

Episode 456 That's a Rather Heavy Punishment

Javier was slightly stunned. He had deduced that there was something wrong with Alyssa through Suzanne's words, so how had Herschel found out?

Javier asked, "Why do you say that?"

Herschel replied, "When Alyssa was out there with me, she told me that she seduced a foreigner in order to save everyone. After she and the foreigner had s*x, she grabbed his cell phone to call me while he was cleaning up.

"But this doesn't seem very possible to me. There were women amongst the guards, yet Alyssa had the chance to get a man on her side, which I'm sure would arouse suspicions. There's no way anyone would lower their guard and let her take their cell phone unless they were a complete idiot.

"Which is why I think there's something obviously off about Alyssa. Maybe this doesn't constitute proof, but I feel that there's something wrong with her. It's probably because of my habit of being suspicious about everything during my time on the battlefield, but this instinct of mine is usually very accurate."

Sure enough, Herschel's suspicious instinct was indeed very accurate. Javier had also grown dubious because of how unreal the entire thing was and intended on testing out his theory. After all, there had already been a traitor amongst his ranks, so it was hard to guarantee there might not be another.

In fact, Javier's suspicions had been verified... There really was something off about Alyssa.

Now that Alyssa had been confirmed to be a suspect, it was only natural that Suzanne would be freed of them.

Javier looked outside his car's window and watched as Alyssa walked away before he said, "You seemed to be really getting it on with her just now, though!"

Herschel waved his hands. "That's only because I wanted to gain more information about the research team from her. If I really could be tricked by a woman that easily, I would've become a father by now!"

Javier smiled and said nothing more.

of course, he was happy that Herschel was not the kind of person who would lose himself in Alyssa's feelings for him. Because of this, he did not have to worry about Herschel. The car then sped off, and the entire group of mercenaries split up. They all returned to the families they belonged to. Before Gusman brought back Angelina's team, he kept on apologizing to Javier, his expression so mortified that it seemed as though he had just eaten an apple and found that he had bitten through a worm. After all, the spy had come from his team, so it was only natural that he was embarrassed.

However, Javier did not say anything about that. They're Angelina's men, so she'll know what to do with them. Plus, it's hard to guarantee that there aren't spies of my enemy in my own team.'

After Gusman left, Gabby and Levi took the Hachisons' men with them, while GTR and Running Man were both sent away with the other men of the Kerseys to the place where

Mackenzie was. They were to return after all the groups had been sent back. Herschel had booked an entire hotel in the city long ago, making it a little easier to make arrangements for the people they had saved, especially Alyssa, whose room was right in between Javier and Herschel's.

After everyone headed upstairs and went into their respective rooms, Javier led Herschel to Alyssa's room.

They knocked on the door, but there was no response.

Coincidentally, a female attendant walked over. Herschel patted her shoulder and asked, "Are you Avril?"

The female attendant seemed slightly confused, not understanding what Herschel had said. Herschel then quickly waved his hand and said that he had mistaken her for someone else. The female attendant politely smiled and left, leaving Herschel with an exquisite-looking brooch in his hand.

Herschel opened the brooch and worked his magic for a moment before the door was unlocked. He then pushed open the door and entered, realizing that the bathroom lights were on and hearing the sound of water flowing coming from inside. It seemed as though Alyssa was showering inside, so Javier turned around and lit a cigarette. He was not going to look at Alyssa naked in front of Herschel before confirming whether she was the traitor they were after or not.

In the end, the moment Herschel opened the door, he yelled, "What the f*ck?!"

Herschel seemed to be panicking. He looked terrified, even.

Javier quickly turned around, but even he was shocked when he saw what was inside the bathroom.

Alyssa's head could be seen in the bathroom, her long hair tied across the showerhead. She was even smiling with her eyes wide open, but her body was on the floor, covered in fresh blood that was flowing in the drain nearby.

They closed the bathroom door and left Alyssa's room. Then, Herschel quickly headed to the reception to check the surveillance cameras.

Meanwhile, Javier sat in his room, gently tapping his desk. His biological mother was a psychologist, so Javier himself knew a thing or two about psychology as well.

'It's obvious that Alyssa had her head cut off by a razor-sharp tool, or even a blade, while she had been completely oblivious to what had happened.

'But assassins usually only kill their targets. Why would this one tie up Alyssa's head across the showerhead and let it be washed by water continuously?' Javier then made a hypothesis based on a compilation of all this information from the assassin's point of view... 'Alyssa's head was very tarnished and foolish, so she needed to get it washed so that she becomes a little smarter.

'If I were to think of this from Alyssa's perspective, why would she give Nathaniel information and then call Herschel later on? Is it because she wanted to gain even more of Herschel's trust and, after that, mine?

'But this is all just a bold hypothesis without any actual evidence to support it, so I can't jump to conclusions here.'

Herschel then returned while he was pondering this.

As expected, there was nothing to be found on the surveillance cameras. On top of that, the main server's hard drive was missing.

'The hard drive stores all the surveillance footage, yet it's gone? How the hell are we supposed to investigate then?!

"I'm sorry, Boss... I told Alyssa that someone would be taking over this company very soon, but I didn't think she would be on our enemy's side. She was also able to deduce that we were

going to be sending someone over through my words. I'm really sorry about this."

Herschel was very embarrassed. Through Alyssa's death, he very quickly confirmed that he was the one who had caused their movements to be leaked. Javier shot a glance at Herschel. "Do you think you should be punished for it then?"

Herschel nodded his head, seeming very sincere. "I'm willing to accept whatever it is you want to do with me."

Javier waved his hand. "Go clean up Alyssa's body then. We'll surely face trouble when someone finds out about it tomorrow. Worst-case scenario, we might not be allowed to leave the borders."

Herschel's eyes instantly widened. "Boss, that's a rather heavy punishment, though! Just look at how terrifying it is there...Her head's hanging from the showerhead!"

Javier knew that Herschel was just fooling around and was just about to kick him, but the latter hurriedly dodged and fled toward the door.

When he stood at the door, he very sincerely said, "I'm sorry, Boss. I won't make such a mistake ever again. If I do, I'll cut off my tongue and remain mute forever!"

Javier waved his hand. "Alright, that's enough. Hurry up and go deal with the body. Make sure nobody else finds out."

Herschel, who was very grateful, turned around to go clean up the body.

In fact, Javier was indeed not mad at Herschel, as the people keeping tabs on his mercenaries would still have told Nathaniel about it even if Herschel hadn't.

However, Javier was not going to tell Herschel about this...He could allow his subordinates to make mistakes, but they needed to learn their lesson.

'Nobody's perfect, and everyone makes mistakes eventually. Plus, I made an even greater error today!

'I shouldn't have made that phone call in the first place!' Javier wanted to slap himself the moment he recalled this. He kept wondering how he could have been so stupid!

However, right at that moment, someone knocked on his door.

Javier asked, "Who's that?"

A voice replied, "It's me, Alyssa..."

'What the f*ck?!?