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Chapter 476 Long Lost Biological Brother?

At this moment, the man from the land auction yesterday made his appearance again.

“Miss Sinclair.” The man sounded as gentle as he was.

“Oh, you again?” Elise said in an amused tone, “Are you going to give me another piece of land today?”

After saying that, she glanced at Faye, making the latter irritated.

“That’s not it.” The man let out a low chuckle. “I’m representing Mr. Bailey to invite you to the VIP room.”

“The VIP room huh. It’s unexpected that this young girl is a guest of Kenneth Bailey!”

“Yeah. I remembered the last person who had the VIP room was some boss from South Africa!”

Many people were whispering among themselves, but Elise paid no heed to it. Not to mention, she wasn’t interested in the others’ conversation, so she followed the man.

Behind her was Faye who gritted her teeth and clenched her fists so hard that her fingernails dug into her flesh.

Damn it! Why is Elise Sinclair always so lucky?

How did she manage to get involved with a man like Kenneth Bailey?!

Let me watch and see. With Alexander absent, she's accepting other men's advances so easily. A born b*tch like her will get exposed sooner or later.

“Faye! Didn't you say that your sister is from the countryside and that she doesn't know anything? How is she an acquaintance of Kenneth Bailey?”

Kenneth was Celina's dream man. How on earth did that countryside woman manage to taint him?!

“How would I know?!” As Faye herself was mad, her tone was a little harsh. After saying that, she realized that she had lost her composure, so she quickly adjusted her tone. “I'm sorry, Celina. I'm just too mad because of Elise. For a man like Kenneth, only you will match up to him. However, my sister is used to seducing men with her bewitching ways. I don't know what to do with her either...”

Though she said that, she was thinking otherwise in her heart. If Kenneth is interested in a dumb sh*t like you, he must be blind and deaf!

Hearing that, Celina became fueled with anger.

“Elise Sinclair, was it?! Just you wait!”

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Meanwhile, Elise and the others quickly arrived at the VIP room.

“Miss Sinclair, if there's anything you need, you can let the waiter outside know. They will accommodate your needs to the

best of their abilities. I have other things to tend to, so I'll take my leave for now.”

As the man said that, he nodded to Danny and the others as a greeting. When his gaze swept past Clement, it stayed for an extra second.

Coincidentally, Elise noticed the one-second pause. At once, she called out to him. “Hold on, you have not told me what your name is. I can't be calling out ‘hey’ to you all the time, can I?”

“My bad.” The man came back before saying courteously, “I'm Johnny Smith. You can just call me Johnny, Miss Sinclair.”

“Johnny Smith?” Danny chuckled before he gave Clement a nudge. “He shares the same surname as you. Is he your long-lost biological brother?”

At this moment, Clement seemed indifferent as he remained silent.

Meanwhile, Johnny offered a small smile before he explained. “You've misunderstood. My surname isn't really Smith. That is just my code name.”

“Oh, I see.” Nodding his head, Danny continued to humor Clement. “You're both Smiths. If you go over to Smith Co., you may even become cooler than him. Don't you think so?”

“Not possible,” Clement said briefly.

Hearing that, Danny pursed his lips before saying, “You can’t even take a joke. You’re no fun.”

Letting out a low chuckle, Johnny made his way out of the room.

After they got seated, the gem auction began.

The place that Elise and the others were at was at the left corner of the second floor, and they could clearly see Johnny hosting the event.

In no time, the best seat on the second floor was also occupied.

As Elise turned to look over, her eyes met those of Kenneth’s dark ones.

As it was her first time seeing Kenneth in person, she couldn’t understand why she felt that that pair of eyes were very familiar.

On the other hand, Kenneth didn’t show any expression. He simply raised his chin slightly as a sign of greeting.

Truth was, only he himself knew how guilty he was.

He was scared of facing Elise as he might reveal the gentleness that Alexander would show.

Since she accepted their invitation, she nodded in response as a token of appreciation.

Through an unintentional glance, Danny caught the interaction between the two. Obviously, he saw that as a form of flirting.

Without saying a word, he walked between them to block Kenneth's gaze before giving him a warning look.

It was signifying that Elise already had a partner, so Kenneth should keep his eyes to himself before Danny broke his leg.

As Kenneth's eyes met Danny's, he gave him a small smile before looking away without any change in expression.

“Good move,” Danny mumbled.

At that moment, the first item for auction was already presented.

