarian was armed. Not only was she not his match in the first place, but she would probably even be shot in the head the moment she showed herself.

Secondly, there were more than thirty students present. If Barbarian beat up or killed them one by one, she reckoned that the police would probably break in before it was even her turn. With that, she could also leave the laboratory safely.

In fact, if she didn't show herself, Barbarian might not even know that she was here... let alone fight with her for File No. 004. She could quietly leave with the antidote.

Either way, no matter how one looked at it, this was the best course of action.

But when she saw Barbarian pointing his gun at a student again, Nora narrowed her eyes.

### Chapter 866 You Have Been Surrounded!

To be honest, Nora didn't feel much of a sense of belonging to the people here.

Moreover, they had even disregarded her kind intentions and refused to heed her advice. One could say that they had only themselves to blame for their predicament.

If Epson and the two students hadn't left, the door to the lab would have been locked. Even someone like Barbarian would have had to put in some work to get in and they would definitely have held out until the police came.

Nora narrowed her eyes and looked at Barbarian coldly.

Just as Barbarian was about to pull the trigger again, Epson suddenly said, "Fine, I'll talk! I'll talk! Don't shoot!"

Nora stopped what she was about to do and shrank back. She looked at Epson in surprise.

Did Epson have clues to the gene serum?

How could that be?!

She broke into a huge frown. The next moment, she saw Barbarian, whose eyes had also lit up, look at Epson.

A pathetic-looking Epson got up from the floor. He was terrified to the extreme by then and his voice trembled as he said, “I know where the thing you are looking for is!”

Barbarian stepped forward abruptly and grabbed his collar. “Where is it?”

Epson took a deep breath and slowly said, “I know what you are looking for and I can tell you what you want, but you must promise not to hurt these students! They are innocent!”

Barbarian sneered. “I don’t care about those worthless people.”

Epson swallowed.

He looked at Barbarian and spoke again. “I hope you keep your word. But in order to ensure the students’ safety, I will only tell you what you want to know after they have all left!”

Barbarian: “?”

He subconsciously wanted to agree to the request, but a low voice came from his earphone at this point and Barbarian kept quiet. A moment later, he sneered and said, “You are in no position to negotiate with me. Tell me what I want to know immediately!”

Epson frowned. “I...”

Bang!

Barbarian shot another student’s thigh!

The bullet struck the student’s femoral artery and he fell to the floor at once, his blood spreading all over it!

“Okay, I’ll talk!”

Epson didn't dare to delay any longer. He said, "What you want is in the archives! File No. 004!"

Barbarian sneered, "Why should I believe you?"

Epson took a deep breath and replied, "File No. 004 is a top-secret document and even I can't access it. The gene serum you mention can only be this document! That's all I know!"

After he spoke, for fear that Barbarian would shoot again, he said, "The archives are built from the sturdiest material invented by the school. Without my pupils to unlock the door, you won't be able to get in, so don't kill these students! Otherwise, I won't help you!"

At the critical moment, Epson exhibited the demeanor he should have as a teacher.

Barbarian glanced at him and then at the terrified students in the room. He sneered and said in a low voice, "A bunch of cowards! Absolutely boring!"

Then, he grabbed Epson and ordered, "Come to the archives with me!"

Epson breathed a sigh of relief. "Okay, I'll go with you!"

After speaking, he looked back at the students in the laboratory. He hurt everywhere from being beaten up just now and he was shaking all over in fear. However, he still said in a trembling voice, "S-stay here and don't move around, all of you. Get a doctor to treat their injuries immediately..."

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After leaving instructions, he took step after step to the door while Barbarian pulled him.

He was limping a little from being beaten up.

Maybe because Barbarian found him too slow, he grabbed his collar and half-dragged him to the door. However, Epson didn't put up any resistance.

The students couldn't help but call out, "Professor..."

Epson stopped

He turned back slowly.

The students looked at him.

There was usually fear in the students' eyes when they worked under him for his experiments. Most of them were with him just for credits and to successfully complete their degree.

