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The Promise of Happiness

Chapter 551 Give Chase

During Centurion Corporation's boardroom meeting, the higher-ups noticed Samuel's expression darkened by the minute.

A cold wave emanated from him. The tension thickened within the room as they felt the pressure and held their breaths.

"This meeting is canceled."

Samuel left the meeting room after announcing the end of the meeting.

The rest of the meeting attendees all let out a breath of relief once Samuel had left the room.

Billy was right behind Samuel.

Samuel unbuttoned his collar as he walked. His eyes were bright with murderous intent.

Sophia's disappearance was just the first bait. The kidnapper's target is most probably Natalie or me. Seeing as she has blocked my calls, that means she has taken the bait.

If the kidnapper wants to ensure his or her safety, Natalie won't be allowed to bring anyone with her.

Since she cares about Sophia, she will go and meet the kidnapper alone. It's dangerous, but it's the only way.

Putting himself in Natalie's shoes, he knew she didn't have a choice.

Why didn't she discuss it with me before deciding on something so dangerous?

I'll teach her a lesson once Sophia is safe and sound.

"I want every traffic surveillance footage within fifteen minutes. Get me Natalie's location and the direction she's heading."

"Mr. Bowers, this-"

"Don't tell me how difficult it is." Samuel glanced at Billy. "If you can't save my daughter and the future mistress of the Bowers family, I don't need so many of you."

Billy instantly answered, "Noted, sir."

Once the elevator arrived at the parking lot, Samuel got in his Hummer.

Even if he couldn't accompany Natalie to the site, he couldn't just sit and watch her deal with such a dangerous situation alone.

He was still greeted by the mechanical voice after trying Natalie's number again.

"Nat, you're growing more daring and bold by the day!" Samuel slammed his fist against the steering wheel and grunted through his gritted teeth, "I'll make you pay if you got hurt."

After fifteen minutes, Samuel got a call from Billy.

"Mr. Bowers, the surveillance cameras had a lock on Ms. Natalie's location. I've sent the real-time location to your GPS. You just have to follow it."

"Got it." Samuel continued, "Also, have someone investigate how Sophia went missing from the ski area. Get me the culprit behind this."

"All right."

Clicking on the built-in GPS in his car, he pulled out from the Centurion Corporation tower.

Meanwhile, Yandel was in his car, trailing behind Samuel.

It's just as Boss has expected. Samuel can't find the mastermind but will be able to locate her whereabouts. Knowing him, he will definitely follow her.

Recalling Natalie's instruction, Yandel used the simplest of methods. He decided to get in Samuel's way to delay him as much as possible.

Pulling his cap lower over his head, he intentionally blocked Samuel's Hummer.

Feeling the Bentley beside him was disrupting his course, a fierce glint flashed across Samuel's eyes. He stepped on the pedal harder and started a drift race with Yandel's Bentley.

The city streets weren't suitable for racing and drifting.

However, Samuel's smooth driving allowed him to accelerate at the right timing and had Yandel chasing from a distance behind.

"He is really crazy!" Struck with disbelief, Yandel shouted, "How can I stop him? Even just staying on his tail is difficult!"

Despite his frustration, he didn't let his guard down and continued to give chase.

A water tanker filled with gallons of water was parked at the fifth junction up the road ahead.

The tanker driver with a long scar on his face had a Bluetooth ear set on one of his ears. Yara was relaying her instructions from that piece of device.

"Crash into the Hummer when it reaches you. I don't care if the car flips over as long as you don't hurt the person inside it."

"Understood."

Chapter 552 Amazing Will Power

When the green light turned yellow, Samuel stepped hard on the accelerator.

Seeing that he was about to be thrown off by Samuel, Yandel cried out to himself. Darn it. I won't be able to complete the task Boss has assigned to me.

At this moment, a sprinkler truck started to accelerate from the roadside, straight on a collision course with Samuel's Hummer.

Seeing the truck accelerating toward him, Samuel turned the steering wheel quickly, but the sprinkler truck did not slow down or evade his Hummer.

Scrape! The sound of metal rubbing against metal was heard.

Even though Samuel tried hard to avoid the huge vehicle, the sprinkler truck scraped noisily against the side of the Hummer.

The wheels of the Hummer slipped, and the front of the vehicle hit the dividing fence.

