

Mistaking A Magnate For A Male Escort Chapter 2054

Chapter 2054 Arrangement

“We’re just friends. Why would he sacrifice me?” Francesca brushed her off. “Ms. Layla, you’re overthinking. However, I’ll listen to you and keep a distance from him.”

“That’s good, then.” Layla nodded and urged, “From tomorrow onward, bring Anthony along when you give William treatment. Just let him follow you, and he can be just your helper. As long as there’s someone else there, others will have nothing to say.”

“Okay. I understand.” Francesca agreed to it in a heartbeat.

“Also, talk it out with Danrique. Even if you want to break up with him, talk it out, and you guys can go your separate ways peacefully. If you want to get back together with him, then reconcile with him, okay? You’re going to strain the relationship if you keep giving him the cold shoulder. He could be a scary man to deal with if he were to fight back. Hence, no matter what you decide to do, just patch things up so that there won’t be trouble in the future,” Layla reminded again.

“All right.” Francesca pouted because she felt aggrieved. “If I knew, I shouldn’t have gotten into a relationship. Before this, I could do whatever I wanted. Now, I have to watch what I do. Uh, this is really suffocating.”

“Well, you don’t have a choice because your fiancé is Danrique Lindberg.” Layla laughed. “However, even without him, it’s about time you learn to be more mature. After all, you’re representing the orphanage. Your words and actions will have an effect on the kids.”

“I’ve actually been thinking about that...” Francesca then asked, “Is it possible to transfer the orphanage to you guys? I’ll pull out, but I’ll still give you guys money every year. That way, the orphanage won’t be affected if I get into trouble.”

“You’ll forever be connected to us. Transferring the ownership to us won’t make a difference.” Layla ruffled Francesca’s hair and said, “You’ll get worried if it gets transferred to an outsider, right? Therefore, you have to stay tough and move on.”

“All right, then. I’ll go upstairs now,” Francesca answered.

“Okay.” Layla’s expression turned solemn as she watched her leave.

Right then, Lincoln knocked on the door and entered the room. “So? Did you tell her about it?”

“I couldn’t...” Layla heaved a sigh and said, “I’ve watched her grow up all these years, and I’ve already considered her my daughter. I couldn’t bear to tell her I’m leaving.”

“You don’t have a choice, do you?” Lincoln felt rather sad as well. “Things aren’t looking good now, so we have no choice but to leave.”

“I don’t get it. We’ve already been under the radar for so many years. How did we get exposed again?” Layla was baffled. “Could it be that someone had exposed us on purpose?”

“I’ve thought about that possibility as well.” Lincoln frowned. “Could it be Chrono?”

“It’s possible.” Layla was angered. “If not him, who else would have a reason to do so?”

Lincoln analyzed and uttered, “The thing is that Riz Corporation’s intelligence department is comparable to the FBI. It’s possible that they were investigating Francesca, so they ended up investigating us too. In order to exact his revenge on

Francesca, Chrono purposely exposed our identities to our nemesis. I really can't think of any other possibilities.”

“It must've been him then.” Layla gritted her teeth and added, “If I knew this was going to happen, I should've steeled myself and killed that maniac back then.”

“There's no point in talking about that now.” Lincoln sighed. “Now, you need to quickly convince Francesca to get back together with Danrique. We need him to protect her. Otherwise, Francesca is going to be in danger after we leave.”

“I've already said so much, so I hope it worked.” Layla was still feeling uneasy about it. “However, Danrique has a bad temper, you know? I heard that he's still messing around with a daughter from the four great families. Is he really sincere toward Francesca?”

“Well, it seems like that's the case now. Who would know what's going to happen in the future, right? We should just deal with what's in front of us now.”

At that point, Lincoln's attitude was rather optimistic. “It's unfortunate that Francesca had agreed to treat Prince William, and she can't just take off at this crucial moment. Otherwise, things will be a lot easier if she could just go to Xendale.”

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Chapter 2055 Leaving

“At this moment, things are still under control. If we delay, more and more of our enemies will arrive. By then, Francesca might get dragged into it.” Layla was getting worried. “With Chrono, it’s already hard enough to deal with. If more of them arrive, we’re doomed. Those enemies of ours aren’t easy to handle.”

“Luckily for us, the orphanage and the foundation aren’t under our names. Once we leave, they won’t get affected.” Lincoln patted her shoulder and said, “Don’t worry, okay? Anthony will still be here after we leave. He’ll take care of Francesca.”

“I’ll be grateful as long as he doesn’t cause more trouble.” Layla rolled her eyes. “I’ve already come up with an excuse to have him following Francesca around. Therefore, he won’t be alone, and it’ll be safer for him.”

