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### Chapter 564 Almost Chaotic

Quinna may have been forcefully suspended from work, but Javier actually said, "Wonderful!"

Quinna was confused as to why Javier would say that, so Javier explained, "How would you find time to accompany me on some leisure trip if you weren't suspended? You've been busy for so long already, so you should take this opportunity to travel around and relax for the time being. How could Quinna possibly be in the mood to travel when she had been suspended? However, she still left the headquarters after Javier insisted. After all, there was no point in her staying there any longer since her suspension was already official. After successfully taking Quinna with him, Javier did in fact begin traveling around with her.

The couple even went to a theme park and rode the roller coaster, the pirate ship, and many other enjoyable rides. Indeed, Quinna did seem much more relaxed after that.

She was not even worried about whatever was happening to her at work. In her own words, she said the company could investigate her all they wanted. They were not going to find any evidence of her wrongdoing because there was no such thing. Meanwhile, Javier had nothing to comment on her self-confidence.

However, he knew all too well that there was no need to even waste any effort if he wanted to have Quinna sent to prison. 'Evidence? That's something that can be planted. 'Anyone with power in their hands would be able to gather any witness or evidence they wanted very easily. 'So it would be simple for someone to try to completely overturn someone of Quinna's level.

'However, Jacob and that crazy father of his will never guess that I'm not just the chairman of Reivaj Group, but the future family leader of the Kerseys, someone who currently holds a lot of power.'

After accompanying Quinna for a few more days, Javier arrived at a high-ranking official's residence one night.

Usually, such places would be filled with armed guards, but these people would not be enough to stop someone of Javier's status. In fact, when the owner of the residence realized that Javier was the future family leader of the Kerseys, he hurriedly went out to welcome Javier personally. That night, nobody knew what was discussed. However, the next morning, Jacob's father was arrested for receiving bribes and abusing power.

This was a simple crime, but it was the best crime to pin on government officials, as they

feared it the most.

The moment he got convicted of such a crime, it would be almost impossible to get rid of it, especially if it was slapped onto him by the person at the top of the ladder. This was akin to him being burned to the ground!

After Jacob's father was sent to prison, Javier went to meet Jacob directly with Herschel. At that moment, Jacob was flirting with his father's lover. Sure enough, Daisy, the woman who was flirting with Jacob at the moment, was as beautiful as a succubus and full of curves.

However, Daisy did not seem to be paying Jacob attention. This was because she clearly knew whose woman she was and what she wanted to achieve in that life.

Meanwhile, Jacob became extremely frustrated because of how much he wanted to have her.

Fortunately, Javier had brought Herschel along to save Daisy. Just as Jacob forcefully dragged her and pushed her onto his bed, ready to do something nasty to her, Herschel snuck into the room and sliced off Jacob's manhood with his dagger, in a very clean and swift cut. The squealing sound of a pig being slaughtered was heard next. Daisy was so shocked by the sight of the blood splattered all over the bed that she covered her mouth with both hands, not daring to let out a single scream. Tears were flowing uncontrollably down her cheeks due to her immense shock.

'It's a grave sin to cause a beautiful woman so much shock'

Hence, Javier approached Daisy and pulled her curvaceous body into his embrace, gently soothing her helpless heart.

After Herschel dragged Jacob outside, Daisy seemed to realize what was about to happen next, so she hurriedly shook her head. "No, please don't do this..." However, the more she said, the more seductive Javier found her. Therefore, Javier spent the rest of his time there having fun with her... After he tidied up and left, Daisy fought through the pain she felt and got up to give Jacob's father a phone call.

Unfortunately, she could not reach him, nor could she reach his secretary.

Initially, she wanted to tell Jacob's father about his son's injuries. He was his biological son after all.

However, there was nothing she could do at that moment, so she slowly fell asleep in a daze as she waited.

By the time she woke up, a group of policewomen had barged into the room and cuffed her. Daisy was left dumbfounded. She had already suffered for an entire night, yet she was now

being cuffed!

“You’re making a mistake! I’m the victim here! I’ve even got that man’s DNA inside of me. You can go ahead and check!”

However, the policewomen took Daisy away directly without saying anything.

It was not until Daisy struggled continuously that they explained that she was a prime suspect. Jacob’s father had stated that he had given her all of his bribes, which had set Daisy’s crimes in stone.

At that moment, she recalled what Javier, the man who had forced himself onto her, had said. Javier had mentioned that he was going to make her realize how powerful he was. At the time, she had silently felt that Javier was indeed rather powerful while she had been under his control

However, now, she realized that Javier had not been referring to this aspect. Instead, he had meant that he was ridiculously powerful, to the point that one could even say he had the superpower to destroy anyone he wanted!

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Chapter 565 The Vaccine Has Been Successfully Developed Jacob had been flayed, so he was no longer a man.

Even so, he was not able to escape from the law’s judgment and got arrested as a result. During his time at the detainment center, the inmates were all rather interested in the fair and chubby man, especially when they heard that he no longer had his manhood. Thus, Jacob was not able to wear pants most of the time, as they would constantly be pulled down.

The inmates who had been in there for a long time had grown into perverts who loved men. Therefore, now that they had come across a man they could confront face-to-face, they were on cloud 9.

Hence, Jacob spent most of his days being tarnished. Even though Jacob was later sentenced to prison, he still had to go through this, so much so that he wanted to die.

However, he did not dare kill himself because of how cowardly he was. Thus, all he could do was be forced to “enjoy the night”... Meanwhile, Jacob’s father ended up being thrown into prison as well, all because of his useless son.

Whenever he recalled the mistake he had made during his younger years, he could not help but feel that he had truly made a mistake he could never take back.

If possible, he even wanted to break out of prison and kill his own son. ‘If I’d known this was going to happen, I would’ve let Jacob stay on the wall in his original form rather than indulge in momentary pleasure!

But there’s no point regretting all this now... At the moment, the only thing I can do is behave myself and appeal for a lighter sentence so that I can get out of here as soon as possible.’ On the other hand, Quinna, who had been suspended previously, had gone back to her duties.

Sure enough, this rather terrible incident had ended up becoming a wonderful thing for her.

This was because many people beneath the ladder were jealous of Quinna for climbing up the ladder so quickly. Previously, nobody had dared to say anything while she had been at her post, but after she got suspended, those who despised her began revealing their true selves. However, nobody could have expected that Quinna would once again rise to power after only half a month.

The investigation conducted during her suspension had clearly proven that she could rise to power through her personal capabilities, and there were no tactics involved. Meanwhile, those who had revealed their true selves were sent away when she was back in power.

Chineans did not lack manpower, as there were many people who were talented in management. Hence, Quinna had the perfect opportunity to have all the people she had been dissatisfied with sent away cleanly and thoroughly. Her next arrangements were rather simple, in fact. Anyone who was willing to work with her could stay on, while the rest were sent away. Quinna had made a very ruthless decision, but those people had had it coming in the first place. After all, they were the ones in the wrong for being disrespectful and jealous. In fact, they should have already expected this to happen when they had chosen to offend Quinna.

After successfully returning to her post, Quinna seemed to have swooped in like a storm, changing everything at headquarters.

At that moment, Heisenberg Group had almost become hers to rule over. Although she was the second-in-command, she had all the authority in her hands, so not even the chairman could compare to her.

Fortunately, Quinna was not the kind of woman who coveted power for her own personal gains, so it was not a bad thing that she was in power. In fact, this rekindled the company's flames after 50 years, bringing their work efficiency to greater heights. Everyone was able to charge forward at a very quick rate thanks to her commands. Meanwhile, Javier had left after staying for three more days. He had no choice but to leave, as he had more important matters to attend to... Suzanne had made a breakthrough with the vaccine!