The airbag of his Hummer popped out and the shattered glass pierced the corner of Samuel's eye. Immediately, blood flowed across his entire face...

The accident halted all that he planned to do.

"Nat..."

In his semi-conscious state, he repeatedly muttered Natalie's name.

I mustn't just blackout like this, I can't let Natalie face such danger alone and I must find her and protect her...

Blood dripped into his eyes and his vision was tainted blood red.

He groaned in pain, trying to unfasten the seat belt. After a lot of effort, he finally opened the door and got out of the car.

Yandel witnessed this accident with his own eyes.

He had no time to feel stunned but got down and ran to the Hummer. What he saw was Samuel getting down and walking unsteadily.

His face was covered with blood, frighteningly red but his eyes were full of determination.

By just the look of it, Yandel could gauge the impact that Samuel had suffered. In fear, he hurried forward to support his body. "Mr. Bowers, let me send you to the hospital right away."

"No!" Samuel spoke in a hoarse voice. "I must look for Nat."

"Mr. Bowers, you're insane!" Yandel could not understand what he was thinking. Frowning, he said, "You've suffered serious injuries. You must go to the hospital immediately for treatment!"

"Don't touch me." Samuel freed himself from Yandel's supporting hands, his eyes cold as a mountain stream. "I shall make you pay in the future for blocking my way just now... "

His voice was weak and tremulous, but every sullen word was spoken coldly.

Even though Samuel was badly injured, he still struck fear in Yandel who just gazed at him, startled.

Samuel called Billy on the phone to send someone to fetch him.

In the meantime, Yara watched everything on her screen from surveillance cameras on the road where the accident happened.

Yara's hand shook violently and the cup of coffee she was holding spilled onto the white wool carpet.

On the screen, she could see clearly how badly injured Samuel was. His face was covered with blood and he was staggering at every step he took from the car.

She thought that he would stop there.

She had bought time for the incompetent Melissa and also laid the groundwork for her confrontation with Natalie.

However, Yara did not predict that after suffering so much injury, Samuel did not seek treatment but rather continued in his quest to save Natalie.

She felt as if her heart had been stabbed.

With King's help, she was able to do what she could not do previously but the results she saw were another story.

She had gone ahead and taken action but Samuel seemed unstoppable.

Seeing that, Yara was even more jealous and unwilling to forgo her plan. Gripping the coffee cup tight in her hand, she wondered to herself. Samuel Bowers, how far will you go for this woman?

Gale glanced at the screen and saw Samuel's amazing willpower too. He fell into deep thought.

King's schemes in the past had only involved descendants of the Bayer family, not Samuel.

Now that Samuel had become encumbered in his plans, it was possible that he would be an unpredictable element in King's plans.

Chapter 553 It Cannot Be You

The Ferrari driven by Natalie sped along the highway like a red hurricane.

Joshua, who was on the road, thought that the driver was a man. When he took a better look to see the driver, he realized the driver was the woman who had no extraordinary beauty but had bewitched his good friend Christopher.

This woman...

Previously, at Christopher's birthday gathering, Joshua had been rather impressed by her.

Compared to those really beautiful women, she was plain but somehow she had stolen Christopher's heart.

Christopher used to be a playboy by nature and had had many girlfriends before but now he had refused to meet all the other women even if there were the most beautiful women.

Joshua could see very well that Christopher had stopped sleeping around ever since he met this plain woman.

Natalie's mind was on Sophia and she did not pay any attention to Joshua who was in the car next to hers. As soon as the red light turned green, she stepped on the accelerator and drove away quickly at a speed which was obviously higher than the normal driving speed.

In the slightly more than ten seconds at the traffic lights, Joshua could see very clearly the sense of urgency on Natalie's face.

This woman must be facing some serious problems!

Instinctively, Joshua followed her car, at the same time calling Christopher by Bluetooth on his phone.

Beep...

After a short while, Christopher picked up the phone.

"Hello..." Christopher's voice was very low.

"It's me." While tailing Natalie's Ferrari, Joshua spoke slowly. "I just saw the chick you fancy. It seems she's having some problems, so she's driving at an abnormally high speed."

The chick I fancy?

Christopher blurted out, "Natalie?"

