Chapter 805 You Should Look for Another One

"Really?!" Narissa squealed in excitement. "Narissa, have you always been that unreserved?" Jamie couldn't help but mock her. "Would being reserved get me Swift's signature? I think you're jealous of me," she replied.

"Jealous of you?" Jamie got up on his feet and looked toward the kitchen before dashing over to Narissa's side. "I'd be over the moon if you managed to get a boyfriend. Since I'm your friend, I'll give you some advice; when selecting a boyfriend, both of you having similar interests isn't everything. You should also consider whether he is capable of taking care of you. Reporters are so busy that they won't even have time to cook their own meals. Do you want to be the one who takes care of him for the rest of your life?"

Just then, Jayden walked in with three plates of desserts. "Try some of these desserts that l've made. I used less sugar to make it less fattening."

"You know how to make desserts? They look as pretty as the ones we get from restaurants." Narissa was impressed.

"Since I attended college overseas, I missed the food back home a lot and would normally cook my own meals. After a while, I learned to cook a few dishes." He smiled as he passed her a plate.

Meanwhile, Jamie kept quiet and sat at the side when he saw the beautifully plated desserts on the table. He wanted to pick on some flaws at first, but after tasting it, the flavors were pretty good. Oddly enough, he didn't feel joy at all as he ate the delicious dessert.

"Yummy! It tastes great!" Narissa was at a loss for words after savoring it, nodding profusely with her eyes wide.

"Haha, Narissa, if you like it that much, you can come over to my house anytime," Jayden responded enthusiastically.

"Sure! I'll come over to have free food in future when I'm broke." She made an 'okay' gesture as she spoke.

"My pleasure." Jayden grinned.

Soon, both of them started chatting incessantly, but Jamie found it hard to join into their conversation. Both Narissa and Jayded even exchanged contact numbers before leaving.

Halfway through the car ride, Jamie was annoyed at how Narissa was constantly typing on the phone and scoffed. "Why not just stay over at his place? Isn't all that typing to reply to his messages tiring?"

"What do you mean?" She tilted her head and looked at him.

"What else would I mean?" He pretended to act casually and placed one of his elbows against the car window before continuing, "I'm just reminding you to not forget about your friend after meeting another man."

"Got it." She grinned and said, "You're jealous, aren't you? Instead of being sarcastic, you can just let me know if you are."

"Me? Jealous? Pfft! Who am I jealous of? Is there a reason for me to be jealous?" Jamie denied. "Well, you're not my only friend, so I can alway hang out with my other friends. I understand that you wouldn't let go of this chance now that you finally have an admirer, and as a friend, I don't want to make things hard for you. Just let me know if both of you are going out so that I wouldn't be third wheeling."

The more he said, the angrier she got. He seemed to want to make himself look considerate, but his words were sarcastic.

"Alright, I'll try dating him then," she answered angrily.

"Whatever." He stopped talking after that.

After that, Narissa intended to say something. Seeing that he was quiet, she immediately turned her body to the other side with her back facing him. No one spoke throughout the car ride.

In the middle of the night, Jacob was half awake when he heard sounds coming from the outside. Before he could open his eyes, he felt a finger pressed against his lips.

"Shh!"

He was instantly wide awake and was able to tell that the blurry silhouette standing next to him was Elise. After making sure that he was awake, she retracted her finger and squatted down cautiously.

"Master, what is it?" he whispered.

Hearing that, she lifted her chin while pointing at the balcony without speaking. Jacob got up, looked out at the balcony, and noticed a figure moving outside. Just as they were speaking, the person pushed open the glass door and entered the room.

"Hel-"

Before he could call for help, he was knocked unconscious. Noticing that, she got a silver needle out and held it in her hand, slowly stepping back under the cover of darkness.

Soon after, that figure stood up and walked toward her. His big and tall figure had blocked off all of the moonlight that was being casted in through the glass door. Elise held her breath as she prepared herself to attack. Just then, she heard a familiar voice.

"Ellie, it's me."