Suzanne had always been conducting research on a vaccine against AIDS, which was something beneficial.

Although the vaccine could not cure the disease itself, it could help everyone after being injected, preventing them from suffering through any further harm.

Thus, the appearance of this vaccine definitely came as a shock to the world, and it was also something that could help Javier earn a lot of money. After saying goodbye to Quinna, Javier and Herschel immediately boarded their flight and arrived at the research facility the next afternoon to meet up with Suzanne. At that moment, Suzanne was wearing a white robe, she had a mask on, and she was focused on observing her vaccine's reaction report. Javier was just about to do something but immediately composed himself when Suzanne said there was still something wrong with the vaccine. "What's the matter?"

Suzanne then said that she might have produced a vaccine, but there was a slight side effect that might cause harm to the human tissue.

"If the person getting injected has a weak immune system, they will end up being alright. On the contrary, a person with a powerful immune system will end up clashing with the vaccine, which may cause them to suffer from kidney failure if the reaction is severe, which would in turn cause them to die in the end."

This was a huge problem, as nobody would even dare take this vaccine if there was indeed such a side effect.

When Javier asked what the solution was, Suzanne replied, "The only way we can fix this is by making a trip to Noah!" "Noah? Is there really a solution there?!" Javier was very surprised!

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Chapter 566 Not Domineering Enough Javier mostly understood the reason thanks to Suzanne's explanation. The Aztecs, who were an aboriginal tribe, lived in Noah's southeastern forest. This tribe had been found during World War II and had gradually come into contact and interacted with modern society. Now, their tribe had electricity,

but only through a generator. Besides, they had only obtained this generator after bartering with their tribe's specialty.

They did not possess the technology to produce energy. Instead, they only had rather unique techniques, antique ones even. For example, they had a certain unique type of metal called Malton Steel, which was steel of decent quality forged through ancient methods. If it was used to produce knives, swords, and daggers, they might not be able to slice through steel like butter, but they would indeed be razor-sharp. In fact, the dagger Kenzo carried around with him had been forged from Malton Steel. Meanwhile, the thing Suzanne needed from then this time was a fruit called Crowange. Crowange was a fruit produced locally in the Aztec tribe that was said to be completely black, which was why its name had the word 'crow' in it.

In fact, this was a plant from the same species as eggplants, only abnormally shaped. Most importantly, the thing Suzanne needed could be purified by this fruit. Should she succeed, she would be able to reverse-engineer its elements. However, there were very few Crowange fruits in the Aztec tribe, and it was considered a sacred fruit that only the tribe's leaders and most esteemed guests could enjoy, despite the fact that it did not taste that great. Some people even said that it tasted as if one had a smelly sock in their mouth.

Suzanne had originally planned on going with Javier, but she had ended up taking a trip with Javier, Herschel, and the rest due to some unforeseen circumstances at the research facility.

After the plane landed, Javier and the rest met up with the liaison Herschel had arranged.

This man had fought a battle in the area before, so he was rather familiar with the place. After speaking with the liaison for a moment, he, along with Javier and the rest, got into an SUV and headed to the Aztec tribe.

"This is a rather complex area. Aside from the fact that the people here have no way of making a living, this place's firearm control is especially terrible. Back in our country, you might get a 'what are you looking at' look if you stare at someone, but things are different here.

"If the other person is in a bad enough mood, they won't even ask you why you're looking at them. Instead, they will shoot you down immediately. Simple as that." Javier now understood why there were rifles, handguns, and even grenades stored at the back of the SUV.

The truth was that Herschel had prepared fully for their journey, and it was necessary.

On the way to the Aztec tribe, four or five locals noticed their SUV.

The men seem to be rather good at business, but they were rather domineering.

One of them took off his stinky shoe and patted his head with it as he said something that sounded like gibberish. Herschel then translated what he had said, making Javier laugh out loud. "He says he wants to trade your car for his shoe. He added that it's a very fair trade since we're going to be trading our mode of transport." "Fair, my foot! If we really were negotiating fairly, would he need to hold onto his AK47?" Hence, Javier got out of the car and chuckled, shoving his handgun straight into the man's mouth without even giving him a chance to raise his gun. Javier then said, "I just farted, so I would like to trade my Chinese fart for your guns. Do you think this is a fair trade?"

The man did not think there was any problem with it, but the others behind him obviously concurred.

Immediately, four or five AK47s were raised. It seemed as though they were ready to shoot down the man who had a gun in his mouth.

Unfortunately, the moment they raised their guns, Herschel and the others unloaded their bullets.

After half a minute, the man with a gun in his mouth raised his hands higher than his head.

"My goodness, this is the worst yet fairest business deal I've ever conducted. Yeap, I'm sure it is."

Thus, Javier's SUV acquired 5 additional AK47S, which had been traded for his Chinese fart. Although the group had come across similar incidents throughout their journey, none of them considered it a problem.

One day, as they were traveling through a city in the desert, they came across a local travel group. The person leading the group was a woman who looked like she had just turned 30. Although she was wrapped up rather tightly under the hot sun, Javier could tell based on her nose and eyes, which were the only features exposed, that she was a very beautiful woman.

On top of that, she had a rather nice body. Her round butt seemed particularly tempting, making Javier feel an irresistible urge the moment he laid eyes on it. That was how attractive it was.

However, right at that moment, a man showed up and spoke, sounding very unfriendly. "What are you looking at? I'll dig your eyes out of their sockets if you keep looking!"

Javier loved his tone, which was both domineering and bold. 'I wonder if he's as powerful as he sounds.'

Then, Herschel made his move, proving that the man's mouth was far tougher than his eyes.

This was because Herschel only needed to use a finger to press the man's eye until it bled.

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made his move.

At the same time, Javier noticed the fear in the woman's eyes. In fact, she even seemed as though she was asking to be saved. However, before she could even say anything, a man next to her pointed his gun right against her waist. His intentions were very clear... If she spoke, she would be shot to death immediately. Understanding what was going on, Javier approached the man whose eye Herschel was poking with his finger. Without saying a word, Javier pulled out the dagger at Herschel's waist and stabbed the man's abdomen before slicing him horizontally. "Have your men lower their guns while you can still be saved." Not many people would be able to resist such a threat when they were in so much pain and could die at any moment. Hence, the men following him dropped their guns. Javier then smiled and whispered to Herschel, "There might be more of his men hiding around the area." Upon seeing Herschel nod his head and gesture that he understood what his instructions were, Javier directly performed seppuku on the man in front of him. "Sorry, but this is the end of the line for you."

Now that their leader was dead, his subordinates tried to reach for their guns. Unfortunately, their movements were obviously not as fluid as Running Man and GTR's. Thus, the moment they were about to reach for their guns, each and every one of them was shot in the head and sent to the afterlife.

Javier placed the dagger back in its holster by Herschel's waist and walked toward the woman.

However, the woman still seemed to be very nervous and was even vaguely shaking her head.

It was obvious that she did not want Javier to step any closer, but not because she was afraid of him. Instead, she was afraid of something else. Sure enough, a masked man from that group suddenly stepped forward with a grenade in his hand.

But before the man could pull the safety pin, Herschel, who had received instructions beforehand, shot him down immediately, and the woman finally spoke up anxiously. "We need to get out of here at once! These people were only members of a small squadron. They've got more than 100 armed men around here, as well as an armored vehicle!" This was news that not even Javier could ignore, so he quickly led the woman into his SUV while the rest of them rode in their own vehicles and quickly drove out of the city. However, shortly after they drove off, they could hear men chasing after them, and the sound of their guns being fired reached their ears.

