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Chapter 236 Romeo And Juliet

“Liliana, he’s—”

Before Natalie could finish her sentence, Liliana interrupted her, “Dr. Nichols, do you want to say that Josiah is dead?”

A hint of paranoia flickered across her eyes when she continued, “He’s not dead. Now, he’s just badly injured and fell asleep. Once you heal his wounds, he’ll wake up.”

Hearing that, Natalie gasped.

No one can come back from the dead. It’s just impossible!

Liliana wrapped the scarf tightly around her body. As she thought of her past memories, there was a painful expression on her face. “My parents died because of Julian. Then, he took a fancy of me and asked me to be his woman. In order to protect me, my younger brother was killed by a so-called accident orchestrated by that bastard.”

Natalie could not tell what to feel.

Perhaps, those things were not the worst among the evil deeds Julian had done, but when a victim like Liliana gave an account of what she had experienced in person, it still made Natalie feel suffocated.

“That was when Josiah appeared in front of me. He said he could take me away and save me. But how could I leave? I want to avenge my family! Hence, I seduced Julian and made him fall for me. In the end, I became his legally married wife. In order to protect me, Josiah lurked around Julian. When Julian’s confidant found out what I had done and wanted to assassinate me, Josiah rushed out to protect me. He was seriously injured, and his body was covered in blood. Every doctor told me that he was beyond saving.”

Liliana’s eyes reddened as she spoke.

Clenching her fists tightly, she added, “Who says he can’t be cured? Those doctors are useless! They don’t know how to save my beloved Josiah. Dr. Nichols, you’re a miracle doctor. If you can cure those incurable diseases, you can definitely save Josiah too! Please help me! As long as you can save him, I’ll give you everything. I can give you everything that Julian has. I don’t need anything. I only want Josiah to be alive!”

Tears streamed down her face as she was overwhelmed by emotions.

Listening to her, Natalie felt sad and was on the verge of tears as well.

Nevertheless, sympathy could not change the fate of a person.

If the man lying in the transparent coffin was at his last gasp, she was willing to do whatever she could to help them.

However, he was already dead. She could never resurrect a person who had been dead for a few months.

“Liliana, I’m sorry, but I can’t do it,” enunciated Natalie while looking into Liliana’s eyes.

“No!” Unwilling to accept the fact, Liliana shook her head violently. “You can do it. You just don’t want to try, right? If you’re willing to try, Josiah will definitely come back to life!”

Her tearful eyes made people feel sympathetic toward her, but the paranoia in her eyes made people shudder.

For some reason, Natalie shivered when she met Liliana’s eyes.

“Dr. Nichols, I’ll show you something. I believe you’ll agree to help after this.” Wiping away the tears from the corners of her eyes, Liliana picked up a tablet from the coffee table and fiddled with it for a moment before handing it to Natalie.

The next moment, Natalie saw a woman lying on a haystack with her hands and feet tied on the tablet screen.

At a glance, she recognized the woman as Cecilia Fane, her best friend in the past five years.

“Cecilia? She’s in your hands?” questioned Natalie.

“She’s your best friend, right?” Liliana narrowed her eyes, and a hint of viciousness flashed across her crystal clear eyes. “As long as you save Josiah, she’ll be fine.”

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Chapter 237 Promise To Help

At that moment, Natalie finally understood why Lawrence would help Liliana to break through the firewall set up by Xavian.

She must have used his wife’s life to threaten him to hack the firewall and find out Natalie’s information.

This is too terrifying!

Instinctively, Natalie took a step back.

Liliana was once a victim. She hated Julian’s drastic measures the most, but in order to achieve her goals, she was doing the same thing as the man she hated.

This pretty woman in front of me is either insane or ill. If I use the word "death" and provoke her, both Cecilia and I might die in her hands. Cecilia was involved because of me. I must save her.

"Dr. Nichols, have you decided?" inquired Liliana.

"I promise to treat him."

"That's great!"

In the blink of an eye, Liliana's expression changed. She was ferocious a second ago, and in the next, she was as charming and cute as a little girl.

"Dr. Nichols, I knew you're a kind-hearted person with excellent medical skills."

After taking a few deep breaths, Natalie piped up, "He can't take medicine orally in this situation, so I can only burn incense and try to cure him using his sense of smell coupled with my acupuncture. The medicinal ingredients used to burn the incense are tremendously important, and most of them are expensive."