It was Alexander. She instantly let her guard down as her heart calmed down. He bent down to pick her up, and before she made sense of the situation, she was pulled into his arms. In the silent darkness, the warmth from his body warmed her thin figure, and their longing for each other was conveyed via their silent embrace.

The pretense that she had been putting up was being shed, and she didn't push him away. However, she was well aware that he shouldn't be there. After some time, he finally spoke.

"Don't worry, I used Valerian incense to put everyone to sleep so no one would find out."

It was as if he knew what her thoughts were and was able to easily address her concerns.

He then slowly let go of her and placed his palm gently on her bulging stomach. "Thomas mentioned that you are almost seven months pregnant. I'd love it if the baby is a girl who resembles you."

Upon hearing that, Elise was quiet as she felt a sense of hopelessness. What can I give him? A treacherous environment, a bleak future, or a ruined face? The only thing she could give him was the dreamy and pleasant memories.

Based on the treacherous situation they were in, being able to think of each other was considered a luxury; she didn't dare to ask for more. She knew that she might lose something after obtaining something, and she couldn't stand the blow of losing anything anymore.

"If living under the name of Anastasia White makes you feel at ease, I'm willing to play the role for the rest of my life. However, our family will eventually be reunited." Alexander suddenly paused before he lifted his head and looked into her eyes.

"After this, I won't be visiting you that often anymore. I might be acting absurd, but do remember that I will think of you every single day. Besides, remember to take good care of yourself and don't believe in anything you hear from others. I will tell you everything personally when I'm back."

She couldn't see his expression very clearly at the moment, but she could feel the deep affection from his gaze.

She agreed to his request in her heart but remained quiet in front of him.

Finally, he caressed her face gently before walking toward the balcony.

"You should look for someone else," she called out to him.

Chapter 806 A Matter of Being Brave or Cowardly

She didn't know how long this farce would last, let alone whether she could return to him. She didn't want to keep him waiting.

Hearing that, Alexander suddenly stopped and stood where he was without looking back. Not long later, he suddenly turned around and walked toward her swiftly before holding her face in his hands, going in for a passionate kiss. Tears rolled down his cheeks as he kissed her.

Meanwhile, her heart ached as she felt his tears on her lips, and she finally responded to his kiss. To them, it felt as if the end of the world was coming; not being able to meet someone you loved felt like the end of the world, after all.

It was a heartbreaking kiss. Alexander pulled away when both of them couldn't hold in their sorrow anymore and broke into tears.

He leaned his forehead against hers as he wiped her tears away and responded stubbornly, "Don't you ever think of ditching me."

Elise couldn't suppress her feelings for him anymore and went in for a hug. "Promise me that you'll be safe."

"I promise you." He consoled her by caressing her head.

They stayed in each other's embrace quietly for a few minutes. Alexander then turned around and disappeared into the darkness.

Two days later, Jamie turned up at the vehicle modification club with takeout and offered it to Narissa as a form of apology. "Hey, I got some steak and desserts from a five-star hotel. Would you like to have some?"

Hearing that, she lifted her head and took a look at him without saying anything. Then, she got out from under the hydraulic car lift as she took off her gloves. Just as she was about to receive the takeout, Jayden's sound was suddenly heard coming from the door.

"Mr. Keller, you're here too. What a coincidence! I was telling Narissa that the three of us should have lunch together if you have the time."

"Unfortunately, I normally have meals with my business partner, so I'm afraid that we can't go for meals together." Jamie's expression turned glum as he took back the takeout. With that, Narissa awkwardly retracted her stretched out hand, looking displeased.

"No problem. We can always arrange for it when you're free," Jayden replied before looking over at Narissa. "Are you good to go?"

"Where are you guys heading to at such an hour?" Jamie asked impatiently.

"Narissa mentioned that she was interested to see how a reporter works, and I just received news that there will be an illegal trade happening at the port. As such, I was thinking of bringing her along to get a feel of the nature of my job." Jayden smiled.

"Since you mentioned that it is going to be an illegal trade, I'm sure that those people involved are normally vicious outlaws. Don't you think it would be dangerous to bring a girl along?" Jamie questioned.

"Well..."

