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Chapter 781 Definitely Not My Daughter's Fault

"I blame myself when Kathleen got caught too, Rorion. However, I don't think I did anything wrong in this matter. She should be punished for her wrongdoings. In fact, she'll really be ruined if you raise her!" Hathaway was provoked by her unreasonable ex-husband. Why does it not occur to him that Kathleen learned that arrogance from him?

Almost immediately, both of them started squaring up a fight about Kathleen's upbringing again.

During break time, Tessa, Mona, and the others came out to have a sip of water. While walking, they were discussing the rhythm, which was a little off just now. Out of the blue, they saw Hathaway and Rorion arguing when they passed by the office.

"I don't care whether you find that student of yours or use any other way. I just want Kathleen to be out now! Otherwise, I won't let your performance in Yvetlava proceed smoothly."

"You're going overboard, Rorion!" Hathaway didn't think that he could be so shameless as to use her orchestra performance to threaten her.

Rorion scoffed when he heard that. "Am I the one going overboard? Kathleen is suffering in prison now because of you, and you're saying that I'm going overboard? I'm telling you now—get her out even if you don't want to! Otherwise, don't blame me for laying my hands on you!" As he said that, he was ready to hit Hathaway.

Tessa and the other members winced as they saw that. She immediately dashed inside and shouted, "Stop it!"

Hathaway looked at Tessa and the other members, stunned. "Tessa, why are all of you here?"

"It's break time now. We came out for water," Tessa explained. At the same time, she was studying Rorion secretly and despised the man. Although he's dressed like a gentleman, he's such a terrible person who'll lay his hand on a woman!

Likewise, Rorion was looking at Tessa as well. From the conversation just now, he knew that this woman in front of him was the reason why his daughter was in prison. His face darkened at once upon thinking about this. "She's the protégé, eh? She's also the one that made Kathleen go to prison, right?"

When Hathaway heard that, she knew something was up in his mind, so she quickly blocked Tessa from his view and said coldly, "This thing has nothing to do with Tessa. Kathleen's the one who's at fault."

Rorion was enraged when he heard Hathaway standing on Tessa's side. "How can my daughter be at fault?! It's always other people's fault!" He glared at Hathaway and bellowed, "Do you still remember who's your daughter? This woman is the reason your daughter is in prison, you know!"

As she looked at the furious man pointing his finger at her, Tessa finally knew where Kathleen's arrogance came from. Not only was he arrogant, but he was also extremely unreasonable. Seeing such a man really broadened her mind.

At this moment, she came out of Hathaway's back and looked at Rorion coldly. "I agree that Kathleen is in prison because of me, but she deserves it. You can't blame anyone for that."

As soon as she said that, many of the members around her were surprised. After all, some of them still didn't know what exactly happened to Kathleen.

"Oh my gosh, Kathleen's in prison again."

"No wonder Group One members just kept quiet when we asked them about her. I wouldn't say anything either if I were them. It's so embarrassing."

"Kathleen definitely did something horrible, and that's why Tessa can't take it anymore."

The orchestra members were speculating about what had happened, but they were all on Tessa's side.

Rorion became provoked hearing that. "Shut up! My daughter will never be at fault!" He glared at all the members fiercely as though he was going to kill them with his ghastly gaze.

When they noticed his gaze, the other members were all frightened and stopped their discussion at once.

In the end, his evil gaze landed on Tessa. "Who are you to criticize my daughter?! In fact, why would she cause you any trouble if you didn't mess with her?!"

“Me? Messing with Kathleen?” Tessa was so enraged by his words that she started laughing.

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Chapter 782 You Asked For It

But before Tessa could say anything, Rorion’s condescending tone resonated in her ears. “I order you to contact the police now and ask them to release Kathleen without charge! Or, you’ll regret this for the rest of your life!”

“This matter has nothing to do with Tessa, Rorion. Stop pestering and being unreasonable! Otherwise, I’ll call security!” Hathaway guarded Tessa with a worried expression, as she knew that when Rorion was a man of his word, he would definitely do something to Tessa.

However, Rorion totally ignored Hathaway and glared at Tessa with a devious gaze. “I’m asking you this one last time. Are you releasing Kathleen or not?”

Tessa was unperturbed by the threat coming from this unreasonable parent. Her face completely darkened, and she said toughly, “Kathleen should be punished for the crime she has committed. You can try to get me if you want to!”

