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Chapter 1056 Keep Your Mouth Shut

Bastien looked at Yandel with a piercing gaze. "I know you're her subordinate, and you're very loyal to her. But I advise you not to interfere in my affairs with her. Since you're aware of my real identity, you should understand that you're in no position to interfere, and you shouldn't interfere."

Bastien was just telling the truth. Yandel clenched his fists, and the veins on the back of his hands bulged. "Are you going to keep hiding your identity from her?"

"I'll tell her when the time is right." Bastien took another sip of his coffee and warned Yandel coldly, "What you have to do now is to keep your mouth shut. Since you know my identity, you should know what it's like to offend me." "You!"

"I won't hurt her. If I wanted to hurt her, I wouldn't have gone to such great lengths," said Bastien bluntly. Yandel pursed his lips. He had no choice but to compromise.

When Natalie returned, both Yandel and Bastien looked at each other and fell silent. The room was filled with the fragrance of coffee, as well as an awkward silence. What's going on?

Natalie was a little confused. She could tell that Yandel had put his guard up toward Bastien. Quickly, the dishes were served.

Natalie offered a toast to Bastien with her coffee instead of alcohol. "Mr. Nine, it's a pleasure to see you again in Loang. Since you met me at the entrance of my company, I believe you should know that I'm the chairwoman of Dream. I'll definitely repay you in the future for the favor that I owe you..."

Bastien smiled and said, "Sure. There should be a lot of opportunities for me to ask you for your help in the future." Hearing that, Natalie froze for a short moment. However, she thought it was probably just a joke and did not think much.

While eating, Yandel thought, It's obvious that he has an ulterior motive for being nice to Boss! It was quite a delightful dinner overall.

After the dinner, Yandel sent Natalie and Bastien home.

Bastien gave Yandel a fake address. Knowing that it was a fake address, Yandel dropped him off at the destination without saying anything, then sent Natalie home.

In the car, Natalie could not hold back her curiosity anymore. She asked, "Yandel, do you know Mr. Nine? Who exactly is he?"

Yandel gulped and turned to glance at Natalie. "Boss, I just feel that I've seen him somewhere, but I'm not sure about his identity. I'm just afraid that he's a bad guy since he didn't even tell you his real name."

"I know that you care about me very much, but don't worry. I'll be careful, and I know how to protect myself," Natalie said.

Yandel nodded. "Sure, I trust you."

It was ten o'clock when Natalie arrived home.

As soon as she entered the house, she saw a small figure curled up on the couch.

Emma walked up to Natalie and said softly, "Ms. Nichols, I asked Ms. Yumi to sleep early, but she insisted that she would not sleep until you come home..."

"Okay, I got it. Thanks for taking care of her. Go rest now." Natalie smiled.

"Goodnight, Ms. Nichols."

After Emma walked away, Natalie moved toward the couch, squatted down, and gently pushed the little girl who was sleeping on the couch.

"Yumi, have you been waiting for me?"

The little girl on the couch rubbed her big eyes and smiled innocently as soon as she saw Natalie. "Yes, Mommy. I've been waiting for you. But I think I fell asleep just now..."

Yumi scratched her head shyly as she said that.

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Chapter 1057 An Invitation From The Royal Family

Natalie patted Yumi on the head and said with a chuckle, "Well, I'm here now! Is there something you wanted to tell me?"

Yumi nodded profusely and stared at her with her large, watery eyes. "Mommy, I think I only told you my birthday once, so you probably don't remember it. After all, unlike Sophia and the others, I'm just an adopted child. But then, I received your birthday card and bunny music box today!

I waited for you because I wanted to thank you in person for it. Thank you, Mommy. Thanks for adopting me from the orphanage, for remembering my birthday, for getting me a gift, and for providing me with such a complete family!"

Yumi had been worried that she wouldn't be able to fit in when she first joined this family, but her siblings loved her like their own even though they weren't connected by blood.

They never treated her like an outsider, so she was truly glad to have met Natalie.

