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/ Bring Your A Game, Mr Chapter 141 Forgoing Is No Forgiving

Having walked out of Ferry Building, instead of going home, Elise walked alone along the side of the road. Her mind was cramped with dilemmas as she was perturbed. It wasn't until a car suddenly appeared and honked nonstop beside her that she came to her senses. She turned her head to the side and saw a familiar car pulling up beside her.

Alexander pushed open his car door and got out of the car. He headed straight for Elise. "What are you zoning out for? Don't you know it's dangerous to dream and walk along the roadside?"

His intonation was as serene as ever, yet Elise was able to find concernment within his words. She lifted the corners of her lips and forced a smile. "I was contemplating something and missed your horn. Why are you here?"

Alexander, too, was surprised by the coincidence as he was merely out to sign a contract. However, to actually bump into her was quite dazing. "And why are you here? Aren't you supposed to be in school?"

He came back with a question of his own instead of answering hers.

In response, Elise shook her head and remained silent. Somehow, she was behaving way differently than on other days.

"Bad mood?"
Alexander furrowed his brows, pondering how he could cheer her up. Unfortunately, he didn't quite possess the experience to comfort a woman, so it proved to be somewhat of an inconvenience.
Having come up with some activities girls would usually like, he inquired, "Wanna go shopping? Or get something to eat? Or we can go for a simple stroll if you want." After he said that, Elise gawked at him in confusion. Her heart that was tainted seemed to be affected as well.
"Hmm Let's go shopping then." For some reason, Elise didn't feel like rejecting him, so she accepted his suggestion.
After scanning their surroundings, Alexander remembered Griffith Group's biggest mall that was nearby. "Shopping it is. Shall we?"
And so, Elise got into his car. While she was staring out the window, Alexander sent a text message to Cameron. A few minutes later, the biggest, most opulent mall in Athesea was cleared out before the staff members respectfully queued up in two lines at the main entrance.
"Greetings, President Griffith, Miss Sinclair!"

Alexander nodded his head in response. Very soon, a shopping guide came forth to serve Elise. "Miss Sinclair, what do you wish to see? Is it garments of the latest fashion, accessories, or perhaps you're into beauty and skincare?"

Initially, Elise assumed they were only doing some casual shopping. Little did she know, Alexander had arranged such an extravaganza for her, making her feel somewhat awkward. "It's fine. I'll just take my time."

The shopping guide replied, "Other than that, we've also just received a new batch of bags that are limited edition. Care for a look?"

Before Elise could say anything, Alexander whispered into her ear, "Just get anything you want. Don't overthink it." Thinking she was just too embarrassed to select any product, he decided to reassure her not to worry about anything.

"I'll look around. You don't have to follow me."

Hearing that, the shopping guide turned to Alexander, who then waved his hand at her, signaling her to retreat, to which she heeded the instruction. Thereupon, Alexander accompanied Elise as she walked from one shop to another. Every single worker in the shopping mall tactfully approached to guide them. Even the manager of the mall, after hearing the news, consequently hurried over to see them.

"If there's anything you need, President Griffith, just give me a call and I'll send it over," the manager warily informed. On the other hand, Alexander returned to his usual, cold mannerism. "It's fine. I'm just passing by and looking around. There's nothing important here. You may leave."

The manager hastily wiped the sweat off his forehead. Despite Alexander's statement, he stayed around, serving them with utmost care.

Meanwhile, as Elise didn't expect to see such an empty mall, she didn't carry any purpose with her when she agreed to come. However, after walking around the mall, she noticed there were many things that piqued her interest. Thus, she decided to spoil herself by splurging. When she was about to pay for the items, Alexander notified the shopping guide, "These are all on me."

"It's fine. I can pay for myself," Elise hurriedly refuted. Nonetheless, the shopping guide didn't dare to take Elise's card. Eventually, everything Elise acquired in the shopping mall was afforded by Alexander.

"Do you feel better now?" he quizzed. At that moment, let alone feeling better, it was as if she had visited the paradise every woman could only dream of, and the lavish spending was the best stress relief ever.

"You're quite the womanizer, Alexander. Going all out sure feels good!"

Seeing she was not as moody as before, he revealed a subtle grin. "As long as you like it."

His words carried a huge hint of adoration, but Elise, who was still dwelling on her excitement from shopping, failed to acknowledge it.

As they were about to finish shopping, a number of staff members helped them to carry bags of their purchase, following Alexander and Elise out the mall. However, as fate would have it, they ran into Ashlyn.

Ever since the incident on the cruise ship, Ashlyn's reputation among the socialites was utterly shattered. Furthermore, with Alexander pulling some strings from behind the scenes, the Lawsons quickly fell to their demise. Besides, somebody reported her uncle's deeds, pinning down the family entirely.

Hence, she was no longer the illustrious missy as she was in the past. For	the	sake
of advantages, the Lawson Family had arranged a marriage between her	and	a
local real estate owner.		

Right then, Ashlyn was seen with her fiance.

Upon seeing Alexander, she instinctively stopped her feet and pursed her lips. In a pitiable tone, she shouted, "Alexander!"

Baffled, Alexander tensed his brows and turned around, only to see Ashlyn. Regardless, there wasn't a trace of emotion on his face as he completely disregarded her.

Seeing that, Elise muttered, "Isn't that Ashlyn?"

He extended his hand and patted her head. "Let's head back. There's no need to waste our time on irrelevant people."

Murmuring in agreement, Elise withdrew her gaze. In regard to the incident back then, she didn't manage to play her cards as the dispute was quickly resolved by Alexander's men. Thus, she had decided to let Ashlyn go for the time being.

However, Elise was a vengeful woman. In other words, to her, forgoing was by no means forgiving.

Meanwhile, Ashlyn watched as Alexander and Elise, interacting amiably, walked past right in front of her without responding to her. In that instant, her heart was filled with tremendous indignation. Had the incident not happened, the woman beside Alexander now would have been her.

Catching Ashlyn's eyes fixating on Alexander, Ashlyn's fiance stomped over to her. "What the f\*ck are you looking at, you wh\*re? Have you forgotten you're now my woman? If you dare to even think about cheating on me, I'll f\*cking kill you."

In fear, Ashlyn swiftly withdrew her stare and forced a chuckle. "You're reading too much into this, honey. I only have you in my heart."

Upon those words, the frown on the man's face was slightly relieved. Despite that, he wrapped his arm around her waist in one swift move and gave her a vigorous pinch. "If I ever catch you looking at any other guy again, I'll plow you dead."

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Ashlyn didn't say another word and compliantly followed behind the man, but her eyes showed a hint of underlying dissatisfaction.

How? How does an ugly duckling like Elise manage to live so vivaciously, and yet I have to suffer in such a way?

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When they arrived home, Alexander carried all the newly bought things to Elise's room. This was his first time in her room, and he could detect a slight fragrance in the air as he entered.

"Let me know if there's anything else you need. I'll have Cameron bring it over to you," Alexander said. Elise glanced at the pile of shopping bags in front of her and was a little shocked that they'd actually bought so many things today. "That won't be necessary for now. We've already bought a lot, actually."
Alexander nodded and asked, "What do you want to eat for dinner? I'll pass the word to the kitchen."
Elise's eyes moved around as she pondered. She thought of something all of a sudden and said, "I want sticky pork ribs and roasted chicken."
Alexander made a mental note of her cravings. "Sure, get some rest and just come downstairs when it's time for dinner."
As he spoke, he left her room with wide and brisk steps. Elise cupped her face with one hand as she stared at herself in the mirror. Strangely, she felt like a girl who was being pampered by her boyfriend.
Elise lay on her huge bed and stared at the ceiling above her; an image of Alexander surfaced in her mind and she couldn't help but smile sweetly. Then, she rolled over and gradually fell asleep.

Night approached steadily outside her windows. It wasn't until a knock sounded on her door that Elise stirred. She stretched lazily and checked the time—she was surprised to find that it was already over 7.00PM.