"Yes, it's her," Joshua continued, "I'm following right behind her. After some thought, I decided to let you know. Bro, if you wish, I'll follow her. If not, I'll drive away."

Almost without thinking, Christopher replied, "You follow her, but don't let her find out. Then, synchronize your navigation with me, and I will come right now."

This was the type of reply that Joshua was expecting.

Christopher had been a playboy, never thinking of being serious with any woman. However, when this type of man fell in love, he fell really deeply and nothing could change him.

"All right, I got it."

About twenty minutes later, Natalie arrived at an abandoned warehouse near the snowfield.

She parked her car outside the warehouse, pushed open the iron door and walked in.

In the past, the warehouse must have been a temporary place for repair jobs on machines. The structure was made of iron and electrical cables were laid down haphazardly with a few hanging light bulbs flickering on and off, swaying with the wind blowing through the cracks in the iron walls.

There is a strong smell of motor oil in the warehouse, which is pungent and choking.

"Sophia... Sophia... where are you?"

The warehouse was very large, and there were still many old machines and compartments left there. The chaotic space made Natalie's nerves rather tense.

Not long afterward, Natalie heard a squeaking sound, followed by a 'boom' like some object was knocking against an iron drum.

Following the direction from which the sound came, Natalie moved slowly over to the source and found that the sound came from a compartment in the deepest part of the warehouse.

"Do not think that just because you are Samuel's daughter, I won't dare to do anything to you. If you keep screaming and shouting, I'll really let you have it."

"Mmm... Mmm..."

When she got closer, Natalie could hear clearly that it was the voice of Sophia.

"Don't do anything to the child! You're just using her as bait to force me to show up." Natalie pushed open the door of the compartment and strode in. "I'm here, let her go!"

When she pushed open the compartment door and saw the woman who was holding Sophia captive, her pupils widened slightly in shock.

"M-M-Melissa..." Natalie's red lips parted slightly. "H-H-How could it be you?"

Chapter 554 Most Deserving

With a cruel and evil smile on her lips, Melissa lifted her eyes and looked at Natalie

"In your opinion, I'm only a good-for-nothing fool who deserves being manipulated by you?" Melissa asked. "Still, I must admit that you are an honorable stepmother. Even though Sophia is not your biological daughter, you came when I used her to threaten you!"

Besides Melissa, there were two ugly and terrifying men standing behind her in the compartment.

Sophia's mouth was sealed with duct tape and she could not speak even when she saw Natalie but only managed to whimper a few times.

Her big eyes were already red and swollen from crying, like two walnuts.

Natalie demanded with a cold voice. "Let her go! Whatever it is, just settle it between us."

"Well, we can settle things without setting her free!"

Melissa's long fingernails moved over Sophia's delicate face. Though she did not draw blood, they left red scratch marks on her skin.

Sophia was scared and in pain but she could not make any sound. Natalie could see tears rolling down her cheeks.

"Melissa, is the grudge you have against me so deeply entrenched?" Natalie frowned and spoke evenly. "If this goes on, it won't end well for me. You will be dragged along and pay for it as well!"

This method of exacting revenge could hurt the enemy but would cause more harm to oneself. Natalie would never apply this even to Yara and Thomas.

Hence, she could not understand why Melissa would go so far.

“Natalie!” Melissa yelled angrily as she thrust Sophia away from her and onto her men behind her. With a crazed and demanding tone, she questioned Natalie accusingly, “You are shameless enough to ask me this? Why me? Why have you forced me into this situation?”

Natalie narrowed her eyes as she met Natalie’s vicious gaze which were full of venom.

“You were fighting over a man with Yara. If you have any grudge, you should go for her. Why did you get me involved?” Melissa screamed and roared, “Why did you instruct Yandel to seduce me? When Yandel started to fall in love with me, why did you instruct him to reject me? Why!”

Natalie frowned at Melissa’s rant.

She had indeed instructed Yandel to lead Melissa on. However, saying that she had asked Yandel to seduce her was very far from the truth.

In the end, Yandel had been clear about rejecting Melissa’s advances, leaving no doubt at all. How did Melissa perceive that she had ordered Yandel to reject her and prevented him from approaching her?

“Yandel really liked me! He even came to my home and had dinner with my parents. He really wanted to marry me.” Melissa continued to rant. “You are the director of Dream and he is the CEO, and your subordinate as well. You must have forced him. Or perhaps, you brainwashed or hypnotized him. Yandel did not act on his own accord!”