"How dangerous could it be? Don't forget that we managed to beat up that many men the other time."

"Do you think this is the matter of being brave or cowardly? Don't forget that matters like these can't be resolved just by taking a few pictures. You might get killed if they find out that they've been exposed." Jamie was getting anxious.

"If everyone thinks like you, there wouldn't be any justice in this world." She then tossed her gloves at Jamie and patted on his shoulder as she said, "Just look forward to us being awarded the best citizen award and hitting the headlines!"

"Let's go, Mr. Quinn."

"What about the game that we are supposed to watch later on?" Jamie was unhappy; it had been planned out a few days prior, and he purposely made time for it since he wouldn't have time to do so later on.

"Didn't you say that you have plenty of friends? You can get one of them to go with you. Since you can always go with someone else, then I should be able to have my own plans too," she exclaimed in a fit of pique.

Jamie was speechless upon hearing that.

At the same time, she lowered her gaze as she tried to hide her disappointment. After calming herself down, she then lifted her head and was back to her normal cheeky self. She smiled and waved at him. "Goodbye."

She left together with Jayden after that. Seeing that, Jamie loosened his tie and grumbled, "Fine, I'll wait and see what pictures both of you can manage to get!"

When Jayden and Narissa arrived at the port, they selected a hidden location and hid there. Both of them started losing patience as an hour had passed, but they hadn't spotted any suspicious activities.

"I forgot to ask you along the way—what kind of illegal trade is it?" Narissa tried to start a conversation to kill the boredom.

"Based on the information that I received, the ship that will be docking later carries a batch of deboned beef. That beef shipment has been denied entry, but the unscrupulous merchants smuggled them in to earn profits," Jayden explained.

"Huh? Are we putting in this much effort just for some beef? Can't you just report this to the customs?" Narissa seemed confused.

"The customs will never entertain us if we do not have any evidence on this. Actually, it's a serious matter since this batch of beef is from Alzue, where mad cow disease is prevalent over there. If the diseased beef comes in, it will cause serious problems for people who consume it. This is a major issue which would affect the people's health and our nation's food safety!" Jayden clarified her question with a straight face.

"Ohh..." Narissa nodded as she tried to take in the information. Suddenly, her eyes lit up. "They are here! Is it that ship over there?"

Hearing that, he stretched his neck out to take a look and exclaimed, "That's right!"

With that, he held his camera up and focused the lens at the unloading bay. After a few minutes passed, he suddenly stopped taking pictures and checked the ones that he just took. "Oh, no..." he muttered as his expression turned grim.

"What is it? What did you get?" Narissa asked.

As soon as she spoke, a man suddenly appeared next to them and asked, "Who are you?"

Noticing that the man was holding a gun, she immediately got on her feet and hit the man at the back of his head before he could do anything to them. It was then followed by a kick at his crotch, and she immediately flung his gun far away. The commotion had attracted unwanted attention, and soon, Narissa started hearing footsteps coming their way as men with guns started surrounding them.

Noticing that, she turned to Jayden and yelled, "Run!"

The both of them immediately put the cameras away and sprinted on the stacked containers. They covered for each other and managed to jump down from the platform before running toward another container terminal. Then, they dashed along the containers and ran toward the road.

Just as they were about to get into the factory building, someone started shooting at them from the back, and the direction in front of them was raining bullets. Both of them didn't dare to move forward as they had their backs against one of the containers. Their hearts pounded like crazy when the men started approaching them.

Just then, a loud engine roar was heard coming their way. The two of them looked toward the direction where the sound came from and saw a black BMW racing over. As the car approached them, it made a sharp turn and stopped less than a few feet away from the both of them.

When the car door opened, Jamie shouted, "Get into the car!"

At once, both of them ran toward the car and jumped into it. Jamie then steered the steering wheel as he slammed on the accelerator and drove away.

Chapter 807 Good Friends

The other party's cars immediately surrounded them from all directions, but due to Jamie's excellent driving skills, they were able to take the lead. After driving into the city, he skillfully used the traffic lights at the intersection to successfully lose the other party who were at their tail. After he made sure that there were no cars chasing them anymore by looking in the rearview mirror, he reduced the speed and drove into an empty alley before stopping the car.