He relied on such things to control the students and make them show him a great deal of respect.

But at this moment, Epson found that the look in the students' eyes had changed.

Their eyes were filled with sentiment, much like cubs looking at their mother who had to leave in order to protect them...

Epson knew that he was most likely going to be out of luck once he left. He suddenly said, "I may have lost to Anti in my experiment, but as a teacher, I didn't lose to her, right?"

Nora, who was still hiding behind the desk, was taken aback.

The students' eyes instantly reddened.

Oscar was also stunned and she couldn't recover for a long while.

For a while, none of the students in the room spoke.

Barbarian would never give Epson time to talk nonsense, so without waiting for the students' replies, he dragged Epson out of the lab.

After they left, the students in the lab instantly relaxed.

At this time, the sound of the police confronting Barbarian outside also reached them. One could vaguely hear Barbarian holding Epson hostage and moving toward the archives.

Some police officers also rushed into the laboratory and administered first aid to the students who were shot...

The students were in a mess.

Some were so scared that they burst into tears while some huddled together as they trembled. Everyone seemed to be in shock...

It was at this moment that someone suddenly said, "Professor Epson..."

As soon as the person spoke, choked sobs echoed in the room.

Oscar also murmured to herself blankly, "I always thought of Professor Epson as a bad teacher. He is mean, his credits are hard to earn, he has awfully high expectations of students, and he is extremely arrogant and keeps harping about being rivals with Anti.. But actually, Professor Epson is a good teacher..."

A lot of them shared Oscar's sentiments...

Nora, however, took a deep breath and darted out of the door while the students were in turmoil!

Epson had told Barbarian about File No. 004 and they had gone to look for clues.

If she went over a step too slow, it was highly likely that the clues would be taken away by Barbarian!

The thought made Nora speed up her movements even further.

As soon as she approached the archives, she saw that the police were already in formation outside. Brenda was shouting into the archives, “Barbarian! You have been surrounded! Put down your weapons and come out at once!”

However, inside the room, Barbarian turned a deaf ear to the noise outside.

His eyes were on the wall filled with files.

The door was closed and the police would not be coming in for a while.

He threw Epson aside. After confirming that he couldn't walk, he walked up to the wall in the archives and counted them in order.

The files on biogenetics were on the left.

He strode over, whereupon he immediately spotted File No. 004 sitting there quietly!

Barbarian's hands were shaking. He gently opened the door...

Chapter 867 Her V16!!

A vigilant Barbarian kept his eyes peeled.

Back in the US, he had opened the safe only to find a bomb inside.

He had nearly died in the US.

Instead of rushing up to it recklessly, this time, he opened it gently and looked at the filing cabinet warily.

The filing cabinet was even more complex and secure than the bank's interior, which went to show just how rich and solid Staav University's history and foundation were. Their level of protection towards these unpublished intellectual properties was at the peak!

There were no bombs or hidden weapons inside, probably to prevent injuring students if they accidentally opened it.

However, this made Barbarian feel that everything had come too easily.

At this time, Nora had already gone around the laboratory to a window. The windows here were made of bulletproof glass and it wasn't easy to open them.

They were just there to let light into the room. One couldn't get in by tampering with the windows.

Nora squatted down quietly.

The glass was originally meant to be a means of protection for the archives but it had instead become a barrier. She could only look in, in hopes of verifying File No. 004's authenticity.

She saw Barbarian cautiously take out a box from the filing cabinet. When he opened it and glanced inside, his eyes lit up.

He carefully put the box into a pouch. Then, he took out bandages and tied them around himself to prevent the contents from falling out when he charged out of the archives later.

He wrapped the bandages around nearly a dozen times before he threw the tape aside.

Then, he looked at Epson coldly.

Epson was hurting all over. He had been beaten up, and while they were walking over, he was so terrified that he had gone limp all over. He couldn't even stand.

Seeing that he had found what he was after, Epson asked, "You have what you want now. C-can I go?"

