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Chapter 762 You Are Not Mine

With that said, Natalie turned and left without sparing Thomas another glance.

Someone like him already has selfishness carved into his bones. All he has in his mind is power and greed. Nothing else matters to him. There's nothing for me to save, and there's no point in me helping him out. I'd rather save a dog in danger. At the very least, a dog is grateful and will know to protect its owner in times of danger.

Natalie had turned away from him without hesitation, and the look Thomas had on his face was darker than the night. Remorse crashed into him like a tidal wave.

If I knew that Natalie was going to be the better twin between the sisters, I would have had Jennie take Yara away instead of Natalie! If she had grown up with me around, I wouldn't be stuck in this terrible state.

Refusing to admit defeat, Thomas began yelling at Natalie's retreating figure.

"I have something important to talk to you about! Natalie, I'm your father! I'm your father! How can you do this to me? Aren't you afraid of karma coming for you if you're this cruel to your father?"

When Thomas realized that Natalie was still not turning around to look at him, he bellowed in desperation, "Natalie Nichols, do you really think that your mother is someone that great? She was already pregnant with the two of you before she married me. You and your sister were never mine!"

Natalie heard what he said, and she furrowed her brows in response. However, she assumed that his words were the words of a desperate, mad man and that they were meant to agitate her so that she would halt in her tracks. Therefore, she dismissed his words.

Regardless of everything, I'm going to crush the Nichols family and Dexmed Pharmaceutical. This is for Granddad, Mother, and me. If I don't take revenge for this, I'm a fool!

Natalie then quietly instructed the security guard by the doorway, "If he keeps up with his nonsense, call the cops on him."

The security guard instantly recognized his company's beautiful chairwoman. For a moment, he was tranced by her beauty, and he belatedly replied, "Understood."

"Okay."

Natalie then took the elevator and went to the highest floor. However, she did not head to the CEO's office. Instead, she sat in the stairwell by herself.

There were no lights there—only the emergency exit sign weakly illuminated the place.

As she sat on the stairs, she hugged her legs.

Half of her revenge was already executed, and while she was delighted about that, it also felt like someone had scooped out a large part of her heart. Her heart felt empty, and liquid slowly rolled down her cheeks.

She did not want Thomas, but she wanted the love of a father.

If Thomas had not been so selfish, Natalie wondered if she would have had a happy childhood and if her relationship with Yara would not have turned foul.

Natalie was not a ruthless character, but Thomas and Yara forced her to become one.

Nevertheless, by then, there was no way back. No matter how many obstacles were in her way, she had to steel herself and keep moving forward. In the past, it was for her revenge, but now, it was for her belief.

Once she was done crying, Natalie came out of the stairwell. No traces of vulnerability was visible on her face, and she threw herself into her work again.

In the CEO's office, Yandel reported to Natalie the arrangements made for the acquisition of Dexmed Pharmaceutical.

Natalie read the documents as she listened to his report. In the end, she said, "I'm fine with the arrangements. However, I'd suggest making Ross the CEO of Dexmed Pharmaceutical's branch company while retaining his current position. In other words, he'll be fully taking over the management of Dexmed Pharmaceutical."

Ross stiffened. Even though Dexmed Pharmaceutical was suffering from a poor reputation at that moment, it was still a major company. Letting him manage the company meant that she saw him as an important member of the company despite the fact that he had only been working for Natalie for less than a year.

"I…" Ross adjusted his glasses.

Noticing his hesitation, Yandel patted his shoulders and uttered, "You should just heed the boss' arrangements. It's not as if you don't know how important Dexmed Pharmaceutical is to Boss. If she's going to let you manage it, it means that you have her complete trust. Ross, what you should do is return Dexmed Pharmaceutical to its previous glorious state instead of trying to reject Natalie's suggestion."

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Chapter 763 Remember For Life

Lia chimed in, "Mr. Trevor, you were the one supervising the special medicine for cancer this time. Look, it's already on the market, and it has helped out many patients with rare forms of cancer. This achievement is a sign of your capability."

Natalie then smiled and said, "Ross, the two of them have already said everything I wanted to say. It's up to you now."

When Ross looked into Natalie's smiling eyes, he found himself holding his breath.