The eyeball-to-eyeball situation between them was making the atmosphere tense at once.

Just then, Rorion narrowed his eyes and gritted his teeth. “You asked for this!” As soon as he said that, he grabbed his phone and called his bodyguard. Almost immediately, a few muscular bodyguards appeared in the office.

At once, fear took hold of the members’ faces when they saw the sudden appearance of the bodyguards.

Hathaway’s expression turned even more furious. “What are you trying to do, Rorion?!”

However, Rorion ignored her completely and ordered the bodyguards while pointing at Tessa, “Get her!”

“Yes, Sir,” the bodyguards answered affirmatively with a nod and then walked closer to Tessa.

Hearing that, Hathaway had a change in her expression. She guarded Tessa and shouted, “Don’t you dare come near us! Back off!”

But unfortunately, the bodyguards didn’t listen to her at all.

On the other hand, Rorion was scoffing at the side. “This is what happens when you choose the hard way. Get her quickly!”

At this moment, Tessa felt a stream of fear rising up from inside.

Just as the bodyguards were a few steps away from her, something unexpected happened. The guards Nicholas sent to protect Tessa realized something was up and came in just in the nick of time. Their actions were neat and quick, defeating Rorion’s bodyguard within seconds.

They guarded in front of Tessa and bellowed charismatically, “Don’t you dare lay fingers on our mistress!” At once, everyone there was frozen by Tessa’s guards.

Rorion scowled, as it was totally out of his expectation that there were people protecting her.

After Tessa was stunned for a moment, it came to her mind immediately that these two men were probably sent by Nicholas to protect her. At this thought, she heaved a sigh of relief and was touched. Thank God Nicholas had arranged bodyguards for me. Otherwise, I really don’t know what I can do in this situation.

The atmosphere turned into a stalemate at once.

At this moment, Rorion’s cold gaze landed on Tessa. “Don’t think that I can’t do anything with you even when there are people protecting you. Do you know how you’ll end up if you mess with me?” He tried to use his status to threaten Tessa to comply.

However, Tessa wasn’t terrified at all. Instead, she faced him and answered coldly, “I don’t know, and I don’t want to know.”

Rorion was at a loss of words for a moment, and his gaze was turning more devious. “I’m telling you now. If you don’t release Kathleen today, don’t think that you can live peacefully here even when there are people protecting you.”

When she heard his threat, her expression turned even colder. “I finally know why Kathleen has such a personality. Her enviousness and ruthlessness obviously came from you. Even now, she still doesn’t realize her mistake!”

As she was saying, she paused for a moment on purpose and scoffed, “You want nothing to happen after she threatened a person? Don’t you think that that’s too naive?!”

Rorion turned blue in the face when he heard that, and he was enraged. However, Tessa didn’t care about his killer gaze and continued, “I advise you to stop making a fuss here. Otherwise, it definitely won’t end well for you too.”

They glared at each other eye-to-eye, making the atmosphere tense once again.

Looking at Tessa, who had extremely no fear of him, he was completely provoked but hesitant at the same time.

She definitely has someone backing her, or else she wouldn’t have the guts to challenge me in this way.

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Chapter 783 No Regrets

It made Rorion recall how the police suddenly had a change of heart which made him dispel his thoughts of doing things the hard way. He shifted his gaze at Hathaway and scoffed, “So, this is the protégé you have under your wings?” The next second, he snorted and left.

The crowd was silent as they watched him disappear into the corridor. They then shifted their gaze at Hathaway, who looked awful. While Tessa looked at her, she felt bad for what had happened.

As she was about to say something, Hathaway spoke first.

“Alright, everyone should leave and attend your training.” She waved to signal everyone to leave. The members hesitated but finally left soon after.

In the end, only Tessa remained since she planned to speak to Hathaway after everyone left. However, Scott called her out.

“Mr. Brooks, what’s wrong?” Tessa thought that something had happened, seeing that he had summoned her.

As he looked at the girl's beautiful face, he advised, "I know what you want to say to Miss Hathaway, but I strongly feel that you should give her some alone time." He rushed over the moment he heard about the commotion at the orchestra. Initially, he was about to go to her rescue when he saw the bodyguards trying to harm her, but in the end, he was a step slower.

After hearing that, Tessa looked at the upset Hathaway, who was seated in the office with her back facing the door. Hmm... What should I do? I feel lost. She knew Hathaway was caught between her and Kathleen, which was hard for Hathaway.