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Chapter 567 Splendid News "Oh no, oh no! They're here! We need to get out of here right now!" The woman who had led the previous travel group was anxiously yelling, and even her hands were trembling as she grabbed the car's door handle. However, Javier did not seem to be worried. In fact, he even slowed down his car, which left the woman feeling even more anxious. "What are you doing?! Why aren't you speeding up?!" While she was asking that question in a panicked frenzy, Herschel had already opened the box in the trunk.

Running Man was pulling Herschel's shirt from behind, so the latter opened a long wooden box and took out a bazooka. "Swoosh, swoosh..." After the missile was launched, a very powerful explosion came from four of the oncoming cars.

After the explosion, the pursuers did not dare drive any closer and remained outside of the bazooka's range. They were too afraid to get any closer. The woman was finally able to relax and heave a long sigh of relief when she saw this. Then, Javier chatted with the woman and found out who she was. Her name was Tanya Thiel, and she was an archaeologist from China. She was not well known in her own country, but this was because she was much more interested in Noah's ancient relics, so her research was mostly about that country rather than her own. The men that Javier had killed were local gangsters, or as the locals in Noah called them, bandits who roamed the mountains. However, these bandits had their own objective. They would not only rob others, but they were rather skillful at selling off ancient relics in exchange for more advanced weapons too. This was why these people had kidnapped Tanya and her group, forcing them to become graverobbers.

In the end, those people had ended up being sent to their graves before they had even stolen anything, which was all thanks to Javier. Otherwise, Tanya and her group would probably have ended up dead somewhere after helping the bandits. Of course, this was exactly why Tanya had not been harmed despite her good looks and curvaceous body.

It was probably because the bandits did not dare go too far because she had still been useful to them.

Upon discovering this, Javier asked, "Now, then... Since I saved you, don't you think you should give me something as a gesture of gratitude?"

Tanya very readily answered, "Sure, I'll give you 80,000 dollars once I return."

Javier laughed out loud, and Herschel spoke up even though he had a bazooka resting against his shoulder.

"Come on, lady. My boss isn't short on money, so who are you trying to kid with that 80,000 dollars of yours?"

Indeed, Javier did not lack money at all, to the point that others might start to tremble if he told them how much money he had.

However, Herschel did not explain any further, nor was there a need for him to, as Tanya now understood what Javier meant.

Instead of money, Javier wanted to indulge in his desires and feel pleasure.

Tanya thought about it for a moment and clenched her teeth as she nodded. "Okay. I'll give that to you once I'm sure I've reached a safe place." Javier was only joking and had not expected Tanya to agree to it so readily. 'I suppose this is only understandable. What's the point of keeping her chastity when she almost lost her life a moment ago? 'What's a few minutes of sacrifice if it will ensure her survival? In fact, she would save her entire group if she did it.

According to Buddhism, she's doing a great kindness by walking into hell for everyone else's sake.

Javier smiled at Tanya and said nothing more.

Meanwhile, at that moment, Tanya realized Javier was only joking.

This made her feel slightly embarrassed when she recalled how readily she had agreed to it, jumping to accept the condition even. However, this was obviously not the time to feel embarrassed, as the group of cars they had met before was still on their tail!

Coincidentally, there was a bridge up ahead that seemed rather flimsy, so Javier shouted at Herschel, "There's a bridge!"

Herschel instantly understood and focused on his bazooka. When their vehicles had all driven past the bridge, Herschel immediately fired and sent the bridge exploding with a big bang. Their pursuers were so furious that they emptied their magazines in the air,

but they ultimately left. After all, there was nothing they could do to remedy the situation. Tanya was finally able to heave a long sigh of relief now that they were completely in the clear.

After sighing in relief, she removed the tattered cloth covering her face.

Sure enough, she was a very beautiful woman, the kind of foreign beauty that looked different from the way Chineseans would usually look.

She had a tall nose, large eyes, and slightly pale blue pupils, which were characteristics that

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western foreigners usually had.

When asked, Tanya said, "My father is Chinesean, but my mother isn't." Javier realized that Tanya was of mixed race. 'No wonder she looks so unique.' Night slowly arrived after they drove for more than two hours. According to Herschel's understanding of the area, there was still a day's worth of journey to cover before they reached the nearest petrol station. They should have filled up their tanks in the city where they had killed the bandits, but they had not done so because of the situation they were in. Hence, they had no choice but to share their vehicles and fuel to carry on traveling. In the end, their situation became so dire and their fuel was so limited that Javier's SUV was the only operational one later that night. They were not going to be able to tow all their cars with a single SUV, nor would it be a good idea to abandon the people they had just saved on the streets. Thus, Javier suggested they stop driving and rest for the night. They would then think of a solution at sunrise.

This was the only car they had left, so they were going to use it to find their way the next day. After traveling around for an entire day, everyone was especially tired that night. Running Man and GTR slept in the car, afraid that it might get stolen while they were asleep. Javier and Tanya slept together, but not in a house, of course. Instead, they slept in a ditch somewhere in the plains. Tanya was not actually that casual of a woman, but since all of them were men, she was both afraid to sleep alone and sleep around so many of them. However, Javier was different because he had joked about sleeping with her. Plus, he had not done anything to disrespect her, which was why Tanya felt at ease around him.

The two of them engaged in small talk before falling asleep.

When she asked about Javier's objective for that trip, he did not hide and told her about the Aztec tribe and the Crowange.

Tanya frowned when he mentioned the fruit. "What's so nice about that fruit? It stinks up your entire mouth. I had no choice but to eat it because it was a kind gesture of the leader of the tribe, so it would be disrespectful to turn him down. You really are going to regret it if you eat that fruit!"

Javier was pleasantly surprised. "Sounds like you've not only eaten the fruit before, but you even know who their leader is!"

Tanya nodded her head. "I do know him indeed. This is because I helped them recover ancient technology that was lost in ruins. The leader of the tribe invited me to his place to thank me."

This did not seem like a great thing to talk about in Tanya's opinion. However, this was only because she did not know much about the Aztec tribe. Although the

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tribe was in contact with society, it was only limited to trading. In truth, they saw outsiders as

nothing more than monsters, so it was extremely difficult to befriend them.

Thus, the fact that Tanya had become their friend was a very glorious feat.

The two of them chatted for a while longer before Tanya agreed to help Javier obtain the Crowange fruit from the Aztec tribe. However, she had a condition of her own. "You cannot force me into doing anything I don't want to do after this is done." Javier understood what she meant. "Relax. You'll ask me to give it to you when the time comes."

Tanya felt so embarrassed that she turned around to hide her red face, mumbling that she would never do such a thing!

Gradually, both of them fell asleep until sunrise.

However, the moment they woke up, Herschel brought some excellent news... "Boss, they drove off with our cars!!!"

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Chapter 568 Go Ahead and Run, You Little Rascals The news that Herschel had brought left Javier feeling as though he was bullsh\*tting him.

How could a few of them have managed to drive our cars away when Running Man and GTR were standing guard? Are they all martial art masters, perhaps?’

Herschel’s explanation made Javier feel slightly depressed. “Of course those people couldn’t have taken down those two idiots. They may be idiots, but they are powerful in a fight. However, they didn’t even need to take them down because they just took out a fuel pipe. “After they sucked out our fuel and moved it into a car with an empty tank, they were able to escape without alerting those two idiots.”

