

Happiness 621

Chapter 621 Trending

Although Steven mocked Samuel and Natalie, he felt happy for them on the inside.

Moments later, the four children got changed and came running down the stairs.

“Uncle Steven.”

Hearing their cute voices made Steven shudder involuntarily.

He knew they were up to no good from how politely they greeted him. Therefore, it was a natural reaction.

“W-What do you want from me? Hmm, name it, and I’ll do everything I can.” He spoke as though he had prepared to die.

Sitting beside Steven, Franklin took a sip of milk before he commented, “Uncle Steven, did you hit your head?”

“Nope.”

“Why do you think we want something from you then?” The boy rolled his eyes.

“Oh? Aren’t you going to ask me for a favor?” Steven cautiously asked, afraid that it was a trap that the children had plotted.

“Uncle Steven, we don’t have anything to ask of you!” Sophia broke off a piece of her croissant and held it out for Steven. “Mommy told us not to bully you. She said you let us be because you adore us, not because you fear us. When we meet bad people, we retaliate. However, if we meet people who like us and treat us well, we can’t take advantage of that and lose our temper.”

Sophia was a glut. Therefore, it was rare to see her share her food with others.

Yet, she was willing to split her croissant with Steven, which meant a lot. As such, he felt touched by her gesture.

“Thank you, Sophia.”

As Steven was about to take the piece from Sophia, Samuel came between them and snatched it away. Then, he took a bite of the pastry.

“Sam, how could you take what Sophia offered me!” Steven stared at Samuel in disbelief.

“Gavin, Steven likes to eat croissants. You can bring him another two plates of it,” Samuel instructed Gavin before turning back to his brother. “It’s a piece from my daughter. Aren’t you afraid you might suffer from diarrhea after eating it?”

“Sam, you-”

Steven could not help but groan internally. The four children had stopped bullying him, but his brother was starting to torment him now.

Slowly tearing up the bread from Sophia, Samuel savored every bite of it.

Watching the scene, Natalie felt the corners of her lips lifting into a smile.

After breakfast, the four children climbed onto the Rolls-Royce to head to their kindergarten.

Samuel and Steven left together while Natalie stayed home. She headed straight to the study on the second floor after sending them out.

Holding a cup of hot coffee in her hands, she glanced at the information on her computer screen and grinned before tapping on her mouse to click on the confirmation button.

Within thirty minutes, Thomas Nichols was trending on Twitter.

There were hashtags on how heartless the head of Dexmed Pharmaceutical acted and how he sent his wife to the mental hospital soon after his daughter's death.

He was being condemned for the way he treated his wife.

Under those trending tags, countless users started criticizing him for his behavior.

He was only the boss of a company in the past. However, he was a notorious uncaring man to them now.

The negative comments also affected Dexmed Pharmaceutical's share prices. Within twenty minutes of the opening of the market, it started falling.

Meanwhile, Thomas was having a discussion with the management when Cayden urgently knocked on his door. The assistant pushed open the door and entered even before he had permission to do so.

"What's wrong? Why do you seem like you are in a rush?" Thomas frowned and snarled.

"Mr. Nichols, you are trending online!" Cayden was panicking so much that he started sweating.

"Trending?" Thomas scratched his head in confusion. "What do you mean? I'm an old man, so why would I be trending?"

Cayden wanted to explain, but he did not know where to begin. Exasperated, he pushed his tablet in Thomas's hand and stated, "I think you should see it yourself."

Chapter 622 Surrounded At The Meeting

Thomas' expression darkened after he quickly scanned through the topic surrounding his name.

It was true that he was getting tired of Yvonne and wanted to take advantage of her use of violence to send her away. However, they were only his inner dark thoughts.

The shameful truth became a hot topic. How could Thomas possibly face anyone anymore?

"It's nonsense!" In the heat of the moment, he pounded his table and threw the tablet onto the ground. "Who the hell started this?"

Seeing his boss' reaction, Cayden could not stop sweating. "After the topic started trending, I sent some men to find out who was behind it. However, it was too difficult to track down the IP address. Since the

discussion started, Dexmed Pharmaceutical's stock price has plunged, and we lost around five hundred million this morning. All the directors are unhappy with the situation. Mr. Colson and Mr. Zane are even coming to the office to demand an explanation from you. They want a solution to counter this issue."