Barbarian, however, lowered his eyes and sneered contemptuously. The man seemed like someone who rarely spoke and his voice was as cold and ruthless as ever as he replied, "How am I supposed to get away without a hostage?"

One could only enter and leave the archives through the door; everywhere else was securely sealed. It was indeed true that he would only be able to leave through the door...

After Barbarian had what he wanted, he grabbed Epson and headed out.

When they reached the door, Barbarian put his pistol against Epson's temple and made him stand in front of him. Only then did he open the door and walk out.

As soon as he did, he saw Brenda leading a group of SWAT officers nearby. She looked at him warily and said, "Barbarian, you'd best put down your weapon and surrender. Do you really think you can break through all of us here?"

Upon hearing this, Barbarian narrowed his eyes and hoisted Epson slightly again. "If you want him dead, then come and catch me!"

His words made Brenda's brows draw together.

Epson looked at Brenda. By then, his face was already covered with tears.

Next to Brenda, Aaron gritted his teeth and said, "Captain Brenda, who cares about his hostage? We had already told that guy that it was dangerous, yet he

still insisted on carrying out his experiments. Anyway, he has already signed the liability waiver agreement, so even if he dies, it has nothing to do with us. Let's go!"

Aaron had been holding back his desire to avenge his comrade-in-arms for a long time now!

Barbarian's whereabouts were simply too hard to get hold of.

Even now, despite the two parties being in such close proximity, Barbarian was still neatly dressed and his body fully covered. Even at this point, they still didn't even know what he really looked like!

Now that they had finally found leads on Barbarian after tracking him for so long, how could he give up?!

Upon hearing what Aaron said, Epson was full of regrets. Tears streamed down his face as he sobbed. "I was wrong, I really was. Captain Brenda, I should have trusted you guys... I'm the one who caused this whole situation today, it's all my fault..."

Immediately after he spoke, Epson suddenly lowered his head and bit down hard on Barbarian's hand!

He knew that the SWAT officers did not care whether he lived or died!

There was no use complaining about them either. The only thing he could do now was to seek a way out himself.

Sure enough, the instant he suddenly lowered his head, the pain made Barbarian push him away.

As the two were standing at the door to the archives, Barbarian's push sent Epson back into the archives. Epson, who had finally regained freedom of

movement, was so terrified that he ran straight into the archives. As he did, he even searched for cover.

“Go!”

Brenda’s eyes lit up at once when she saw that Epson was temporarily out of danger. She shouted, “Charge!!”

Then, she paused for merely a second before she added, “Take him down, dead or alive!”

Sometimes, in order to catch the fugitive alive, the police would act with scruples, but in Barbarian’s case... they had long since wanted him dead!

The very instant she said that, everyone raised their submachine guns and started spraying bullets at Barbarian!

This was what entered Nora’s sight after she went around the archives and came over.

The ground floor was nearly surrounded by the SWAT team and they had even prepared large-caliber guns. There was probably no way out for Barbarian this time!

However, she was afraid that the V16 in Barbarian’s possession would end up damaged.

She wanted to rush forward and stop Brenda’s barrage of gunfire but it seemed that Barbarian had expected all this.

Since he had already decided to come to the school to steal the V16 and even put the SWAT team on alert long ago, how would he possibly come straight over so stupidly? He was obviously prepared. When Epson fled, he hadn’t immediately tried to shoot him. Instead, he took out a smoke bomb and hurled it onto the floor.

As a result, there was a cloud of smoke in front of the SWAT team when Brenda gave her orders. Without a target, everyone could only recklessly rake the area with bullets.

“Charge!”

Brenda took the lead and rushed over, but then she suddenly heard Epsom scream.

She didn't spare Epsom even a glance. After weaving through the smoke, she caught a flash of Barbarian darting into the fire escape at the side!

Brenda picked up her walkie-talkie at once. “Close off the emergency exits on all floors and launch a carpet search!”

As long as Barbarian was still in the building, he would never be able to escape!

Brenda was not anxious. She mustn't disperse her forces and spread herself thin, so she would keep her men with her and go after him step by step!