Unsure of what else she could say, Yumi hugged Natalie shyly and buried her face in Natalie's chest.

"I really like you, Mommy!"

Natalie's heart was filled with warmth when she felt Yumi hugging her tightly.

"Me too, Yumi!" Natalie glanced at the clock in the living room and flashed her a smile. "The clock hasn't struck twelve, so your birthday isn't over just yet. Happy birthday, Yumi!"

Yumi felt so happy that she could barely contain her excitement.

She didn't want to cry, but the emotions were so overwhelming that her tears just started rolling down her cheeks.

"Mommy!" she sobbed uncontrollably.

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Natalie gave her a gentle pat on the back and whispered, "You need to look pretty on your birthday, Yumi. Stop crying, okay? Your daddy is unable to celebrate your birthday with you due to some special reasons, but you have to believe that he likes you a lot too and misses you deeply."

Yumi nodded while wiping the tears off her reddened eyes.

"It's really late now. How about I carry you to your bedroom upstairs?"

"Okay!"

Natalie then carried Yumi upstairs, placed her on the bed, and gently tucked her in.

"Good night, Yumi."

"Good night, Mommy," Yumi replied as she closed her eyes.

Natalie waited until she was fast asleep before leaving to check on the other four of her kids.

Sophia was sleeping just fine under the blanket. Xavian, Clayton, and Franklin, on the other hand, had their arms and legs sticking out of the blanket.

With an affectionate smile on her face, Natalie shook her head helplessly as she tucked them all in.

All five kids were her greatest source of strength in this cold, harsh world.

One look at their adorable, chubby faces was all it took to relieve her of exhaustion.

After all, the universe had provided her with the cutest and kindest little angels she could ever ask for.

The next day, Natalie got ready to head over to Dream after breakfast.

She had just stepped out the door when she saw Jerome's car parked outside her mansion.

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Jerome looked particularly handsome as he stood there in the sun with his military uniform on. He exuded an aura that was only found in young guys who were entering manhood.

Feeling a little surprised by him suddenly showing up like this, Natalie asked, “Jerome, what are you—”

Not wanting to make things awkward, Jerome cut her off, “Don’t worry, Natalie. I didn’t come here to pester you or anything. I’m here to discuss official business with you.”

Natalie’s expression grew serious when she heard that. “What is it?”

Jerome had a conflicted look in his eyes as he said in a hoarse voice, “Prince Jonathan has invited you to attend his birthday party tomorrow night.”

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Chapter 1058 She Absolutely Has To Go

Natalie was utterly dumbfounded. What? How come? Ordinary people don’t usually get invited to royal banquets like these! Even the wealthy don’t get invited unless they have connections or are doing business with the royal family! Why would a nobody like me receive such a grand invitation?

Natalie’s frown deepened. “Do you know why I’m being invited to Prince Jonathan’s birthday party?”

Jerome didn’t know the actual reason she was invited, but he could make a rough guess based on the invitation card and what his superior had told him.

“Don’t overthink it, Natalie. This probably has something to do with that bank robbery a while back. I kept my mouth shut about it, but there were quite a lot of soldiers who witnessed your heroic acts. You saved that boy who got shot and let the robbers take you hostage in place of that woman who was eight months pregnant. I’m guessing Prince Jonathan invited you over so he could give you an award.”

“I see...” Natalie nodded as she gave it some thought. The royal family of Loang does have the power to grant awards like these, so Jerome’s explanation makes perfect sense.

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Even so, there are lots of complicated power struggles within the royal family of Loang. I'm only here to do business. I have no interest in learning more about the royal family, let alone getting close to them like this.

"Jerome, can I not attend this party?" she asked tentatively.

"I'm afraid not. I know you don't like attending social events like these, but you have no choice in this particular one. Invitations from the royal family aren't the same as invitations from fellow businessmen. According to the local customs, if you insist on turning the invitation down, you will have to explain your reason to Prince Jonathan in person and obtain his permission.