The stone weighed around 400 kilograms. One of the top corners on the left was worn out, showing hints of a glimmering green inside. The color seemed genuine and shiny, attracting the eyes of everyone.

“I will not be wrong on this. This is definitely a glassy species jadeite!”

At once, people at the venue started a commotion.

However, there were also people opposing that idea. “It might look good on the outside, but unimpressive on the inside. It may not be so great once you take a look inside.”

“Is that possible? It's such a heavy stone. Even if only half of it is jadeite, it will be worth a lot!”

“Well... that will be the case if it's half. If it's just that corner and it's just plain stone inside, you will be losing a lot of money!”

Though everyone was discussing it, the price of such a stone would typically be much more expensive than those that couldn't be seen from the outside.

Nobody could say for sure if it was as perfect as it seemed on the outside. There was a big possibility that there would be spacings inside, and the jadeite would only fill up less than five percent. In that case, it would really be no different than a stone by the roadside.

After Elise took a glance, she retracted her gaze before taking a sip of the coffee that the server brought over.

Though the stone had a possibility of having jadeite inside, it wasn't anything impressive. However, the coffee was not bad. It was thick yet tasty, and had a good aftertaste. It reminded her of the older days when she used to sell coffee.

Nevertheless, those people on the ground floor thought that the stone was a chance to become rich, so the auction price went up higher and higher. After a few offers, the deal was sealed at forty million.

“Wow. That wasn't cheap,” Elise commented.

No wonder when Faye and Celina were talking about stone gambling, they kept saying that the rich would dominate the auction. In this field, one must allocate at least one or two hundred million. Otherwise, they wouldn't be able to cover the loss.

Later on, the few other stones that were auctioned next were just glanced through by Elise as she didn't bother to participate in any of them.

Noticing that, Faye looked up with a discriminating gaze before saying, "I knew that she was uneducated. What difference would sitting in a VIP room make? It can't even hide her lack of class!"

Toward the end, a piece of stone that had a special shine to it was put on auction.

The stone was covered with a thick layer of moss, but the stone itself showed a hint of red. When light shined on the stone, the light would get refracted in various directions. It didn't seem like it had jadeite in it, but it looked like a mineral ore.

The stone was almost the same size as the first one. However, it looked like an ore, so it caused a wave of sighs among the audience.

After that, the starting price was announced at 280,000 while the ground floor stayed completely silent.

Meanwhile, someone on the second floor spoke up, "500,000. I want that!"

The person who spoke was none other than Elise.

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Chapter 477 What a Scheming Man!

Elise was not as calm as she was during the first half of the auction. Instead, she stood up in excitement as she made her way to the railings. She held onto the railings with both of her hands before craning to look downward. Her slightly childish voice had attracted the crowd's attention as they lifted their gaze toward her

The guests on the second floor were usually wealthy or influential people, so the crowd was interested to find out who was the lady who had such good taste.

However, upon realizing that the woman who made the bid was a stranger to them and that her companions were all young men around her age whom they could not recognize, the crowd burst out in laughter.

“Haha! Whose prodigal son—oh no, I mean prodigal daughter—is this? Which family allowed their prodigal daughter to come here and embarrass herself?”

“She has an exquisite look, but alas, she's ignorant and even lacks basic knowledge. Hey, young chick, do you even know what high-quality jadeites look like? Only those with a pale surface are valuable. If you bid this piece of stone back, I'm afraid your father will be driven mad by you!”

A man stretched his neck and pretended to be ‘kind’, which immediately caused the others to burst out laughing again.

And because of that, no one from the first floor increased the bid, and the bid price remained at 500,000 throughout an entire minute as the crowd continued laughing at Elise.

Elise glanced across the hall and smiled in a self-deprecating manner.

If only she had known that no one would increase the bid, she would've asked for 300,000 directly as she'd be able to save 200,000.

Elise almost had the game in her hand, and even Johnny, who was on the stage, wore a smile and was about to congratulate her.

Just then, a cold male voice emerged from a room at the right and broke the silence.

“880,000.”

The voice was deep yet rich, and the volume was just loud enough to travel across the entire hall so that everyone could hear him clearly.

The crowd turned to the source of the voice to look at the second idiot at the scene. There, they saw Kenneth, who was standing beside the railing looking down at the jadeite while holding a pair of white gloves in his hand.

Elise frowned as she had a bad hunch.

Meanwhile, Celina was engulfed by jealousy downstairs. “It’s Kenneth. Why did he start bidding too?”