After going through a near-death experience, Narissa heaved a sigh of relief and joked as she smiled bitterly, "Since I'm lucky enough to survive this, I think I'll be lucky enough to survive anything in the future."

"Luckily, the cameras aren't damaged. We've hit the jackpot this time!" Jayden exclaimed as he checked the camera equipment.

Jamie, however, looked grim as he placed both hands on the steering wheel. He wasn't pleased about what had happened.

"You haven't told me what pictures you managed to get," Narissa leaned to the back and asked.

"Powder." Jayden looked nervous yet excited at the same time.

"Really?" She was surprised about it since the initial plan was just to collect evidence of illegal trading of beef. They weren't expecting to get something that exclusive.

As he spoke, he placed his hand on Jamie's shoulder. "President Keller, thank you for your help today. If not for your help, the whole thing would have gone unnoticed by the authorities."

"Take your hand off me," Jamie responded coldly.

Jayden's smile froze upon hearing that, but after realizing that he wasn't joking, Jayden immediately took his hands off him.

"What's wrong?" Narissa sensed that something wasn't right by looking at his expression.

Hearing that, Jamie glared at her, but he couldn't bring himself to reprimand her in the end. He then looked to the front and said, "How could you not do some investigation on it before attempting such a dangerous act?"

The atmosphere was tense.

"I'm sorry, it's my mistake," Jayden apologized earnestly.

"Huh." Jamie scoffed. "And you call yourself a professional reporter? You put your partner in danger by not doing a proper investigation before going."

Jamie's sarcastic remarks made Jayden look down shamefully.

To stop things from getting out of hand, Narissa tried to explain, "He shouldn't take all the blame since I'm the one who asked to tag along at the last minute. On top of that, no one wished for the incident to happen."

"You're still taking his side?" Jamie turned over and looked at her in disbelief. "If I hadn't turned up today, both of you would have been dead!" He was so infuriated that he didn't notice he'd raised his voice.

"Why are you raising your voice at me? Who am I to you? Why would it matter if I were dead?" Narissa raised her voice as well.

Both of them were as stubborn as a mule and refused to give in.

Jamie suddenly felt bad for scolding her and said, "It's all because of Boss. Do you think I like to meddle in your matters?"

"Don't meddle in my business, then. I don't need you to care for me just because of Elise. Since I'm an adult, I'll take full responsibility for my actions, so you don't have to be worried about me in the future."

She had been holding back these words for the longest time and was finally able to get it off her chest today. She had always felt that in his eyes, she was just Elise's stand-in. Now, she could finally be herself.

Jamie was speechless after hearing what she said and realized that he had said something wrong. He immediately tried to explain, "That's not what I mean. Boss is indeed an important person to me, but you're also my good friend too. I can't just sit back if anything happened to the both of you."

"Good friend?" Narissa uttered as she let out a bitter smile before looking at him coldly, "Thank you for thinking that highly of me, but relationships are a two-way street. Right now, I don't want to be your good friend."

"Narissa, I'm supposed to be the one that's furious right now, but why do you seem more worked up than me?" He furrowed his brows as he was frustrated that Narissa couldn't understand what he was trying to say.

"Am I getting worked up? I don't think so." She glanced at him disappointedly. "Jamie, do you know that you're a hypocrite? You've always said that El is significant to you, but she hasn't been back for more than a month. Meanwhile, have you ever planned on going to look for her?"

"How would I not, I.."

"You don't have to explain it to me. The answer doesn't matter now as it has nothing to do with me anymore."

Before Jamie could respond, she immediately turned over at Jayden and said, "Let's go."
She opened the car door and got out of the car before slamming the door shut. Jamie was left alone inside the vehicle.

"Narissa? Hey!" he called out to her twice, but she ignored him and walked away with Jayden before disappearing into the alley. Jamie mumbled helplessly, "I was just trying to reason with you..."

After they visited the police station, Jayden brought Narissa to his base—a farmyard in the suburbs. As they walked in, Jayden introduced to her, "Aspiring journalists from all over the country are all gathered here. These people are under enormous pressure to maintain social justice, so I consider them heroes."

