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Chapter 964 His Name Is Taboo

Natalie was speechless.

“Didn’t you see how he bundled you up just now? It was as if he was jealous that I was looking at you. You know what? He reminds me of Samuel.” Yandel didn’t realize Natalie was upset and continued talking, mentioning a name that he shouldn’t have.

Soon, Yandel realized he made a grave mistake. Samuel’s name was taboo. Thus, he shut his mouth immediately.

As he expected, Natalie’s face had darkened completely.

“I can see you’re very free. You have time for gossip even. Does this mean you’ve gotten Dream Jewelry out of trouble?” she interrogated. “Yvette already promised to give us three days to get to the bottom of this issue.”

You’re in deep trouble yourself and you still have the time to poke your nose into my business.

“Sorry. I’ll look into it right now.” Speaking, Yandel stopped making a funny face and resumed his calm and professional work attitude.

By that time, Lia had already come back with a fresh set of clothes and a towel.

Natalie felt a lot more comfortable in her new clothes after changing in the restroom.

When she went back to her office again, Yandel and Lia were already waiting for her.

“Is your leg okay, Ms. Nichols?”

Lia recalled how Natalie was injured on her left leg after she managed to sneak into the hospital yesterday.

“I had a few stitches, and the doctor gave me some medication. I’ll be okay after two to three days.”

Since Natalie did not want them to worry about her injury, she glossed it over and switched the topic, getting down to business.

“Lia, I need you to send the whole Rebirth collection for verification.”

“I already did that. We’ll get the results by tomorrow morning.” Lia nodded.

“That’s not enough.”

“Huh?” Yandel and Lia were surprised.

“If there were really allergens on Rebirth, then the others who had touched it should also have a reaction as well, but they didn’t. Those who had touched the product were perfectly fine, and Yvette was the only one who had an allergic reaction.”

Natalie’s statement hit the right nail on the head.

Now that Natalie pointed this out, Yandel and Lia realized this was indeed a point worth considering.

It was impossible that she had an allergic reaction simply because there was some chemical substance on the product.

If this were true, the make-up artists who had touched it before her would have suffered equally.

The staff would have stopped the shooting if they realized something went wrong. There was no way they would carry on with it and intentionally cause a drama like this.

Natalie drummed her fingers against the table as she thought hard. A hint of certainty glimmered in her eyes as time passed.

“I’m sure someone’s behind this, and their motive is clear as day. They want to kill Rebirth and Dream Jewelry in their infancy. Yvette must have been exposed to something like a hormone, else there’s no way she can develop such an instant and drastic reaction.”

Everyone listened in silence, waiting for what Natalie was going to say next.

Natalie continued after moments of silence, “Whoever this person is, they overlooked the fact that I have medical skills. They thought Yvette would really be disfigured. Luckily things did not go as they planned, or Yvette and her fans would never forgive us.”

Natalie analyzed the situation accordingly. With just a few sentences, she figured out the culprit’s evil intentions thoroughly.

Yandel agreed with what she said, but the sheer thought of how everything unveiled gave him second-hard fear. “How can they be so cruel? They could’ve really stymied our survival in Loang if their plan worked out.”

What Yandel said was on point.

“Exactly,” Natalie added.

“Does this mean someone poisoned her? Because if that’s the case, only people who are close to her are capable of doing that,” Lia suggested, frowning.

“It must be,” Natalie said with a sigh, resting her cheek on her palm. “This means that she is unaware of what happened. She doesn’t know what chemical was used on her, and of course, she doesn’t know that’s the cause of the accident.”

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Chapter 965 Victory

Before Natalie dissected the whole situation for them, Yandel and Lia were still confused about what was happening.

“Lia, I need you to keep an eye on the public discussion of this issue. I want the PR department to be on this,” Yandel said. “As for Yvette’s side, I will make sure I get my hands on the proof we need.”

“Sure thing,” Lia replied.

Seeing that both of her subordinates were getting ready to take action, Natalie still reminded, “Also, we’re running short on time. Yvette agreed to give us three days. Farrington Jewelry will also launch their new series that day.”

Natalie saw to it that they were aware of the short time window they had before the two left to carry out each of their duties.

When she finally had time to look at her phone again, she went on Twitter to check out the trending topics. She saw that Yvette had recently updated her status.

It read: I’m doing well. Don’t worry, everyone! I’ll see you guys soon! After that tweet, she added a heart shape emoji.

Natalie noticed that this was one of the top three trending tweets on the social media platform.

Natalie knew for sure that Yvette was indeed doing well.

In fact, there would be no scars left on her body.

When Natalie saw this Tweet, she felt grateful for what Yvette did. Yvette posted this status right when all eyes were on this issue. This was enough to comfort all those fans who were worried sick about her, yet when she scrolled all the way down to the comment section, public opinion was polarized.