"Dinner's ready, Miss Sinclair." The housekeeper's voice came from outside her room.
Elise quickly replied, "All right, coming."
Lifting her blanket, she hopped off her bed before putting on her slippers and leaving her room.
On the way down, she bumped into Danny who was playing mobile games on his phone. He instinctively hid his phone at the sight of Elise and greeted her nervously, "Boss!"
Elise looked at him and asked, "Have you been gaming again?"
Danny admitted sheepishly, "Yeah I only played for a while, though—it was only a round."
Elise nodded in response. "Okay. Have you done your homework? Is there anything you don't understand?"
To that, Danny quickly said, "Yeah, there are a few questions I don't understand. Can we please go over them after dinner?"
Elise hid the cunning look in her eyes as she stared at him. She replied readily, "Of course, but I have a condition."
Danny had a bad feeling right away. "W-What is it?"

Elise extended a palm in front of him. "Give me your phone. No more mobile games until you make the top three on your next exam."

Danny felt like he was being controlled, but as he gave it some thought, it was indeed his own goal to pay attention to his studies in the first place. He wouldn't be able to study well if he continued to give in to his desires and played mobile games without restraining himself. Thus, he happily handed Elise his phone. "Here, Boss."

Elise said with a chuckle, "Good boy. Listen, you can play your games all day all night when you get into college. I won't stop or bother you anymore then."

For some reason, Danny felt a little bummed out when Elise said she wouldn't bother him. It was almost as if he enjoyed being constantly supervised by her.

The two of them went down the stairs one after another. The housekeeper said the moment they arrived downstairs, "Mr. Griffith has business to attend to this evening, so he won't be having dinner at home. Young Masters Brendan and Jack also said that they won't be coming home tonight."

Elise nodded in acknowledgment and went straight to the dining hall. Placed on the middle of the dining table was the sticky pork ribs and roasted chicken that she'd mentioned earlier. A warm feeling flooded her heart instantly and her mouth curved up into a sweet smile.

"Wow, we're having sticky pork ribs?" Danny hastily pulled out a chair and sat down. Then, he immediately picked up his fork and knife as he prepared to dig in. At that moment, Alexander seemed to appear out of nowhere and bellowed, "Danny!"

Danny froze on the spot as soon as he heard that and quickly put down his cutlery. He looked up at his brother and greeted, "Alexander."

It was obvious that Danny was still rather afraid of crossing Alexander. The latter responded lightly and turned to Elise. "Here are the sticky pork ribs and roasted chicken that you were craving. Why don't you give them a try?"

Danny realized then that the food on the table was specially prepared for Elise. It was no wonder his brother reacted in such a way. Thus, he quickly pulled out a chair for Elise and politely said, "Take a seat, Boss."

Elise sat down with a smile on her face. Even when the housekeeper had finished bringing out all the dishes, neither Alexander nor Danny started eating.

Alexander turned to Elise and said, "Give it a taste."

Elise cut a piece and took a bite. Instantly, the rich barbeque sauce melted in her mouth; it tasted no different from what she remembered. "It's delicious. Please, dig in."

Danny had been itching to start eating the moment he saw the food, so he began to stuff his face as soon as he was allowed to.

"These ribs are so good, Alexander."

Alexander instinctively hid his hand under the table as he watched them enjoy the food—there was a small but noticeable band-aid around his finger.

"Eat more if you like it."

Elise thought that the sticky pork ribs were pretty tasty, but she could taste a hint of charred residue on the meat. She assumed that the chef must've been careless with the fire as he was cooking it. Other than that, she didn't give it much further thought.

At that very moment in the kitchen, however, Stella was staring at quite a few slabs of pork ribs lying in the trash can, completely burnt and inedible. It was her first time seeing Alexander cook after serving in the Griffith Family for so many years. At the thought of that, she couldn't help but chuckle. Seems like Young Master Alex has fallen for that young woman.

After dinner, Elise went to the study to teach Danny his homework. Just then, her phone rang. She took it out of her pocket and realized that it was an alarm that she'd set for herself. Today was Wednesday, the day she had to teach Arisian to Alexander.

"Have you understood everything? Do you have any other questions?"

Danny shook his head. "Nope. I'm all good."

Elise then left the study and returned to her room. After locking the door behind her, she turned on her computer and noticed that Alexander was already online.

She couldn't help herself and sent him a message. 'Quite on time, aren't you?'

Alexander simply replied, 'Yeah.' Immediately after that, he said, 'Let's start, then. What's the topic for today?'

Elise was surprised at how fast Alexander could learn. In just over a month, he'd already mastered the basic Arisian sentence structures and grammar. He practically had no problem engaging in simple conversations as of now.

'Let's practice situation dialog today,' said Elise. Then, she swiftly began to create a scenario in which they could have a conversation. Though Alexander was usually very efficient in learning Arisian, he seemed a bit off today.

In truth, he felt like Sare's way of speech was quite similar to Elise's. Have I gone crazy? Why does everything I do have something to do with Elise?

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Elise couldn't help but ask, 'Did something happen today? You don't seem too well.'
Alexander stared at the band-aid around his finger as he replied, 'It's nothing. It's just that you suddenly seem a lot like a friend of mine.'
Elise's heart shuddered. She almost immediately assumed that Alexander was trying to expose her identity, but she was also quite certain that her disguise was flawless, and that he wouldn't have seen through it so easily. 'Am I? In what way are we similar?'

A slight frown formed between his brows. He felt ridiculous all of a sudden; Sare and Elise were clearly two different people, so how did he end up linking the two of them together?

'It's nothing. I'm probably just overthinking it.'

Elise let out a breath of relief. 'Since you're not feeling the best, let's postpone our lesson.'
Alexander didn't reject her suggestion. He replied with an 'OK' emoji and went offline right after.
On the other end, Elise stared at the darkened profile icon of the man, and her subconscious pictured the figure of Alexander at this moment as he sat in his room. Her lips curved into a sweet smile.
The next morning, Jack was quietly waiting downstairs. When there was still no sign of Elise after some time, he called out, "What are you doing, Elise? You'll be late if we don't leave soon!"
Elise finally came downstairs in a rush. She had trouble falling asleep last night and didn't doze off until past midnight, which was precisely why she'd woken up late today.
"I'm coming!"
Elise got into the car in a hurry and Jack immediately drove away. He seemed to be in quite a good mood today and was humming his new song all the way to school.
"Elise," Jack suddenly called her name.

She looked up and asked, "Yeah?" Jack studied her face for a moment before he finally let out his question. "You and my brother... Is there anything going on between you guys?" Elise blinked stiffly. She was unsure why he'd ask such a question, but she instinctively denied his claim nonetheless. "Like what?" Jack thought that she didn't understand what he meant, so he tried again and asked, "Tell me honestly, Elise. Have you fallen for Alexander?" Elise let out a light cough to mask her true feelings. She quickly averted her eyes and answered as she stared out the window, "Nonsense." Jack was obviously unconvinced. "Are you sure? Why do I feel like there's something unusual going on between you two?" For instance, Alexander would take her along even when he hung out with his brothers. Also, the condescending air around Alexander which could be sensed from miles away would disappear without a trace whenever he was with Elise. "What are you talking about? There's nothing unusual going on between us! Stop imagining things and focus on your new song." Jack stopped probing since Elise was visibly upset.

Regarding his new song, the music and lyrics that were both composed and written by H was amazing. The song wouldn't have blown up the way it did if it wasn't for H. In fact, he wanted to personally pay his thanks to H, but he couldn't contact them no matter what; even Noel couldn't help him secure an appointment with H.

"Forget it. I won't ask anymore if you don't want to tell me. You know what, though, Elise? You should make your move soon if you really are interested in him. After all, it's not easy to bag a man as brilliant as Alexander."

If he got it right and Elise had really fallen for Alexander, it'd be great if she ended up as their sister-in-law. After getting along with her for some time, he'd found Elise to be a lot less of a nuisance compared to when they first met. She was instead an easygoing and approachable person who could be naturally casual with each of the brothers; she was never too over the top with flattering them or putting up a cold front.