Hearing that, she was deeply inspired and looked up to Jayden even more. "You are a hero too, you know."

Unable to deny her words, he shrugged while putting his palms out and said, "We have a heroine now."

"Where is she?" She looked around.

"Stop looking. She's standing right in front of me." He looked at her gently.

Hearing that made her shy. Just then, a man walked in and handed over a file to him. "Jayden, you're here. Let me tell you some good news—we finally have news from Smith Co., dude."

Smith Co.? Narissa started paying attention to their conversation.

"Really?!" Jayden flipped through the files excitedly. After briefly looking through it, he grabbed the man's hand and exclaimed, "We must get it this time round!"

"Don't worry, this news is from a reliable source. Alexander will never get away this time." The man then patted the back of his hand and said, "Alright, I'll be leaving first."

"Okay, be careful."

The man looked over at Narissa and nodded at her before leaving.

Without waiting for Narissa to ask him any questions, Jayden revealed everything to her. "I'm sure that you should have heard of Smith Co., haven't you? It is the largest financial company in Cittadel, and they have monopolized many industries. We have been following them for two years, and we have finally made progress."

Suddenly, he paused and patted her shoulder. "When that time comes, both of us will be the nation's hero."

Unlike other girls, Narissa had a boyish personality and a strong sense of justice. "Sure." She felt inspired by it and decided to join Jayden's organization to uphold justice.

Chapter 808 Right Is Right and Wrong Is Wrong

Meanwhile, the White Family were having a meal together around the table at the White Residence.

Noticing that Onyx had finished his meal, Adelpha suddenly asked, "Dad, one of the world's most renowned orchestra will be having a concert at Tissote next Wednesday, and I heard that Maestro Sinclair will be there too. Our whole family should go and watch it together."

"Let's go since I'm free on Wednesday." Onyx agreed to her suggestion.

"Thanks, Dad." Adelpha then turned over and looked at Elise. "Anastasia, I'm sure that you'll be attending too, right?"

"I'm not interested," Elise replied.

Adelpha had anticipated Elise's response, and she put on a sad face as she said to Onyx, "Dad, Anastasia isn't supportive of my career at all. I initially thought that if all of us were there, Master Sinclair would get to see how close our family is and might even decide to take me in as his protege. But now, I think I should just give up."

Although Onyx cared a lot about Adelpha, Elise had a hold on him after he committed a fraud earlier on, so he didn't dare to offend her. Instead, he kept quiet as he thought of an appropriate reply.

"I suddenly feel like going." Elise changed her mind after seeing how desperate Adelpha was to make sure that she would be there. She knew that Adelpha must be planning something behind her back, and she was curious to see what it was.

Hearing that, Adelpha beamed ear to ear and said, "Thank you, Anastasia."

Anastasia, you should enjoy the last few moments you have with that unborn b*stard child of yours. After all, both of you will part ways on the day of the orchestra.

The atmosphere during dinner was rather harmonious as both sisters seemed to get along well.

Once Elise got back to her room, she immediately took her phone out to search for information about the concert. Since she did not want to expose her real identity, she registered an account on the darknet using Anastasia's identity. In less than two minutes, she had managed to get a few responses.

Based on her findings, there would indeed be an orchestra performance in Tissote, but Maestro Sinclair's name wasn't mentioned. However, she noticed the name 'Danilo Yorkson' on a guest list that she had managed to get her hands on.

Yorkson's achievements in the field of the piano were no less than Elise's skills in hacking, both of which were regarded as the best of the best in each of their fields.

It was stated that Yorkson would be selecting a protege among the pianists in Cittadel and would send them overseas to further their studies.

She suspected that Adelpha wasn't aware of this, or she wouldn't have used Maestro Sinclair as bait to make them go to the concert.

"Please come in," Elise called out.

"Yes, Master." Jacob appeared at the door shortly after.

"Look for a reason to go out and head over to this place; see if there are any discrepancies with the actual structure. I have sent you a location and a blueprint on WhatsApp."