All the while, Natalie had known that Melissa was having a one-sided love affair, but she did not realize that she was at this stage of being delusional.

It was true that she had exploited Melissa’s weakness.

However, Yandel had not led Melissa on or encouraged her.

No one with logical thinking could make up a story like that and put all the blame on her.

“Melissa, I did not do that,” Natalie said sternly.

“Natalie, even at this point, you are denying it!” Melissa clasped her own head, laughing and crying. “You have torn a loving couple apart. I will not let you live happily with Samuel!”

Melissa screamed so loudly that her voice became hoarse, and her eyes clouded over.

Natalie observed Melissa and noticed that she was not her normal self. Her bloodshot eyes looked like they were bleeding and her emotions were close to a breakdown.

This was no normal hatred!

Melissa seemed to have taken some illegal drugs which had pumped up her system, and made her lose control of herself after a little stimulation. She was feeling as if her whole body would explode at any time!

Chapter 555 Forced Into A Corner

Natalie asked in a deep voice, "Melissa, what have you eaten recently?"

"It's none of your business what I've eaten!" Melissa's eyes were red. "Sophia is in my hands now, if you want her to live, just do as I say! If you dare to pull any stunts, I'll make this little girl the scapegoat! Her blood will be on your hands. I want to see how Samuel can continue loving you after seeing his own daughter's tormented body!"

Natalie was certain that Melissa was on some specialty drug.

Her current condition was similar to hysteria, and it could not be ruled out that someone had hypnotized her recently.

Melissa thought that this was revenge but she did not realize that she had fallen under someone else's mind control.

At that moment, Melissa had Sophia and so, for the sake of Sophia's safety, She had to play it by ear.

With a calm gaze, Natalie looked into Melissa's eyes. "What do you want me to do?"

Melissa's whole being was in a state of excitement to see Natalie falling into her trap. "Quick! I want you to remove your clothes. Take off everything. Do it with these two men that I have found. I will video record everything!"

At that, Natalie clenched her teeth tightly.

Apparently, Melissa did not want to kill her but rather destroy her completely!

Whose idea is this? Is it her own or the one who is controlling her behind the scenes?

Natalie did not move even after some time.

Melissa lost her patience and her gaze became murderous.

"Didn't you say you want to save this girl? You can't even do something this small?" Melissa roared, "Quickly! Do as I say! I want Yandel to see what a nymphomaniac you are! When I have this video of you being a slut, I will be able to free Yandel from your control! Once he is out of your control, he will do what he likes and be with me."

Not long after Melissa's speech, Natalie started to remove her coat.

After decisively removing the first piece of clothing, Natalie stopped.

"Why did you stop?" Melissa urged, anxiously.

"Melissa, I can't do this in front of a child." Natalie gazed at her coldly. "You can seal Sophia's mouth, tie her hands and feet, then put her outside warehouse. After all, I'm alone but there are three of you, so there is nothing I can do. Then, you can shoot the video any way you want it done."

Sophia's eyes were full of tears and she shook her head desperately.

She did not know what would happen to Natalie.

She only felt that this woman who had kidnapped her had gone crazy.

She was kidnapped by this bad woman all because she did not obey her elder brothers to stay with them.

Now, this bad woman was using her to threaten her mommy to force her to do something bad.

She did not want to be put outside the warehouse!

Sophia kept struggling and jumping, staring at Melissa like a little beast forced into a desperate situation.

"This child seems determined to stay here with you. Let's talk about it..." Melissa glanced at Sophia and said with an eerie smile, "Why do we go to so much trouble?"

"What are you going to do with Sophia?"

"Nothing much. Just make her sleep for a while."

Melissa winked at her men and the subordinate raised his hand and struck the child at the back of her neck.

Sophia did not want to sleep but she fainted when she was struck painfully at the back of her neck.

"The child is already asleep. So, stop dawdling with me. Just take off your clothes quickly!" Natalie continued to urge, "Let me warn you to not play any tricks in front of me! Just because I am not using force against you, it doesn't mean that I can't."

Chapter 556 Shudder

Melissa did not fall for the trick. She continued to hold on to Sophia as her hostage.