Most importantly, he could feel that Alexander treated Elise rather differently.

"Since you have time to pry into someone else's privacy, why don't you think about your own life?" With those parting words, Elise opened the door and got down from the car. Jack watched her furthering figure and muttered under his breath, "What's wrong with my life? I'm doing fine, except I don't have a girlfriend..."

His heart ached a little. Was she roasting me for being single?

Nonetheless, he brushed it off with a scoff and didn't think much of it before he started his car and sped off. At that moment, though, his phone rang. He reached out and tried to retrieve his phone from the passenger seat, but he accidentally dropped it underneath. Thus, he hastily bent down to pick up his phone. Just then, a loud bang sounded in the air and he slammed on the brakes immediately.

The inertia sent his body crashing forward, and his head knocked into the windshield. It was then that Jack noticed a person lying on the ground. He panicked and scurried down from his car at once. "Are you okay? You good?"
However, when he realized who the victim was, he was stunned. Isn't this the girl who's always with Elise?
"Hey, are you okay? Wake up."
But Mikayla simply lay motionlessly in Jack's arms. He didn't have time for much consideration and carried her straight into his car and gave Ronald a call as he rushed to the hospital.
"I hit someone, Ronald. I'm on the way to the community hospital"
Ronald was stunned when he heard those words.
"You're okay, right?"
Jack quickly replied, "I'm fine, but she got hurt pretty bad."
"Okay, listen to me—don't panic. I'll be there right away. Be careful and don't let the paparazzi catch any of this."

Jack hung up and stepped on the gas all the way. At the hospital, the doctor came up to them and quickly pushed Mikayla into the operating theater. Jack stood outside and waited as he panted for air.

Before long, Ronald came rushing up to him. "How's things? How's the person doing?"
Jack replied, "She's still in the operating theater."
Ronald didn't care much about that, though. "This can never get out no matter what. We'll have to impose a media blackout at once. Listen up, you leave ahead. I'll take care of things here."
"But"
"Come on, no buts. Please, Jack, don't forget who you are. It'll be messy if the media gets a hold of this."
Ronald spoke in a rushed manner as he whipped out his phone to call the driver. "Come over to the back door. Jack will be waiting for you there."
Then, he hung up and made Jack leave in a hurry.
Even though Jack felt quite helpless, he could only leave for the sake of preserving his reputation.
Jack returned to the company, but his mind was obviously somewhere else. Just as he approached the elevator, Charlene, who was heading in his direction with a smile, gave him a warm greeting. "Jack!"
Jack nodded absent-mindedly and walked past her with a poker face before stepping into the elevator.

The smile on Charlene's face froze in an instant. Jack had never taken her seriously; no matter how many times she'd tried to cozy up to him, he'd brush her off like she was nothing.

"Your phone's ringing, Charlene," her assistant said in a low voice when she saw the unhappy look on her boss' face. Charlene took the phone and put it to her ear. After hearing what the caller had to say, the look in her eyes darkened. "You didn't find anything? How's that possible?"

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"Yes, my people have looked into it for quite some time but they didn't find anything."
Charlene's expression darkened even more. "I understand."
As she hung up on the call, her grip tightened around her phone.
"What's wrong, Charlene? Are you okay?"

Charlene let out a scoff and shot her assistant a sharp glare. The one look was enough to send a shudder up her spine.

"What's wrong, you say? Are you hoping for something to go wrong for me?"
The assistant quickly explained herself, "No, Charlene. I didn't mean it like that."
However, the woman wouldn't give her a chance. "Just pack your things and leave now. I don't want to see you ever again."
With those words, Charlene lifted her chin high and stomped away pompously.
As she boarded her minivan, all she could think about was the fact that her people had failed to find even the slightest information on H. After all, H was clearly back in the industry, and she had to do something about it.
Wait a minute. Since H wrote a new song for Jack, that means they're acquainted. If that's the case, I'll be able to find H as long as I keep an eye on Jack.
An idea popped up in Charlene's mind as soon as she thought of that. If she couldn't find anything on H, she'd definitely succeed if she kept an eye on Jack.
Meanwhile, Elise, who was still in class, had no idea about what happened. Seeing that her friend had been absent for the whole day, she sent Mikayla a text message after class. However, she never got a reply even after some time, and she didn't think much of it either. Just then, her phone buzzed with a call.

"Boss, they're back at it again." Jamie's voice rang in her ear. He was trying his best to track the other party, but they were too cunning indeed, so much that even someone as skilled as Jamie fell short to them as a rival.
"Just hold them back for now. I'll be there right away."
Elise hung up and told Danny to fill the teacher in on her early leave before she rushed to Ferry Building. Jamie had been dealing with them for the time being up until Elise's arrival. After sitting down, Elise didn't immediately begin to track them down. Instead, she tried to contact them.
'What do you want?' Elise wrote and sent it over. Then, she waited patiently for a reply. Not even two minutes passed when the other side responded with a smiley face emoji.
Jamie couldn't hold back from cursing out loud, "Who the f*ck is this dumb*ss?!"
Elise knitted her brows. Her fingers ran across the keyboard as she typed, 'I know you don't mean any harm. Otherwise, you wouldn't have continued talking to us for this long, am I right?'
The reply was yet another smiley face. This time, Elise was all out of patience.
"Boss, let's just end it right now."
Elise stared at the emoji replies; her eyes darkened as she sunk into thought. She continued the conversation as she launched another tab and started writing some code.
'Do you know me?' wrote Elise, but the other side didn't reply for a long time.

At the same time, Elise had completed her code which she immediately planted into the other party's system. A short moment later, their IP address was already in her hands. Just then, the other party replied, 'I'll be waiting for you.'
The reply was simple, and Elise instantly knew what it meant—they had done that on purpose.
They'd clearly figured out her actions and had intentionally exposed their IP address for her benefit.
"I'll go with you, Boss," Jamie suggested. However, the moment he said that, a line of words appeared on the screen. 'I want you to come alone.'
Jamie felt like they were definitely planning something.
"You shouldn't risk going alone, Boss. You're a girl, after all. We should just ignore this dumb*ss."
Elise pursed her lips before she said, "No worries. I'll go and meet them alone."
"But"

The next moment, Elise stood up. "Don't worry. I'll be fine." Even so, she didn't know if she was reassuring Jamie or herself with those words. Strangely, though, she had a faint feeling that the unknown person behind the screen was someone she knew, and that they had no intention of harming her.

And so, Elise wanted to give it a try and meet them in person.

"I'll send you a message every 30 minutes. Call for back-up if you don't hear from me for an hour."
Jamie was still worried, but he knew that Elise was never one to turn back once she made a decision. Thus, he could only comply. "Don't worry, Boss. I got it."
"Give me your car keys."
Jamie quickly took his car keys out of his pocket and gave it to Elise. She took it and turned around without another word.
The IP address pointed toward the outskirts of town. Elise started the engine and drove straight toward the location. An hour later, she glanced at the pin on the map of her phone and looked around. She was quite literally in the middle of nowhere, but she was sure that this was the place. However, she couldn't find anyone even after looking around.
Elise started to suspect if she'd gone the wrong way, so she slowed down and drove down the path. Just then, she saw a huge and extravagant mansion hidden behind a forest of trees.
Elise's eyes darkened at once. She got down from the car after parking it by the roadside.
As she walked up to the pond in the front yard of the mansion, two black German shepherds came running up to her. Elise looked down at the two dogs and her eyes were instantly filled with glee. "Potato! Tomato!"

The dogs stopped next to her legs and excitedly wagged their tails as they stared up at her.

Elise crouched down immediately and patted their heads affectionately. "Oh my god! What are you guys doing here? Papa can't be here, can he?"
At that exact moment, the booming deep voice of a middle-aged man came out of nowhere. "Ellie!"
Elise instinctively looked up when she heard the familiar voice. She called out cheerfully, "Papa!"
When Quentin Fassbender laid his eyes on Elise's strange appearance, though, he couldn't help but tease, "My goodness, are you really my sweet daughter? What happened to your face?"
Elise scratched her head a little awkwardly, but the next second, she boldly jogged up to him and wrapped her arm around his. "Aren't I pretty this way, Papa?"
A deep frown formed between Quentin's brows as he stared at Elise. "Why did you do this to yourself? It hurts to see you looking like this."
She stuck out her tongue and said, "Hehe! Just for fun."