Once upon a time, he thought he would forever be trapped in the shadows after getting hurt by Belle. Yet, ever since he encountered Natalie, his life had changed for the better.

Ross had been able to clear his name and return to his position to develop medicine again. He managed to show off his best self at the top medical conference, and now, he was offered an important role. Every step he had in life was joyous and fruitful.

He would forever remember everything Natalie had done for him. There was no way he could return the favor other than to work twice as hard. Hence, he smiled and nodded. "Ms. Nichols, I won't let you down. I'll give Dexmed Pharmaceutical a fresh start so that it can help out more people in need of medical care."

"I have trust in you, Ross," Natalie replied with a similar smile.

Noticing the merry atmosphere, Yandel then suggested, "We've been working hard for a long while. Since it's such a happy day today, why don't we have our boss treat us to a bar after work?"

"No problem. Let's do that." After a pause, Natalie continued, "I'll treat you all to the drinks, but Yandel will be the one footing the bill."

After a moment of blinking in a daze, Yandel agreed to it. "That's settled then."

After finishing up their work, the group of people left Dream Corporation's office.

When their car went past the entrance of the office building, Natalie looked out of the window and saw no signs of Thomas on his knees.

It seems like Thomas left not long after.

Although Natalie was not going to forgive Thomas for what he had done, if Thomas had stayed kneeling for a while longer, it would mean the man was still humane despite his greed. Yet, clearly, the man was not.

After averting her gaze, Natalie began using her phone as her thoughts wandered elsewhere.

As they barely had anything good at the bar, Yandel later brought them to a restaurant specializing in crab dishes.

It was a popular restaurant in Dellmoor not because of its luxurious interior but because of the freshness of its crabs. Moreover, the crabs they served were exceptionally soft.

When Lia saw the dishes on the menu, she gasped and said, "Mr. Moss, you're generous to treat us to such an expensive meal!"

Yandel raised a brow. "Boss loves crabs, but she hates removing the shell of the crabs. If I de-shell them for Boss, Samuel is definitely going to murder me. That's why I found this place where they serve soft-shell crab dishes."

Hearing that, something warm seeped into Natalie's heart. "Yandel, you're so nice."

"Of course." Yandel patted his chest. "You're my boss forever."

"Mm."

Not long after they took their seats, a pretty waitress in a dress served one of the dishes. In a blink of an eye, all of the dishes they ordered were on the table. It was a scrumptious meal, to say the least.

Yandell asked, "Boss, do you want to invite Yana and her husband for the meal?"

"It's fine," Natalie replied, shaking her head after a moment of contemplation. "Yana's pregnant, so she shouldn't be eating crabs. She'll only be upset if we were to invite her here only to watch us eat. If Yana can't eat these, her husband won't as well, and he'll just end up suffering beside her."

"True." Yandel nodded. "Next time, then."

With that, the group began digging in.

Natalie then took a butter soft-shell crab and began eating it.

The tenderness of the crab meat with the creaminess of the butter melted in her mouth. It was unbelievably delicious.

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Chapter 764 Sudden Turn Of Events

There were other dishes on the table—deviled crab, crab cake, and more. They had even ordered bisque. Every dish on the table was dishes that Natalie loved eating, so she enjoyed every moment she bit into her food.

Halfway through, Natalie's phone rang.

It was a video call from her four children.

After cleaning her hands, Natalie accepted the call and began chatting with them.

Franklin, Sophia, Xavian, and Clayton were all squeezed in front of the camera as they asked in unison, "Mommy, where are you? When are you coming back?"

As she stared at the table full of delectable dishes, she muttered guiltily, "Mommy's out having fun. I might come home a little later tonight."

"Is Mommy eating? Can Sophia see what you're eating?" Sophia softly asked.

Natalie nodded, and she turned the camera around to show her children the food on the table.

Her children were all eating nutritious meals prepared by Gavin at home. On the other hand, she was indulging in delicious food. It somehow felt wrong to her.

A moment later, Natalie turned the camera back and looked at her children on the screen.

Sophia said, "Mommy, I learned that too much crab is bad for your health, so remember to drink more water and hydrate yourself!"

Franklin said, "Mommy, Sophia's right. You have to take care of yourself even though you're enjoying your meal."

Xavian chimed in, "Mommy, if you like any particular dish, remember to send me a photo of it. I'll learn how to make the dish for you."