“You’re thoughtful with your arrangements, aren’t you?” Lincoln smiled helplessly. “If they stay together, they can look after each other.”

“I’m thinking if we should contact Danrique ourselves.” Layla was hesitant. “Maybe we should get him to come to fetch Francesca. Otherwise, I’m still going to be worried.”

“We shouldn’t do that,” Lincoln answered. “After all, Francesca isn’t married to him yet, so he doesn’t have the responsibility to do so. Besides, if he really cares about Francesca, he’ll come here himself. We don’t need to ask him to come. If he doesn’t show up, that means he doesn’t care about Francesca that much. If we were to look for him, we’ll become a laughingstock. In fact, we won’t be helping Francesca if we do that.”

“You’re right.” Layla nodded.

“We’ll leave first thing in the morning tomorrow and lure our enemies away. That way, Francesca wouldn’t be in so much danger. As for Chrono and his associates, I don’t think you should worry too much. I heard that Danrique had secretly asked people to protect Francesca. Furthermore, Prince William is rather capable too. With him around, nothing’s going to happen to Francesca.”

“I’ve just told Francesca to keep a distance from William.” Layla frowned. “I think that man is dangerous.”

“Well, at least he’s okay now. Let’s just take things as they come, okay?”

After going back to her room, Francesca showered and got into her bed to scroll through her phone.

She was contemplating whether to call Danrique.

With her temper, she knew she wasn’t going to forgive him if he didn’t take the initiative to look for her and explain himself. However, Ms. Layla is right. I shouldn’t be so petulant when it comes to relationships. I should give him a chance to explain himself so that I wouldn’t regret it in the future.

With that in mind, Francesca rang Danrique, but she couldn’t get to him.

Just like that, she got angry at him again. Fine! Danrique, you’ve blocked my call, haven’t you?

Infuriated, she texted him: Danrique, go to hell! I never want to see you again!

After checking the time, she realized that it was almost nighttime in Summerbank. Who knows? Danrique might be with Hazel now!

The more she thought about it, the angrier she got. Suddenly, her phone rang, and she thought Danrique was calling her. She picked up the phone immediately and fumed, “B*stard! Why are you calling me back? Go to hell!”

After she yelled out that sentence, she was getting no response from the other end of the phone call. When she was about to hang up, she heard a gentle voice saying, “It seems like the cookies weren’t good, huh? Did they make you angry?”

Francesca was stumped. “William?”

“Calm down, okay?” William’s voice was so gentle and soothing. “I’ve made some mushroom soup for you. I’m at the café now!”

“It’s already so late, though,” Francesca answered sheepishly. “I am already in bed.”

“Didn’t you say you wanted mushroom soup?” William smiled. “I’ve asked the others to look for the ingredients, you know? It took me two hours to make it.”

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Chapter 2056 Starry Night

“Oh, I didn’t mean it.” During dinner, Francesca suddenly thought about the mushroom soup Dr. Felch used to make, so she just mentioned it. She never thought William would take it so seriously and make her a bowl of mushroom soup.

“I don’t know if the soup I made is better than the one Dr. Felch made.” William smiled. “Why don’t you give it a taste and let me know?”

“Well...” Francesca missed the mushroom soup Dr. Felch made, so she agreed to meet him. “Okay. I’ll go over now.” “I’ll be waiting for you!” Francesca changed and went down quietly before driving to the café.

When she left, Lincoln and Layla were having a discussion downstairs, and they both saw Francesca going out. When they exchanged glances with each other, Layla sighed and said, “She’s all grown up now, and she just won’t listen.”

“I guess she’s going to see Prince William.” Lincoln was calm. “She can’t go far with that lousy car.”

Right then, Anthony rushed toward them anxiously. “Ms. Layla! Francesca has gone out! I’ll chase after her now!”

“Come back here!”

William was already sitting by the entrance of the café when Francesca arrived.

It was a starry night that night, and the moon was pretty.

“William!” With the car key in her hand, Francesca walked toward him gleefully.

“I’m sorry I woke you up.” William smiled at her. His blue eyes seemed even brighter that night.

“It’s all right. I wasn’t asleep yet.” Francesca noticed that there were some flowers on the table.

When she was little, she used to pluck the flowers at a flower field nearby Dr. Felch’s house.

Dr. Felch scolded her, but he ended up buying over the flower field. He then brought some fresh flowers to her and said, “Frances, if you want something, make sure you work for it. You can’t steal, okay?”

“All right!” Francesca answered.

Dr. Felch was a man of few words. Francesca was only four back then, so she didn’t quite understand what he meant.