"I'll go over now." Jacob left the house shortly after.

As Elise looked at the closed door, she was lost in thought as she touched her bulging belly. Moving forward, she couldn't afford to be set up anymore, and she needed to drive Adelpha away from her while she could still move freely. To win the battle, she had to find out what Adelpha's plan was. She'd be able to devise a plan after confirming that the concert hall hadn't been modified.

At 3.00AM, a cargo ship was seen sailing toward the first port in the dark. The horn blasting from the ship had shattered the silence of the night.

Alexander turned up by the shore on time with Johnny and a few other bodyguards who were dressed in suits. The sight of them seemed pretty intimidating.

Soon, the cargo ship docked, and a yellow container was discharged from the ship and placed at a spot not far away from them.

Johnny entered the container once it was opened up, and when he came out, he whispered something to Alexander. With that, Alexander took the delivery note from the man and signed it.

At the same time, a huge spotlight suddenly turned on, and the entire port was brightly lit.
Following that, police officers who were in uniform started emerging from all directions and had Alexander and his men surrounded in no time.

Soon, Jayden and Narissa were seen making their way through the crowd. Jayden managed to get several good angles before excitedly snapping pictures as he knew that he would be getting a big scoop today. Unlike the overjoyed Jayden, Narissa was calm and had a poker face on.

Noticing that, Alexander looked at everyone calmly and asked, "What is going on? Proper procedures have been obtained in advance for Smith Co.'s shipments. What you're doing is inappropriate."

"We will find out about it once we do a round of checking!" The head of the police force gave his instructions. The next moment, almost half of his men immediately dashed toward the container and the cargo ship.

The night breeze was getting colder as time passed. It blew into their sleeves and puffed up their clothes, making them all look puffy. Their hair was also messy because of it. However, the atmosphere at the port had gotten very tense.

After ten minutes had passed, the men finally returned and reported to one of the police officers, "We couldn't find anything on it."

The police officer who was initially confident frowned and asked, "Have you done a thorough search?"

"We did, but we didn't manage to get anything!"

Hearing that, the police officer shot a look at Jayden as he frowned. Jayden, who had just tested his camera, was stunned when he heard what happened. It shouldn't go wrong since he had been preparing for this two years prior.

"Police officer, can you please give me a reasonable explanation on this?" Alexander asked.

Seeing that so many people were looking his way, the head of the police troop bowed at him and apologized, "We are very sorry. We received information that there would be an illegal trade taking place here, so we had no choice but to come and investigate. Mr. Griffith, we hope that you will understand."

"Of course I do, but since my time is valuable, I believe that the police should be compensating me for the time that has been wasted, don't you think?"

Hearing that, the policeman's face turned grim. Even after they had utilized so many resources, they weren't able to get anything; on top of that, they had to fork out a large sum for compensation. He would definitely be reprimanded by his superior. Given the situation, he had no choice but to accept it.

"Don't worry, Mr. Griffith, we will not default on our debts. You can just get your company's finance staff to go directly to the customs for reimbursement." The policeman forced out a smile. After speaking, he rolled his eyes at Jayden before leaving with the team.

"Officer, could you please check again?" Jayden tried to get them to stay behind but to no avail.

"Mr. Quinn, you seem to not like me very much." Alexander suddenly walked toward him and spoke.

Hearing that, Jayden looked over displeasedly and replied, "Alexander, you are lucky that you got away with it this time, but you won't be this lucky the next time. I will definitely obtain evidence of the crimes that you have committed."

"Why bother? Nothing is right or wrong, and everything is relative. Why don't we put our differences aside and make friends?" Alexander intended to make peace.

"No thanks. Right is right and wrong is wrong, that's that. I don't think that we can be friends. I hope that you'll be ready to be investigated the next time we meet." After that, he carried his camera and rushed over to join the police officers.

After Jayden had gone far, Alexander said to Narissa, "Thank you for believing in me."

"There's no need to thank me," she replied coldly. The one that I believe in is El. Be careful not to leave any trails next time. If this happens again in the future, I won't be able to help you anymore." She left after telling him that.