When Nora saw Barbarian rushing into the corridor and Brenda also charging in with a group of SWAT officers, without any hesitation, she ran to the elevator nearby and immediately pressed the button for the top floor.

Brenda and company chased after Barbarian upwards from the bottom.

Also, while she was running to the elevator, she picked up her cell phone and activated the building's security system, instantly locking all the emergency exits leading in and out of the fire escape!

By making use of Staav University's security system, she saved Brenda and the other SWAT officers a whole lot of trouble.

With this, Barbarian could only go up and down the fire escape. He couldn't enter the main building through the fire escape's emergency exits.

Because... she had locked all of them.

Nora then entered the elevator and pressed the button for the top floor.

As the elevator door slowly closed, she saw that the archives were on fire. However, with the police helping to put it out, Epson would only suffer burns at most. His life wouldn't be in danger.

She slowly lowered her gaze and waited to welcome her V16.

### **Chapter 868 She Has Gotten The V16!!!**

The elevator went up quickly to the top floor.

As the archives building had been sealed off and no one was allowed to enter that night, the elevator didn't make any stops the whole way and it went up extremely quickly. No matter how fast Barbarian was, he wasn't going to be faster than the elevator.

Therefore, when Nora came out of the elevator, Barbarian had only just reached the halfway mark at best.

She looked down.

At Staav University, the building with the archives was the tallest and it had as many as fifty floors. It stood out among all the buildings in the schools and was the hallmark of Staav University.

This particular high-rise building had brought Staav University its success, so all the important things were kept here.

At the top of the building, the wind whistled loudly. It was as if one would be blown away the moment they looked away.

Nora's gaze swept across the ground floor. Nearly all the police forces in the entire school had congregated downstairs and surrounded the building. With this, unless Barbarian could fly, there was no way he could escape.

And obviously, flying was impossible.

No matter how much human genes were improved, they would never be able to reach that point.

Therefore, it was inevitable that Barbarian would be arrested today.

Nora withdrew her gaze, took a deep breath, and walked to the stairs at the side. She opened the door and headed down the stairs to wait for Barbarian.

She stopped after only going down two to three floors. She stood there and listened to the sounds gradually traveling up from below.

Barbarian was physically very fit, so it was good to have him climb the stairs for a few more floors and burn some of his stamina.

Nora stood where she was with her cat-like eyes lowered and held her breath.

About two minutes later, she finally heard heavy footsteps.

She leaned against the wall and looked down quietly. The lights in the stairwell were all motion-sensitive, so the lights on each floor came on one by one as Barbarian rushed to the top.

Nora lurked in the dark quietly and watched as the lights below slowly came further and further up. At last, Barbarian reached the floor right below her!

After such a hike, even though the SWAT officers led by Brenda were all physically very fit, they ultimately couldn't catch up with Barbarian, whose genes had been improved. They were about five floors away from him.

The sound of gunfire downstairs traveled upwards constantly. Bullets hit the walls, causing dust to fall.

When she heard Barbarian's footsteps coming from below, Nora pressed her back even closer to the wall. The instant Barbarian finally turned around and was about to rush up...!

Nora got up abruptly, propped her hand against the handrail of the stairs, and propelled herself forward. She shot forward like a leopard, her leg kicking towards Barbarian!

The whole way up, Barbarian had only been on guard against the gunfire from below. He never expected someone to attack from above, so he was stunned.

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However, his genetically-improved body had long since reached the limits of the human body.

His brain might not have reacted yet, but his body, with its keen senses, responded instinctively. He suddenly balled up his fists, held his arms up in front of him in self-defense, and received the kick that Nora had delivered with all her strength!

Thud!

The sound of bodies making contact resounded. Nora's full-powered kick ultimately still forced Barbarian to take a couple of steps backward and he came to a stop at once.

The lights came on.

When Barbarian got a good look at Nora, his red eyes immediately revealed bloodthirsty murderous intent. He sneered and said, "After Justin Hunt

played those tricks on me in America, you also came here to ambush me. The two of you husband and wife are really two of a kind and incredibly insidious!”

