Chapter 2119 Truth

William thought about it for a while before saying, "I've thought about it for a long time, but I still can't figure out how to tell you." Francesca kept mum and waited.

William then lowered his head and took a deep breath. "Francesca, I'm sorry. I've lied to you. From the beginning, I knew I have been poisoned, and I knew the problem came from the water supply.

I tricked you into coming here. There are two reasons why I've done so. Firstly, you're the only person who can save us from the poison and cure my leg. Secondly, you can see how His Majesty doesn't even care about whether I live or die.

Even if everyone in the castle were to die because of the poison, he'll just brush me off when I tell him about it. Nothing good will come out of it. Although I don't care if I live or die, I can't let others die with me. Hence, I got you to investigate the water supply so that Federico would pay attention to it. After that, I wanted to use your name to prove the matter."

William paused and lowered his head shamefully before adding, "I know I'm shameless and despicable. However, I had no choice."

"Did you get Robin to report to Federico? Did you tell him to reveal my relationship with Danrique?" Francesca queried. "Yes." William nodded. "I've planned it all out. I've used you and lied to you."

With that, he hung his head low and dared not look Francesca in the eyes.

To his surprise, Francesca wasn't angry at all. In fact, she didn't seem displeased. In a calm tone, she said, "I have guessed that much. I'm angry, but I understand why you've done that. You have the lives of so many people on your shoulders."

"Are you not blaming me?" William was taken aback.

"Not really." Francesca seemed rather calm. "As a friend, I'm quite pissed off. You could've just told me you needed help. Why did you have to lie to me?

As a doctor, however, I understand that you were just trying to save their lives. If I were in your shoes, I would also do the same thing to save my orphanage. Therefore, I understand how you feel. However, unlike you, I would tell my friends the truth instead of lying."

"I'm sorry. I was wrong," William apologized with his head hung low. "I didn't know things would get so complicated. I thought I would burden you if I had told you the truth from the beginning.

Besides, if L knows the truth, he wouldn't let you come to Danontand. With your status, I thought I could get everything sorted out. I've planned to apologize to you and L once everything is settled. However, who would've known something else would happen?" William sighed.

"You didn't expect me to break up with Danrique at this crucial moment, right? At the same time, the media had even announced his engagement with Hazel." As soon as Francesca finished talking, she suddenly realized something. Could it be that Danrique was aware of William's plan, so he had purposely tried to trouble William?

Although she had that in mind, she didn't voice it out. Instead, she asked William again, "Why are you only telling me the truth now? Did Federico say something to you?"

Francesca was smart enough to know that William wouldn't talk about romance when there were so many things happening. He had been beating around the bush. There must be something else he's not saying.

After giving it a lot of thought, William finally revealed, "Federico promised me he will look into the matter. However, he has a request."

"What is it?" Francesca asked.

"H-He wants me to keep you in the castle for at least six months." William raised his gaze toward Francesca and decided to tell the truth.

Chapter 2120 Weak

Francesca was stunned for a while before she returned to her senses. "Why?"

Federico's actions utterly befuddled her. I thought we were supposed to deal with William's castle, where he and his eighty-three subordinates were poisoned. So why am I suddenly brought into focus? Not only that, I'm forced to stay in the castle for half a year?

"I was very confused too." William frowned with a serious expression. "I kept telling him that you're a free woman and you have the ability not to be restrained. After that, I even stopped beating around the bush. I said that your medical skills are impressive and you have plenty of incredible talents.

Many important and influential figures' lives were saved because of you, so if anything happens to you, those people won't just sit by and watch. However, that wasn't enough to convince Federico. He insisted on executing his decision. Not only did he use the investigation of the poisoning incident to threaten me, but he also said something even nastier..."

"What did he say?" Francesca asked. "He said..." His eyebrows furrowed even more tightly with a darkened expression. "If I refuse to agree to his request, he'll ask my cousins to do it instead."

"He's asking them to lock me up? Huh, do they even have the capability to do that?" Her fury flared as she gritted her teeth. "That old bat! I thought he understood when I saw the guilt on his face after I said those things. I thought he

regretted his actions and would be willing to investigate the matter properly to ensure you get the justice you deserve. To my surprise, he had other plans!"