“Faye, your sister even bewitched Kenneth. She’ll definitely become the laughing stock by buying this kind of useless stone!”

Someone from the crowd teased in a loud voice, “How thoughtful is Mr. Bailey to willingly undertake the humiliation for the sake of a pretty girl!”

“What nonsense are you talking about?! Do you think Kenneth is of the same kind as you jerks? Lowly creatures!” Celina defended Kenneth outspokenly and offended the majority of the guests at the spot with her comment.

“Ha! It seems like Mr. Bailey has quite a number of lovers. But alas, there is a large disparity between their ranks just like how one is seated on the second floor while the other is on the first floor!”

“Exactly! She’s already downgraded to the first floor just like us, so what is she still being snobbish about? Does she really think of herself as Mrs. Bailey?”

“Although the lady upstairs is a prodigal, at least she has an attractive look. As for this woman on the lower floor, anyone who takes her in would be doing an act of kindness already. Hahaha...”

Men typically liked dirty talks when they gathered together. In addition, Celina had just insulted them, so they did not show mercy all the more and abused this socialite of Landred City as if she was worthless.

Celine was boiling in anger and was about to retort when Faye quickly stopped her as she did not want to be implicated in this argument between opposite genders. “Calm down, Celina! Kenneth is still looking at the scene from upstairs, so don’t give him the impression that you’re a reckless woman! Those men are

not whom you want to please, so don't care about what they say. Remember this—only compete with those in the same league and don't waste time arguing with insignificant people!”

Hearing that, Celina nodded in all seriousness. “You're right. I shouldn't argue with the insignificant ones. It's not worth being angry with those idiots! Luckily you're around, Faye. Otherwise, I would be embarrassing myself in front of Kenneth!”

Faye smiled stiffly. “Don't mention it.”

Yeah, you nearly embarrassed me too! Do you even have a brain? You're even more stupid than a pig!

Of course, Faye wouldn't possibly convey her true feelings. After sorting out her emotions, she held Celina's hand again and resumed the intimate state between them.

At that moment, Elise increased the bid again tentatively, “900,000.”

“980,000.” Kenneth glanced toward Elise with subtle scorn in his eyes.

“1 million.”

“1.2 million.”

Elise furrowed her brows. This guy easily gave out a piece of land worth 90 million before this. Why does he want to fight me over this now?

Elise really wanted to bid this item personally to humiliate Faye.

“Mr. Bailey, what about giving this gem to me?” Elise asked with a smile.

“I’m sorry, Miss Sinclair. I have my eye on it too. I’m so sorry for not being able to fulfill your wish,” Kenneth replied with a polite smile.

Elise’s eyes darkened. “This is just an ore and it’s not even some rare gem. Why do you want to fight me for it?”

Kenneth answered, “Since that’s the case, why do you want to fight for it, Miss Sinclair?”

Elise gritted her teeth. “There’s no need to explain to you. Or, did you give me the land previously so that I’ll give in to you in this gem auction event? Sorry to disappoint you. I can return you the land but I’ll definitely not give away something that I’ve had my eyes on.”

Kenneth was startled for a moment and wore a subtle smile thereafter. “You’re very discerning, Miss Sinclair. But you’ve already accepted the land, so you naturally have to give up on this ore.”

What a scheming man. He actually set me up! I should ask Alexander to beat him up when he comes!

“Hey, you fellow! Have you heard of ‘ladies first’?! Aren’t you embarrassed fighting over something with a lady?” As soon as Danny said that, Elise shouted sulkily, “4 million!”

The crowd on the first floor could not make out what the bickering on the second floor was about, but they heard Elise's yell as clear as day.

This woman must have lost her mind to spend 4 million on an obviously useless ore! Rich people are indeed arrogant!

The crowd wondered which wealthy family in Landred City actually raised such a spendthrift.

After shouting the price, Elise gazed toward Kenneth with an arrogant and threatening look.

Looking downward, Kenneth wore a resigned expression and seemed to heave a sigh.

“Kenneth.” Just then, a shrewd woman dressed in a modest office suit, who had remained silent all this while, spoke up behind Kenneth, “Given your identity, it will only bring this lady more trouble if you continue to be entangled with her. So please stop fighting with her. You've already done enough for what you should do.”

Kenneth furrowed his thick eyebrows.

All he wanted to do was to snatch the raw ore away so that Elise would not be embarrassed...