“Thanks for the compliment.”

Nora steadily stood where she was with a calm expression on her face. She saw that Brenda and her men were about to rush upstairs toward them, so she immediately said, “Hand it over, and I’ll let you through to the top.”

Barbarian sneered at her mockingly. “Your husband may have a chance of stopping me for a moment, but you? You actually dare to threaten me?”

His gaze fell on Nora’s leg. “If I’m not wrong, your leg must be numb by now.”

Nora’s leg was indeed numb.

Out of everything she had seen so far, Barbarian’s physical constitution was truly one of a kind!

Even if she trained hard, she probably still wouldn’t be able to achieve a physical condition like his.

Humans repeatedly trained and stimulated their muscles precisely to get closer and closer to the limits of what was humanly possible. However, Barbarian had undergone genetic modifications since he was a child; his body was the limit of human potential itself!

Despite that, Nora still looked relaxed. “I know you are very strong, but no matter how powerful you are, you are still human. In the face of an all-out firearms assault, your body is not worth even a mention!”

The firearms invented by human beings could instantly kill even an elephant, let alone Barbarian?

In order to catch Barbarian, Brenda had deployed a lot of firepower this time!

Even if Barbarian was wearing a bulletproof vest, there was no way he could withstand so many attacks.

Barbarian narrowed his eyes. As he listened to the approaching footsteps from below, he let out a low bark. “You must be sick of living!”

He rushed forward mercilessly at once. Instead of trying to break through with brute force, this time, he brandished a pistol. Just as he was about to shoot Nora, his arm suddenly went numb!

Barbarian lowered his head abruptly to see a silver needle stuck into his arm.

He raised his head sharply again. Nora was still standing where she was as though she hadn't moved. A silver glint, however, flashed across her fingertips-obviously, she was the one who had shot the needle at him.

Barbarian frowned and sneered again. “Do you think a mere needle can take me down? Even if it can penetrate my bulletproof vest, what can it do to me? You are just an ant trying to do things beyond your power!”

As he spoke, he tried to raise his arm once more-only to find that it had become completely numb. His fingers were also not as nimble anymore...

Seeing this, Nora finally took a deep breath. She continued to stay far away from him as she slowly said, “Yes, a needle isn't much but what if it's coated with tranquilizers?”

On top of that, it was a dose capable of knocking out an elephant.

Nora had never dared to underestimate her opponent. Back in the States, she'd already had a taste of how powerful Barbarian was. Even when she and Justin had joined forces, they were unable to force Barbarian back in the slightest!

Therefore, back when Brenda confirmed that Barbarian was here, she had already made full preparations.

Otherwise, why would she come up here all by herself to intercept him? She wasn't stupid.

Wouldn't she be tempting fate for nothing if she did?

Barbarian tried his best to move his fingers again but found that they had indeed become a lot stiffer. In fact, with his movements, the numbness had spread to his entire arm...

If this went on, the tranquilizer would soon spread throughout his entire body as blood circulated through his arteries.

The sound of Brenda and the others chasing after him traveled up from below again at this time—they had already caught up!

Barbarian, who didn't have time to fire at Nora anymore, wanted to rush up the stairs right away.

“I'd advise you not to move.”

Nora said impassively, “The more intense your actions, the faster your blood flows and the quicker the tranquilizer will take effect...”

Barbarian: “!”

His senses were very keen. He could already feel the numbness starting to spread from his arm to the rest of his limbs... He couldn't move anymore!

As soon as Barbarian discovered this, he heard the thin woman standing above say coldly and lazily, “Oh, wait, you've already had intense exercise when you were climbing the stairs just now, so blood was already circulating through your arteries more quickly than usual. Therefore, you probably can't move anymore by now, right?”

Barbarian: “!”

No matter how slow Barbarian might be, at this moment, he finally understood—he had been fooled!

When the woman was advising him against moving and whatnot just now, she had merely been stalling for time.