However, even though Tessa had given in to Kathleen countless times before this, Kathleen didn't seem to have repented and even wanted to take Tessa's life. On top of that, she almost made Tessa lose someone dear to her. That was why even though Tessa felt bad for Hathaway, she never regretted her actions as Kathleen had gone overboard!

Looking at how silent Tessa was, Scott seemed to know what she was thinking from her gaze. "Don't overthink since it isn't your fault. The root cause is Kathleen's problematic attitude, and Miss Hathaway will understand since she's a reasonable person."

Hearing that, she nodded, but she was still worried. "Even so, Miss Hathaway would still be upset."

Scott let out a sigh as he was lost for words. As dwelling on the topic would not render any results, he tried to distract the young lady by saying, "You should head off for your practice. The most important thing right now is to focus on the performance."

Tessa nodded in agreement. When she was back in the practice room, she was silent throughout the rehearsal session. Noticing that, the others wanted to approach her to ask about what happened but changed their minds.

That night after rehearsal, Tessa went home with a heavy heart. Nicholas could tell that she was unhappy and pulled her into his arms before asking, "What happened? You seem upset."

"This morning, Kathleen's father caused a commotion at the orchestra, and we had an argument." She didn't try to hide the issue that happened during the day. She even revealed her thoughts to him. "Miss Hathaway has been taking good care of me, and it was because of her guidance that I could come to my current position in such a short period of time. But now... I really feel bad about it."

When he heard her thoughts, he understood how she felt. He raised his eyebrow and tried to probe into how she felt. "So you feel guilty for sending Kathleen to jail, and you planned to get her released?"

"No way! I never regretted my actions. She brought it all upon herself!" Tessa objected.

“There you go. If you didn’t regret it, why would you feel guilty?” Nicholas chuckled.

She furrowed her brows after hearing those words. “Although I have no regrets, I still feel sorry for Miss Hathaway since Kathleen is her daughter. I’m worried that…”

Even though she didn’t complete her sentence, he knew what was on her mind.

“Are you worried that Miss Hathaway would blame you? Think about it. If she really was irrational, she wouldn’t have stood on your side since the beginning.” Nicholas slowly explained, “Obviously, Miss Hathaway is a sensible person, so you shouldn’t take it to heart. The most important thing right now is for you to focus on your performance an

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Chapter 784 Will It Leave a Scar?

Tess nodded in agreement. “You’re right. I shouldn’t let this affect my mood.”

Seeing that, Nicholas felt his expression unconsciously turning gentle. “That’s right! You should be happy every day. Otherwise, your emotions will affect the baby in your womb. What if the baby is a little crybaby after he’s born because he feels sad in the womb?”

She was amused and couldn’t help but refute, “Since I didn’t really cry, how would I give birth to a little crybaby?”

“If you’re unhappy, the baby will feel sad, and babies cry when they are sad. Isn’t that so?”

What Nicholas said was reasonable, so Tessa had no grounds to refute it.

She laughed. “That’s a fallacy statement.”

Raising his brows, he looked toward Gregory and asked, “Gregory, do you think what Daddy said is correct?”

“Daddy is right. Mommy, you should be happy so the baby won’t feel sad.”

Just then, Gregory came over to back his father’s claims. As Tessa listened to their amusing conversation, she instantly felt more relaxed.

That moment, Gregory suddenly touched her tummy and coaxed, “Baby, do you see that Mommy is smiling? So you should be happy too.”

It lifted her mood to see the adorable moment. “Gregory, You’re just too adorable!” She hugged him and showered him with kisses which made him giggle.

The living room was instantly filled with laughter. Nicholas laughed as he looked at the pair’s interaction. However, he hadn’t forgotten what Tessa had just told him. He had his guard up against Rorion since he dared to bring his men over to the practice room and caused a scene there. His gaze darkened as he shot a look over to Edward, who instantly understood what he wanted since he had been serving Nicholas for many years. He nodded and left the manor.

Soon after, the butler walked over and reported, “Master Nicholas, Miss Tessa, dinner is ready.” The family walked over to the dinner table and had dinner together.

After dinner, Tessa played with Gregory before leading him back to his room so that he could wash up and go to bed. An hour passed after she managed to coax him to sleep. By that time, Tessa was also sleepy and yawned as she strolled back to the main bedroom.