But given Elise's stubbornness, she obviously intended to fight with him until the end.

With one hand placed on the railing, Kenneth looked downward at Johnny, who was standing on the stage and still waiting for the former to increase the bid as he had not grasped the situation yet.

After remaining silent for a moment, Kenneth decided to give up eventually.

His eyes darkened as he spoke in an inherent victorious voice, “This jadeite belongs to Miss Sinclair!”

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Chapter 478 Are You Trying to Be Annoying or Pleasing?

Throughout the entire auction, Elise only bid for that piece of ore. She did that not because there were no better gems, but she just did not want to go up against Kenneth, the scheming man again.

She reckoned this man, who controlled the pulse of the city’s economy, might have set up more traps for her. As such, she could only restrain her temperament lest Kenneth seized another chance.

However, Elise was distressed as she was not able to act as she pleased. At this thought, she couldn’t help shooting a fierce glare at Kenneth when she saw him stand up at the end of the event.

Perceiving the sharp glare from the opposite side, Kenneth instinctively glanced in that direction and was innocently stunned upon seeing Elise’s fierce look. What?

After walking out of the private room, Kenneth did not leave immediately but stayed at the entrance.

Elise bumped into Kenneth the moment she came out, and her beautiful eyes were filled with murderous intentions at once.

“Why are you staring at me like this, Miss Sinclair?” Kenneth asked with a half-smile.

“How else should I look at you then?” Elise continued with a straight face, “A gentleman would not steal the apple of someone else’s eye.”

Kenneth looked down and smiled faintly while Elise was completely pissed off.

He’s already at this age. Don’t tell me he thinks he looks handsome by smiling like this!

“Why don’t you understand it as I’m doing so to please you?” Kenneth blurted suddenly.

“Because I’m already engaged, and I don’t need anyone besides my fiancé to please me. If there’s anyone who does, I’ll deem him as an idiot,” Elise retorted with a strong attitude.

An idiot?

Should I be happy or angry?

Kenneth inhaled deeply in resignation while lifting his brows and recklessly eyed Elise up.

“Good job, Elise!”

Just then, Danny walked up and clapped in front of Kenneth.

Kenneth seemed to have thought of something. Then, he closed his eyes with a sullen look and walked toward the staircase.

When the shrewd woman who was following behind Kenneth walked past Elise, Elise couldn't help glancing at her.

Right at that moment, Kenneth paused out of the blue and turned around. Coincidentally, his eyes met hers.

At that moment, the corner of Elise's mouth twitched as she felt awkward. Thereafter, Kenneth teased her with a cunning and smug smile. "So you can't bear to see me leave?"

"Uhhh... You've misunderstood..." Elise attempted to explain.

"You don't have to explain. I understand what's going on. Don't worry, we'll meet again soon."

After saying this ambiguous statement, Kenneth directly walked downstairs without giving Elise a chance to finish her sentence.

With that, Elise was rendered speechless as she thought that the majority of men were narcissistic and snobbish no matter how well-educated they were.

But to give that more thought, Alexander did not seem to have this problem. Nonetheless, he was extreme on another level—he overly distanced himself from both men and women.

Elise's mood finally lightened up as she thought of Alexander. But following that, she started worrying about him as she wondered how things were at his end.

And so, she took out her phone and sent Alexander a message on WhatsApp. ‘Have you finished your work?’

On the other hand, Kenneth’s phone rang the moment he got into the car.

He took out the phone and wore a sweet smile immediately when he saw the notification.

The woman beside Kenneth cast a glance at him while confusion flashed through her eyes.

“Melody, I know you were disdain me just now,” Kenneth said with his eyes fixed on the phone screen.

“You’ve mistaken, sir. I’m just wondering whether all men like to tease their girlfriends by showing a sudden change of emotions,” the woman named Melody answered with a poker face.

“You don’t understand. To humans, this is known as romance,” Kenneth replied.

“Indeed. I don’t understand,” Melody said in a cold voice.

Kenneth’s enthusiasm decreased upon being poured cold water by Melody. Putting away his phone, he said in a calm manner, “Melody, do you know you’re such a wet blanket?”

“Now I do,” Melody answered robotically.

Kenneth still wanted to continue arguing with Melody but was quick to realize that he would only be finding trouble if he debated with this subordinate who did not need a relationship. As such, he laughed it off.

Only those who were in a relationship would taste the goodness of it, so it was unnecessary to force others to understand what he was feeling.