Javier was completely dumbfounded. He turned around and looked at Tanya, who was equally dumbfounded. “The people you brought with you don’t seem to be the virtuous type, do they?”

Tanya felt aggrieved as well. In fact, she could guess that her subordinates hadn’t been able to notify her about their escape because she had been sleeping with Javier. On top of that, they had been afraid that she might tell on them, so they had decided to abandon her completely and sneak off.

Meanwhile, Running Man and GTR had both arrived, their faces filled with embarrassment.

They currently had cars but no fuel, so they had no choice but to leave the area on foot.

“I’m sorry, Boss...”

Running Man and GTR both apologized at the same time, but Javier waved his hand.

“It’s alright. You two were exhausted after being on high alert the entire day. Plus, none of us could’ve expected them to repay our kindness like this after we saved them. But it’s alright. Since we don’t have a car and it doesn’t seem feasible to walk the entire way, let’s find a place and wait for a plane to arrive.” “A plane?!”

Tanya, who was standing next to Javier, was confused when she heard this. So was Herschel.

‘We’re literally in the desert, so where is he going to find us a plane? Even if he really could find one, there’s no runway for the plane to land!

‘Also, we’re in such harsh conditions right now that not even an armored helicopter would be able to easily enter the area and pick us up. The entire helicopter might get destroyed if it got struck by a storm!’ However, Javier promised them that a plane would surely arrive to pick them up. “Let’s go. We haven’t got any fuel left, so bring along all our necessities and our weapons. We’ll walk and look for a flat area.”

After giving them instructions, Javier and the other four headed to the place where the Aztec tribe was located

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However, they were more than 600 miles away from their destination! Even after traveling from dawn all the way to dusk and midnight, they still did not find a suitable location.

When they found a place with piles of jagged rocks, they stopped and got ready to spend the night there.

Herschel was worried that they might not have enough water supply for the next day, so he headed out in search of more water, hoping he might be able to find something else at the same time.

On the other hand, Javier and the others unpacked and prepared to stay the night.

While doing so, he even teased Tanya by saying, "Would you be willing to do it with me once if we were to die here?"

Tanya's face turned slightly red. "Why are you still thinking about this nonsense at a time like this?"

Tanya did not give Javier's teasing comment a direct answer, but upon thinking about it very carefully, she thought that...she could agree to it if it really came to that. 'At least we'd be able to die happy by enjoying ourselves.'

However, while she was lost in her wild thoughts, Herschel returned with a few bottles of water with blood stains on them.

Tanya saw the bottles and felt that they seemed especially familiar. Those belonged to my subordinates!

Hence, she asked in shock, "You found them and killed them all?" Herschel replied, "How could I have killed them when I didn't even bring my gun with me? With my fists perhaps?" After that impatient reply, he told Javier, "Boss, I found them, but they're all dead. They were probably shot to death by an armored vehicle. It looked like someone took revenge on them. "My guess is that the people who were after us chased us through another route and coincidentally ran into them and killed them all." Javier said nothing. What else could he say at that moment when this had all been fated to happen? If those people had not stolen his car and escaped on their own, Javier might still have been able to protect them. Now that they had shown such ungratefulness and escaped by themselves, they had ended up being killed by others.

'I suppose they brought this upon themselves. There's nobody to blame for this.'

Tanya may have been in a bad mood, but she said nothing as well. It looked like she might be having the same thought as Javier. That night, the few of them stayed the night at that place.

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The reason for this was very simple: Their enemies would very naturally realize that they were not around after running into the escapees. So, upon seeing that they were not around, these people would surely try to locate Javier and the others. However, they were most likely not going to look around in the same area for starters.

Thus, Javier and the rest would be safest there that night, but the same could not be said for the next day.

That night, Javier climbed up high and finally pinpointed his location through the satellite.

Then, he gave Angelina a call through his satellite phone and asked for a plane. In turn, Angelina made arrangements from the nearest base.

Of course, a normal plane would not be able to land there. Only a helicopter would be able to take a risk to pick them up, which would not help Javier's cause.

After all, the Aztec tribe was in a primeval forest hundreds of miles away from their location, so a helicopter would not be able to enter it. Thus, Javier thought of another way, and Angelina did as she was told. The night went on silently, and a plane finally arrived the next morning. It was a large military cargo aircraft capable of cruising at super-low altitudes. Javier saw the cargo aircraft and signaled for Herschel to fire a flare. When the bright red signal flare burned in mid-air, the cargo aircraft changed direction and flew toward it.

Herschel seemed to be very depressed. "We might have a plane now, but how are we supposed to get on it when it can't land and we can't alight?"

As Herschel said this, the cargo aircraft was hovering above them. Then, its rear hatch opened and something fell from within.

Upon taking a closer look, they realized that it was a military-grade armed truck that was descending with the help of some parachutes. Behind the truck was an extremely large package wrapped in camouflage material, which was descending along with the parachutes as well. After both packages landed, the cargo aircraft closed its hatch and flew off.

Herschel and the rest now understood that Javier had not asked for a plane to pick them up but to deliver stuff to them.

The cargo aircraft had dropped the packages very accurately based on the wind's direction, so the truck and the large package landed right before them.

However, the moment they landed, a few cars began to appear on the horizon before the super-large package could be opened. Obviously, the cargo aircraft and the signal flare had attracted Javier's pursuers to their location.

#### Chapter 568 Go Ahead and Run, You Little Rascals

Seeming completely calm, Javier directly took out Herschel's dagger and opened the super large package, which made Herschel jump in joy the moment he saw the contents. "F\*ck you, you little sh\*ts! How dare you try to kill us? I'm going to blast you guys off into space today!" The super-large package that had been dropped was an actual tank! 1

Herschel got GTR to get inside the tank with him, while Javier and Running Man brought Tanya along into the armed truck.

After getting inside and shutting the doors tight, Javier had nothing left to be afraid of. After all, the truck was bulletproof. Thus, at that moment, they were all looking at the long nozzle in front of the tank, which was creaking as it spun toward their attackers. "Boom!"

The ground trembled and a loud explosion of firepower rang out. The cars speeding toward them from afar got smashed to pieces with a single shot, and smoke began rising in the sky.

"Now who's the mouse in this cat-and-mouse game? It's my turn to pursue you b\*stards, so go ahead and run, you little rascals!"

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#### Chapter 569 Wouldn't You Like to Know?

Herschel was able to chase after their attackers with a single tank.

The pursuers who were originally chasing after them very ferociously were now running for their lives in a miserable state after a few of their cars were overturned. Some of the drivers were panicking so much that they turned their cars around too abruptly and caused them to flip sideways.

Of course, Herschel was not going to show them any mercy despite their situation, so he just sent them flying.

These pursuers were now shocked senseless. None of them could even begin to fathom just what kind of person they had offended who was capable of calling in a tank from the sky to fight them, which was nothing short of ridiculous! Javier smiled and shook his head as he watched Herschel driving the tank in a crazed frenzy. After asking Running Man to get out of the truck, the two of them opened it. Inside, aside from firearms and some other supplies, the rest of the content was fuel. Angelina had indeed taken everything into consideration. Javier and the group now had enough fuel to travel to the Aztec tribe. Curious, Tanya headed to the trunk, only to be mesmerized by what she saw. She asked Javier, "Who are you? How can you call in a cargo aircraft and even airdrop a tank?!"

Javier chuckled and replied, "Do you really want to know?"

Tanya subconsciously wanted to nod but ultimately held back.

She suddenly realized that her question was especially sensitive to ask someone as capable as Javier

Therefore, it would probably not be good for her if she found out such a sensitive identity.