In the bedroom, Nicholas was seen sitting on the bed, preparing to change his bandage after he’d showered. Tessa, who just got into the room, saw this and immediately walked over to help him.

“Didn’t I ask you to wait for me to apply the medicine for you?” She pretended to be angry as she stared at him.

“I know that you’ve had a long day, so I don’t want to startle you since my wound is unsightly.” He let out an awkward laugh. Because his wound was recovering, it looked a little hideous, and there was even a large bruise on the side.

Tessa looked at the scabbed wound on his shoulder and muttered, “I’m not afraid.” After speaking, she squeezed out some ointment on her hand and then gently applied it to his wound. She wasn’t afraid of the overlapped scars, but on the contrary, her heart ached as she looked at them.

“We’re not sure whether it’s going to leave a scar.”

He chuckled as he listened to Tessa’s worries. “It’s okay to have a scar if it’s meaningful. After all, it signifies my heroic act in protecting my woman, no?”

The way he looked at her was full of love. He really didn’t mind if it left a scar since he was used to getting injured when he was in the forces. It’s not like I care about having scars. Even though he was indifferent, Tessa couldn’t stand to see him get hurt.

“I don’t want such significance.”

Once she was done applying the ointment, she looked at him solemnly and said, “I don’t mind the events that happened in the past, but I hope you can promise me that you won’t let yourself get hurt in the future, as it worries me. Moreover, you were hurt on the same spot last time, so we’re not sure whether there’ll be any side effects.”

“Don’t worry. I’ll be fine.”

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Chapter 785 A Force to Be Reckoned With

Nicholas’ heart felt warm as he saw the love of his life worry about him.

He hugged Tessa with his uninjured arm and consoled, “Stop overthinking. Didn’t the doctors say that I’ll be fine after some rest?”

She seemed to agree with him since his words reminded her that the doctors would have told them earlier on if something was wrong.

“Moving forward, I want you to be safe and take good care of yourself.” She wrapped her arms around his neck with affection and told him coquettishly.

As he listened to her, he nodded. Under the dim lights, both of them locked eyes as they leaned in for a passionate kiss.

In the following days, Tessa had been focused on her training. As the date of the performance drew close, their training got more rigorous, and the sessions would go from morning to night.

Meanwhile, Rorion had not given up on getting Kathleen out. He had come up with numerous solutions, but somehow, the connections he previously had suddenly turned useless. All of them refused to help him, no matter what conditions he offered, which was puzzling.

That day, he visited Kathleen at the prison as he usually did.

When she saw her father, she questioned him impatiently, “Daddy, when exactly can I leave this horrible place?”

Since she was incarcerated, her condition hadn't been well, so he didn't blame her for her being agitated. The reason for her being agitated wasn't because she was bullied, since Rorion had managed to get her a single cell so that she would be spared from being locked up with other inmates. However, the agony of being locked up in a narrow, enclosed space with no one to talk to and without internet access was enough to drive her crazy. He got nervous, looking at how much weight his daughter had lost.

“Hang in there a little more. Daddy is thinking of a way.” He consoled her.

“How long exactly do I have to wait? You have been telling me the same thing every time, and yet, you never deliver on your promise!”

Kathleen was on edge because she couldn't stand staying there anymore. She craved to be released and to be free.

Having left with no choice, Rorion confessed, “I'm sorry I can't fulfill my promise. I have been seeking help from everyone one I know, but for some reason, they refused to help me with this matter.”

“Why so?”

Upon hearing that, Kathleen was stunned as it sounded unbelievable since those connections that her father had were people of high ranking and authority. By right, they would be able to get her out just by giving instructions. How come... Suddenly, a figure popped up in her mind. Could it be him?

“What are you mumbling about?” Rorion asked as he couldn't hear her speak. With that, Kathleen told him about her thoughts.

“I have a strong feeling that Nicholas Sawyer has something to do with it. I heard Mommy mention that he is a force to be reckoned with.”

After hearing his daughter's words, Rorion immediately got someone to investigate Nicholas after he left the prison.

“He's just a businessman. What's there to be afraid of?”

In a lavish hotel, after Rorion read through the investigation report, he felt that Nicholas wasn't a threat to him and didn't pay much attention. Little did he know that the investigation report was what Nicholas purposely wanted to show outsiders.

“I don't believe that he won't give in even if his wife and child are in my hands!”