After typing ‘I’ll be right back’ in the chat box, Kenneth put away his phone and signaled Melody to begin to report.

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On the other hand, after the auction was over, there was still a big crowd who stayed in the hall with one sole motive —to witness the extraction of minerals from the ore.

Most of the ores which were bid at the auction would have their mineral extraction performed right on the spot to fulfill the curiosity of the buyer and spectators.

Of course, besides the spectators, a small group of the crowd would be jewelry sellers who aimed to purchase high-quality jades. Once a desirable mineral was extracted, they would buy it unhesitantly. Because of that, some would even make a ton of money before even walking out of the auction center.

The extraction of minerals from its ore was an interesting process as that was the key event of betting on the ore. Once the mineral was extracted, the truth of whether it was a valuable mineral or a useless one would be revealed. Heaven and hell were merely one step apart.

Elise too wanted to join in the fun, so she asked Danny to carry the ore that she had bid and spectate the results of the other bidders first.

At the extraction event, the first mineral being worked on was the first ore that was bid at the auction. The bidder had spent 40 million to purchase the ore, so if its content was not a valuable one, he would not be able to recover the cost.

The technician who performed the extraction was extra careful when handling the jade ore and only dared to manually polish its surface in a gentle manner.

Everyone held their breath as they observed the technician's action closely with their gazes fixed on his hand.

However, Elise shook her head and started feeling sorry for the buyer even before the jade was revealed.

True enough, when the technician finished polishing ten percent of the ore, the green color disappeared.

Only one-tenth of the outer layer was jade, let alone the inner layer. Since the volume of jade did not even reach ten percent of the ore, the content would not possibly be a valuable jade, and the real value would be far less than 40 million. As such, the buyer pulled a long face at once.

Truth was, the buyer was an owner of an old jade shop. In recent years, diamonds became the latest craze all over the world, so the business of his old shop had been deteriorating and could hardly be sustained. Because of that, he decided to bet all his fortune on the ore, hoping that it could revive his dying business.

Unfortunately, his old business was completely doomed now.

The family business of the Shaw Family was going to be ruined in his hands!

While the people around him were consoling him, he could not hear anything anymore despite whether the consolation was genuine or not.

His mind was running wild in a buzz, and it seemed as if he would collapse at any moment.

Elise gazed toward Tom Shaw calmly, took a deep breath, and walked toward him. “Hi, Mr. Shaw.”

The man lifted his eyes to glance at Elise and lowered his head again in dejection. “Even you’re here to laugh at me?”

After all, he was a man in his thirties and could have been Elise’s uncle at his age, so he thought Elise, as a junior, should at least preserve some of his dignity.

“I’m a daughter of the Andersons of Athesea.” Elise thought this identity would sound more credible.

Sure enough, it was only then did Tom stare at her properly, but his eyes were still filled with confusion. “I don’t think we’ve met, Miss Anderson.”

“It’s not too late to meet now.” Elise went straight to the point. “I would like to acquire Shaw’s Jewelry Co.”

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Chapter 479 A Miracle Happened

Elise had done a thorough investigation. Back then, the Shaw Family became prosperous through betting on rare stones. However, luck had not been on Tom's side after the business was passed to him.

In fact, the performance of Shaw's Jewelry Co. had been hitting new lows since five years ago. With that, the business was on the edge in recent years.

Not only that, the company was also involved in various scandals in the past few years such as trading fake and radioactive jewelry. On the most serious occasion, they were even forced to cease business.

The 40 million that Tom used to purchase the ore today was most probably all the cash flow available in Shaw's Jewelry Co. But alas, he still failed.

Tom stared at Elise with a complicated look.

Although Elise looked nonchalant, she wore a serious countenance, so Tom could tell that she was definitely not teasing him.

Now that the cash flow was damaged, Shaw's Jewelry Co. was actually as good as going bankrupt, so of course, Tom would be more than willing to agree to Elise's acquisition. However, he couldn't bring himself to pass this doomed business to a sincere girl like Elise because he would not be able to clear his conscience.

As such, Tom sighed and said dejectedly, “To be very honest, Shaw’s Jewelry Co. has been performing terribly these few years and it can go bankrupt anytime. You’ll be pouring money down the drain by acquiring the business.”

“Who knows. There might be a miracle,” Elise answered with a smile.

“A miracle?” Tom laughed in a self-deprecating manner. “Is that even possible?”