Understanding all this, she said, "No, I don't want to know."

Tanya's answer made Javier think that she was a smart woman.

Obviously, Tanya was not just a pretty face with beautiful curves. She was a rather intelligent woman as well.

After Herschel returned, Running Man drove the truck in the front, and the tank followed it as they headed to the Aztec tribe's location.

Once more, their pursuers came after them. They had even more men than before.

However, after confirming that Javier and his group had a tank in their envoy, they were completely dumbfounded, and none of them dared to approach.

After all, they'd be risking being blasted away if they took a step closer. Hence, all they could do was glare and swallow the bitter pill of their previous losses. There

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was nothing they could do no matter how unhappy they were with the situation. That noon, the truck and tank took a break, while Javier and the others got down to get something to eat.

According to the map, they still had around 500 miles to go before they reached the Aztec tribe.

Fortunately, the remainder of their journey was a straight line, so there was no need for them to travel in turns.

Javier was now pondering whether he would be able to arrive there the next morning no matter how slowly they traveled, so he decided to rest there for the night.

However, they needed to be vigilant that night in order to avoid giving their pursuers the opportunity to kill them.

Suddenly, Tanya, who had gone off to relieve herself, screamed in shock

Javier fiercely got up and took a look before immediately stopping the other three, who had just looked in her direction. "Stop looking. I'll go over and check up on her myself."

Herschel and the others instantly understood what was happening, so they returned to their places with a grin and carried on eating their canned food.

Meanwhile, Javier left the group and approached Tanya, who was now half-squatting on the floor. She was fervently kicking something away as she turned around to look at her thigh.

Of course, she could not see it herself, but Javier had already noticed four pinholes on her thigh and blood trickling down from afar. Not too far away from her, a small snake that was almost the same color as the desert sand was trying to flee. Without a second thought, Javier immediately pulled his gun from his waist and shot the

snake in the head. The gunshot caused Tanya to jump in shock, slipping and losing her balance. Javier hurriedly went over to her. Even though this was very sudden, there was nothing he could do about the situation they were now in...

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Chapter 570 The Third Option After that was over, Tanya fiercely bit Javier's shoulder. She then said, "Since I have no choice but to help you, I can choose whatever way I want to take revenge on you for bullying me." Obviously, biting Javier was her way of taking revenge. However, Javier was rather curious about something... "You say that you're taking revenge, but you were clearly enjoying the moment just now, so how are you going to repay me?" As Javier flirted with her, Tanya's face turned red and she buried her head deep within his embrace.

She was too embarrassed to say a thing, but her answer was very clear...She was willing to repay him with her body. This was a very good thing for Javier, as they would be both satisfying each other's needs. 'Since we're both gaining pleasure out of this, why don't we invest whatever limited time we have into this endless pleasure?

Thus, Javier went ahead and initiated another round...!

Sure enough, everything was just as Javier had anticipated. The next morning, the group spent less than half an hour driving after waking up and soon arrived at a large primeval forest.

Neither their truck nor the tank would be able to travel in there, as there was no path for them to travel on.

One way of going around this was to have the tank blast a path open for them, but this was obviously unrealistic since it would be slower than them traveling by foot.

Hence, after Javier considered it for a moment, he had GTR and Running Man stay behind, while Herschel and Tanya followed him inside.

They could not leave the tank lying around casually, as it would be very troublesome if their pursuers caught up to them and stole it.

Upon entering the forest, Tanya, who had been there before, led the way while Javier and Herschel followed her closely.

The trio came across a few ferocious beasts in the forest, but they were able to stay safe thanks to their guns.

However, rather than gunning them down, a single gunshot was enough to scare the beasts away. For every action, there was a reaction. The gunshots might have scared the beasts away, but they attracted a group of barbarians with leaves covering their bodies. Very quickly, they rushed over to the source of the gunshots by swinging from vine to vine

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like monkeys.

They all had dyed-green javelins on them, and some of them were carrying bows and arrows, which were all trained on Tanya, Javier, and Herschel.

Fortunately, Tanya stepped up and conversed with the barbarians in their local language. After confirming who Tanya was, the leader of the barbarians instructed his men to retreat, which they did as quickly as they had arrived.

Tanya then introduced those people to Javier and Herschel, saying that they were from another native tribe under the Aztec tribe's command.

Javier thought about it and thought that it was understandable... 'The Aztec Tribe engages in trade with modern society, so it's only normal that they are more advanced.

'Meanwhile, the surrounding natives refuse to communicate due to their language barrier, so they have no choice but to remain under the Aztec tribe's command. Otherwise, they would end up being devoured by the Aztec tribe according to the law of the jungle.

'Anyway, we're very lucky to have Tanya around, or Herschel and I might have ended up dying here.'

The trio continued to travel through the forest and finally arrived at the Aztec tribe's location after half a day. There were a few large trees that had been hollowed out by the main entrance, and inside were ...policemen armed with crossbows.

That's right, these people were policemen. They were dressed in police uniforms from Sammius, but they were wielding crossbows that they had made themselves. Tanya then explained that the chief of the tribe thought that the uniforms looked good, so he had made a uniform for all his guards.

Herschel then teased them. "Looks like they think they're from Sammius and they're humans that haven't completely degenerated yet."

Tanya chuckled and stepped forward to greet the guards in their native language. It was obvious that the guards were especially friendly with Tanya, even revealing their teeth with huge smiles. However, they were clearly not as friendly to Javier and Herschel

Just as Herschel seemed to be fishing for his gun behind his waist, an arrow suddenly swooped past with a swoosh, hitting his gun and making it drop on the floor. Of course, Herschel was not going to allow his weapon to fall on the ground, so Tanya hurriedly spoke up the moment he reached out to pick it up. "Don't take your weapon with you. They can recognize it. If you bring that in, they won't think you're here for business."

'That makes sense. If a stranger were to bring a knife into one's territory, they would surely be sent away even if they were there to sell knives.

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\*Plus, why would we need our weapons when we're here to talk business?' Under Javier's instructions, Herschel gave up on picking up his gun and left it on the floor. Then, the guards approached them and thoroughly checked Javier and Herschel before

allowing them to enter. Shortly after that, the trio met up with Kitchi, the chief of the Aztec tribe. The tribe was grateful to Tanya, so it was only normal for their chief to welcome her. However, his friendliness did not extend to Javier and Herschel. "I only allowed Tanya to come into my territory because she's an esteemed friend of my tribe, but you two are not."

After saying that, Kitchi led Tanya inside. However, Tanya stopped and told Kitchi about everything that had happened after she had left the tribe.

"I would be dead by now if they hadn't saved me." Kitchi nodded his head and placed his right hand before his chest, nodding his head to show his respect. "Thank you for saving my tribe's precious friend. However, you still can't come into our tribe because you aren't our esteemed friends." Javier felt depressed. This guy is a little too old-fashioned. Why the hell would you thank me when you aren't being sincere about it?

Thus, Javier said, "I'm only here to meet you. I'm also here to do business with you. I need the Crowange fruit." Kitchi did not reply. He just kept leading Tanya into his tribe. He did not pay Javier's statement any attention at all.

This left Javier feeling rather helpless. 'What an old-fashioned aboriginal...' Kitchi still would not agree to let them in no matter how much Tanya tried to persuade him. In the end, Javier was left with no other option but to say, "You can go ahead and tell me whatever it is you want in exchange for two Crowange fruits." Kitchi thought about it and said, "Since you're a friend of my tribe's esteemed guest, I can give you the fruit. However, you must follow our rules." 'This is good. So long as we can negotiate, I'm sure I'll be able to fulfill my promise.' However, Kitchi's next statement left Javier completely speechless. There was nothing he could say in reply...