Unlike in Chanaea, Loang practices absolute monarchy, so the king holds ultimate power in the country. Although things aren't as crazy as they were in the past, the royal family's authority is still not to be challenged by ordinary folks like you and me.

Prince Jonathan has every right to banish you from Loang if he wishes to. Things are going well for Dream's development now. It'd be a real shame if you were to get banished now."

It wasn't until Natalie heard his lengthy explanation that she fully realized her situation. There simply was no way for her to excuse herself from attending this birthday party.

"Thanks for the information. I'll be there on time," Natalie said with a nod. "There's no need for you to get nervous. All you need to do is follow the servants' instructions and complete the procedures to receive the award."

"Okay." Having gotten that out of the way, Natalie decided it was time for her to head off to work. "I'll be on my way to the office now."

Natalie was about to walk away when Jerome called out to her again, "Wait!"

"Hmm?" "Natalie, I've been thinking a lot about it after I went back." Jerome flashed her a faint smile. "I hope we can still remain as friends like we used to be. I want us to go back to being siblings again."

Natalie stared wide-eyed at him in surprise. "Do you really feel that way?"

Jerome gave her a playful flick on the forehead, just as he used to when they were kids.

"Why would I lie to you? It's not like you're the only woman in the world. It was a little embarrassing being rejected by you, but I'm pretty sure I can easily find someone else who'll like me. I'm not the kind of guy who would shamelessly cling to a woman forever, especially if she's not even that attractive!"

Feeling relieved when she saw that he could joke about it so casually, Natalie did the same. "Hey! Who are you calling unattractive, huh?"

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Chapter 1059 He Will Never Win Her Heart

"You, of course!" Jerome replied with a mischievous grin. Natalie clenched her fist and gave him a punch in the chest. "I give an inch and you take a mile, huh? Looks like I'll have to put you in your place, Jerome!"

Jerome pretended to rub his chest in pain as he exclaimed, "Ugh! Hey, that hurts! Had I not been toughened up by my many years of training in the military, you probably would've broken a rib or two with that punch!"

Natalie felt happy when she saw that they were joking around like when they were kids again. This is great! I'd be really upset if I were to lose a great friend like him because of his romantic feelings!

"All right, I'll have to stop our little banter here. I really need to get to work now," Natalie said with a smile as she waved goodbye. "Bye!" Jerome waved back at her.

He then stood there and watched as Natalie got into her car and sped off into the distance.

It wasn't until her car had completely disappeared from sight that he mumbled to himself, "That was all a lie, Natalie... You wanted to remain as friends, so I had no choice but to act like we were just friends. Just as you don't want to lose me as a friend, I don't want to lose you by telling you my true feelings. I'm happy with being around you like this!"

Unfortunately for Jerome, Natalie couldn't hear any of what he had just said. Emma shook her head when she came out of the house and saw Jerome standing there like a statue.

Oh, my... Mr. Sutton sure is deeply in love with Ms. Nichols! It's a shame he'll never win her heart over! Being able to attend Bastien's birthday party was considered a grand opportunity for most people.

With the exception of Natalie, who wished to keep a low profile, all the other heiresses of prominent families were determined to win Bastien's heart at the party.

Natalie chose a dress with a simple design and put on very light makeup for the party. Since she had no intention of competing with the other women, she decided to have them stand out better so she could keep a low profile.

Meanwhile, Helma was surrounded by a team of makeup artists and stylists in the Leitz residence. After spending agonizing hours having her appearance worked on, Helma emerged from the room looking her best.

"Ms. Helma sure is a natural beauty! All it took was a slight makeover for her to look as pretty as an angel!" "I know, right? Ms. Helma is bound to be the brightest star at the party tonight!"

"I bet Prince Jonathan won't be able to take his eyes off her!" Helma knew they were just trying to butter her up, but she didn't mind rewarding them generously since they had done a really good job.

After taking some time to admire her beauty and elegance in the mirror, Helma stood up and said, "You can get your payments from the butler over there."