Hearing that, Elise still remained calm in a kind manner. “How is it not possible? Mr. Shaw, you of all people should know very well that as much as miracles might rarely occur, they can happen anytime, anywhere, don’t they?”

Tom had taken over Shaw’s Jewelry Co. for more than ten years and had always run the business with discrete and integrity. The brand and product quality were not only famous in Landred City but in the entire country too.

This factor alone had saved Tom the effort of advertising and building the brand image in the process of regaining its former glory. As long as they could secure enough capital and obtain a presentable gem, Shaw’s Jewelry Co. would be able to come back to life.

Of course, Tom knew what Elise was implying, but it was even harder to get a real gem than to earn a fortune. In fact, that was his intention too, but fate had brought him a useless stone. Even fate was not on his side, so what else could he do?

Should he buy one from the others?

Rare things were precious, and even if the others were willing to sell, he would not be able to fork out the money anymore.

Shaw's Jewelry Co. was doomed!

“Let's have a gentlemen's agreement then.” Elise wore a confident smile.

“A gentlemen's agreement?” Tom asked in confusion.

Elise patted the stone that Danny was carrying. “If a rare gem is extracted from here, you'll sell your business to me. What do you think?”

Tom looked at the ore and thought it was obviously not one that contained a rare gem.

Nonetheless, Elise's condition was no harm to him, so there was no reason for him to reject it.

He actually wished to be a nasty person for one time and seize this absolute steal. However, he thought there was no such thing as a free lunch, so he had no other option.

Just then, the sound of exclamation came forth from the crowd which was spectating the mineral extraction process.

“This is an awesome one! Not only is it crystal clear, but it even has an emerald-green color too. This is definitely high-class jadeite. The Anderson Family of Athesea sure has a brilliant daughter with a good eye!”

“This must be the most perfect jade extracted this time!”

The spectators were all impressed by Faye.

Meanwhile, Faye lifted her chin arrogantly and enjoyed the fawning from the crowd as she thought this was the way she ought to be treated.

“It’s our turn now. Let the show begin!” Elise curled her lips faintly and said to Tom, “Just stay here and wait for me. The miracle is happening soon.”

With that, she pushed her way through the crowd and walked straight up to the table where minerals were extracted.

While the people in Landred City were not aware of the complication between Elise and Faye, they could recognize the former, who spent 4 million buying a useless stone. Seeing Elise walk past them, the crowd wore a disdainful smile unanimously as they were waiting to watch the show.

“Are you only here now because you know what you got is a useless stone? Are you afraid of extracting the mineral in public?” Celina sneered in sarcasm.

“Perhaps I’m just waiting for you guys to extract yours first. After all, we’ll only know how amazing the real gem is when there’s a comparison.” After Elise finished saying that with a half-smile, she gave Danny a look.

Danny immediately understood her meaning and placed the ore on the table.

“Sir, please use the smallest tool to polish the surface manually.”

Faye and her companions shook their heads subtly as they thought the Anderson Family was going to be embarrassed again.

Nonetheless, the technician did not give much comment and started polishing the ore diligently using the smallest tool.

Truthfully, the technician too did not have high hopes for this stone and initially thought that he could just casually dissect it using a machine and call it a day after this. However, little did he expect Elise to raise such a request.

As such, he had no choice but to fulfill her request because as an employee, he did not dare to offend anyone.

As the outer layers were gradually turned to powder upon being polished, the original color of the stone was exposed.

Immediately, the technician was stunned, and at the same time, someone in the front row exclaimed in surprise, “This is a miracle! This is an incredible miracle!”

Standing behind the crowd, Tom craned forward and gulped.

Is a miracle really happening to me ?!

“I-It’s an orange jade!”

The spectators pushed each other and formed a circle around the middle.

“This is not an orange jade but a blood jade! Oh my goodness, I can’t believe I’m so lucky to witness this legendary rare gem!”

“What?! A blood jade?!”

“It’s true! It’s really a blood jade! No wonder even the surface looked reddish—the color has even penetrated to the outer layer!”

At once, everyone’s attention was attracted to Elise’s jade, and all of them became jade fanatics at this moment.

On the other hand, Elise showed no change in her expression as she waved her hand and said, “Please don’t stop and carry on, sir.”

It was only then that the technician snapped out of the daze and continued his work.

This time around, there was a complete change in his attitude. He treated the task seriously and was extremely cautious when handling each part.

It was already one o’clock in the afternoon when the ore was done being polished. However, not only did the number of spectators not reduce but there were even some jewelry traders who turned back to the scene upon hearing the news.