"I thought so..." A bitter smile was visible on William's face. "Well, I was too naïve." "This doesn't seem right..." Francesca was still confused. "Why does Federico want me to stay in Danontand? What is his goal?"

"Initially, I was confused too. However, after I did some digging myself, I got the answer." He frowned. "I think someone approached him to cooperate with him and asked him to force you to stay here, preventing you from meeting L."

"Who?" Francesca was anxious. "Is it Hazel?"

"Probably not. The Atkinson family isn't that powerful," he theorized. "Based on what I know about Federico, whoever's working with him is probably someone of a similar status to him. Either that or someone's offering him an extremely beneficial offer. Those two reasons are the only ones I can see him working with that other person."

"I don't understand..." Matters like those greatly irritated Francesca, who was unwilling to spend more time thinking about them. "But why is that person doing this? Why does that person refuse to let me leave Danontand and meet Danrique? What are they getting out of this arrangement?"

"I don't know the details." William sighed. "I really shouldn't have gotten you involved. At first, it was just the poisoning incident at my castle, but now you're getting locked up... If things continue in this trajectory, it'll only get more complicated. I thought about it for a long time before I eventually decided to tell you the truth. You should leave before they start taking action and notice anything."

When he finished his sentence, he turned to the outside and shouted, "Someone—"

"Wait." Francesca promptly stopped him. "What are you going to do if I leave? What's going to happen to the people in the castle? I can't just stand by and do nothing."

"You aren't responsible for our lives." William's voice was calm. "I'll find a way to save them. Worst-case scenario, I'll sway public opinion to apply pressure on Federico to force him to hire a doctor. As long as he agrees to save them, I'm willing to stop investigating the poisoning incident for the moment."

"Why are you always so weak, William?" That enraged her. "Do you think they'll let you go just because you don't look into the matter? They're trying to kill you!

What do you mean by getting a doctor to save your people? Right now, you can't even buy medicine outside! If I leave, all of you will die here really quickly. Don't you know that?"

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Chapter 2121 Bet

William lowered his head and uttered in a sorrowful voice, "I know, I know." Of course, he knew but he had no other choice. It didn't matter when he would die—the end was coming for him, regardless.

However, he believed he should at least make a gamble. Before, he placed all his hope on Federico. He wished there was still kindness in the old king and that he would be given another chance once he saw his good qualities.

After what happened today, his hope was dashed. Is it because I was discarded for so long that Federico has wholly ignored my value? He didn't even bother to pretend...

Federico's contemptuous attitude made William give up on their familial relationship. At that moment, he would rather bet on Francesca and Danrique.

He hoped they would be willing to give him a hand, either out of love or friendship. Perhaps, it would be a far more effective strategy than getting Federico's affection.

"Since you know, then fight against your fate till the bitter end," Francesca uttered righteously. "Don't worry, I won't stand by and let you all die. That's not something a doctor will do."

"But have you thought about L? If you don't go back in time, what will you do if he gets engaged with someone else?" William reminded.

"If he changes his mind that quickly, then there's nothing for me to be sad about. If he's going to marry someone because we didn't meet each other for half a year, then that means he has never truly loved me."

"I'm not judging your relationship with L. I'm just saying that there are things that can't be prevented." Once again, he reminded with a serious tone. "Do you know how many influential and powerful people are doing their best to marry their daughters off to him? When you're not around, they'll create all sorts of opportunities to make that happen. Not only that, but those women will also use various seduction techniques to get their hands on him. If he falls for one of their traps and that woman is backed with prestigious status, he's not getting out of that sticky situation. When that happens, there'll be nothing you can do."

It hurt Francesca's head when she heard that. "Isn't he just a man? Is all this really necessary?"

"L isn't an ordinary man," William answered in a serious tone. "He represents the various resources of the world's top business families. He also has so much money that no one can finish spending it over the course of several lifetimes. Even I, a prince, is only a side character in front of him. You're usually pretty carefree, so you may not see how precious and important he is. However, others may not think the same way—"

"All right, I get it." She cut him off. "I know he's excellent and awesome. However, there's nothing I can do if he really changes his mind. Besides, he never forgot about me in our seven years apart. Why are you suddenly repeating those rumors?"