Natalie dared not make any move after noticing that Sophia had passed out.

"Take it off!" Melissa said with a haughty laugh. "I'll give you five seconds to remove your clothes. If you refuse to cooperate, I'll slash her face with this knife!"

"Don't you dare do that!" Natalie gritted her teeth. "You'll pay the price for what you've done!"

Melissa burst into laughter as if she had heard the funniest joke. "Who are you to threaten me when you can't even protect yourself? There's nothing you could do to me unless you don't care about this little girl. Should I have to pay the price for what I did, I'll make sure this girl suffers before me! This is the price you have to pay for separating me from Yandel!"

Melissa's evil laugh that resonated in the warehouse caused Natalie to shudder.

“Five!”

“Four!”

“Three!”

As she was counting down, Melissa’s subordinate started playing with a knife around Sophia’s face. It was as if he was ready to cut the little girl’s face when the countdown ended.

“One!”

Natalie immediately took off her sweater. The wound on her arm that was stuck to the sweater started tearing the moment she removed the garment. Blood then started dripping down her arms onto the ground.

Melissa was pleased that she had succeeded in getting Natalie to remove her clothes. She laughed and said, “Serve you right. This is what you get for taking Yandel away from me...”

Meanwhile, Yara, who was observing them from a monitor, was thrilled to see how humiliated Natalie was.

Yet, Gale could not understand Yara’s action. He took a glance at Melissa from the screen before turning his attention to Yara.

Shouldn’t we take this opportunity to get rid of them once and for all since they’re in our hands?

“I think we should finish the child off as soon as possible,” Gale suggested.

“Calm down. We still have time.” Yara smirked. “Don’t you think we should take a video of Natalie doing all the nasty stuff and put it up on the internet? Samuel would definitely despise her had he found that everyone had seen her naked!”

“But this is not part of our plan.”

“The plan has changed. I didn’t expect Melissa to react in such a manner after taking that medicine.” A corner of Yara’s lips quirked up before letting out a sigh. “I used to wonder what caused Dexmed Pharmaceutical to go downhill even when my dad was an expert in the medical field. But I finally learned that my dad had shifted his focus and poured his heart and soul into producing a more powerful medicine after collaborating with King.”

Gale could not understand Yara and disagreed with her action, but he could only abide by King’s order and act according to Yara’s demand. After all, she was his superior in this operation in Chanaea.

The two of them stopped talking and diverted their attention back to the screen.

Suddenly, the surveillance camera on the earring lost its signal, and the screen scrambled.

“What’s wrong?” Yara asked.

“It’s either someone has damaged the surveillance camera or the device is overloaded with information.”

Gale tried contacting the assassin he had deployed to the scene but to no avail. Just like the surveillance camera, the communication devices had lost their signals.

“What’s going on?” Gale could not believe his eyes. He had dealt with many failed missions before but had never encountered a signal loss problem like this.

Chapter 557 She Looks Different

Back in the warehouse, Melissa continued carrying out Yara’s order, not knowing that the communication was disrupted. “Go on! Take more off more clothes!”

All of a sudden, Melissa’s phone rang. The ringtone was so sharp that it resonated in the empty warehouse.

“The call has nothing to do with you! Keep removing your clothes!” Melissa roared.

But the moment Melissa noticed Yandel’s name on the screen, her expression changed.

It’s Yandel. It’s Yandel!

That was the first time he called her since he had dinner with the Nichols family.

Finally!

I knew Yandel is not a heartless man. He must have had problems contacting me before this!

Upon noticing the changes in Melissa’s expression, a hard glint flashed across Natalie’s eyes.

Melissa answered the call and immediately placed it next to her ear. “Yandel. I’ll be shooting the woman’s nude video soon. She can’t break us apart anymore once I release the video to the public!”

“I’d do anything for you because I like you very much! Give me another half an hour, okay? I just need another half an hour to complete the shoot!” she exclaimed.

The person at the other end of the phone gasped but did not say anything.

Melissa panicked when she did not get a response. “What’s wrong, Yandel? Why don’t you say something?”

“It’s me...”

Melissa froze upon hearing the person’s voice.

The person who used Yandel’s phone to call Melissa was her mother, Yvonne.

“Mom?” Melissa asked.