There were two groups of people with different opinions.

Some cheered Yvette on, while the others accused Dream and Muse of what had happened.

“You’re so strong, Yvette! I’m moved by your determination! Dream is the culprit behind all this!”

“We can’t just let what happened slide! Our goddess’ acting career would definitely be affected! We must boycott Dream and Muse!”

Some even tagged Dream Jewelry, asking them to apologize publicly.

When Natalie saw that these Twitter accounts were all newly created, she gave Xavian a call.

“Mommy?” A soft and adorable voice rang from the other end.

“Hey, Xavian. Could you do something for me? I need all the IP addresses of those people who commented on Yvette’s new tweet,” she said without beating around the bush.

“Heh, does this mean you’re hunting them down, Mommy?” Xavian sounded excited to be exacting revenge.

“You’re right. I’m not showing mercy anymore.”

“Of course. You can count on me. I’ll send everything to your email.” Xavian snapped his fingers.

“Thanks, Sweetheart! I bet you already know what happened online, right? Could you tell Clayton, Franklin, and Sophia that I might not be able to go home for a while? I promise I’ll be back once everything is settled. You guys behave and listen to Mrs. Bunton. I’ll bring you guys on a trip after I’ve settled everything. Is that okay?”

“No worries, Mommy! You hang in there. Everything will be okay!” the boy said with a smile before ending the call.

Over at the Jones family, Jerry was the only person who was worried sick as he looked at his phone.

He was certain that Natalie was set up by someone else. While netizens were pointing fingers at her, all he could think about was how she was doing.

Natalie was indeed a capable woman.

Though Jerry was afraid that things would go south, it seemed to him that things were still in control so far.

As for the others, including Bridger, Olivia, and Jada, they looked almost nonchalant.

“Olivia, how’s Farrington Jewelry’s Cupid series coming along?” Bridger asked casually, taking off his glasses.

“Don’t worry about it, Dad. The series of jewelry is almost ready for the launch in three days’ time,” Olivia replied. She reached for the cup of sweet-smelling coffee in front of her with both hands and took a sip. There was confidence in her eyes.

“That’s good.” Bridger nodded approvingly. “After what happened with Dream Jewelry, people are now looking at how our launch will go. This is a lot of free publicity for us. It’s really a stunt well done.”

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Chapter 966 The Man Who Brought Food

“Dad, Mom, Olivia, I’ll get going first,” Jerry said, putting down his fork and leaving with a sullen face.

Despite knowing that Dream and Farrington Jewelry were business rivals, he still saw Natalie as a good friend. Although he could not do anything to help Natalie, it went without saying that he would not tolerate any smug comment about the incident.

“What’s wrong with him?” Jada asked.

“He’s worried about Natalie,” Olivia replied. “After what happened, he came and asked me to help Natalie, but I turned him down. I can’t believe he’s asking me to do that. Dream is our enemy. We can’t just go easy on them when they’re finally beaten!”

“You’re right, Olivia. This is the right mentality,” praised Bridger.

“I thought I was out of the game when I did not manage to secure a collaboration with Muse, but it turns out luck is still on our side. This fiasco is really doing us good,” Olivia added.

Since things had evolved to this state and victory was at hand, Olivia decided to just open up about what happened.

“Dad, Mom, do you guys even know how much hard work I put into this?”

The couple looked at one another and then at their daughter. “You mean…”

"I've got a hand in this too," Olivia said proudly. "When I saw that Natalie got to work with Muse, Ammy, and Yvette, I knew that I had to do something to put her down a peg or two. I have to make sure she can't make a comeback ever again."

Bridger and Jada were startled.

They genuinely thought that everything was just an accident.

Little did they know, Olivia was the one who was manipulating the situation all the while.

"Why? Is there anything wrong with that, Dad?" Olivia asked when she saw their reaction. "Farrington Jewelry is really losing the luxury jewelry market. Dream will only grow stronger if this goes on. It's going to be hard for us to compete with them."

Bridger was appalled at first, but on second thought, he figured this was what business was all about. Things were constantly changing in the market, and adapting to changes was necessary.

His daughter's tactic had seriously damaged Dream's reputation. When he considered everything, he realized Olivia was better than him at playing business tricks.

"You did well," Bridger said, patting her on her shoulder.

"Thank you, Dad." Olivia was delighted.

Bridger warned, "But this is a big deal. Are you sure this will not lead back to you? You know the tables can easily flip if the other side gets hold of any evidence, right?"

Olivia said confidently, "Don't worry about it, Dad. Yvette is disfigured. That's no small issue! That's a whole lot to deal with for Natalie already. She won't have time to think about other things now. Even if she does, I've got everything planned out. There's no way she can overturn things now."

Seeing that Olivia was this optimistic, Jada and Bridger could finally heave a sigh of relief.