When the technician was done with his job and stood aside, the crowd could finally see the blood jade clearly—the jade actually made up 80 percent of the original ore!

Not only was it a blood jade, which could rarely be encountered across a century, but it even came in such a big size!

Most of the people were mesmerized by the jade as they fixed their gazes on it as if they were bewitched.

Carrying the high-class ore in her arms, Faye dug her nails so deep that even her palms were going to bleed.

How is this possible?! This b*tch can't possibly be this lucky!

Immediately, a shrewd trader made his offer. "Miss, I would like to offer 20 million to buy your ore. This is a good bargain as you'll earn 16 million instantly."

"I can't believe you actually dare to offer a mere 20 million. Are you bullying this lady thinking that she's ignorant? Miss, don't sell it to him and sell it to me instead. I'll offer 50 million!"

"I'll offer 70 million!"

"100 million, and I'll pay cash on the spot!"

However, Elise shook her head calmly and said, "I'm sorry, but I won't sell it."

"Can I at least make a reservation to buy jewelry made of this jade?"

"Yeah! I'd like to make a reservation too!"

"Hmm... I don't think I can make this decision on my own. As for how this jade should be handled, I'll leave it for Mr. Tom Shaw to make the call," Elise declared loudly.

With that, she looked in Tom's direction.

Those who received her gaze automatically made way. When Tom met Elise's gaze from afar, he understood her intention immediately.

Agitatedly, Tom responded with an expression that implied that he would make an appropriate arrangement for the situation. Thereafter, he announced in a loud voice, "Three-quarters of the blood jade will be used to make jewelry while the remaining portion will be displayed in Shaw's Jewelry Co. as the store's signature!"

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Chapter 480 You Sure Show No Mercy, Mr Bailey

Under the crowd's gazes of disbelief, Elise carried the jadeite, which was blood-red from inside out, and led Danny to walk up to Tom.

"Here's your product, Mr. Shaw."

Tom couldn't believe this was actually happening, and he was so afraid that once he spoke, this dream would shatter.

Heaving a sigh, Elise walked closer to Tom and snapped her fingers in front of him. "Wake up, Mr. Shaw. This is not a dream. If you still don't receive this blood jade, we're going to sneak away with it!"

It was only then did Tom's tears turn into a smile as he reached out his hands to take over the mineral.

40 pounds was actually not too heavy, but Tom felt as if he was carrying a thousand pounds in his hands as this was the hope and future of the entire Shaw's Jewelry Co.

Just as he was staring at the jade entrancing his own picture, a slender hand which had a name card between the fingers came into sight. The next second, the fingers parted, causing the name card to fall on the jade. Then, the hand retreated.

Tom lifted his head to see Elise lifting her hand beside her ear and making a calling pose. "Mr. Shaw, this mineral is yours now. As for whether we should continue talking about our business, I'll wait for your call."

After saying that, Elise even teased the other jewelry traders. "The amount of jewelry is limited, so they are first come, first served!"

At once, Tom was heavily surrounded by the traders. At that moment, he was so overjoyed that he did not even know how to respond.

It had been too long since he received this kind of treatment!

An ore that was bid at 40 million contained blood jade worth several hundred million—this was far more than a huge return with a small investment.

However, this 'Miss Anderson' actually gave it directly to him without even hesitating.

In fact, Tom already had an answer deep down, but since Elise was not in a hurry, he decided to remain reserved first so that both parties could have more time to think it through.

The sky was already dark when Elise left the auction hall. She was in a good mood today, so she initiated to be the driver and went for a joyride.

Of course, the task of parking the car naturally fell to her toward the end.

After parking the car, Elise walked leisurely toward the lift while fidgeting with the keys and humming songs.

However, not long after she walked away from the car, she heard the sound of footsteps, which was neither too heavy nor too soft, emerging from behind out of the blue.

“Aghh—”

A man’s miserable wail spread across every corner of the basement car park, which was filled with dead silence.

With a mere ploy, Elise successfully ambushed the man who was tailing her, and she stepped on him after seizing him.

As the man was lying on the ground, his face was sandwiched between the floor and Elise’s sole. Next to his face was his blade which was hit off by Elise. The glistening blade was extremely sharp, but fortunately, the man only cut a few strands of Elise’s hair and did not manage to hurt her.

Elise exerted more force as she stepped on the man. “Tell me, which of my enemies sent you?”