"What's so fun about this? Go and take this ridiculous makeup off your face right now."

To his surprise, Elise shook her head. "Nah, I'd rather not. I think this is great for a change. Besides, everyone around me thinks I look like this now. It'd be troublesome if I go back to normal all of a sudden."

Quentin knew that Elise had her own way of doing things, but she was truly too ugly to look at right now.

"Alright, sure. As long as you're happy."

Elise simply replied with a scoff and said, "Why didn't you tell me you're visiting, Papa? You didn't need to lure me over in such a manner."

Quentin started laughing loudly when she mentioned that. "What do you think, Ellie? Wasn't it a great surprise?"

Elise shook her head. "A great surprise? More like a great scare."

However, Quentin put on a mysterious smile. "What I mean is... Were you surprised by the skills of the person who was battling against you behind the screen?"

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Elise became somewhat curious when the subject was brought up. "Where did you find this guy, Papa? His skills are actually better than mine!"

Quentin's smile broadened when he heard Elise say so. "I just knew you would say that. That's why I brought him here specially to introduce him to you," he replied, before asking one of his bodyguards to call the person over.

Elise's curiosity was piqued. About a few minutes later, a dashingly handsome man came up to them with a gentle smile on his lips.
"Owen, this is Elise whom I told you about," said Quentin to the man.
Owen Morgan looked at Elise. Apparently, he never expected her to look like this; she seemed far from the stunning beauty as described by Quentin. A peculiar look flashed across his eyes, and Elise was perceptive enough to notice it. He said, "Nice to meet you, Miss Ellie."
Elise nodded politely with a smile. "Nice to meet you too. I'm Elise Sinclair."
Seeing how the pair introduced themselves in a stiffly formal manner, Quentin said with a smile, "You young people should be more energetic. It's been so long since we last met, Ellie. You've changed a lot."
However, Elise pouted her lips with a troubled expression. "Have you come to the point of loathing me, Papa?"
"Hahaha! What are you talking about, you little girl? I'd never loathe you."

Owen chimed in, "Mr. Fassbender has always sung your praises in front of me, Miss Ellie. In his eyes, you're undoubtedly the best person to ever exist."

"You hear that, Ellie? I've been thinking about you all the time. You, on the other hand, have completely forgotten about me long ago, haven't you? You heartless little girl."

Elise stuck out her tongue in embarrassment. "I wouldn't dare do that, Papa."

Luckily, Quentin merely meant his words as a joke that he definitely didn't take seriously. "How are you doing these days, Ellie? Anything interesting to talk to me about?"

Elise held Quentin's arm and told him about the interesting things that had happened recently. The two walked into the mansion as they chatted, whereas Owen followed closely behind them.

Before this, Owen had only learned of Elise's existence from Quentin, so he knew nothing about her looks and disposition. All he knew was that Quentin was very fond of this goddaughter of his, and that she had amazing skills as a hacker. After the previous two encounters, he had gained a fairly thorough understanding of her capabilities as a hacker.

"Owen!" Suddenly, Quentin called out to him.

"At your service, Mr. Fassbender."

Quentin replied with a laugh, "Spare me the formalities, you. I just have something to discuss with you. Do you remember what I told you last time?"

Owen knew that Quentin wanted to fix him up with Elise, but he really had no feelings for her at all. Therefore, he played dumb by replying, "I'm sorry, but I'm afraid I don't."

Quentin didn't mind his response, though. He merely suggested, "Elise, you're no longer a little girl, so it's time for you to be dating someone. What do you think of Owen?"

Elise was stupefied right away by the blunt, straightforward, and concise manner in which Quentin said those words. "What are you talking about, Papa? I'm only 18!"

However, Quentin replied, "Which makes you an adult. Besides, your godmother was about your age when I married her, so now's the right time to be in a relationship."

Elise was utterly speechless. Despite finding it embarrassing to say something in Owen's presence, she declined tactfully, "I don't feel like dating someone, Papa. I'm still a student."

Quentin replied with a deep frown, "Why are you still attending school when you've got a double degree? You should listen to me and take over my company."

Inevitably, Owen was surprised when he heard this. Has this lady done a double degree at such a young age? I couldn't tell at all. How incredible.

Just then, Quentin asked, "What do you think, Owen? Elise is my only daughter. Though she's not my own daughter, I love her more than I love my own daughter. It'll be a huge load off my mind if you two can get together."

Owen didn't find himself drawn to Elise, but he didn't turn Quentin down at this moment. "A romance takes time to grow, Mr. Fassbender. This is the first time

I've met Miss Sinclair, so there's nothing romantic between us to speak of yet. But we can spend more time with each other from now on."

Quentin was very satisfied with Owen's reply. "Owen is a nice kid. Trust me, Ellie; he's a good match for you."

Elise didn't expect this meeting to be a blind date. After rolling her eyes for a moment, she could only reply, "Sorry, Papa. I didn't know you were trying to fix me up with someone. I'm already in a relationship..."

Silence filled the air right away as soon as she said those words. After a few seconds, Quentin replied in a tone of apparent disbelief, "You've got to be kidding me, Ellie. Why have I never heard you mention before that you're in a relationship?"

Elise blushed with embarrassment, but she, of course, couldn't take back what she had said. Therefore, she could only lie, "We've just started seeing each other, so our relationship isn't steady yet. I'll definitely bring him to meet you next time."

Quentin couldn't help but doubt whether Elise was telling the truth when he saw how serious she sounded. He had always thought highly of Owen, so he hoped that the latter and Elise could become a couple. However, if Elise already had a boyfriend, he couldn't force her to break up with him. "Are you serious about it?"

Elise nodded vigorously.

Quentin turned to look at Owen apologetically, but the latter gave him a smile of relief. "It's alright, Mr. Fassbender. I'm already honored to get to know Miss Sinclair. Perhaps she and I aren't meant to be together."

Quentin wasn't convinced, though. "Ellie, if you really have a boyfriend, you should bring him to me and let me check on him for you."

Elise was about to say something in reply when the bodyguard outside suddenly came in and reported, "Sir, someone forcibly broke into our turf, but we've successfully subdued the intruder. What are your orders?"

Quentin was not in the mood to deal with such things, of course. "Just leave him there for a while first. We'll talk about it later."

However, Elise suddenly recalled something and hurriedly stopped the bodyguard. She asked, "Is he a young man in his early 20s named Jamie Keller?"

The bodyguard answered, "He's indeed in his early 20s, miss. As for his name, we haven't had time to ask him about it."

Elise checked the time. Figuring that it had to be Jamie, she then said to Quentin, "Please let him go at once, Papa. He's my friend."

## Bring Your A Game, Mr Chapter 146

/ Bring Your A Game, Mr Chapter 146 He Looks So Dashing!

Friend? Obviously, Quentin didn't believe what Elise had said since the man was a young lad in his early 20s. He couldn't help but ask, "Tell me the truth, Ellie—is he the boyfriend you talked about?"

Elise quickly explained, "You're overthinking it, Papa. He's just a friend of mine."

Seeing how serious Elise looked, Quentin believed her somewhat. He then ordered the bodyguard, "Go and bring him here."

"Yes, sir."
With that, Jamie was brought in by the bodyguard. At the sight of Elise, he immediately trotted up to her with a look of worry. "Are you all right, Boss?"
"I'm fine. Come. I'll introduce you to my godfather."
Jamie was still confused upon hearing this. He then turned to look at Quentin, and a glance was all it took for him to find that the man looked very familiar. He felt like he had seen him somewhere before. "Hello, sir," he immediately greeted. Then, his face showed a look of surprise, as if he had recalled something. "Y-Y-You're the, uh" He was so thrilled that he couldn't say anything for a long time.
Elise patted him on the shoulder. What a wimp, she thought.
"Boss, h-he's Quentin Fassbender, the richest man on earth who topped the Forbes' list of the world's richest billionaires, isn't he?" Jamie asked excitedly.
"Uh-huh," Elise responded softly.