Just like that, the ambiance around the table became light-hearted. The three continued eating, imagining all the profit they could rake in once the Cupid series was launched.

Little did they know, their bliss was short-lived.

They were just a step away from their abysmal fall.

In the past two days, Natalie had contacted Anna to assure her that everything was under control.

Likewise, she telephoned Amos, but only his assistant picked up, so Natalie stopped calling after a few attempts.

Since Natalie never had high hopes for Amos, she was not at all disappointed when Amos tried to avoid her.

After all, the best decision anyone in the business industry could currently make was to distance themselves from Dream.

For that few days, Natalie, Yandel, and Lia worked tirelessly to solve the issue, so much so that they even forgot to eat.

On and off, a certain man would drop by from time to time to bring them stuff including delicious food and medication.

It was none other than the man with a mask.

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Chapter 967 High Expectations Lead To Disappointment

That afternoon, Jesper went to the office with three bags in his hand, as per usual.

"Mr. York asked me to bring this here," Jesper announced. "This pink one is yours, and the blue ones are theirs," he said to Natalie, carefully separating the bags.

Natalie could not help but feel indebted to Xander as she saw how he sent things to her almost every day.

"Mr. Iglehart, did you tell Mr. York that I asked him to stop sending us food?" she asked.

Jesper replied courteously, "I did. He said that if you don't feel good about receiving things for free, you can just pay him after this. I will give you a receipt stating how much is spent on food, medical bill, delivery service, and so on."

Natalie was astonished. That was not what she expected to come from the assistant.

"I'll take that as a yes?" Jesper asked.

Before Natalie could answer, he bowed respectfully and left.

Looking at the three bags before her, Natalie felt conflicted.

She had already told the man what she thought about him, but he still insisted on doing all this for her.

Wait, I'm paying for all this. I'm not leeching him off. With that thought in mind, Natalie took the two blue bags and walked toward Yandel and Lia's offices.

Initially, they weren't hungry because they were too busy working, yet when they saw the food Natalie brought, they suddenly felt famished. After thanking her, they began devouring the food.

As for Natalie, she went back to her own office with the pink bag in her hand.

When she opened the bag, she saw a big bowl of mushroom soup with meatballs.

She could tell from the fragrance and color that the food must be scrumptious. Looking at the meatballs floating in the soup, her appetite became better.

Using the spoon, she tasted a mouthful of soup.

The mushroom soup tasted delicious, and the meatballs were succulent. All of a sudden, Natalie felt she was energized.

When she had a second spoonful of soup, apart from feeling energized, she also started feeling that the flavor tasted familiar.

This mushroom soup and meatballs taste just like Samuel's cooking!

She narrowed her eyes and stared at the soup as her grip tightened around the spoon.

How? How can someone know me so well? Especially someone other than Samuel?

"Just what are you up to, Samuel?" she mumbled. "It's okay. I'll just wait for the answer."

After their meals, Natalie, Yandel, and Lia reconvened to have a discussion.

"How's everything going on over there?" Natalie asked about their progress.

"Just as you expected," the two said almost in unison.

They had already found out what happened, and things finally could be settled before Farrington Jewelry's launch tomorrow.

"Boss, what do you think we should do with those p*nks?" Yandel asked in hostility.

"Well, let's at least let them have a sweet dream tonight before they face reality tomorrow," Natalie pronounced, knocking her knuckles against the table. "By tomorrow night, they will realize how hard they can fall for thinking so highly of themselves. They brought this upon themselves."

When Yandel and Lia heard this, they exchanged glances, and a sly smile spread across their faces.

The Jones family is good as dead. Now that they have messed with Natalie, there's only one possible ending for them. They're going to make a fool out of themselves.

Dawn came very quickly the next day.

Farrington Jewelry's launch of their Cupid series ornaments was originally not expected to command this amount of attention, but because of how Dream Jewelry's products damaged Yvette's face, consumers and companies were highly concerned about how this launch would go.

The venue was decorated elaborately on that big day, waiting for everything to begin.

Under the light from the chandeliers, the jewelry shone brilliantly as they awaited their beholders that night.

Many reporters were reporting this event live. They were there, ready with their cameras. Everyone was waiting for the clock to strike seven twenty-eight to start broadcasting.

Chapter 968 The Start Of The Night

Olivia wore a glamorous white gown for the special occasion. The dress carved out her hourglass body shape exquisitely, accentuating her slim waist.

With her immaculate makeup, she looked queenly. Her image was fitting for the Cupid series jewelry she carried with her.

As she waited for her time to appear before the public in the private lounge, she could not help but smile while looking at herself.

Jada remarked proudly, "Olivia, you look splendid tonight. No one will be able to take their eyes off you when you host the ceremony later."