"Yay! Thank you, Ms. Helma!" they cheered in unison. Geert and Heidi were already waiting for her in the living room by the time Helma made her way down the stairs.

"Wow! As expected of my daughter! You look really beautiful and elegant, Helma! I bet you and Prince Jonathan would look amazing together!" Geert exclaimed happily when she saw how gorgeous Helma looked.

"Yeah! I'm sure Prince Jonathan would like you even more if he saw how you look tonight," Heidi chimed in as well.

Helma looked away shyly after being complimented by her father and sister. "Father, Heidi, Prince Jonathan has yet to confirm he'll marry me. Don't talk about it like we're already married! What if he doesn't choose me to be his wife? That'll be really embarrassing!"

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Chapter 1060 Not To Be Trifled With

Heidi grabbed her by the hands and said, "What are you talking about? Everybody knows this birthday party is meant to confirm your marriage with Prince Jonathan! I'm looking forward to enjoying the luxurious life once you become a princess!"

Heidi had changed her mindset from before. All she wanted was for Helma to marry Bastien, as it would grant her more resources to get her revenge on Natalie. I'll make her pay for all the humiliation she put me through!

Geert didn't know the actual reason behind her sudden change of heart. Thinking his daughters had forgiven each other, Geert said with a smile, "Haha! I'm glad to see you two united again!"

I may not have a son, but my daughters make up for it with their success in life. If Prince Jonathan becomes king, then I'll be the father-in-law of the king!

Helma nodded. "I'll do my best to live up to your expectations, Father!" The Leitz family then headed out to Luna Palace, the place where the royal family of Loang resided.

With over four hundred years of history, Luna Palace was constructed entirely with large bricks. It had a beautiful curved roof to contrast the rigid shape of the building.

The design of the building looked incredibly magnificent, and the signs of aging added an air of solemnity and majesty to it.

This was Natalie's first time standing before the entrance of Luna Palace.

Instead of feeling amazed by the palace's grand appearance, all she felt was immense pressure from its overwhelming air of solemnity. "Here's my invitation." Natalie handed her invitation card with a chip over to the castle guard.

After scanning the chip on her card and seeing the level stated, the castle guard refused to let her in. "Is there a problem with my invitation?"

"No. Your invitation says you are to be escorted inside by a five-star servant." "A five-star servant?"

Although Natalie had developed a certain level of understanding of Loang culture, she didn't know much about the protocols and hierarchy in the royal family.

"Servants are ranked according to the number of stars, with zero being the lowest and five being the highest. The number of stars a servant has depends on their qualifications and performance. Five-star servants are the most trusted servants of the head of the royal family," the castle guard explained.

Natalie nodded. "Ah, I see. Thank you for the information!"

I'm just here to receive an award, though. Why would Prince Jonathan have his most trusted servants receive me? Isn't he overdoing it a little?

Moments later, a middle-aged man dressed in a white uniform appeared before Natalie. "Greetings, Ms. Nichols. Please come with me."

"Sure," Natalie replied as she followed the middle-aged servant through the castle gate.

"That woman is neither the daughter of a government official nor a socialite from a prominent family. Why did you even bother explaining that much to her?" asked the castle guard standing on the side.

"Do you take me for a fool or something? We've scanned dozens of invitation cards today, and this woman is the first guest to be escorted by a five-star servant! We may not know who she is, but she's definitely someone important! If I get on her bad side, she may complain about it to the royal family. I'll be screwed if that happens!"

That was when the other guard had a sudden realization. He's right! That woman may not seem like much, but she is definitely not to be trifled with!

The middle-aged servant led Natalie into a luxurious lounge and said with a friendly smile, "Ms. Nichols, you may rest here for the time being. I will inform you when the banquet begins."

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“Yes?”

“About the award ceremony later... Is there anything I should know about the procedure? I’m not too familiar with your local customs because I’m not from Loang. So I figured I’d ask you.”

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