Jamie became even more excited as he hurriedly stepped forward and extended
his hand. "Nice to meet you, sir. I'm Jamie Keller. I didn't expect to actually mee
you one day. It's such a great honor."

Quentin was amused by Jamie's series of actions. This young lad's quite interesting, he thought. "You're a friend of Ellie's?"

Jamie nodded repeatedly before adding, "Actually, I'm her lackey. She's my boss."

Quentin turned to look at Elise with a slightly raised eyebrow. "So our Elise is also a boss now, huh? That's pretty good. At least you didn't make me look bad."

"Jamie only barged in out of concern for my safety, Papa," Elise explained.

Quentin reassured her with a smile, "It's fine. This young lad looks decent. Please stay by Ellie's side and take good care of her on my behalf in the future."

Jamie nodded vigorously. "Please rest assured, sir. I'll definitely take good care of her."

"Good to hear. Join me for a meal later, Ellie," Quentin said as he took Elise into the mansion. Then, he seemed to think of something and suggested, "Ellie, since you have a boyfriend, it's time that you bring him over for me to take a look at him."

"Uh... How about we put this off until later, Papa?" Elise was at a loss for what to do. Where am I supposed to get a boyfriend on such short notice?

"No, that won't do. I think now's the best time to do that, so let's do that today. Just bring him over later."

"But—" Elise still wanted to say something.

However, Quentin seemed to have seen through her. He leaned over to her and whispered, "Ellie, just tell me right away if you really don't have a boyfriend. I won't blame you for that. Besides, Owen's a really nice guy, and you should believe in my judgment. You're my daughter, so there's no way I'll do you harm."

Elise gritted her teeth before she promptly replied, "Papa, I'll bring him over to see you later. As for Mr. Morgan, I think we'd better be friends."

Her words were pretty straightforward. Seeing that she still insisted on claiming to be in a relationship, Quentin couldn't help but wonder if she really had a boyfriend. Still, it's nothing to worry about. So what if she does have a boyfriend? Everything is subject to change as long as she's still unmarried. Moreover, even a married couple can get divorced these days if they find their marriage to be an ill-suited match, so I've never worried about such a problem, he thought. "Okay, it's settled then. Bring him over tonight so that I can get a good look at him."

Elise had no choice but to say yes. Inwardly, though, she was in a fret. Where could I find a boyfriend?

She thought of the Griffith siblings. Danny's definitely out of the question. He's not mature enough, so Papa may frighten him with just a few casual remarks. Brendan is also out of the question; he's too busy since he spends almost every single day in his design studio. Besides, he and I aren't that close yet. Jack, on the other hand, is okay, but how should I ask him for help?

As soon as Elise and Jamie came out of the villa, Jamie went up to her. "Since when have you been in a relationship, Boss? Why didn't I know about it?"

Elise quickly covered his mouth and signaled him to stop talking about it. Taking the hint at once, Jamie immediately shook Elise's hand off and said, "Boss, did you—" Elise silenced him with a look before he could finish his sentence. Jamie nodded vigorously. "I got it, Boss. Let's go back first." Jamie then drove Elise home. On their way back, he asked, "Boss, are you gonna have someone pose as your boyfriend?" "Uh-huh," Elise responded somewhat irritably at the mention of this. Jamie then asked, "And who's the lucky guy you've chosen?" Elise pursed her lips. "What do you think of Jack?" Jamie was naturally surprised to hear Jack's name. "So you like men of his sort, Boss?" Elise replied, "He's a suitable candidate. It's just that I have no idea how to talk to him about it." Jamie shook his head, though. "I don't think Jack's the right man to do this, Boss. You're looking for someone to pose as your boyfriend, so I think someone like

Alexander is probably more suitable," he suggested in all sincerity.

However, Elise backed off when she heard Alexander's name, mainly because she felt guilty and thus passed him over in her mind right away. "Just forget about him."

Jamie was puzzled. "Why, Boss? He's the Griffith Family's eldest son, as well as the family's best heir. With his reputation in the business world, he can definitely win Mr. Fassbender over. Besides, I think he's the only one who's good enough for you, Boss."

Elise hemmed and hawed before she spoke. "Forget it. Jack's more suitable, after all." At the very least, she thought of Jack as a friend. But for Alexander, she couldn't; she couldn't see him as just a friend.

"Alright! Whatever you say. So are we gonna go to Jack right now?"

Elise checked the time and said, "I'll call him first and see whether he's free tonight." As she spoke, she took out her cell phone and called Jack.

In the meantime, Jack was pacing around in the hospital lobby with his body muffled up from head to toe.

When he took the elevator and reached the ward, Ronald was still there. Ronald asked, "Why are you here, Jack? Didn't I tell you to leave this to me?"

Jack frowned slightly. "I'm worried. How's she? Is she okay?"

Ronald immediately answered, "She's okay. It's just a slight concussion. She'll be fine after a few days' rest."

Jack let out a sigh of relief. "I'll check on her and apologize while I'm at it," he said as he opened the door to the ward.

Meanwhile, Mikayla was already awake for quite some time, though she didn't know it was Jack who had knocked her over. She was only put on an intravenous drip as instructed by the doctor. Bored stiff, she was watching Jack's drama on her cell phone. He looks so dashing! She was acting all fangirl while staring at Jack—her Prince Charming—on her phone's screen.

Just then, the door to her ward was opened, and a heavily disguised man walked in, which really frightened her. "Who are you?"

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/ Bring Your A Game, Mr Chapter 147 Pretend to Be My Boyfriend

Jack took off his face mask, revealing his face, of which even women were envious. When Mikayla saw that, she thought her eyes were deceiving her. "Why are you here, hubby?" she blurted out before immediately covering her mouth. Then, she apologized with an apologetic smile, "Sorry, I'm used to calling you that..." As soon as she finished her sentence, she wished she could bite her tongue off. What do you mean, "I'm used to calling you that," Mikayla? Wouldn't that make it obvious that I've been fantasizing about him for a long time? she thought. "What brings you here, Jack?" she asked curiously.

Jack stepped toward her, asking, "Are you feeling better?"

Is my husband caring about me? Mikayla felt like she was going to die of happiness. Even though she was still on an intravenous drip at this moment, she felt this was the happiest moment of her life. "I'm fine. It's just some scratches and bruises," she answered. Only then did she realize something peculiar. How did Jack know that I got wounded? And why does he care so much about me? We've only met each other at school before. Well, I did play a role in the filming of his music video. Has he always remembered me since then?

Jack was finally relieved when he saw that Mikayla was all right. "It's good that you're alright. Sorry, I got distracted while driving and knocked you over. If you need compensation, just tell my assistant the specific amount."

Mikayla was dumbfounded. So I was actually knocked over by Jack? What a stroke of luck this is! she thought. "I'm fine. You don't have to worry about it, Jack. I believe that you didn't do it on purpose. As for compensation, I have no need for that," she replied magnanimously, with no intention of blaming Jack at all.

Jack was somewhat at a loss when he heard Mikayla say so. It was the first time he ran into such a thing. The lady seemed to be a fan of his, and she even idolized him. "You don't have to hold back. It was my fault for knocking you over, so feel free to tell me whatever you want."

Mikayla couldn't help laughing when she saw Jack behaving like this. "I'm fine, really. Besides, I'm not someone who would throw themselves in front of your car to blackmail you for money, so you don't have to worry about it. If you really feel bad about it, how about I add you on WhatsApp and send you a message if there's anything?"

Jack thought that Mikayla's request was very reasonable. Without giving it much thought, he took out his cell phone right away and shared his WhatsApp QR code with her.

Mikayla scanned his code right away without a moment's delay. Just as she finished doing so, his phone rang. She glanced at the phone's screen and noticed that it was a phone call from Elise. "Elise is calling you, Jack."