Waving her hand, Liliana proclaimed, "You only need to tell me what you need. It doesn't matter how expensive they are."

"All right."

Natalie took the paper and pen on the coffee table, pondered over it for a long time, and wrote down her prescription.

There were as many as twenty kinds of medicinal ingredients in the prescription.

Natalie wrote down the dragonblood fruit as the thirteenth ingredient.

Soon, Liliana summoned Milton, and Natalie gave the prescription list to the middle-aged man.

He took over the paper and said respectfully to Liliana, "Please don't worry. I'll get all the ingredients in this prescription ready by tomorrow."

"Thank you." Liliana flashed him a charming smile. "Soon, Josiah won't have to sleep in such a cold place anymore."

"Your wish will definitely come true," replied Milton.

Natalie could understand that Liliana fell into paranoia because Josiah's death was too much for her to handle. However, judging from the butler's reaction, he seemed to be clear-headed.

But why is he seemingly accustomed to having such a conversation with Liliana? Could it be that Liliana also held someone important to him as a hostage? That's why he has no choice but to put on an act to please her?

When Milton noticed that Natalie was looking at him, he smiled politely at her.

“Dr. Nichols, the medicinal ingredients will be available tomorrow. You should stay here tonight. I’ve prepared a room for you.”

“Thank you.”

After that, the butler exited the room.

Glancing at Liliana, who was full of smiles, Natalie requested, “During acupuncture, I want to see my friend. If I can’t see her, I won’t perform acupuncture on the patient.”

“Okay.” Liliana nodded. “You should go and have some rest. I’ll stay here and keep Josiah company. After he wakes up, I’ll leave the Todd residence and go to his hometown to see the sea of clouds.”

Natalie fixed her gaze on the pathetic and terrifying woman in front of her.

If she had put aside her grudges and left the Todd residence with Josiah back then, would she be much happier now? But how can she forget that kind of heart-piercing pain? No matter what choice she made, she would regret it in the end.

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Chapter 238 Secret Of The Todd Residence

That night, Natalie stayed at the Todd residence.

The maid that the butler arranged also came to take care of Natalie, but she was not used to being taken care of and was even more afraid that the maid was there to monitor her, so she sent the help away.

When she was alone, she wanted to contact Yandel and ask him to help find out about the Todd family or the Hoffman family. However, she noticed that even though the battery percentage of her phone was seventy, there was no signal at all.

Not only was she unable to communicate with the outside world, but the tracker that Xavian placed on her would be useless as well.

For the whole night, she could not fall asleep.

Since the mansion was dead silent, the sound of the wind blowing and leaves rustling were more obvious, giving people a spooky feeling.

Moments later, Natalie decided to walk around the mansion. Hence, she put on a coat and got up from the bed.

Incense and acupuncture were just excuses to buy time so that she could think of a way to save Cecilia.

I must bring Cecilia out of here as soon as possible. In order to do that, I've to be familiar with the environment and the roster of the patrolling guards.

The mansion was humungous. Guards were patrolling around the courtyard and the main house, but since she was the miracle doctor invited by Liliana, neither the guards nor the servants dared to be rude to her.

It was a dark night.

The trees shook their branches, dancing in the night breeze.

Only a few rooms in the whole mansion were dimly lit. Yet, one of the rooms on the second floor was as bright as day, which was particularly eye-catching.

Seeing that, Natalie bent down and climbed over the shrubs. Then, she climbed to the window sill of the room on the first floor and stepped on the bulges on the brick wall, making her way up to the second floor bare-handed. Instead of entering the mansion, she only clung to the wall and listened carefully to the movements inside.

"Five hundred million? It's nothing to me. What do you think of me? Now, I can afford to spend fifty billion, let alone five hundred million," Milton exclaimed.

"Milton," the woman called out sweetly. "You're amazing!"

"Who do you think you're calling? Call me Mr. Cheney!"

“Mr. Cheney...”

“Good!” Milton laughed haughtily. “Julian must have never imagined that the final winner would be me. That woman has already gone mad, and I’m now the helm of the Todd residence. Hurry up and take off your clothes. I’ll take good care of you tonight!”

“No...”