"After you eat the fruit, we will kill you. This is our tribe's rule. Anyone who eats the Crowange fruit but isn't an esteemed guest of our tribe shall be killed."

Javier's eyes instantly widened. 'Why would I need Tanya to be here in that case?

'If I'm going to get killed because Tanya's here, she might as well not be here!'

Tanya was also left speechless by Kitchi's statement and started thinking that he was indeed an old-fashioned man.

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'It's just two stinking, pungent fruits. Why is Kitchi taking this so far?'

However, Kitchi seemed to be adamant about this offer. Either Javier would turn around and walk away right there and then, or he would eat the fruit and get murdered.

Kitchi may not have come up with a third option, but Javier did! 'If Kitchi keeps this attitude up, I wouldn't mind having my mercenaries come here and deal with his entire tribe!'

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Chapter 571 It Really Is You!

"Let him in!"

A woman's voice was suddenly heard just as Javier was thinking about having his mercenaries resolve his conundrum.

The woman had spoken in very fluent English, which left Javier feeling very surprised. When he turned to look at Tanya, she was also completely dumbfounded, as she did not understand what was happening. "I didn't know there was another Chinean living in the tribe!"

This statement was enough to prove that Tanya was only an esteemed guest of the Aztec tribe. There were still a lot more levels of information she did not have access to, such as who was the owner of the woman's voice that could fill Kitchi with respect.

In fact, Kitchi allowed Javier to enter, just as the woman had asked.

But this time, Tanya was the one who had to remain outside, while Herschel had countless arrows trained on him, ready to turn him into a porcupine the moment he made any sudden moves.

Kitchi said nothing more to Tanya. He only apologized before he led Javier inside his tribe.

It was as if from that moment on, Javier was the most esteemed guest there and not Tanya.

Completely confused, Javier still chose to follow Kitchi inside.

During his journey, aside from looking at the native houses inside, he kept trying to ask Kitchi who the owner of the woman's voice was.

This was because he could vaguely sense that her voice was rather familiar.

However, Kitchi's mouth remained zipped, and he only kept asking Javier to move on. Left with no other choice, Javier kept following him. After walking for more than a mile, Kitchi finally brought Javier to what seemed like a shrine built with logs of old trees

stacked together, with a lamb's head on top. Even though the tribe had already exchanged it for a generator, the shrine was still lit up by oil lamps.

Seeing that Kitchi had invited him to enter, Javier walked inside.

Anyway, he was not afraid that he might run into some kind of accident. If he were to end up dead there, the Aztec tribe would forever be wiped off the face of the Earth.

Upon entering the shrine, Javier immediately saw a woman with her back to him standing by the window and looking outside.

As a result, Javier could only see her back profile and not what she looked like.

However, based on his understanding of women and the width of her body, he could tell that the woman was probably in her 50s and was currently wrapped in a cape.

of course, her width did not mean that she was a fat woman. Instead, she had the bone structure of a woman who had given birth.

Looking at the woman's back profile, Javier curiously said, "You've been standing here, and I don't see any surveillance cameras around. So how did you know I was standing at the entrance? Also, how were you able to transmit your voice from all the way here when I didn't see any speakers there?"

Upon hearing that, the woman replied, "This is all thanks to the tribe's ancient technology, which is rather efficient, so there's nothing for you to feel surprised about."

Javier did not say anything else. In fact, he was not actually curious about all this, but he wanted to know who the owner of this familiar voice was.

At that moment, after he heard everything she had said, Javier's eyes suddenly widened. Then, an unbelievable thought crept into his mind. Still filled with disbelief, he probingly said, "Aunt Cecile? Is that you?!" When Javier yelled out that name, the woman with her back facing him trembled for a moment before slowly turning around.

Although her face was filled with wrinkles due to her age, she still seemed as beautiful as ever.

If Javier had to say who she resembled the most, it would most definitely be Ciara. The reason for this was very simple...The woman before him was Cecile Charlton, Ciara's biological mother and Javier's stepmother.

When he saw that familiar face, Javier looked truly stunned. "It really is you!"

Cecile had a gentle smile on her face as she walked toward Javier and replied, "Did you think I was Ciara in disguise then?"

Of course, that would not be possible, but Javier still found it slightly unbelievable. He had only come to the tribe to obtain the Crowange fruit, but he had unexpectedly run into his stepmother as a result.

However, the problem now was...

'Hasn't she been with Dad this entire time?' Javier hurriedly asked, "Is Dad here as well?!" Javier thought there was an 80% chance that his father was around, but Cecile shook her head, proving that the answer was the remaining 20%. "No, your dad isn't with me."

When she got close enough, Cecile stroked Javier's face and then took his hand to walk to the bench nearby.

The two of them sat down before Cecile said, "Actually, we've been separated for almost 10 years now."

This answer left Javier completely confused, and he found it hard to understand what was

happening at that moment.

It was not until Cecile explained the ins and outs of this that Javier understood the truth.

That year, Kaiser and Cecile had not chosen to leave of their own accord, but because they had been ambushed.

At the time, Kaiser had already been on his way to take over and become the next family leader, so the fact that someone had caused such a huge scene and grabbed the opportunity to kill him had proven that this was no ordinary person.

Hence, after Kaiser had managed to cheat death, he had directly taken Cecile with him and gone into hiding. The public had thought he had disappeared, but that was actually false. Instead, the two of them had only been hiding in the shadows, hoping they would be able to find out who had tried to kill them.

Because of this, they had chosen to hide the truth from even their own children and the old fox, for the sake of making it seem even more realistic.

However, no matter how well they hid, they still could not find out who had ambushed them. Later on, Kaiser and Cecile had given themselves new aliases and returned to society. At the same time, they had secretly written letters to Zephiel to notify him that they were still alive. However, they had chosen not to reveal their identities for the sake of locating their enemies. Zephiel had also noticed that they were going up against a formidable adversary, but could not find any traces of them at all, so he agreed with his son and daughter-in-law's decision, including hiding the truth from Javier and Ciara. It

was not until a few years later that Kaiser had finally found out more about their enemy, so he had decided to split up with Cecile and infiltrate the enemy's force.

In the end, Kaiser had lost all contact the moment he had gotten in, only sending someone to take Cecile to the Aztec tribe and tell her that it had to be this tribe specifically.

Cecile herself had no idea why Kaiser had done something so specific.

She had ended up staying there for 10 years, during which she'd had zero contact with Kaiser. Besides, Kitchi would not allow Cecile to leave the tribe's territory. She had to stay there, as though she was a goddess being worshipped. "Initially, I did not understand why your dad was doing all this, but I think I understand a little now. I'm sure there's something he holds in high regard lying around here, which is why he doesn't want me to leave. He's probably worried that someone might find this place through me."

Javier was very shocked to hear this. He had not expected the Raiders to have existed so many years ago.

Now, they had made themselves known, but only after they had launched an attack against all the major families.

Then, Javier told Cecile about the Raiders.

Cecile was lost deep in thought, even suspecting that the people who had targeted her and

Kaiser might have been the Raiders.

But now that they have made themselves known, why is Kaiser still in hiding?' If Javier had not told her that Kaiser had been giving him leads to guide him forward all along, Cecile would have suspected that the man had already passed away.

Then, Javier talked to Cecile about Ciara, even telling her that he was in a relationship with her.

Initially, Javier stuttered a little when he mentioned this, afraid that Cecile might become furious when she heard this. However, Cecile merely shook her head, even seeming rather happy.