The man’s face was almost distorted while being stepped on by Elise. Cold sweat gathered on his face, but he gritted his teeth and refused to say a word.

“Refuse to talk, huh?” Elise’s gaze was drawn to the blade on the ground, and she picked it up after merely casting one glance at it.

With her eyes fixed on the man’s shoulder, Elise lifted the blade in her hand calmly and was just about to stab the man when a race car sped toward them and stopped steadily 2 feet away from them.

The posture of Elise and the man was clearly exposed under the headlights of the car as Elise felt her eyes blinded by the lights.

Just then, the driver opened the door and got out of the car. It was only after the man walked closer did Elise realize that the person was actually Kenneth.

“I told you we’ll meet again,” Kenneth blurted casually.

“Why are you here?” At that moment, Elise even suspected that this fellow was tailing her.

“This is my hotel, so why can’t I be here?” After saying that with a smile, Kenneth ignored Elise’s despising stare and turned to look at the man beneath her foot.

“Miss Sinclair, are you thinking of carrying out an illegal execution in my hotel?” Kenneth asked.

“Can’t I?” Remaining still, Elise placed her hand, which was holding the blade, on her bent knee and swayed it. She narrowed her eyes and had a mischievous idea. “By the way, Mr. Bailey, I’m staying in your hotel but I was attacked by someone in the car park and even nearly lost my life. Shouldn’t you be responsible for this?”

“Of course, I should.” Kenneth smiled. “I wonder if Miss Sinclair is hurt anywhere and if I should arrange for a doctor immediately.”

“That’s unnecessary. I just lost a few strands of hair.” Elise was used to being casual already, so she blurted those words. However, she immediately thought something was not right, so she quickly changed her statement. “But! Our body is a precious gift from our parents, so even minor injuries ought to be taken seriously. Don’t you even think of taking this lightly!”

“Ah, I see... so you lost a few strands of hair...” Kenneth lowered his eyes thoughtfully.

She’s such an agile fighter, yet she still lost a few strands of hair. This shows how brutal the man on the floor is, and he’s obviously targeting to take her life. Since that’s the case—

Kenneth’s eyes turned cold at once and he gave off a murderous aura when he lifted his head again. Seeing that, Elise was stunned.

By the time she regained her composure, Kenneth had already taken the blade from her.

With that, the gleaming blade passed by Elise's face and in the next second, the man on the floor screamed in agony.

Without wasting his breath, Kenneth stabbed the knife into the man's thigh. Holding the handle of the blade, he twisted the blade in the man's flesh.

“Aghh—I'll tell! I'll tell you! I wanted to kidnap you and get the blood jade as a ransom.” The man came clean at once.

Even Elise couldn't help frowning at the cruel scene.

However, she still remained rational and scowled coldly. “Who sent you?!”

“I-It's Faye Anderson. She sent me. Please stop twisting already... Please stop...”

The big guy who remained stubborn just now started whining in pain. He looked extremely pathetic with his tears, snivel, and sweat all mixed up.

Holding the knife, Kenneth lifted his head slowly to look at Elise. “Are you satisfied now?”

For some reason, Elise actually thought Kenneth was not that despicable anymore.

“Mm-hmm.” Elise nodded in a daze.

Hearing that, Kenneth smiled at her before standing up steadily. Following that, the man on the floor let out another miserable wail again when Kenneth pulled out the blade as he stood up.

“Tsk.” Elise’s nose twitched as she derided, “You sure show no mercy, Mr. Bailey.”

“This is the price he should pay for damaging your hair, Miss Sinclair.” Kenneth looked into Elise’s eyes with a faint smile. Then, he casually threw the blade aside, pulled out a handkerchief from his suit, and stuffed it into Elise’s hand.

“Wipe your hand. Next time, just leave the rough ones to the guys. These situations are very... filthy. You may leave anytime, Miss Sinclair. I’ll inform someone to come and clean the mess.”

Elise stared at the handkerchief in her hand and had an indescribable feeling.

‘Leave the rough ones to the guys.’

Alexander had said similar words before.

Why do I feel like there’s something similar between them?

Could it be my illusion?

Kenneth gulped uncontrollably as he stared at Elise’s perplexed look.

At this point, he actually forgot his current identity as he stretched his arms behind Elise and held her head close to his. Then, he pressed his lips against hers.

Elise broke away from Kenneth in just one second and gave the latter a loud slap on his face, which caused his face to turn to the other side.