The following dialogs were too obscene, so Natalie did not bother to listen to any of them.

After she returned to her room, she still could not calm down.

The person who took over the Todd residence was not Liliana but the so-called butler.

He had long known that Liliana was paranoid and that her mental state was not stable. Thus, he deliberately led her to a more delusional direction and gained her trust to become the real helm of the Todd residence.

This is completely out of my imagination. No matter what, the only thing I’ve to do now is to ensure my escape plan is foolproof.

The next day, Natalie was awakened by the maid.

The latter had brought breakfast to her room.

While Natalie was eating breakfast, the maid silently accompanied her. The maid looked solemn, and there was no expression on her face.

If she had not talked to Natalie yesterday, the latter would have suspected that she was a mute.

It was a good thing that the maid was not talkative. Because of that, Natalie did not need to spend time dealing with her.

Not long after breakfast, Milton personally delivered the medicinal ingredients she wanted.

“Dr. Nichols, the medicinal ingredients that you want are extremely expensive. I’ve worked extra hard to find them for you.”

“Thank you. You’re really efficient,” responded Natalie. “However, I still need a lot of tools to make the incense. When the time comes, I’ll need your help to get ready the tools that I need.”

“Of course. No problem.”

Milton was good at acting. If Natalie had not heard his conversation the previous night, she would never have thought that he was a man full of schemes.

After Milton left, she began to check the medicinal ingredients.

As expected, dragonblood fruit was at the Todd residence.

Opening the exquisite wooden box, she caught sight of the bloody red dragonblood fruit.

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Chapter 239 Late Confession

Luck and misfortune always went hand in hand.

Although she was uncertain of her future, at least she had obtained the dragonblood fruit. Once Yana ate it, her heart disease would be cured.

Closing the wooden box, Natalie hugged it close to her chest and slowly closed her eyes.

When she opened her eyes, a hint of determination flashed across them.

Not only do I have many things to do, but I want to watch Xavian, Clayton, Franklin, and Sophia grow up too! I can't allow myself to die here.

Later, she wrote a list of tools and handed it to the maid, who would then pass the list to Milton.

Only two or three of those tools were used to make incense. The rest were used to modify crossbow arrows.

Natalie shut herself in the room to make incense. Liliana was concerned about the progress and would often come to visit her. Seeing that she was extremely concentrated on making incense, Liliana could not hide the smile in her eyes.

By right, the more Liliana believed that the incense would work, the better it would be for Natalie.

However, when she saw Liliana's smile, she would feel upset.

"Dr. Nichols, when Josiah wakes up, I want to tell him that I like him."

"You never told him that?" Natalie probed.

"Never..." Liliana smiled with tears in her eyes. "He said he wanted to take me far away, but I laughed at him for overestimating himself. He was always protecting me, but I never cherished what he had done for me and even mocked him for being nosy. However, when he was covered in blood, I could only watch as he fell asleep."

Initially, Natalie thought that Liliana and Josiah were deeply in love with each other. Little did she know that Josiah did not even hear the response he wanted to hear before he died.

At that instant, she suddenly thought of Samuel.

She wanted to get her revenge. Besides the Nichols family, there were also more powerful families around.

Thinking that love was troublesome and would restrain her from getting stronger, she shut Samuel out of her heart.

After Liliana left, Natalie continued to make incense.

Since Josiah was dead, naturally, the incense would not work on him.

The incense was for the living to smell.

As time passed, Natalie had stayed in the Todd residence for a week.

She locked herself in the room every day. She would make incense during the day and assemble crossbows and explosives at night.

In the blink of an eye, it was the time she agreed with Liliana.

Holding the medicinal incense, Natalie entered the bedroom with the ice coffin.

"Liliana, we've already agreed that I'll only burn the incense and perform acupuncture when I see my friend," Natalie piped up.

"Of course." Liliana nodded. "Milton, bring Ms. Fane here."

"Yes."

After a while, Cecilia walked into the room.

She had lost a lot of weight, and her face was as pale as a sheet.

Immediately, Natalie hugged her with remorse and guilt. "Cecilia, I'm sorry. It's all because of me."

"There's no need to apologize. I know you'll save me."

When Natalie was hugging Cecilia, she stuffed a pill into the pocket of the latter's clothes and said in a low volume that only they could hear, "Put this pill in your mouth later."