"His foundation wasn't stable in the past. Things are different now..." William explained. "He had expanded into the Epean market and stabilized his foundation. Not only that, he got rid of Frank. Now, the three great families won't dare to have any ideas about him. Even the president will need to treat him politely. Currently, he's standing at the apex of the world. Many people look up to him, but many others also want to be his ally, including my grandfather!"

"All right. He's that impressive and popular, huh?" Francesca chuckled self-deprecatingly. "So what? In my eyes, he's just Danrique. His status and identity have nothing to do with me. I'm going to call him and tell him about my current situation. If he truly loves me, he'll wait half a year for me."

Without delay, she pulled out her phone and prepared to call Danrique.

"Frannie!" William quickly stopped her. "Don't be stupid! If you tell him you're staying here with me for half a year, your relationship with him will be screwed."

"Why?" She still didn't understand.

"There's no way a prideful man like him will allow you to ignore him again and again. Not only that, you're doing it for another man." Panic was heard in his voice. "More importantly, if you don't leave now, you'll probably never going to leave here."

Chapter 2122 Protected

"I won't be able to leave?" Francesca was momentarily stunned when she heard that. "Why?" she asked a moment later.

"Don't you understand?" William was overwhelmed with panic. "You know so many secrets about the royal family. If not for the fact that you're Danrique's girlfriend, you would have already been killed."

When Francesca heard that, she widened her eyes in disbelief. Indeed, that had never crossed her mind, and she suddenly realized how naive she was.

She had assumed that she would be trapped there for half a year at most, and after curing the people in the castle, she could concentrate on treating William's leg.

After everything was settled, she would leave and reunite with Danrique. However, Francesca was beginning to realize that the situation was far more complicated than she had imagined.

During those six months, not only would there be a lot of women from prestigious families vying to be Danrique's woman, she might also lose her life if she was no longer Danrique's fiancée.

If I get killed, what would happen to Anthony? What would happen to Ms. Layla and Lincoln? How about the orphanage? "I can't die." Francesca snapped out of her thoughts and exclaimed, "I need to stay alive!"

"You finally understand what's going on." William sighed before continuing, "Francesca, you should leave before it's too late. Leave Danontand tonight and look for L in Erihal..."

"But I can't leave you guys alone." Francesca put her hand to her forehead in frustration and said, "Let me try to think of a better solution."

"Francesca, just listen to me," William started panicking again. "You should head to Erihal and look for L first. When you see him, tell him all about what's happening here. Also, I need you to convey my message to him..."

"What message?" Francesca asked subconsciously.

"Tell him that I need his help. If he's willing to help me this time, I'll do anything to repay him!" William enunciated each word clearly.

"Oh!" Francesca did not think much about it and merely nodded. "You mean, you want me to leave first and get Danrique to come and rescue you? That sounds like a good plan too..."

The woman was only considering whether she should leave or not and did not ponder over William's words. "But, will Federico make things difficult for you if I leave?"

"That's why you need to do that without anyone noticing," William quickly replied before continuing, "I will get someone to prepare some fake identification documents for you. You should disguise yourself before I get my men to send you to the airport."

"Seems like you've already gotten everything planned out..." Only then did Francesca realize what was going on. "Sure, I'll do as you say. I'll go upstairs and get changed now."

"Wait a minute," William stopped her and reminded, "Ignore any situations you might encounter along the way and just focus on leaving this place. If you hear any

rumors in Xendale, don't pay attention to them. Your priority is to meet L. You have to do anything you can to see him. When you meet him, don't throw any tantrums or start any arguments..."

The man took a pause before changing the way he spoke. In a more direct manner, he said, "What I mean is, no matter what, don't break up with him. You have to continue being his fiancée.

It is even better if you can marry him right away and make it public. I'm not trying to make use of you by saying all these, but this is the only way to keep you safe and also not affect the orphanage."

"Is it really that serious?" Francesca was slightly confused. "Is knowing those secrets about the royal family serious enough to get me killed? And even affecting the orphanage?"