Rorion narrowed his gaze as he was scheming to kidnap Tessa, thinking that Nicholas wouldn't have any choice but to release Kathleen because of that.

In a blink of an eye, the day of the performance came. Since it was a grand performance, the media and the patrons gathered even before nightfall. Luxurious cars were seen stopping on the sides of the road. Nicholas and Gregory saw how crowded the place was when they reached.

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Chapter 786 Do You Have a Death Wish?

Tessa instructed the male makeup artist calmly.

He squinted his eyes and looked at her suspiciously before rejecting her. "Miss Tessa, based on your current condition, I'd strongly suggest you rest at the lounge."

Immediately after, he brought her away from the makeup room without her consent, and the direction they were headed to wasn't the lounge. Tessa got anxious as she noticed that.

"I refuse to go to the lounge. Bring me to the main hall!"

She struggled to escape the man's grasp. Noticing that, he dropped his pretense since he knew that she must have realized something was wrong.

"You have no choice!"

He dragged her with all his might. On the other hand, Tessa tried to scuffle, but it was too late. The drug had come into effect, and her whole body felt limp. Even speaking posed a challenge. In the end, she could only helplessly let the male makeup artist drag her toward the back door.

At the same time, a black MPV was parked at the back door, and Rorion was smoking a cigar in it, looking pleased. Seeing that the makeup artist would be there soon after he glanced at the time, he commanded his men, "Open the car door and get her into the car when they are here."

Hearing that, his men nodded and opened the door, but no one came out the door after they'd waited for a while.

"What the heck is going on? What is taking him so long?" Rorion frowned in displeasure. Little did he know that the person he was waiting for had been intercepted.

"Who are you?" The makeup artist felt guilty and frightened when a few men suddenly turned up in front of him. His instincts told him that he might be in trouble.

Those men were actually Edward and a few bodyguards that Nicholas had sent to protect Tessa covertly. Since she told him about Rorion causing a scene at the theater, he had been on guard against that man. And now, something really did happen.

"You imbecile! How dare you hurt Miss Tessa? Do you have a death wish?" Edward glanced at the unconscious Tessa and then at the makeup artist with wrath in his eyes.

His expression turned grim, as he realized that they were the bodyguards sent to protect Tessa.

"Since everyone is working for the money, why not let me leave with this woman? I'll get my boss to pay you hefty hush money," he offered.

The makeup artist's words surprised Edward because he didn't expect him to counteract them. However, they might not live another day to spend the money even if they really got paid a hefty sum since he knew very well that Nicholas despised betrayal the most.

"There's nothing you can do. Let us leave with Miss Tessa, or else we will get into trouble." The next second, he shot a look at the bodyguards standing next to him. A few of them got the cue and started attacking the makeup artist.

"Be careful not to hurt Miss Tessa." Edward was concerned.

After hearing the words, the makeup artist planned to use Tessa to threaten them, but before he could do anything, one of the bodyguards took the opportunity and grabbed Tessa away from his grasp. Soon after, the makeup artist was captured.

"Lock him up and keep an eye on him. President Sawyer will deal with him later on," Edward instructed.

The bodyguards nodded and left with the makeup artist. Edward then carried Tessa to the lounge.

As soon as Nicholas received Edward's message, he immediately headed over to the lounge, but he didn't bring Gregory along, as he didn't want him to worry. When he stepped into the lounge and saw the unconscious Tessa, his expression turned grim.

“What happened?” He looked at Edward coldly, and the atmosphere suddenly became tense.

Feeling the pressure, Edward felt his heart freeze, and he replied, “Miss Tessa is fine. She is just unconscious because she was drugged.”

Even so, Nicholas was enraged about it.

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Chapter 787 She Noticed That Something Wasn't Right

Gregory was amazed. “Daddy, this place is packed.”

Hearing that, Nicholas nodded and brought Gregory into the hall gladly as he was looking forward to Tessa's performance. Since he bought the box seats, both of them entered via the VIP aisle. When they reached their seats, Gregory looked at the empty stage before looking over at Nicholas and uttered with anticipation, “Daddy, I'd like to go look for Mommy backstage.”

“We shouldn't because Mommy must be busy right now. It might cause her inconvenience if you go see her now.”

Nicholas rejected his request without hesitation. Hearing that, Gregory instantly looked glum, but he didn't pester his father since he understood what he meant.