"Okay."

After they let go of each other, Liliana uttered, "Dr. Nichols, you've already seen your friend. It's your turn to honor your promise."

"No problem." Natalie glanced around and continued, "When I burn incense and perform acupuncture, I don't like being disturbed. Except for you and my friend, please ask the rest to wait outside. Without our order, no one is allowed to come in."

"All right."

Hence, Milton and the servants left the bedroom.

Under Liliana's impatient gaze, Natalie lit the incense in her hand.

As fire engulfed the medicinal incense, the entire room was filled with a faint herbal fragrance.

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Chapter 240 Surprise Attack 1

Gradually, the room was entirely shrouded by smoke.

Lying beside the cold coffin, Liliana brushed the bridge of Josiah's tall nose with her fingertip and muttered, "Josiah, Dr. Nichols will definitely be able to cure you. We'll be reunited soon."

The man in the coffin closed his eyes tightly as if he was asleep.

After a while, when the scent of the incense got stronger, Liliana felt her vision getting more and more blurry.

Subsequently, she fainted to the ground.

In an instant, Natalie threw away the incense in her hand.

The incense she made only had the effect of calming the mind and could cause drowsiness. It had no medicinal effect of bringing people back to life.

“Cecilia, you aren’t dizzy, right?”

In response, Cecilia shook her head. “I ate the pill you gave me and didn’t feel anything.”

Still feeling worried, Natalie checked Cecilia’s pulse to make sure that she was not affected by the scent.

“Cecilia, when I bring you out of here later, lower your head and pretend that nothing has happened.” Natalie’s eyes were cold, and a glint flickered across them. “If anything happens, hide behind me. I’ll protect you.”

Unwilling to hold Natalie back, Cecilia immediately nodded her head.

“I understand.”

“Let’s go.”

As they stepped out of the bedroom, they met two guards standing in front of the door.

When they saw Natalie and Cecilia coming out, they blocked their way.

“Where are you going?”

“The place we’re going is a secret. Come nearer.” Natalie beckoned to them and continued, “I’ll tell you in a low voice.”

Since Natalie and Cecilia were just two defenseless women, the guards lowered their bodies and leaned over without suspecting anything.

At that moment, a hint of hostility flashed across Natalie’s eyes, and she pricked two silver needles on their necks.

Instantaneously, the guards fell to the ground.

“Come on.”

Natalie pulled Cecilia’s hand, and they hurried away.

As long as they left the mansion, they could communicate with the outside world.

Meanwhile, Milton was not bothered about Natalie at all.

After all, Liliana had already gone mad. No matter how many miracle doctors she hired, it would be useless.

He did not care how good Natalie's medical skills were because it would be impossible for her to bring the man in the coffin back to life.

When that mad woman realizes that the miracle doctor is useless, she'll naturally ask me to deal with her. When the time comes, I'll kill her and bury the corpse. Then, no one will ever find out about the secret of the Todd residence, and I'll still be the helm of this mansion.

After Milton finished smoking, he returned with the servants to check on the situation in the bedroom.

However, when he arrived at the bedroom door, he saw two guards lying on the ground, and there were silver needles on their necks.

Subsequently, he unlocked the bedroom door with his fingerprint and only saw Liliana lying beside the coffin.

Natalie and the hostage used to threaten her were nowhere to be seen.

Did they escape?

At that instant, Milton realized that something was amiss and shouted, "Chase after them! Bring that two women back!"

"Yes!"

In the meantime, Natalie and Cecilia increased their pace, but the mansion was too huge.

“Cecilia, hang on.” Natalie held Cecilia’s arm and supported the latter with her strength.

Gritting her teeth, Cecilia nodded, but the more she walked, the more laborious it became. Soon, she ran out of energy.

After a while, they finally caught sight of the gate.

Just as Natalie and Cecilia felt that they were going to leave the mansion successfully, a group of guards dressed in black suddenly rushed out.

Knitting her brows, Natalie instinctively pulled Cecilia behind her.

When the guards ran forward and wanted to grab hold of Natalie, she hurriedly took out a miniature bow and shot at them.

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

She shot three arrows at the same time.

The sharp arrows stabbed into the joints of the guards, and the pain caused them to fall to the ground.