Clayton also added, "Mommy, if Xavian's going to make the dish for you, then I'll help him deshell the crabs."

At that moment, Natalie was speechless.

She thought that the children would grumble about her enjoying a good meal, but as it turned out, the words that came out of their mouths were endearing ones.

Her heart melted, and so did Yandel, Ross, and Lia's.

"All right, I got it. Still, you can't stay up and wait for me tonight. You have to go to bed when it's bedtime," Natalie reminded them.

"Okay, Mommy!" The four children nodded obediently before ending the call.

Once the call ended, Lia took a sip of her beverage and sighed wistfully, "Ms. Nichols, it's one thing for the kids to be cute, but how can they also be so sensible? You're tempting me to have kids of my own!"

A rare agreement came from Ross, "Yes. The four of them are so cute and sensible. This is almost unheard of!"

Despite being preoccupied with the crabs, Yandel nodded.

However, Natalie calmly put her phone aside before flashing a smile at the three of them. "If you're envious of me having four sweethearts, then it's time for you to have your own too!"

Just as those words were out of her mouth, the three hung their heads.

No other women mattered to Yandel but Amelia.

On the other hand, Lia only had Lionel in her thoughts. Their seemingly-incestuous relationship was bound to have tons of obstacles.

Although Ross' case was different from Yandel's, ever since he had been fooled by Belle and fell into hell, he had forgotten what it was like to love someone.

Natalie studied their expressions. She knew what they were thinking and what they were avoiding.

God would never mistreat the people who lived their lives to the best of their abilities. Natalie was sure that the three of them would find their own happiness.

After the meal, Yandel and Ross both went to their cars, about to head for the next round.

Lia went to the restroom. While Natalie was standing by the doorway of the restaurant, she caught a whiff of the faint scent of blood.

As she was a medical student, Natalie was exceptionally familiar with the scent of human blood. She was certain that someone was injured nearby. Instinctively, she scanned her surroundings, and it took her a long time before she noticed a black leather shoe peeking out from a nearby bush.

That must be the one!

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Chapter 765 Your Luck

Natalie knew that she might be facing endless troubles if she were to stick her nose in someone else's business.

However, she could not bring herself to ignore someone who was injured. After just a few seconds of hesitation, Natalie was already walking toward the bush. Indeed, she spotted a man lying on the patch of grass, a bloody hole in his abdomen. The red liquid was still rushing outward.

Without dwelling on the sight, Natalie crouched down and held his wrist, trying to take his pulse.

Nevertheless, before she could give him an examination, the man's hand wrapped around her throat.

"What... are you trying to do?" The man's voice was weak, but Natalie could still hear his frigid tone.

"I'm trying to save you." Natalie's cold eyes met the man's. "It's up to you to believe it or not, but if you keep bleeding, you'll eventually die here. I'd say it's best for you to think this through and not risk your life."

He had his hand around the woman's throat, but she was still calm and collected. It was something the man was surprised about.

After a moment of rumination, the man slowly released his grip and lowered his hand. "Can you really... treat me?"

"You'll know." Natalie put her hand on the man's wrist again. Then, she frowned. Not only was the man suffering from blood loss, but it seemed like there was poison in him as well.

"You've been poisoned." It was not a question but a statement.

The man stiffened, but still, he nodded. "Yes."

"Don't move," Natalie sternly told him.

She then began to undo the buttons on the man's clothes.

"W-What are you doing?" It seemed like the man never expected Natalie to do such a thing to him, for he began taking shorter and quicker breaths.

Natalie pursed her lips in silence. After giving him an eye roll, she ignored him. Then, she rolled up the hem of her pants to reveal her fair legs. In the next second, she took out a silver needle from the pouch she had around her calf which contained her crystal needles.

Before the man could respond to that, Natalie began inserting the needles in the acupoints on the man's body swiftly and accurately.

Once she was done, she took out a small bottle from her pocket and shook out a pill. As she held it by the man's lips, she said, "Are you going to eat it, or shall I keep it?"

When the pill was close to his nose, he could smell the strong scent of herbs coming from it. The man could tell that the pill was no ordinary medicine even by the scent alone. Once he thought about his situation and how he wanted to live, he told himself that the woman might be his only chance of coming out of the situation alive.