Looking at how disappointed Gregory was, he consoled, “You will be able to see Mommy once the performance starts.”

“You're right, Daddy. I'll be able to see her later on.” He cheered up as he anticipated the performance.

At the same time, everyone, including Tessa, had been busy with preparations before the performance. She did everything from putting on makeup and changing into a gown to checking her violin. After she was done with her part, she helped the other members out to ensure that no details were left out.

Just then, Scott walked toward them. He was dressed in a suave tuxedo with a black bowtie around the neckline of this white shirt. It made him look refined and dignified, like an aristocrat. While he glanced at Tessa, he smiled as he was mesmerized at how stunning she looked. That night, she wore a fitted black and white dress that matched her glowing skin. Her natural makeup look made her seem elegant and charming.

“Mr. Brooks.” Tessa and the rest of the members greeted him.

Scott nodded as he asked Tessa with concern, “The performance will begin soon. How are you feeling? Are you nervous?”

“I’m fine. Thank you for your concern.” She smiled as she merely saw it as a friend’s concern. Even so, her condition had been tip-top since she had been eating and sleeping well the past few days so that she could carry out the performance in her best condition.

While both of them were chatting, a male makeup artist approached her and said, “Miss Tessa, your makeup seems too light. Come to the makeup room with me. Let me touch up your look for you.”

“Sure. Thank you.”

Without any suspicion, she left with him after informing Scott about it.

When they got into the makeup room, he let her sit on a chair before grabbing some cushion foundation and applying it to her face. As he patted the powder on her face, it oddly smelled like medicine. She furrowed her brows and suddenly felt dizzy.

“Why do I feel dizzy?” She shook her head and tried to stand, but she couldn’t stand still.

Seeing how she plopped herself down on the chair, the makeup artist smirked and pretended to seem concerned.

“Miss Tessa, what’s wrong?”

“I don’t know. I just feel dizzy.”

Tessa massaged her temples, but she noticed that it made the dizziness worse, which frightened her. Would I be able to perform later on if my condition didn’t improve?

He didn’t know what was on her mind. Looking at the time, he went up and supported her. “Why don’t I help you to the lounge so that you can get some rest? The dizziness might be due to low blood sugar since you’re pregnant.”

Upon hearing that, she nodded, thinking that it could be the cause. Soon, she noticed that something wasn't right. How would this man know that I'm pregnant?

The reason being this foreign makeup artist wasn't part of the orchestra, and she didn't even know him.

Realizing that, she got anxious, but she forced herself to calm down.

"Let's not go to the lounge. Please help me to the main hall to get some air. I'll probably be fine after a while."

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Chapter 788 Shane Yates

Even though Edward was frightened by Nicholas' wrath, he tried to console him. "Don't worry, President Sawyer, for I have contacted Shane to come over, and I'm pretty sure Miss Tessa's performance wouldn't be affected."

Shane Yates was one of Nicholas' men, and he was also a world-renowned doctor. Edward's words helped to calm Nicholas down. In fact, he could bring Tessa over to the hospital, but he didn't want to see her upset for missing the performance and blame herself for it after she was awake. Just like that, Nicholas stayed by her side while waiting for Shane's arrival.

There was silence in the lounge. Nicholas stared at Tessa with a soft expression in his eyes. Just then, Hathaway rushed over after hearing the news.

"What happened to Tessa?" She was worried when she saw the unconscious Tessa.

"Rorion got someone to drug her, so they could kidnap her, but his plan was intercepted by my men." Nicholas stared at her coldly while recollecting the incident.

Hearing that, Hathaway felt her heart sink. Nevertheless, she was most concerned about Tessa's condition. "Mr. Sawyer, since she's drugged, you should send her to the hospital. I'll take care of the performance."

Because of her words, his expression softened as he thought that Hathaway was a reliable instructor.

affected. But the order of the performance will have to be adjusted.”

“No worries. I’ll make the necessary arrangements.” Hathaway nodded and left the lounge.

Half an hour later, the door of the lounge was pushed open, and a man in a leather jacket walked in. He was a young man in his mid-20s who looked extremely handsome but with a slight evil vibe, and he gave off indescribable energy. This man was Shane Yates.

He was surprised to see how gentle Nicholas’ gaze was, as it was his first time seeing it. He looked over at Tessa curiously and felt that she was a beautiful lady. Alas, I see this is Mr. Sawyer’s cup of tea.