"Not bad. I had my eye on you when you were little. I knew you would turn out to be a good boy, so I'm glad to know that you're taking care of Cici." Of course, this was the best thing Cecile could have said. However, she then instructed him, "But you mustn't mention a single word about me to her."

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Chapter 572 Leave It to Me Javier could mostly understand why Cecile would not want him to tell Ciara about her mother being alive. 'Since Dad doesn't want Aunt Cecile to leave, he must be afraid that this place might get exposed.

'If Cici finds out that her mother is still alive, she will definitely rush here in a heartbeat, and someone might find out about this place.

So Aunt Cecile is suppressing her urge to meet her daughter for the sake of Dad, who has infiltrated the Raiders, and his future safety.'

Because of this, Javier could only promise Cecile not to fool around with his father's life.

Then, the two of them discussed the Crowange fruit.

Initially, Javier was pondering whether the fruit had some sort of connection to Cecile being there, but she said that the fruit did not have any unique value aside from its rather extraordinary appearance and taste. Javier did not conceal any information about Suzanne from Cecile, and the latter gave him her own advice.

"You can take the fruit with you, but my advice would be not to give them both to Suzanne. Instead, take the other one elsewhere to get it appraised."

Javier understood what Cecile was saying. Actually, he had already considered this when he had met Cecile. 'I'm only here for the fruit, yet I ended up meeting Aunt Cecile here. 'So, what kind of role does Suzanne play in all this? 'Is she a passerby who doesn't know anything that's happening or a guide who's feigning ignorance?

"This is an answer that I will only be able to find out after I get someone else to appraise this fruit.'

After chatting with Cecile about their family matters, Javier finally left three hours later.

Before he left, he suggested that Running Man and GTR stay behind to protect Cecile. However, she rejected the offer. "The biggest safety net for me at the moment is that nobody knows I'm here. If someone with malicious intent were to find out about my whereabouts, you probably wouldn't be able to protect me even if you sent Kenzo and his men here." Indeed, this did make sense. Plus, the more people hung around the tribe, the easier it would be to attract someone's attention.

Thus, Javier did not force Cecile to accept his suggestion, nor did he arrange for someone to stay in the tribe to protect her at Cecile's request.

However, he still left her a satellite phone. This way, she would be able to contact him if something happened.

Before Javier left the Aztec tribe, Kitchi gave him two baskets of the Crowange fruit under Cecile's instructions.

The fruit did seem as black as a crow, and it even had a pungent smell to it. Javier even thought his breath would stink for a very long time if he were to eat it.

'The Aztec tribe probably thinks of this as something very valuable because of how rare it is.'

After putting the fruit in the truck, Javier and the rest of the group left that very night, not daring to stay a moment longer.

After all, the truck did not have a fridge built inside, so the Crowange fruit would be completely worthless if it rotted by the time they returned home.

The next day, when they arrived at the city borders, the tank and truck they had driven were taken by a few people Angelina had arranged to be there early on. Javier then got into a car specifically reserved for him and was escorted by a small military squadron to the airport. From that point on, the group's journey became much smoother, and they flew all the way back to their country without a single stop. Within 36 hours, Javier showed up at Tanya's hometown, which was the nearest place one could travel to, and Tanya had coincidentally called an expert botanist who specialized in the nutrition provided by plants and fruits. Tanya then went home, while Javier and the rest stayed with the botanist to wait for the fruit's analysis, which came out after approximately three hours.

The botanist then said that there were indeed some unknown plant elements in the fruit, but it did not have a specific function.

There were many elements in plants that had never been seen before, but most of them did not seem to be rare or have a specific function upon being extracted.

Thus, this botanist did not find it very surprising, and they parted ways after Javier bought him a meal.

'Looks like Suzanne isn't lying. There really is something she needs from this fruit.' Hence, Javier arranged for Herschel and the rest to deliver the fruit to her, as he did not dare delay the development of his vaccine.

The reason he did not return with them was because Tanya had made a request before they had landed.

She had said that her grandfather was celebrating his birthday that night and she needed to attend the event. However, a few of her relatives were rather hostile to her, so she hoped that Javier would be able to show up and make her feel a little more at ease.

This was, of course, not an issue for Javier, as he had caused Tanya a lot of trouble during the flight.

Even though this was a short relationship, Javier had still invested some feelings in it!

He took out the address Tanya had left behind for him and hailed a taxi to get there.

In the end, the moment he entered the house, he felt as though he had been poisoned...by Tanya!

When he saw her, his heart trembled uncontrollably, as if his heartstrings were being pulled.

Tanya had put on a snow-white dress, and her black hair was covering her curves in the front like a waterfall. Even so, she still could not conceal her beauty. Her slender legs were wrapped in a pair of transparent stockings that made them shine like pearls, giving Javier an urge to do something to her.

However, even when he was having his way with her, he could not bring himself to make her suffer too much.

'Well, I suppose the saying 'we are what we wear' is quite true. Of course, Tanya is already very beautiful, but she looks even more tempting in that getup.' "You're so beautiful..."

Tanya seemed rather humbled and denied Javier's statement, but when she turned around, she still had a smile on her face.

Inside, Javier took out the clothes he had bought on his way there and put them on after he showered. He then showed up in a very smart suit.

Soon, the two of them headed downstairs and got into Tanya's old Passat. When he got in the car, Javier noticed a pretty neatly-trimmed Cypress Bonsai tree in the back seat.

Cypress Bonsai trees were the most powerful and artistic in their family, which made them the best species.

For example, the one that Tanya had was trimmed to make it look like a soaring phoenix. It looked extremely beautiful and was incomparable to a lot of other bonsai trees. Obviously, Tanya had made a lot of effort to take care of this one.

However, Javier still thought that it was wasted effort.

“Sorry for putting it bluntly, but I’m going to come out and say it. Based on your description of your grandfather, he’s a materialistic man who cares about money. So, although you’ve put a lot of effort into growing this bonsai tree, it probably won’t make him as happy as giving him money.”

Tanya turned around to look at Javier after starting the car and putting on her seatbelt. “Of course I know that, but you know what my current situation is, don’t you? I’m an archaeologist, one that looks into Noah artifacts for that matter. I’m not doing anything illegal, nor do I have any side hustles. Previously, I even built up my own logistics company by myself, but my grandfather took it away just because he wanted to. My mom and dad used to

still receive bonuses, but now that they’re gone, where do you think I’d be able to find the money to buy him an expensive gift?”

Javier had already heard about the logistics company Tanya had built previously.

The Thiels were rather influential locally, and Tanya had tried to give up on her dreams of being an archaeologist and opening a logistics company for the sake of making an effort as a member of the family. In the end, her grandfather had forcefully taken it all away from her... “Right now, I’m just a descendant of the Thiels in name. I have nothing else aside from that. So, would you have me buy an expensive antique with the few hundred dollars I’m earning per month? Not only can I not afford it, but even if I could, others would think that it was fake.” Indeed, this was Tanya’s current living situation.

Thankfully, her parents had left her a house before passing away, or she would not have been able to take care of herself if she’d had to rent a place.

Javier then thought about it for a moment and said, “Leave this to me.” “No, I don’t want you to get involved. I’ll handle it.

“I’m a member of the Thiel Family after all, so they will surely mock me and jeer at me even more if an outsider like you brings them the gift.” What Javier had meant was that he would prepare the gift, but Tanya had obviously misunderstood, thinking that he was going to be the one to give the bonsai tree. However, Javier did not give an explanation. There were many things that would lose all meaning if they were explained.