Jack retracted his arm and looked at his phone with a slight frown. Elise would never call him on her own initiative unless it was his turn to pick her up from school. However, it wasn't his turn to do so today. He looked up at Mikayla, asking, "Did you tell her?" He was referring to the incident where he had knocked her over.

Mikayla immediately shook her head. "No, I didn't. I only learned just now that it was you who knocked me over, so I couldn't have told her about it. She must have something else to talk to you about."

"Mm-hm," Jack responded. "Well then, have a good rest and tell Ronald if you need anything," he said while turning around. After walking out of the ward, he picked up the phone and asked, "Anything?"

Upon hearing Jack's voice on the other end, Elise cut to the chase. "Where are you now?"

Jack's eyes darkened as he glanced at the ward—the door of which was tightly shut—behind him. He answered, "I'm at the hospital."

Elise was surprised. "Are you ill?"

Jack denied, "No, I'm here to visit a friend."

When Elise heard him say so, she didn't question him about the reason he was at the hospital. Instead, she merely asked, "Are you free tonight? I'd like to ask you a favor."

Recalling that he still had work to do tonight, he replied straightforwardly, "If you have anything to talk about, just tell me on the phone. I have work to do tonight, so I'm afraid I already have my hands full."
His reply shattered the only hope left in Elise's heart. "Forget about it, then. I'll find a way on my own," she said before hanging up.
Jamie hurriedly asked, "How is it, Boss? Did he agree?"
Elise shook her head. "I'm afraid he can't make it. He's busy tonight."
"Oh," Jamie responded. Then, he casually suggested, "In that case, let's ask someone else instead. Alexander is definitely more suitable for the job. Why don't you give it a try, Boss?"
Elise was somewhat hesitant. In the end, however, she let out a sigh in helplessness. "Alright, I'll give it a try."
Jamie drove Elise to the Griffith Group right away.
The immaculate marble floor reflected Elise's slender figure. Since it wasn't the first time she came to the Griffith Group, those in the company knew her to a certain degree. When they saw her, they respectfully greeted her, "Miss Sinclair."
"What can I do for you, Miss Sinclair?" asked an assistant.
Elise pondered for a moment before asking, "Is Alexander here?"

The assistant answered with a smile, "President Griffith is in the office. I'll inform Cameron right away." Then, the assistant hurriedly called Cameron.

Cameron hurried downstairs to pick Elise up when he learned of her arrival. "Miss Elise, you should've told us beforehand that you would be coming. President Griffith is now having a video conference, which will take a while." He led Elise to the lounge on the top floor. "Please wait here for a moment, Miss Elise. I'll let you know when President Griffith's done."

"Thanks," Elise replied.

Cameron then left the room.

Elise felt somewhat nervous now that she had arrived at the Griffith Group. Now I'm here, but what if Alexander turns me down? After all, pretending to be someone's boyfriend is really quite embarrassing, she thought. She randomly picked up a magazine and flipped through its pages, but her attention wasn't on it at all.

After a long time, the door to the office was pushed open, and Alexander strode in. When he saw Elise, a strange look crept into his originally expressionless eyes. With feigned composure, he stepped forward and asked, "Is there something you wanna talk to me about?"

Elise tightened her grip on the magazine upon hearing his voice. Raising her eyes subconsciously, she asked, "Are you done with work?"

Only then did Alexander notice the magazine she was holding. He couldn't help but remind, "You're holding the magazine upside down."

Elise promptly lowered her eyes to look at the magazine she was holding. Then, she hastily put it aside while concealing her embarrassment. "Do you have anything on later?"

Alexander felt Elise was somewhat weird today. Still, despite him being as busy as a bee, he said, "Not really."

"Oh," Elise replied without saying anything else. Inwardly, though, she was deliberating how to ask him the question.

However, Alexander seemed to have seen through her. He said, "If you've got something to talk to me about, just say it."

Elise looked up and met his eyes. After a long time, she said, "Indeed, there's a favor I'd like to ask of you."

Alexander fixed his eyes on her while waiting for her to continue.

Elise gritted her teeth. Finally, she said, "Alexander, can you pretend to be my boyfriend just for one night?"

Silence reigned over the air the instant she finished her sentence.

## Bring Your A Game, Mr Chapter 148

/ Bring Your A Game, Mr Chapter 148 A Match Made in Heaven

Alexander thought he had misheard her, but he clearly felt his heart beating wildly in his left chest. "Okay, I promise you. When is it?"

He agreed so readily that Elise didn't get to say anything else. "Tonight," she blurted.
Alexander didn't ask her any further about it. "Alright. Just wait for me here. I'll be right back," he said before walking out of the room. After the door closed, he couldn't help but take a deep breath.
Cameron stepped forward, asking, "What can I do for you, President Griffith?"
Alexander said, "Pinch me."
Cameron was perplexed by Alexander's words. However, seeing how serious Alexander looked, he slowly pinched Alexander on the arm.
Alexander's lips curled into a faint grin as he sensed the pain. At the sight of the scene, Cameron was horrified. "Did I pinch you too hard, President Griffith? Sorry I'm—"
"It's fine." Alexander sounded relaxed. "Cancel my schedule for tonight. I have something private to deal with," he ordered. With that, he walked away, leaving a stupefied Cameron standing there in bewilderment.

Cameron pushed his glasses up his nose. Something told him that Alexander was rather strange today, but he had a vague feeling that Elise had something to do with the reason behind it. Call it a man's hunch.
Alexander had changed into a brand-new suit when he returned. He went to the lounge room and said to Elise right away, "Let's go."
Elise was a little surprised by how he had returned so quickly, but she felt somewhat guilty upon remembering that it was her who had asked him for the favor. "Alexander, you agreed without asking me why I need you to do so. You wouldn't go back on your promise at the last minute, would you?"
Alexander raised his eyebrows before asking, "Is it difficult?"
Elise pondered for a moment before shaking her head. Alexander then said, "Why would I go back on it when it's not?"
Elise was lost for words. She thought that Alexander's words made sense. Still, feeling a sense of responsibility for him, she told him everything about the situation as they left the company.
Alexander was expressionless after hearing her story. He merely looked into her eyes for a long time before saying, "I don't have much experience in posing as someone's boyfriend, but I'll try my best to go along with you."
Elise breathed a sigh of relief when she heard him say so. "Thank you so much! Don't worry, Alexander. I'll keep in mind the favor you've done me."
Alexander curled his lips into a smile. "Let's get in the car."

Elise hurriedly got into the car and sent him the mansion's location on WhatsApp. To her surprise, rather than heading for the destination right away, Alexander went to a shopping mall first and bought some gifts.

Elise was stunned when she saw the trunk stuffed with gifts. "What are you doing, Alexander?"

Alexander replied, "Didn't you say that we're going to meet your godfather? We can't possibly go to his place empty-handed, can we?"

Elise was lost in thought upon hearing what Alexander said. We're just pretending to be a couple; why do I have a feeling that Alexander is taking it seriously? This must be an illusion, she thought.

Meanwhile, Quentin was sitting in the rocking chair in the courtyard of his mansion, drinking tea made using the Earl Grey tea leaves that he had just purchased this year. Owen, on the other hand, was sitting beside him. "There's no need to overthink it, Owen. I think Ellie probably made that up on a whim. She doesn't have a boyfriend at all. If she really has one, she would've told me before, so you have nothing to worry about."

Owen came to his senses. In reality, he didn't worry about it, for he neither liked nor hated Elise. He only complied with his family's wishes and went on the blind date with Elise because of Elise's identity, but whether the blind date worked out or not didn't matter to him. "Mr. Fassbender, I think I'm fine with it if Miss Sinclair has found a good match for herself. After all, only remarkably talented and capable young men are good enough for someone as outstanding as her."

Quentin felt the same way; his daughter was a fine lady no matter how he looked at it. Even though Elise wasn't his biological daughter, he didn't consider her any different from a daughter of his own. "Ellie is clever and beautiful. She was pursued by countless men two years ago, and I only helped her keep those men away because she was still a teenager at the time."