He then looked at Nicholas and greeted him. “Mr. Sawyer.”

“Come over and check on her. I want you to wake her up without hurting her,” Nicholas demanded as he moved over to make space for Shane.

After doing some simple checks, Shane turned over to look at Nicholas and said, “Miss Tessa was drugged with a substance in powdered form, which was inhaled through the nose. It’s simple to wake her up, as I can just administer some oral medication that will not harm her body.”

However, after he voiced his suggestion, it was refuted by Nicholas. “That won’t work since Tessa is now pregnant, so we shouldn’t simply give her any medication. Are there any other ways that don’t involve the administration of medication?”

Upon hearing that, Shane was surprised. She’s pregnant? That’s quick! Although he was surprised, he quickly snapped out of it and nodded. “There’s another way. We can use acupuncture to stimulate her acupuncture points.”

As he was speaking, he started preparing to perform acupuncture on her. Nicholas then stood to the side and watched quietly as Shane did the needle insertion. After a few minutes, Tessa slowly regained consciousness. When she opened her eyes and saw Shane, who was a stranger to her, she was in shock.

“Don’t touch me!”

She pushed Shane away in panic, then instinctively protected her stomach. Seeing that, Nicholas immediately went over and hugged the frightened Tessa in his arms. “Don’t be afraid. He’s the doctor I brought in, and you haven’t been taken away.”

When she heard his familiar voice, her flustered heart suddenly calmed down. She breathed a sigh of relief before withdrawing herself from Nicholas' arms and turning her head to look at Shane apologetically. "Sorry, I was too nervous just now."

"No worries. I totally understand," he replied and stood aside.

Just then, Tessa suddenly remembered her performance. She grabbed Nicholas' arms and asked nervously, "How long have I been unconscious? Has the performance started?"

"Don't worry. The performance hasn't started yet. I've asked Miss Hathaway to rearrange the performance order."

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Chapter 789 Fortunately, You're Here With Me

Nicholas comforted Tessa. She was glad that she didn't miss out on the performance.

After her concern was addressed, she suddenly recalled that she was about to be kidnapped earlier on. "What happened to me just now?" she asked.

"Rorion was trying to kidnap you in order to save Kathleen." Nicholas didn't hide anything from her and told her the truth.

"They have gone overboard!" Tessa was furious but, at the same time, scared.

Looking at how mad Tessa was, he tried to comfort her again. "Don't be angry. I will take care of it for you. The most important thing for you to do now is to focus on the performance."

Indeed, the most important thing at that moment was the show. She nodded and looked at him gratefully. "Fortunately, you're here with me."

It was obvious that the reason why she was able to be saved in time was that all of these were within Nicholas' expectations. That was why he arranged for Edward to protect her secretly in advance. It warmed her heart, thinking about how thoughtful he had been.

As the performance was about to start, Tessa bid goodbye to Nicholas and rushed backstage while he went back to the box seat.

When Gregory saw him, he pulled a long face and questioned, "Daddy, what took you so long? Did you go look for Mommy behind my back?"

"I went over because your Mommy needs my help with something," Nicholas explained without telling him the whole truth. Of course, he could have chosen to make up an excuse, but he didn't want to lie to his son. Gregory wasn't aware of his father's kind intentions.

After finding out that Nicholas went to meet Tessa without bringing him along, he got unhappy. "Daddy, you're mean. I don't mind that you get to spend more time with Mommy, but it's just too much of you not to bring me along when you go to see her. I don't want to talk to you anymore." Gregory folded his arms and purposely looked away.

Just then, with the microphone in his hand, the host announced, "Let's give a round of applause for Hathaway's Group Two members and invite them to perform on stage."

Nicholas glanced at Gregory, who was angry and said with a smile, "Your mommy is about to take the stage. Are you sure you don't want to watch it?"

Upon hearing that, he forgot about his anger and stared at the stage. Soon after, he was able to locate Tessa, who was standing in the front row, and exclaimed, "Daddy, Mommy looks so beautiful tonight."

"Indeed." Nicholas had his gaze fixed on his wife as she looked dazzling.

Soon after, a beautiful melody was played. As expected, it was an auditory feast, especially Tessa's solo part halfway through the performance. The audience was impressed by her superb violin skills. The father and son watched the whole performance from the box seats on the second floor as their hearts swelled with pride.