He glared at Nora furiously.

Nora, however, waited for another two seconds. She couldn't afford to wait for Brenda and the others to reach because their firepower would turn Barbarian into swiss cheese and end up destroying the V16!

Therefore, after calculating the time, she came up to Barbarian from upstairs. With her needle as a blade, she made a quick slash, cutting through the bandages that Barbarian had tied firmly around himself, and took the black box!!

### **Chapter 869 It's In The Bag Now!**

Bang! Bang! Bang! Thud! Thud! Thud! Thud!

The sound of gunfire and footsteps rushed all the way up. Brenda showed up below them, only a flight of stairs away.

After Nora got the V16, she quickly backed away...

As for Barbarian, who had killed so many people, even if he was reduced to pulp by Brenda and company's firepower, it had nothing to do with Nora.

Nora wasn't going to be a saint and think of Barbarian as a pitiful soul who had been forced into this.

It might be true that he had become what he was today because he had been used as an experimental subject when he was a child, but no matter the reason, it was no excuse for him to take other people's lives at will!

Therefore, after Nora got the black box, she immediately stepped back to put distance between herself and Barbarian. However, it was right at this moment that Barbarian moved!

This didn't make sense though, because Nora had been planning for today for a long time. The silver needle might seem tiny but the amount of tranquilizer on it was absolutely capable of knocking out even an elephant!

However, Barbarian hadn't been knocked out.

All of that just now was just an act. No... Perhaps he had indeed been paralyzed for an instant—or perhaps he had been paralyzed all the way until this moment—but regardless, just as Brenda rushed up and Nora took the V16 from him, Barbarian attacked!

His pistol had dropped onto the floor because of the paralysis.

Without a gun, he lunged at Nora's wrist at lightning-fast speed and sneered. "As it happens, I don't have a hostage with me at the moment!"

In other words, he was going to take Nora hostage!

This way, even if Brenda and the others rushed up there, they could no longer bombard him with firepower.

Barbarian moved very quickly. Moreover, having successfully paralyzed him just now, anyone would be caught off-guard, no matter who they were. Once he succeeded, the V16 would still be his, and on top of that, he would even gain a hostage to save his life with!

Barbarian had it all planned out but all he grabbed was air.

Nora, who should have been nearby, was already two steps away from him at this moment, which happened to be just enough for her to escape his clutches!

Nora couldn't beat Barbarian in a fight.

She had known that a long time ago. In fact, when she was in the States, she had even suffered at his hands because of it. Even when she and Justin had joined forces, they were still no match for Barbarian.

Therefore!

Even if she had already prepared the needle and the tranquilizer, Nora would never make the mistake of underestimating the enemy again.

Thus, whether Barbarian was really paralyzed or just pretending, Nora was ready to flee the moment she got the V16.

Even so, despite having prepared for it in advance, Barbarian had nearly caught her.

Nora was greatly alarmed.

No wonder Brenda and the others couldn't catch Barbarian even after so many years. That man was simply too strong.

If it weren't for the fact that the tranquilizer had indeed taken some effect and slowed Barbarian's movements a little, she would still have been caught! It didn't matter that she had made so many preparations and how vigilant she had been.

She was simply too lucky to even have gotten away by the skin of her teeth.

Nora thought to herself while she fled up the stairs quickly.

She didn't dare to let her imagination run wild anymore—because Barbarian was already chasing after her madly after missing **once.**

Nora ran up with all her might. Once she reached the top floor where the field of vision was wide, she would only need to persevere for a minute... no, in just ten seconds or so, Brenda and the others would be able to hurry over and bombard him with firepower!

However, she was still a little uneasy because Barbarian's movements were simply too fast. The man had climbed more than 50 floors without a pause and had even been hit with tranquilizers, yet he was maintaining a speed equal to hers!

The two kept running with three steps between them the whole time...

Nora went upstairs quickly, not daring to waste any time at all. Just as she was about to sprint over to a safe position she had in her sight, she suddenly heard a voice.

“This way!”