After she grew up, she realized that she had to earn the things she wanted in life instead of stealing.

“Give it a taste!” William pulled a chair for her.

Francesca sat down and saw the bowl of mushroom soup. That looks exactly like the one Dr. Felch used to make!

She was eager to taste it, so she nodded vigorously. “Yes! It’s delicious, and it’s very similar to the one Dr. Felch made.”

“Ha! It seems like I still need to improve on it!” Propping his chin up with a hand, William looked at her with a smile on his face.

Francesca was over the moon, and she was drinking the mushroom soup so quickly that it was as if she was starving.

Somewhere nearby, Sloan and the others saw everything, and they were all frowning.

Next to Sloan, his subordinate was taking photos and sending them to Sean.

Sloan then said, “Stop sending those photos. If you keep sending them, those two aren’t ever going back to each other. Also, we won’t be able to go back.”

“What should we do, then?” The subordinate asked worriedly. “I want to go back to Xendale.”

“Me too.”

“Me too.”

Everyone wanted to head home, and none of them wanted to stay there. We’re taking photos of people secretively every day like we’re a bunch of paparazzi.

Right as Sloan was on the verge of losing his mind, Francesca’s phone vibrated. When she saw it was Gordon calling her, she answered it unhesitatingly.

“Hello?”

“Did you block my number?” Danrique asked coldly.

“Yes. What’s wrong with that?” After saying that, Francesca recalled what Layla said to her, so she composed herself and added, “Didn’t you also block—”

“Your fruit tea is ready, Your Highness!” Suddenly, Robin came out with some fruit tea.

William quickly gestured for him to keep quiet, but it was already too late.

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Chapter 2057 Sleeping Together

“Are you with William right now?” Danrique’s tone changed immediately. Though she felt timid inwardly, Francesca decided to stick with it after glancing at William quickly. “Yeah, why?”

“You realize that the time right now on your side is one o’clock in the morning, do you?” Danrique’s voice sounded like the sharp wind in the winter through the phone. “Francesca, you blacklisted me on your phone and hung out with a man late at night. Splendid. You did well!” “That’s not it, I-”

As she wanted to explain further, the phone was immediately hung up by Danrique. It happened so fast that Francesca, still holding her phone, was left dumbfounded. “Da*n it. He hung me up.”

“You just had to stir up trouble,” William sternly scolded Robin while seeing this.

“This is all my fault.” Robin hurriedly lowered his head before apologizing, “I’m deeply sorry for what happened, Ms. Felch.”

“No, this is not your problem. He’s just being mean, that’s all.” Francesca, however, was not bothered by what happened. “All right then, let’s not be affected by him and continue our meal, shall we?”

“Frannie, you think I should give L a call and explain it to him?” William asked gently, “He must have the wrong idea after learning that you’re with me when it’s late at night.”

“And what if he did misinterpret something? Why do I care?” Francesca complained before she said, “He didn’t explain anything about his entanglement with Hazel either.”

“Hazel’s love for him is just unrequited. L doesn’t even like her to begin with.” William smiled. “But I could tell that he’s really into you.”

“And if he did love me so much as you said, he would be here by now. He wouldn’t wait for so long.” The more Francesca thought of it, the angrier she got. “It’s been nine days since I’m back in S Nation, and I still don’t see any actions from him!”

“About this...”

“Forget it. That’s enough. Thank you for the delicious food. Please excuse me for now,” said Francesca, who had lost all her appetite.

“Okay. You should get more rest. It’s very late now.” while sitting in his wheelchair, William sent her out and said, “Since I know you’re angry, I won’t be saying anything else, but do give L a call once you’re feeling better.”

“No. I won’t!” Francesca sulked. “He can do whatever he wants, and I don’t care!”

“This-”

“See you!”

With that said, Francesca sped off in her car and left.

As for William, he stayed at the same place as he watched the lady driving further away. When the car was no longer in sight, he turned around and said, “We should get going too.”

“Yes, sir.”

When Francesca got home, she parked her car outside of the compound in fear that she would wake Layla and the others. Just as she snuck into the house and was about to head upstairs, a voice she could never forget sounded behind her, “You’re back.”

“Ms. Layla!”

Francesca turned around right away and looked right back at Layla timidly.

“Go and take a bath.” Layla had a pillow in her arms as she went up the stairs. “I’ll be sleeping with you tonight.”

“What?” Francesca was caught off guard by what she said. Back when they were still living in the rundown house, she always struggled to fall asleep because of her fear of mice. As a result, Layla would always hug Francesca in her arms and pat Francesca to sleep.