"The prestige of the royal family cannot be violated. Given your reputation as the miracle doctor, what you say holds a lot of weight. If you leak out their secrets, the royal family's honor would be tainted. Besides, you were rather rude to the king and princes that day at the palace. Do you think they would let you off?"

William said seriously before continuing, "Also, you said that you love L very much and that he's the only man you would ever marry. If that's the case, it's not worth it throwing a fit over small matters. By staying together, not only will you be able to be with the man you love, but both you and the orphanage will also be protected. Don't you think that's a win-win solution?"

Chapter 2123 Seeing Things

As William's words made a lot of sense, Francesca nodded firmly and replied, "You're right. I know what to do!" "Go on, then. Stay safe!" William urged.

"Wait for me." Francesca hurried off, and without looking back, she said, "I'll come back with Danrique to get you!" "Sure, I'll be waiting..."

William sat on the sofa while watching Francesca's departing figure quietly. A complicated glint flashed in his eyes...

After the door was shut, William lowered his head dejectedly. He knew that by sending Francesca away, it meant that he would lose her forever.

He was the one who convinced the woman to leave and told her to stay together with Danrique no matter what. He had personally sent the woman he loved to another man...

He would be lying if he said that he was not sad.

In fact, William did not want Francesca to go. He had considered letting her stay and treat him. Perhaps, she might develop feelings for him after spending half a year together...

They could think of other solutions after that. However, he was still rational enough to know that if he did not make use of the current opportunity, he might never be able to turn things around in the future...

He had been humiliated for the past two decades, and that was his only chance to turn the tables around and regain his dignity.

As such, he was hoping that he had made the right decision by pinning all his hopes on Francesca and Danrique. "Your Highness, Monica is already waiting at the gate," William's subordinate reported.

"All right." William nodded and said, "Push me out."

"Understood." When Monica saw William approaching, she hurried over and greeted, "Your Highness!" "Make sure that Francesca gets to Erihal safely and reunites with L," William reminded again.

"Don't worry. I'll make sure she gets there safely," Monica promised. "Monica?" Francesca spotted the woman instantly as she walked downstairs carrying her bag. "Why are you here?"

"I'm getting her to escort you back," William said softly before continuing, "It's getting late. You should get going." "OK," Francesca replied as she hurried toward the car.

"Francesca..." William called out to her suddenly. "Yeah?" Francesca turned to look at the man. "Remember what I told you. Don't quarrel with L," William reminded once more. "Also, you must convey my exact message to L."

"I got it," Francesca answered before getting into the car. Right after she sat down, she tried to recall what the exact message William wanted her to tell Danrique was.

"Let's go," Monica urged the driver. With that, the driver sped off into the night.

Monica passed some items to Francesca, including a cap, her fake identification documents, and a flight ticket. "I'm worried that Federico would get people to stop you at the customs, so I got you a new identity. I hope this would help us board the plane smoothly."

"Do you think anyone would intercept us on the way to the airport?" Francesca asked while looking out of the window.

"I don't think so," Monica replied softly before continuing, "This is my official vehicle. I'm currently carrying out a mission as M Nation's FBI agent..."

"But they can intercept us on other pretexts."

Right after Francesca finished her sentence, a few black modified cars could be seen tailing them. The corners of the woman's lips curled up into a smile before she said, "See that? I'm right."

"Why are those people so annoying?" Monica frowned as she continued, "I can't believe they have been guarding outside the castle all this while."

"Yeah. They were not going to give us a chance to escape..." Francesca sneered before saying, "But it seems like there are only three cars. Aren't they supposed to have more people?"

"His Highness had arranged for another vehicle to drive out from the back gate at the same time we left, to serve as a distraction. I think the rest of them had gone after that car instead. That's why there are only three cars tailing us."

Monica remained calm as she said to the driver, "Speed up."

"Sure!" "Let me drive..."

Francesca swapped seats with the driver without waiting for him to reply. The next moment, she turned the steering wheel and floored the accelerator.

Before her pursuers could react, the car had already disappeared in sight. Where did they go? Was I seeing things just now? The men in the car were shocked.