"Thanks, Mom. I will do my best tonight to make you and Dad proud," Olivia replied. After a momentary pause, she continued with a hint of remorse in her voice, "I hope Jerry could be here though. I know his studies are just an excuse to skip tonight's event. He's actually still angry that I refused his request to help Natalie."

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"Yeah, Olivia. This is a milestone for you and for Farrington Jewelry. Don't let Jerry spoil it for us," Jada agreed, trying to cheer her daughter up.

Since her parents had assured her, the smile on Olivia's face resumed, and she nodded in affirmation.

In no time, a knock came from the VIP lounge's door.

Olivia stood up and reached for the door. It was Amos, who was dressed in a gray tailor-made suit.

Although that suit looked minimalistic, it still looked classy on a gentleman like Amos.

His build was strong, and his legs were long. He was so attractive that Olivia's gaze was fixated on him from the moment he entered.

"Amos... you're here," she greeted shyly as her cheeks flushed.

Bridger and Jada could tell with just a glance that their daughter was interested in that man.

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Chapter 969 The Tip Of The Iceberg

Since it was only ten minutes before the live broadcast began, Olivia moved away from Amos and flashed him a warm smile. "Ammy, I'm so glad you came today."

"I know," he said curtly. Amos once wavered because of Natalie, but since Natalie was no longer a competent option for him, he did not see why he should push Olivia away.

Though he wasn't really fond of Olivia, he did not intend to reject her affection toward him.

Olivia tiptoed and planted a kiss on his lips. She was delighted with Amos' attitude of silent acceptance.

"I'll get going first then. I'll do my best to make you proud."

“All the best.”

Olivia looked at him for the last time and went out swiftly while holding her dress.

Over at the conference room, all the facilities and equipment needed were already prepared. The models and special guests were seated in the front row, waiting to go on stage for the presentation.

Bullet comments floated on the live screen. Looking forward to true love and Cupid descends were some of the words displayed on the projector.

As for the staff, they were all hyped up for the night. Since their rival was already defeated, they put all their hope on the international broadcast that was about to begin soon. Since Dream’s incident was widely discussed, it also helped boost their event’s visibility.

Before she went on stage, Olivia refreshed her makeup and took a deep breath.

When the director signaled to her, Olivia entered the camera frame elegantly with her script in her hand.

“Good evening, ladies and gentlemen. Welcome to Farrington Jewelry’s launch of our latest collection—Cupid. I would like to take this opportunity to also welcome the sixty million viewers joining us online. Before we begin, let’s take a few minutes to watch a recap video of how our latest season’s jewelry came about.”

Olivia clearly enunciated her speech, and her whole bearing was charismatic, giving the live broadcast a good start.

Bridger and Jada held hands as they looked at their daughter with pride. “She’s doing really well! As expected from our daughter!”

Even Amos was attracted by Olivia’s performance. He was quite impressed, as he had never seen this side of his fiancée before.

The effect of the five-minute promotional video was phenomenal. Many of the netizens watching the event live started asking for the link to the video.

As for the audience attending in person, their reaction was equally good. Their applause was thunderous when the video ended.

“Thank you. Next, we would like to invite this season’s designer, Athena, to share with us the concept of her work.”

The cameras shifted toward the crowd.

All the lights were directed toward a charming woman in a suit.

When all attention was on her, the woman took her time to stand up and take off her hat, showing a head of long silky hair that flowed down all the way to her shoulder.

Her cheeks were youthful, and although she wore no makeup, her beauty was enough to impress anyone.

Although women usually opted for gowns at big events, her choice of apparel was fantastic. She looked attractive and immaculate, giving people the vibe of an independent woman.

“Natalie Nichols?” Olivia was alarmed.

What is she doing here?

Bridger and Jada were equally dumbstruck.

Likewise, Amos was stupefied. Given his understanding of Natalie’s personality, he knew she must have a reason for her appearance, but still, he could not think of a good reason for her attendance at the Jones family’s event.

The staff present were also shocked.

As for the audience watching it live, they mistook Natalie for Athena and they started leaving comments.

Some commented: Who is that beautiful woman? Her beauty is more than enough for her to be an actress!

Some even compared Olivia with Natalie: Olivia is queen until she meets her.

Some agreed: I know right! She should be a celebrity!

Natalie’s appearance made the live broadcast heated. Viewership even soared by millions. Netizens started leaving more comments, and most of them were about Natalie’s looks.

Meanwhile, over at the Pendant Hall, Samuel was eagerly following the live show after taking his medication.

His narrow eyes stuck to the screen as he watched the woman he loved with pride.

“Mr. Bowers, do you think Ms. Nichols will be able to handle it?” Jesper asked in a worried tone.

“I’m sure she can. That’s why I didn’t interfere,” he said with a proud smile on his face.
“This is just the tip of the iceberg of what she’s capable of.”