That night, he was going to make Tanya the most beautiful woman in the crowd, and the one who shined the most!

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### Chapter 573 Not a Problem

Javier and Tanya traveled in the car until they finally arrived at the carpark of a luxurious restaurant owned by Thiel Group.

There was already a number of cars parked at the place, and a few of them had plate numbers Tanya was familiar with, as they belonged to her uncles and cousins. Compared to their Mercedes and BMWs, Tanya's old Passat was obviously very lackluster.

After parking the car, Tanya wanted to take the bonsai tree out, but Javier stepped in. "I'll help you move it. Just make sure you register the gift in your name." Since Javier had already made such an offer, Tanya said nothing besides a single "okay" before leading Javier into the restaurant. In the end, the moment she arrived at the entrance, she ran into Caspian Thiel, her cousin. Caspian's secretary was holding onto a tray made from mahogany with a large piece of red silk covering the contents.

Even though the silk was not pulled to reveal what was beneath it, the sight of the gift itself was already much grander than the bonsai tree Javier had in his hands. When he saw Tanya arrive, Caspian smiled. However, his smile was a mocking grin. "Are you crazy, Tanya? Why would you wear a white dress on Grandpa's 70th birthday? Have you turned stupid after sleeping with that beggar? Looks like his stupidity is infectious. I should stay away from you people next time."

Tanya had previously had a boyfriend who was an archaeologist like her. He dressed a little messily, but he was an honest man.

Hence, everyone had kept on bullying him by saying that he was a beggar and they had successfully chased him away.

Tanya had mentioned this to Javier on the plane, so Javier knew very well who Caspian was referring to

There were many people in white that night, yet Caspian had deliberately chosen to mock Tanya, his words filled with nothing but malice. In fact, his eyes were filled with disdain when he saw Javier. "Have you found yourself a new boyfriend? Why does this one look a little dumb? He's carrying a lousy-looking bonsai tree with him. It looks exactly like him!" Tanya's beautiful face was filled with dissatisfaction. Sometimes, she would even feel that her relatives were actually her sworn enemies. Each and every one of them was merely waiting for the day their grandfather would pass away so they could receive a larger portion of his inheritance!

Prepared to ignore Caspian, Tanya turned around and got ready to leave.

However, right at that moment, Javier, who was holding onto the bonsai tree, suddenly spoke up. "The plant looks exactly like me, eh? Are you saying that a dog would only know how to bark when it saw someone?" Javier was able to leave Caspian speechless with this remark. However, it was not because he could not retaliate. Instead, he was stunned by the fact that Tanya had brought a boyfriend who could talk back. In fact, Tanya was slightly surprised by Javier's remark. Immediately, without giving Caspian a chance to come back to his senses, he said, "Come on, honey. Let's go." 'He's taking advantage of me again!' However, Tanya could not stay there forever, so she had no choice but to leave with Javier, silently acknowledging what he had just called her. When they arrived at the gift registration counter, Javier placed the bonsai tree on the counter, while Tanya gave her name. The person in charge of the gifts then shouted, "Tanya Thiel, one bonsai tree!" This made Tanya's face redden slightly. Although it did make her seem even more beautiful, she was embarrassed. Everyone in the restaurant was laughing, and their eyes were filled with mock and scorn.

They felt that one could not possibly give away an ordinary bonsai tree as a gift even if they were attending an outsider's birthday. Tanya's face felt even hotter when she saw Caspian hurry over and place the mahogany tray on the counter. Then, he pulled away the silk, revealing its contents. Once again, the person in charge shouted. "Caspian Thiel, seven 3.5-ounce gold fish to congratulate Mr. Thiel on his 70th birthday!" This made the crowd let out surprised gasps.

"As expected of Mr. Thiel's grandson. He's such a generous man. That's seven 3.5-ounce gold fish he just gave. A total of 24.5 ounces of gold! That's worth more than 30,000 dollars!"

"Just look at the difference between his granddaughter and grandson. No wonder people prefer to give birth to sons. At least they won't cause the family any losses!" "Exactly! They're both his grandchildren, but you can immediately tell the difference between them. A bonsai tree? I can't believe she gave him something like that..." There were all sorts of surprised remarks, but all of them were filled with mockery and scorn that made Tanya's face even redder.

She wanted to bring an even more expensive gift to show her filial piety, but she did not have the financial capability to do so. Because of this, she had put a lot of effort into picking out the bonsai tree, hoping that her grandfather would live a long life, just like the tree.

However, this effort of hers was obviously not as shocking as seven gold bars.

At that moment, Caspian's face was filled with smugness as he walked in front of Tanya and

Javier.

He did not want to talk down to his cousin in front of an outsider, but he was alright with mocking them with his attitude.

As frustrated as Tanya was, there was nothing she could do in that situation.

However, a moment later, Javier grabbed her slender hand. "Don't worry, I'll take care of this. He's not going to gloat for much longer." When Tanya heard this, she might have felt some warmth in her heart, but she was mostly speechless.

She did not think that Javier would be able to help her remedy the situation.

However, what Tanya did not know was that Javier had already prepared a huge show long ago and was going to put on that performance for Tanya that night! "Yo, you're back, Tanya! When did you land? Have you been deported because you ran out of money, perhaps?"

The person mocking Tanya now was Charlie Thiel, her other cousin. Charlie and Caspian had never seen eye-to-eye, but neither of them would show any restraint when mocking Tanya. Charlie walked over and took a look at the gifts on the list before he laughed out loud. "Are you kidding me, cousin? Did you seriously bring a bonsai tree to Grandpa's birthday? Come on..." Charlie could not continue mocking her anymore. Instead, he could only laugh out loud so hard that he was almost in tears. Tanya felt even more embarrassed. She wanted to leave that place so that she did not have to face this criticism anymore. But Charlie suddenly pulled her back "Alright, alright. I'll stop laughing now. "On a more serious note, do you know why Caspian has suddenly become so generous despite being the stingy man that he is? That's because Grandpa said that he's going to hand over the logistics company you built to whoever gives him the most valuable gift tonight. "So he's literally pouring in everything he has to try and win this competition. A 30,000 dollar gift...Tsk, tsk!" Tanya felt very unhappy. She had previously given up on her archaeology journey to build a logistics company, but her grandfather had ended up taking it away from her and tarnishing it, which had left Tanya feeling very disappointed. Meanwhile, Caspian was also feeling very unhappy, but he was unhappy because Charlie had called him a stingy man. Hence, the cousins ended up arguing immediately. Meanwhile, Tanya and Javier left them to sit at the table they had been assigned to.

Naturally, Tanya was given a seat at a table with other people who were not part of the Thiel Family because of how alienated she was.

Fortunately, she was not that famous of a person and did not know many people, so she was able to sit down with Javier in peace. However, she was still very unhappy. "D\*mn that foolish old man!" Javier knew that she was criticizing her grandfather, and Tanya then said, "I've seen it all now ... Only Caspian and Charlie are capable of taking over the logistics company and generating a profit. Plus, they're both financially capable enough to gain Grandpa's favor. One of them's going to become the general manager of the company. "As for me...Heh!" That last "heh" contained grief and bitterness that

only Tanya herself knew about. Javier then asked, "Would you like to become the general manager of the logistics company then?" Without even thinking about it, Tanya replied, "Wouldn't you want to be a part of your own child's growth?"

Javier now understood her intentions. 'Since she wants it, I'll give it to her! 'Her grandfather's crazy about money, isn't he? 'I love people like him the most! Anything that can be solved with money is not a problem for me!