“What on earth are you doing, Melissa?” Yvonne cried in shock. “Please don’t do anything crazy. Whose video are you shooting? Natalie’s? Are you mad? She’s Samuel’s woman. Do you think Samuel will let us off easily?”

“She did us wrong in the first place!” Melissa bellowed with all her might. “Yandel loves me, but things changed because of her! She took revenge against me after doing the same to Yara. How can I let her off?”

Yvonne nearly passed out after listening to what she said.

Growing up, Melissa had always been a spoiled princess. Yvonne knew she might set someone up to achieve her goals, but never in a million years did she think her daughter would resort to this kind of evil tactic!

“Do you think Samuel will let us off easily after what you’ve done?” Yvonne said in between sobs. “You’re my only daughter, and I’ve done everything for you. I even got rid of Jennie to pave the way for you to live a good life in the Nichols family!”

Yvonne’s wail instantly became a wake-up call for Melissa.

“Mom, I...”

Yvonne was trying to talk some senses into Melissa, not because she wanted to rescue Natalie. She merely wanted to stop her daughter from making a grave mistake.

Besides, Yvonne also felt something was amiss with this operation.

Not only did Melissa not tell her about the plan, but the plan also seemed to have many flaws. Melissa wouldn’t have made those mistakes, as she’s not a careless person!

Yvonne continued to plea in between sobs. “Please stop! Tell me what you want me to do. I’ll do it for you!”

“Stop what you’re doing right now before it spirals out of control. You’re my daughter, and I can’t lose you! Please, I beg you. Please!” Yvonne shrieked at the top of her lungs.

All of a sudden, Melissa felt a splitting headache. “My head hurts, Mom!”

Melissa shook her head hard repeatedly and glanced around the filthy warehouse.

She also noticed Natalie, whose arm was covered in blood, was wearing only a thin shirt.

The man standing beside her had a murderous look on his face. He also had a knife in his hand.

“Where is this place? Where am I?” Melissa looked around and started panicking. “What did I do, Mom? What have I done?”

Natalie was stunned when she noticed how anxious and weak Melissa had become.

At this point, Melissa looked totally different from the crazy woman who had lost control earlier.

Chapter 558 Take The Bullet

Melissa was at a loss. “Mom, I don’t know what I’m doing here...”

“Stop what you’re doing right now.” Yvonne could tell Melissa was not in the right state of mind. She immediately consoled her daughter. “Don’t worry. I’m here to take care of everything. You’re my only daughter, and I’ll do anything to protect you.”

“Okay, Mom. I’ll listen to you.”

“I’m coming now. I’m coming to take you home.”

After ending the call, Melissa lowered her head as she did not know what to do now.

“Hey, Melissa. Could you give Sophia back to me?” Natalie approached her calmly. “Everything that has happened is just a nightmare. Things will get better once the nightmare is over.”

At first, Melissa clenched her fists and shook her head. A few seconds later, she changed her mind and nodded. “I didn’t kidnap Sophia. You can take her away.”

“Okay. I’ll carry her.”

Natalie licked her dry lips and gradually walked up to Sophia.

Before coming to the warehouse, Natalie had suspected that Melissa was the one who had made the call.

She took a gamble and assumed the caller was Melissa.

That was why she ordered Yandel to look for Yvonne so that she could call Melissa to stop her.

Thankfully, Natalie’s plan worked. Otherwise, both she and Sophia would be in danger.

Just when Natalie was about to pick Sophia up from the floor, one of the subordinates started threatening Melissa. “You’re gonna die if you stop what you’re doing.”

His threat seemed to have triggered Melissa. She started mumbling, “Yes. I’m the mastermind! The Bowers family will not let me off easily, and there’s nothing my mom could do to save me!”

Upon noticing the turn of events, Natalie immediately carried Sophia in her arms and ran toward the exit of the warehouse.

I must protect Sophia at all costs! She mustn’t get hurt!

Losing her twins five years ago was her biggest regret in life.

Natalie would not allow anyone to hurt Sophia, as she loved this little girl as much as she loved Xavian and Clayton.

After closing the door, she knocked over an empty oil drum to buy herself some time.

Suddenly, someone appeared out of nowhere and grabbed her hand.

Natalie was startled. “Who are you?”

“It’s me.”

The man who held her hand was Christopher, whom she had not met for a long time.