"I'll eat it."

Upon noticing the man lowering his guard, Natalie shoved the pill into his mouth.

Not long after he swallowed it, a warm current seemed to flow into the limbs of his numb and cold body. As a matter of fact, the injury he had on his abdomen even felt less painful.

Dozens of minutes later, Natalie began removing the needles.

As he had poison flowing in him, the tips of her crystal needles were black.

When the man saw Natalie's swift actions and her attractive face, his heart skipped a beat.

"Thank you."

Natalie then patted the dust off her clothes before standing up from the ground. "This is all I can help you with. As for whether or not you can flee from your nemesis will depend on your fate."

The man smiled and nodded. "If I survive this, I definitely will return the favor. Can you tell me what your name is?"

"It isn't important." Natalie narrowed her eyes. "Saving you was just a coincidence; I never thought of asking you to return your favor. Even if a dog or a cat was lying here, I'll still save its life. Furthermore, whether or not you survive this is entirely up to your own good luck, not me."

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Chapter 766 Liking Women

After finishing her sentence, Natalie walked away without another glance backwards.

Benjamin Miller's eyes lingered on her retreating back for a long while.

This woman is my savior. She has such a compassionate heart. Although she knew that it would be trouble... She still tried to save me even though it was not clear whether it could even be done. In fact, attempting to save me might have even brought her down with me... She is too smart, and she sees things clearly. That's why she saved my life but ignore everything else. If it weren't for the bad timing, I would really like to find out who she is, but just as she has said...

Benjamin swore to himself that if he survived, he would find a way to repay the woman's kindness.

Natalie made her way to the door.

After waiting for a long while, Ross and Yandel stopped their car by the side of the road. The three of them stood waiting by the door. They were just about to call Natalie when she appeared.

Lia quickly ran up to Natalie. She glimpsed a thin layer of sweat glistening on Natalie's forehead and asked, "Where did you go? Why are you sweating so much?"

Natalie did not want Lia to worry so, she merely replied lightly, "I saw an injured cat earlier so I stopped to help it."

"Luckily you're alright!" Lia exclaimed, patting her own chest. "You almost scared me to death! I thought you got kidnapped!"

"No, nothing like that happened! Don't get yourself all worked up!" Natalie said, patting Lia's cheeks gently.

Natalie pulled off her hyper-realistic mask. The face underneath was beautiful and enchanting. Lia felt her breath catch as she gazed at her.

"Um…"

Natalie was oblivious to Lia's reaction, but it did not escape Yandel. "Boss, please don't touch Lia's face like that ever again. She might start liking women because of you!"

Natalie was about to chastise Yandel for being silly when she noticed Lia turning visibly red. Natalie smiled sheepishly and retracted her hand.

Yandel and the others were unaware that the 'cat' that Natalie had rescued was actually a human being. They brought Natalie to a bar for some celebratory drinks.

At that moment, Gale was nearby, reporting everything to King.

"How did the mission go?" King asked.

"I shot a poison dart into Benjamin Millers' stomach but he managed to escape," Gale reported dutifully. "However, it's futile. No one can save him from the poison."

"Benjamin Millers must not be allowed to return to Loang alive," King ordered coldly.

"Yes, Sir."

After they were done discussing Benjamin, Gale moved on to other items.

"King, why didn't you allow me to get rid of Natalie as well? You asked me to spare Yara's life too!"

"She is my secret weapon. I do not want her dead unless it is the last resort," King replied. "This woman is very valuable and it would be a pity to lose her! Keep her alive. We can use her as bait!"

"King, if your secret weapon is difficult to control, it's better to destroy it." Gale countered.

"Control is subjective," King interrupted Gale's thoughts. "When she begs me for help, she will be easy to control. You don't have to worry about anything else. Just do what I have asked to. You must not lay even a finger on her without my order."

"Yes, I understand," Gale replied obediently. He would not dare to disobey King.

At that moment, Yandel, with Natalie in the backseat, drove past Gale's car.

Natalie glanced out of the window and caught sight of Gale's silhouette. She did not recognize him, but she felt a cold shiver crawl down her spine at the murderous aura emanating from him.

Suddenly, Natalie had an uneasy feeling that she was in grave danger in Dellmoor.