The sudden voice on the top floor startled Nora.

She turned her head sharply. In the split second that this took, Barbarian caught up with Nora and threw a punch at the back of her head!

After going up the last two floors, the tranquilizer in Barbarian's body seemed to have dissipated. He had overcome it quickly. His powerful physical constitution left Nora flabbergasted!

No matter how well-prepared she was, in the face of Barbarian, strength was what gave one the last say!

And he had never been one to be reasonable!

Nora could feel the punch coming toward the back of her head but her body seemed locked in place. Just when she could no longer break free...

Someone suddenly lunged toward her from the side!

Bam!

The man blocked the blow for Nora with his body, which sent him flying and he fell heavily on the floor.

With the V16 in her hand, Nora didn't dare to do anything. She only did a tuck-and-roll and put some distance between herself and Barbarian. Then she looked at the man eagerly.

She thought that Justin had finally come.

After all, it had been a long time since that scumbag last appeared. On top of that, he hadn't even contacted her.

However, she knew that Justin must be nearby and constantly paying attention to the V16!

But when she took a good look, the man who couldn't get back up anymore after Barbarian knocked him to the ground with a punch was actually...  
Caleb?

“It's you?”

Barbarian, who was also clearly taken aback, uttered in surprise.

Caleb, who had collapsed on the floor, spat out a mouthful of blood.

The man, who had cancer, didn't have long to live, in the first place. The punch seemed to have hit his lungs, causing him to cough violently.

Nevertheless, he still tried his best to speak. “Barbarian... cough... Long time... cough... no see... Cough, cough... It’s not too late... to repent... cough, cough...”

“To hell with repenting!”

Barbarian seemed a little bemused. “You and I are in the same boat. You should be hating people like them who didn’t take our lives seriously. Yet you are defending her?!”

Caleb suppressed the metallic taste of blood in his mouth and replied, “She is also in the same boat as us. Her mother had experimented on her too!”

“How is it the same?”

Barbarian was furious. “The injection her mother gave her was safe. It’s a gene serum with an antidote, she’s fine! But how many of us have died?”

Upon hearing this, Caleb started to cough again. He said, “But she’s only after the V16 to save her son, he has also been used as an experimental subject. Isn’t that enough?”

“No, it’s not!” Barbarian stared at Caleb. “How can that make up for those 1,000 children who died in the lab back then?”

At this point, Barbarian suddenly lowered his eyes and sneered. “Besides, what right do you have to judge me? Caleb, we have always been enemies, haven’t we? All five of us are enemies because we all need the V16! We all want to live!

“So... Since I’ve run into you today, once I’ve dealt with her, I don’t mind getting rid of you, Trueman’s lackey, either! Besides, you are here to help Trueman get rid of me, right?”

After speaking, Barbarian raised his fist again and charged toward Nora.

But as soon as he moved, someone grabbed his leg. Barbarian looked down to see Caleb clinging onto his leg and shouting to Nora, “Hurry up and go!”

Nora: “!!!”

She looked at the two, her gaze falling on Caleb’s face.

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There was blood on the corner of the man’s lip and he was as pale as a sheet. However, those deep and bottomless eyes of his showed determination at this moment.

“You must have a death wish!”

Upon seeing what he was doing, Barbarian kicked him again.

Despite that, even though Caleb had already curled up in pain, he simply refused to let go!

Bam!

Barbarian kicked him again.

Caleb threw up another mouthful of blood.

Bam!

Barbarian didn’t hold back and kicked him again, every kick landing on Caleb’s abdomen. Nora wasn’t near them, but as a top surgeon, she knew that Caleb’s internal organs might already have shifted from the kicks.

She clenched her fists tightly.

Bam!

Barbarian finally kicked Caleb away again, he slammed into the wall at the side and fainted.

Only then did Barbarian turn around and look at Nora.

The instant he was about to attack... “Freeze!”

“Fire! Suppress him!”

Brenda and the others had finally arrived!!!

There was no way for Barbarian to fight back anymore!!