When she got older, however, she started getting used to sleeping alone.

Besides, the house was so massive and clean that there were no more mice.

“There will be a heavy thunderstorm tonight. I’m scared.” Layla gave her a reason that definitely was not convincing at all.

“Okay...”

Francesca was a little speechless, but there was no way she could turn Layla down.

After her bath, Francesca returned to the room in her pajamas. Layla was lying on the bed with an eye mask on and the rabbit pillow in her arms.

Thinking that Layla was asleep, Francesca carefully got into the bed, only to hear Layla asking, “Are you sleepy?”

“Not really.” Francesca was startled for a second. “Ms. Layla, you’re not asleep?”

“I was waiting for you.” the pitch of Layla’s voice appeared much lower than usual in the silent night. “Frannie, Mr. Lincoln, and I will be away for some time, so make sure you and Anthony take good care of yourselves.”

“You’ll be away? To where? Is it about the foundations?” Francesca hurriedly asked.

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Chapter 2058 Before Parting

“Yes,” Layla replied, “We have to be very serious when selecting the foundation. There must be no mistakes, which is why we will go together. Promise me that you’ll take good care of yourselves when we’re not around.”

“Okay. Got it.” The absent-minded Francesca did not dwell on this matter and asked, “So when are you coming back?”

“I can’t give you an exact answer now.” Layla avoided the question and continued, “We’ll be getting in touch with dozens of them, and that will take quite some time.”

“Fine.” Francesca nodded. “Anyway, there’s nothing much going on in the orphanage right now, and with Lacy getting better by the day, you don’t have to be too worried.”

“Frannie...” Layla mumbled. There was so much that she wanted to tell Francesca, but she found herself lost for words. In the end, she said, “You should give Danrique a call tomorrow and talk to him nicely.”

“Nope. We’re through!” Francesca explained what happened to Layla and added, “Did you know how unreasonable he acted? He hung up on me before I could explain! I’m so mad!”

Layla immediately questioned Francesca, “You were the same, weren’t you? You scolded Danrique and hung up on him as soon as you heard another lady’s voice in the call. Then, you booked a flight and flew back to S Nation. Did you know that you were equally unreasonable back then?”

“Um...” Francesca found herself speechless upon Layla’s words.

“Now you know what it feels like to be wrongfully accused, don’t you?” Layla returned her with a smile. “When you were with Prince William, you chatted and happily had a bowl of mushroom soup together. You think you are above board because you know what you’re doing. Then what about Danrique? How did you know something shady is going between him and that girl?”

“That’s not how it works. Hazel loves him, and she wants to marry him,” Francesca hurriedly explained herself, “William, he-”

“Then, how did you know Prince William doesn’t have feelings for you?” Layla asked again, “If he did not have any feelings for you, why would he be making you mushroom soup? There’s no reason for him to make you snacks and gift you flowers every day.”

The question hurled by Layla entirely left Francesca choked.

“Frannie, we must not have a double standard in any way.” Layla pointed out. “Think about it carefully. If Danrique did have something going on with that girl, he wouldn’t answer that call. He could’ve ignored the call and pretended he didn’t hear it as he was busy. If a man cheats on you, there’s no way he would expose himself easily. The only reason you noticed it so easily was because it was a trap set up by someone instead of a misunderstanding. The same goes for whatever happened tonight.”

“What do you mean?” Francesca was stunned. However, it did not take her too long to get a hold of what Layla meant. “Ms. Layla, you’re telling me Hazel did that on purpose? So that I’d be angry at Danrique? You’re saying William also pulled the same trick on Danrique?”

“What I said are just my assumptions. They may not necessarily be the truth. However, you should learn to put yourself in Danrique’s shoes. Why can’t he hang up on you when you did the same to him just because of a misunderstanding?”

Francesca was speechless.

“This is the first time the both of you fall in love, which means you’re going to act childish occasionally because you lack the experience. However, if you wish to stay together, you must learn to appreciate him. Instead of keeping it to yourself, you should talk things out with him whenever there is a misunderstanding.”

Layla continued to reason with Francesca.

Meanwhile, Francesca, who was listening carefully, quickly stopped giving any response minutes later.

“Frannie. Frannie?”

Upon noticing no response coming from the young lady, Layla waved her hand right above Francesca’s face, and she quickly found out that the young lady had already fallen asleep, to which Layla sighed, “This girl is hopeless!”

At the same time, little did Francesca know that those were the parting words from Layla.

She thought Layla and Mr. Lincoln would be back a couple of days later or even half a month or so, just as usual. In truth, however, it took about a few years for them to be reunited again.