Realizing that the performance had already started, Rorion couldn't help but feel anxious since his men hadn't brought anyone over. "Did something happen?" he mumbled.

The next second, he decided to personally find out what had happened. I must have her tonight! Tsk! So, very soon, he brought a few of his men and entered through the theater's backdoor.

"All of you go look for her right away. I don't care how you do it, but you must bring that woman to me," Rorion instructed his men as he stood in the corridor.

Hearing that, they nodded, and when they were about to start their search, Edward and a few bodyguards appeared from the side.

“Are you looking for Miss Tessa?”

He shot a cold glare at Rorion and smirked, “I’m afraid you’d be disappointed as Miss Tessa is currently performing, and she doesn’t have time to see you now.”

Rorion’s expression immediately turned grim after he saw Edward. He recognized that Edward was Nicholas’ assistant and realized his plans had been intercepted. However, he didn’t take it to heart since he assumed that Nicholas was a mere businessman and there was nothing for him to worry about.

“It doesn’t matter if she’s performing now. I need to catch her tonight.” He glared at Edward arrogantly.

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Edward wasn’t enraged when he was faced with the haughty Rorion. He narrowed his gaze, seemingly unimpressed. “Is that so?” he asked.

“If you don’t want Miss Tessa to be hurt, I’d suggest you get Nicholas to release my daughter. Don’t say I didn’t warn you.” Rorion goaded, not knowing he was getting himself in danger.

“I’m curious about what you’re going to do to us. Right... President Sawyer wanted us to relay a message to you.”

“What is it? Don’t tell me he’s going to beg for mercy,” Rorion chided.

Edward stared at him coldly since he was as good as dead and reiterated, “President Sawyer asked us to extend his greeting to you.”

Right after, he shot a look at the bodyguards, and all of them surrounded Rorion and his men after getting the cue.

It startled Rorion, and as his gaze darkened, he asked, “Why, are you going to beat me up?”

Edward had gotten enough of Rorion's provocation and signaled the bodyguards to attack them. A fight instantly broke out between the two parties. Although Rorion's men looked tall and strong, they couldn't be compared to the well-trained bodyguards. Within a few minutes, the bodyguards defeated Rorion's man, and finally, it was Rorion's turn. Unsurprisingly, he was battered. Finally, Edward asked the bodyguards to stop.

He then looked down at Rorion condescendingly and warned, "Keep in mind that these are the consequences for trying to harm Miss Tessa. If there's a second time, you'll get more than this!" Edward left with the bodyguards after that.

Rorion's bloodshot eyes were filled with hatred as he stared at their backs. "You b*stards! I'll get back at you next time!" he grumbled before asking his men to send him to the hospital.

Meanwhile, on the stage, Tessa was unaware of the commotion that happened backstage as she put her heart and soul into completing the performance. The result of the hard work that the orchestra members put in was displayed to the audience through their performance. Everyone was so in sync that the performance was smooth, and the transitions were done seamlessly, which resulted in a heavenly melody that completely entranced the audience. Among them, Tessa gave the most outstanding performance, which allowed more people to witness her talent.

That night, the more than two hours long performance ended with an ovation from the audience. Tessa and the orchestra members thanked the audience at the end of their performance. Then, as she was about to stand up, a familiar figure caught her attention. She was surprised to see Nicholas holding a bouquet of flowers and walking toward her.

"Congratulations! The performance is a successful and wonderful one."

He looked at her lovingly as he passed the flowers to her.

Tessa was stunned but then immediately let out a big smile and chirped, "Thank you!"

The next second, Nicholas pulled her into his arms and planted a kiss on her cheek.

He then whispered in her ear, "You look stunning tonight, and you're the brightest star on stage. Of course, you're also the most important person in my heart!"

Hearing that, she was so touched that she tightened her embrace around him and smiled from ear to ear. The scene of both of them embracing was so beautiful and touching that the audience gave another round of thunderous applause.

After the performance ended, there was a celebratory party at the hotel, where the members of the orchestras stayed. Tessa followed Hathaway back to the hotel, and as she got down the car, she was surrounded by a crowd.

“Miss Tessa, can you please sign this for us?”

“Miss Tessa, your performance was outstanding.”

“Miss Tessa, can we please have a picture with you?”

Those were her fans that rushed over from the theater after seeing her outstanding performance. Tessa was surprised to see them as she never expected that her fans would come looking for her. However, she was patient with them and fulfilled each of their requests.