“Christopher? What are you doing here?”

“That’s not important.” Christopher said in a calm voice. “Let’s get out of here as soon as possible.”

Meanwhile, Melissa instructed two subordinates to go after Natalie. One of them followed right behind Natalie and Christopher, while the other person took out a Browning handgun and aimed it at Sophia’s head.

The man was an assassin, and his mission tonight was to end the child’s life.

He had been on standby for quite some time now, but no one gave him the order to shoot the child. Upon realizing a signal loss in the communication device, he decided to take matters into his own hands.

It was the best time to get rid of the child.

Natalie soon noticed a red laser dot on Sophia’s head. She instantly understood what it was all about and became alert.

Natalie stood in front of the red dot and kept her eyes shut, waiting for the bullet to hit her body.

A loud gunshot filled the air when the assassin fired a shot in her direction.

Natalie did not feel any pain but heard a groan from her back.

She turned around and saw Christopher’s chest bleeding as he was hit by the bullet.

“Christopher!”

“Don’t worry, I’m here to protect you.” The color drained out of Christopher’s face. “I’ll not let anything bad happen to you.”

“You...”

“You want to call me crazy?” Christopher was losing his balance and gave her a weak smile. “Yes. I’ve been crazy since the day you gave me hope!”

The assassin immediately fired another shot when he realized he missed his target.

“No! Stop!” Natalie shrieked.

Christopher continued to stand in front of them like a sturdy rock, protecting Natalie and Sophia from the oncoming bullet.

Chapter 559 What The Hell

“Stop! Stop!” Natalie screeched in tears and shook her head continuously. “What are you doing, Christopher? Are you mad? Let go of me!”

Natalie struggled to pull herself away from him but to no avail.

“Stop moving... I’m running out of energy...”

“Let go of me!”

The assassin continued firing the third and fourth shots, and Natalie could hear Christopher grunt in pain every time the bullet hit his body.

Blood started gushing out of the wounds on his body, drenching his torn clothes and her thin shirt.

His blood was still warm, but Natalie knew he was on the verge of death. She might not be able to bring him back to life even if she used all the exquisite medicine on him.

“Please, Christopher. Please don’t do this!”

“I like you, Natalie...I like you just as much as Samuel likes you...” The gunshots that hit Christopher’s organs had caused him to spew blood from his mouth.

“No!” Natalie cried in excruciating pain. Tears also welled up in her eyes. “Don’t do this for me. It’s not worth it!”

Instead of responding to Natalie, Christopher continued embracing Sophia and her as tightly as possible.

The assassin was surprised that Christopher still had not collapsed despite being hit by six bullets in a row. “F*ck! That’s one f*cking lunatic!”

The assassin had yet to get rid of his target, as he had run out of bullets. He did not carry extra bullets because he thought he could complete his task in a shot or two.

Melissa and her other subordinate were struck dumb upon witnessing this gory scene. They retreated to the back and hid in a corner.

The assassin drew out a military dagger from his partner’s holder and shoved him away. “Useless!”

He then walked up to Christopher and tried pulling him away from Natalie.

Yet, Christopher refused to give in. With all his might, he continued to hold on to the love of his life.

“F*ck off! Da*n it!” The assassin exploded with rage.

Suddenly, a gunshot resonated in the abandoned warehouse.

The assassin’s eye narrowed in disbelief.

He lowered his head, took a glance at the gun wound on his left chest, and instantly collapsed to the ground.

Natalie turned around to look at the entrance of the warehouse with her teary eyes. She then realized Samuel was the one who fired the shot at the assassin.

“Quick! Save him!” She cried for help. Samuel was her only lifeline now. “He won’t be able to take it anymore. Call the doctor! He has lost a lot of blood, and he needs blood!”

Together with Samuel were Yandel and Joshua.

Yandel was stunned, as he had never seen Natalie break down like this before. He immediately called the ambulance.

Samuel put down the gun and walked up to Natalie in wobbly steps.

The moment Joshua noticed all the wounds on Christopher's body, he could no longer contain his anger.

I contacted him to come and rescue this hideous woman, hoping that they'd get together after overcoming this ordeal.

Yet, now he's lying half-dead on the floor? I can't believe this!