Owen was surprised upon hearing this. Elise is far from attractive; what's so outstanding about her in Mr. Fassbender's eyes? Not only that, but he even said that she's very beautiful, he thought. "There must be something extraordinary about Miss Sinclair that people are obsessed about."

Quentin gave him a meaningful look before explaining with a smile, "I'm afraid you don't have a good grasp of the situation, Owen. Ellie is full of ideas, and she can be very imaginative. Sometimes, not even I could figure out what she's thinking about. She's absolutely good-natured, though," he said, before instructing one of his men to bring his cell phone over. "Let me show you what Ellie really looks like." After finding a photo of Elise that was taken two years ago, he handed his cell phone to Owen right away.

Owen's eyes were full of surprise when he took a glance at the photo. There was a trace of youthfulness in the features of the young lady in the photo, but it wasn't difficult to tell from her stunning features that she was drop-dead gorgeous. But the Elise I saw was... Owen thought, before a sudden realization hit him. So that's what's going on. "Miss Sinclair is very gorgeous indeed. One can't help taking a fancy to her at a glance."

Quentin seemed satisfied with this answer. "You have to work hard if you want to win her heart, Owen," he said with a hint of encouragement.

Owen's eyes darkened. At first, he didn't have much interest in Elise and only agreed to go on a blind date with her out of respect for Quentin. But now, she had sparked his interest. "I'll do my best, Mr. Fassbender."

The two were chatting when the bodyguard outside came in and reported, "Miss is back with a stranger, sir."

Quentin was startled. "She's back so soon?" he exclaimed while putting down his phone. Then, he said to Owen, "Let's go and take a look."

Owen followed Quentin closely as they walked along the hallway all the way to the living room. Quentin sat down in the living room on his own, holding the

finance and economics newspaper he had read this morning as he pretended to read it.
Elise somehow tensed up when she and Alexander arrived at the mansion's main gate. Nevertheless, she said to Alexander, "Just do as we agreed on earlier."
Alexander's eyes softened as he stared at her. "Okay."
The pair got out of the car at the same time. Upon seeing them, the bodyguard hurriedly walked up to them and greeted Elise respectfully, "Welcome home, Miss."
"Where's Papa? Take us there."
The bodyguard extended his hand as a gesture of welcome.

Just as Elise was about to go in, Alexander stepped in front of her and signaled to her to hold his arm. Elise felt somewhat embarrassed, but then it occurred to her that she had to play out the drama tonight. Therefore, she stretched out her hand and took his arm.

Somehow, the pair looked like a match made in heaven as they stood side by side.

Elise's heart kept pounding as she held Alexander's arm. Owen was the first to see them, and he greeted her first. "You're here, Miss Sinclair."

## Bring Your A Game, Mr Chapter 149

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Chapter 149 I Still Have Time to Go Horse Riding With You, Sir

Elise gave Owen a nod. Then, she walked up to Quentin, saying, "Papa, this is Alexander Griffith, my boyfriend."
Only then did Quentin raise his head and look at Elise. His eyes were full of scrutiny when he laid them on Alexander, but it took him just a glance to sense something extraordinary from the majestic aura Alexander gave off. This young man is no ordinary man, he thought.
"Nice to meet you, Mr. Fassbender. I'm Alexander Griffith," Alexander said slowly. The instant he spoke, he gave the feeling of a man born to be king, which surprised Quentin greatly. This young lad seems to be in his early 20s, yet he gives off such an impressive aura.
Also surprised was Alexander, who surely never expected Elise's godfather to be Quentin Fassbender, the richest man on earth who topped the Forbes list of the world's billionaires.
"You look like a fine man, young lad," Quentin replied with a smile. However, the smile didn't reach his eyes, which were full of scrutiny as he sized Alexander up.
Elise asked Alexander to take a seat and then said to Quentin with a grin, "Papa, now that I've brought him to you, please have a good look at him. I believe my dear Alex will not disappoint you."
Her words filled Alexander with immense pleasure, not least because the words 'my dear Alex' made him feel like he and Elise had been married for years.

Quentin replied, "Oh, I'm sure he won't. I have no problems as long as he's someone you like, Ellie. Besides, even if I disapprove of him, you won't break up with him, right?"
Elise replied with a helpless smile, "You must be joking, Papa."
"Haha, look at this daughter of mine! She's already so protective of him right now; what will become of her in the future?"
Owen kept smiling the whole time without saying a word, but only he knew how affected his smile was. He had no interest in Elise at first, but he changed his mind after seeing what she really looked like. However, he didn't expect Elise's current boyfriend to be Alexander—the all-powerful head of the Griffith Family.
Quentin had lived abroad for many years and thus knew little about Athesea, but Owen was well aware of Alexander's status and family background. He didn't expect Elise to be Alexander's girlfriend at such a young age. This was something he couldn't sniff at. But who cares if Alexander is her boyfriend? As long as it's something I want, there's nothing I couldn't get my hands on, he thought. "Since our distinguished guest has arrived, why don't we seat ourselves?" he suggested.
Quentin agreed at once. "Good idea. Let's have a talk after dinner," he replied.
With that, the group went to the dining room. Elise held Alexander's hand while whispering in his ear, "My godfather is easy to please. It's fine as long as you make it look like we're faithfully devoted to each other. He definitely won't give

us a hard time."

Alexander turned to look at her. He asked, "Elise, why didn't you tell me before we came that your godfather is Quentin Fassbender?"

Elise frowned. "Does it matter?"

For a moment, Alexander was at a loss for a reply. Does it matter? Of course it does. It's your godfather that we're talking about, after all, he thought. However, he couldn't say that to Elise since they weren't really dating at present.

Seeing how intimately Elise and Alexander interacted with each other, Quentin said, "Ellie, come over and sit on my left. Owen, you'll sit on my right."

Since Quentin said so, Alexander could only sit next to Elise. Just then, Quentin asked, "What do you do for a living, Alex? Do you have anyone else in your family? Are they in Athesea?"

A background check already? Elise thought. She quickly asked, "Are you doing a background check on him, Papa?"

Quentin immediately replied, "Ain't I trying to learn about Alex's family?"

Worried that Quentin might say something that displeased Alexander, Elise replied baldly, "If there's anything you'd like to know, Papa, just ask me. I'm staying at his place, anyway."

As soon as she said that, the air turned heavy right away, and the atmosphere in the spacious dining room changed at once.

Quentin cleared his throat. Obviously, he didn't expect the young couple to have already reached this point in their relationship. I suppose it's too late for me to stop them now. Alexander is a fine lad, though. His looks, the way he carries

himself, and his upbringing are those of an upper-class man, so he totally deserves my dear daughter, he thought. Deep down inside, though, he was a bit reluctant to part with Elise. He felt like he had painstakingly grown a pot of flowers, only to have the flowers taken away along with the pot.

Alexander knew that everyone had gotten the wrong idea. If it were someone else, they would definitely not explain anything; since he and Elise were both adults, it was no big deal even if they shared a room. Nevertheless, to save her reputation, he explained, "Please don't get it wrong, Mr. Fassbender. Elise is only staying at my place for the time being for my grandfather's sake. We live in our own rooms, so we never crossed the line."

Quentin's inner displeasure vanished without a trace when he heard Alexander say so. "I've never heard Ellie mentioning it before. It's all my fault. I guess I was too caught up with my work before and didn't care much about her."

"Elise is a nice young lady. Not only is she hardworking, but she's also kind and lovely. I'm lucky to have her as my girlfriend," Alexander replied, not forgetting to turn his head and give Elise an affectionate look. In the eyes of outsiders, they looked totally like a young couple madly in love with each other.

Upon seeing this, Quentin became a lot more satisfied with Alexander. "Your family is also running a business, right, Alex?" he said in the indicative mood, despite what he said being a question. Obviously, he had roughly figured it out.

"Yeah," Alexander replied, "I'm the one managing the Griffith Group at the moment."