Yes, I did advise him to take the opportunity to rescue the damsel in distress, but I didn't expect him to give his life up to protect her!

Anyone who hurts my buddy should go to hell!

Joshua picked up Samuel's gun from the floor and aimed it at Melissa's forehead.

"Yandel, help..."

Before Melissa could complete her sentence, Joshua pulled the trigger and fired a shot at her.

Melissa fell to the ground instantly. Her mouth gaped open, but she could no longer speak.

Joshua then walked up to Natalie with the gun in his hand. He pointed the gun at her and exclaimed with rage, "Bit*h! Why would Christopher sacrifice himself for you? Do you even like him? I don't care. You better bring him back to life! Bring my buddy back to life!"

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Tears were flowing down Natalie's face, but she could not answer the question.

"Joshua..."

"Christopher." Joshua's eyes fell on Christopher, and he started to question him, "Yes! I have a foul mouth! But why are you so foolish? She doesn't even like you that much. It isn't worth it! She isn't worth you doing this!"

There was blood in Christopher's mouth, and his face was pale. Yet, he smiled.

"You're wrong." Christopher was so weak that he could barely talk, but he continued, "I did it willingly. Joshua, please don't hurt her. She has saved me in the past. Now, I'm just repaying her. That's all."

Joshua was so exasperated that his eyes were filled with tears too.

What is he talking about?

His organs may have been shattered by the bullets. Even God himself won't be able to save him.

Yet, on the verge of dying, he is still willing to help this woman. Joshua was feeling both furious and helpless.

He knew that Christopher had done it willingly, and nobody had forced him into it. Even if he was given another chance, he would have done the same thing without hesitation.

Joshua had completely given up on him. On the other hand, Natalie was unable to let him go.

She had to give her last shot even if the odds were against them.

Natalie proceeded to insert the crystal needles into a few major acupoints on Christopher's body. Then, she took out a bottle of medicine and poured some into his mouth.

Next, she tore off a piece of fabric from her clothes and held it against Christopher's wound.

"Christopher, stop talking! Hang on. Please believe that I can save you! If I can save you once, I'll be able to save you a second time!"

Soon, the ambulance arrived.

Christopher was being lifted onto the stretcher and carried into the ambulance.

Before going into the ambulance, Natalie turned around and glanced at Samuel. There was a mixed reaction in her eyes.

With Sophia in his arms, Samuel reassured Natalie, "I'll take good care of Sophia. You aren't the only one who has owed him. So do I. Do what you need to do and save him."

Natalie nodded fervently and went into the ambulance without any qualms.

Very soon, they arrived at the hospital.

All the specialists were either on leave or were preoccupied with some surgeries. The only reason why Christopher was still alive was due to the snow lotus pills that Natalie had given him.

There was no way Christopher could hang on any longer. He needed to be operated on immediately.

Natalie got Yandel to arrange for her to operate on Christopher. She would need to combine the use of both modern and traditional medicine in order to give Christopher a chance of survival.

Christopher had lost too much blood, so Natalie asked the nurse to retrieve some from the blood bank.

"Doctor, there is only six hundred CC of blood left in the blood bank."

Natalie frowned and responded, "If there isn't enough, go collect more. He will need to have a minimum of one thousand CC of blood. Get the person in charge of the blood bank to do something quickly. No matter what, we'll need to collect a sufficient amount of blood."

"Sure."

The nurse ran out of the operating theatre and got one of her colleagues to pass Natalie the bags of blood that were available. At the same time, she started looking for blood donors.

Not long after Samuel had settled Sophia, he rushed to the hospital as well.

After hearing the blood collection announcement, he questioned one of the nurses, "For which patient is the blood for?"

"One of the patients has been shot several times, and he needs a blood transfusion urgently. But, we don't have enough in our blood bank."

“My blood type is O. As long as the patient doesn’t have a rare blood type, he should be able to use mine.” With that, Samuel rolled up his sleeve.

Samuel had met with a car accident earlier on, and he was not in a condition to donate any blood.

Billy was worried about Samuel and stopped him, “Mr. Bowers, you’re injured. Why don’t I let the nurse take my blood instead?”

“No need. Billy, I owed this man.”

At that moment, Samuel’s face darkened.

“This is the least I should do! If it wasn’t for him, my woman and daughter would have been the ones hanging by a thread!”