Naturally, Quentin knew that the Griffith Group was one of the largest conglomerates in Athesea. Seems that my Ellie does have good taste in men, he thought. "Still, you've made such great achievements at such a young age. I'm sure you'll do well," he said, before finally noticing Owen sitting next to him. He then said, "It's rare for you young people to gather together. How about this? Alex, Elise, why don't you two stay the night and go horse riding with us on the ranch tomorrow?"

Startled by his sudden proposal, Elise quickly replied, "Uh, I'm afraid we'll have to pass, Papa. Alex still has lots of work to do tomorrow, so it's really inconvenient for him to do so. Why don't we go some other day?"

Quentin turned to look at Alexander. "Is that so, Alex?"

To his surprise, Alexander replied in all calmness, "However busy I am, I still have time to go horse riding with you, sir."

Quentin was very satisfied with Alexander's answer, and his lips curved into a smile. "Alright, it's settled then. Let's go horse riding together tomorrow," he said, before turning to look at Owen. "Owen, you'll go with us. Let's have a race together."

Owen replied, "Sure, Mr. Fassbender."

They had a great time over dinner, and Quentin became more and more satisfied with Alexander as they chatted. As he had completely regarded Alexander as his future son-in-law, he totally forgot about Owen, who had previously been his favorite. Naturally, Owen noticed all this.

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After dinner, Quentin suggested a round of chess. Having no interest in chess, Owen declined to play. And so, Alexander followed Quentin to the study to play some chess with him.

Owen felt a little lonely as he headed outside of the house for a smoke by himself. From a distance, he looked lost and left out with the clouds of smoke shrouding him. His lonely figure was the first thing his assistant, Neil, saw when

he went outside as well. Neil quickly approached Owen. "Young Master Owen, what happened to you?"
"I'm fine," Owen replied.
Neil already knew what had transpired that day, and he knew Owen's thoughts. After he looked over his shoulder, he whispered, "If you truly are interested in Miss Elise, I have an idea that you can try."
Owen raised a brow slightly at Neil's words. After a pause, he finally answered, "Tell me what it is."
Neil then lowered his voice to whisper his plan. Owen's expression shifted before his face lit up radiantly. "Yes, let's do that."
"Then, I shall get someone to start working on it. I'll be sure to surprise you greatly tomorrow."
Owen was pleased. "Be discreet. Do not let anything slip."
"You can be assured that I will be careful, Young Master."

With that, Neil turned and left. Owen stubbed out the cigarette in his hand, a profound look lying hidden within his eyes.

The next day, Elise was startled when she woke up and saw that she was in an unfamiliar place. Her mind slowly came back online before she finally thought of wondering where she was.

After she was done washing up, she picked up her cosmetics bag to apply her makeup. She only left the room pleased once she had returned to her usual 'ugly girl' look. The guest rooms that Elise and Alexander were staying in were both on the third floor, and the two of them stepped out of their rooms at practically the same time. Their eyes met, and Alexander's lips curved up into a smile. "Morning!"

Elise returned his greeting before hastily approaching him. "Did you sleep well? You didn't feel uncomfortable sleeping in a strange bed, did you?"

Alexander looked at her as he answered, "No, everything was fine."

The worry stuck at the bottom of Elise's heart instantly disappeared when she heard him say that. "Okay then, let's go down together."

After they had breakfast, everyone headed for the horse ranch. This horse ranch was a private one that Quentin bought years ago. He had quite a few handsome horses here, and these horses had specialized workers tending to their needs.

The ranch was huge. It encircled a hill, and the land was vast, vast enough for people to freely ride to their hearts' content.

The moment Elise arrived at the horse ranch, she immediately rushed to the changing rooms to change into her riding attire. The handsome set of clothes she wore was rather fetching, and she looked absolutely bright and gallant when she paired the outfit with a set of riding boots.

"The outfit looks good on you." Alexander did not skimp on his praise.

Elise smiled. "You should get changed too. We'll go riding soon."

Seeing how excited Elise was, Alexander then headed into the changing rooms as well to change into his riding clothes. When he exited the changing rooms, he bumped into Owen. Their eyes met, and both men could read the dark feeling of competition in the other's eyes. Alexander had already noticed since yesterday the feeling of enmity radiating from Owen. Initially, he hadn't thought much about it, but he seemingly understood something later on. Get new updates on Novelheart.com

"You look great in that outfit, Mr. Griffith, though I wonder if your riding skills can match up to it."

Alexander had taken riding lessons before, but he merely treated those lessons as a hobby. He rarely went horse-riding in his daily life.

"They're okay, I guess. I know the basics."

Upon hearing Alexander say that, Owen decided to give him a reminder. "This horse is quite the wild one. He's not easily tamed. I'm worried that an accident will happen if the rider's skills aren't up to par."

Alexander knew what Owen was insinuating, but he ignored it. "We shall meet at the grounds soon, Mr. Morgan."

Owen made a sound of affirmation. A calculating glint streaked across his eyes once he saw Alexander's figure disappear into the distance.

For just a moment, when Alexander stood before Elise in his riding clothes with a handsome steed's reins in hand, Elise was head over heels for him. Alexander was a fine man, be it his face or figure. The riding attire he wore highlighted his aura.

"Alexander Griffith, do you know just how good you look in those clothes?" Elise asked honestly from the bottom of her heart. With his looks and aura, Alexander would be sure to rocket to stardom if he decided to get into the entertainment industry. He would have legions of fangirls.

It was Alexander's first time being complimented by Elise like this. He then said, "As long as you like it."

His words had a different tone to them, but Elise seemingly didn't pick up on it. "Let's head on over."

Alexander and Elise led their own horses over to the ranch. Meanwhile, Quentin and Owen had already gotten onto their horses. "Alex, let's ride twice around this hill."

"Sure," Alexander said. He then helped Elise onto her horse before getting onto his own. The four of them took their reins and snapped them against the horses' back. The horses galloped off, having been hurt by the snapping reins. It had been ages since Elise had ridden a horse, so she made her horse go slow. Soon, she was left behind in the dust by the other three. She was in no rush either as she chased after them at her slow pace.

"You're not a bad rider, Mr. Griffith," Owen said to Alexander as they rode.

"You're not half-bad yourself too. It's just that your horse doesn't seem like it can keep up," Alexander answered.

With that, Alexander smacked his horse's back. Instantly, the horse sped up. Owen's eyes darkened. After he glanced at the hill ahead, he followed Alexander.

Elise soon lost sight of everyone. Having lost interest in riding, she decided to find a nice, shaded place to rest and wait for the others to come back. For some reason, however, her horse suddenly went berserk and charged forward madly.

The change in the horse's demeanor was too sudden. Elise instinctively tightened her grip on the reins as she attempted to slow the horse down, but the horse was completely out of control. It continued its mad charge ahead. Elise was constantly jostled and jolted atop the horse as it galloped. The horse kept going faster and faster, and Elise's stomach felt awful, as though there was a roiling ocean inside her.

"Stop... Please, stop." Elise pulled on the reins, never stopping in her attempt to rein in the horse, but the creature absolutely refused to heed her command. In fact, it kept opposing her, its body constantly twisting and turning as though it wanted to throw Elise off its back.

"Someone! Please..." Elise yelled, but there was no one around to hear her pleas for help. Meanwhile, her horse kept galloping, its body still twisting and turning this way and that. All Elise could do was press close to the horse's body and wrap her arms tightly around it to avoid being thrown off, letting the horse continue its berserk charge.

The wind whistled past Elise's ears. A burning, biting pain rose from her cheeks.

Meanwhile, Alexander felt a little bothered when he noticed that Elise hadn't caught up. After he greeted Quentin, he turned back. But then, he lost control of his horse as well. A mad neigh later, the horse charged forward, berserking.

Owen's lips quirked up into a handsome smile when he saw this, but what came out of his mouth was, "Mr. Griffith, what's up with your horse? Wait for me! You're going too fast..." His voice grew more and more distant.

Alexander's eyes darkened. He had ridden horses before, but he had never experienced something like this.