Realizing that the matter had impacted Dexmed Pharmaceutical's business, Thomas was so angry that he could almost feel steam coming out of his ears.

"You piece of useless shit! Why can't you track down anything?"

"I-I tried my best," Cayden whimpered.

"Get out of here!"

"Mr. Nichols, Mr. Colson, and Mr. Zane-" Cayden bit his lips and continued, "I think they will be here any minute."

Thomas was in a foul mood then and did not wish to see anyone. Unfortunately, if he did not show up, Sheldon and Henry might blame Thomas for everything and take the opportunity to kick him out.

"Let them wait." Gritting his teeth, Thomas muttered, "I will go to them."

Then, Cayden obediently left.

With a deep frown on his forehead, Thomas took a puff from his cigar and tried to sort out the chaotic mess in his head.

He only sent Yvonne to the mental hospital in the wee hours of the morning. How could anyone have taken a photo of it and posted it on the internet?

Who the hell was it?

Before Thomas could finish his cigar, Henry and Sheldon were already waiting in the meeting room for him.

With no other choice, he put out his cigar and headed over.

As soon as Henry and Sheldon spotted Thomas entering the room, they started to hurl criticisms.

"Heartless-"

"The names they are giving you on Twitter are not only unique but apt too!"

Immediately, Thomas glared at Sheldon and growled, "Mr. Zane, what do you mean by that?"

"You don't understand what I'm saying?" Sheldon scoffed, "Whatever you did to your wife is what you did to the Bayer family. Unfaithful and heartless are words practically made for you! Mr. Colson could not be more right."

Sheldon and Thomas were around the same age.

A childhood sweetheart with Jennie, Sheldon was the heir to his father, a director of Dexmed Pharmaceutical.

Back then, he openly tried to chase Jennie. However, she rejected him and chose Thomas instead, even though the latter had nothing.

At first, Sheldon could graciously let go of Jennie as long as she was happy. Yet, after she married The Nichols family, Arnold passed away. In his will, he left the control of Dexmed Pharmaceutical to The Nichols family. It was not long before rumors arose that she had an affair, and Thomas decided to divorce her. He eventually threw her out of the Nichols family.”

Since then, Sheldon resented Thomas.

“Thomas, don’t mind how rude Mr. Zane is acting. However, you must provide us an explanation after such personal affairs had impacted Dexmed Pharmaceutical’s stock prices.” Henry was different from Sheldon. He did not care who controlled Dexmed Pharmaceutical but was only interested in his profits.

At that moment, Thomas had an ugly expression on his face as he felt anger coursing through his veins.

“Don’t worry. The news isn’t true, and I will find a way to squash it,” Thomas assured. “Additionally, you brought up something from twenty-three years ago. What passed has already passed. Right now, I am the head of Dexmed Pharmaceutical. I don’t wish to hear anything about the past!”

Chapter 623 No Chance Of Revival

The moment he finished talking, Thomas cast a meaningful glance at Sheldon Zane. It was a cautionary look.

Sheldon felt it, and unlike his usual self, he did not endure in silence. Instead, he retorted, “Words won’t suffice. Show us the result! Let’s see what concrete measures you can come up with. I hope that the share prices of Dexmed Pharmaceutical will be lower tomorrow.”

Henry Colson gave a superficial smile and chimed in, “That’s right.”

Once Sheldon and Henry had left, Thomas kicked the chair next to him and sent it flying.

An insidious look flashed across Thomas’ eyes. “How dare they try to make things difficult for me just because they’re members of the board of directors! Bunch of crap! Once this is over, I’ll make them pay!”

Cayden, who was standing at the side, could feel the anger coming from Thomas. He did not even dare to make a single sound.

“Cayden, cover this up with either money or other news! I don’t care what you do. Just make sure you get this off the trending topics by today!” Thomas glanced at Cayden and continued, “If it isn’t accomplished, I’ll hold you accountable!”

“Yes, Sir!” Cayden had no other choice but to accept the task.

In the meantime, Natalie was having a video call with Yandel in the study.

Yandel gave her a thumbs-up and praised her, “Boss, you’ve made an excellent move indeed! Even though I knew we have to go head to head with Dexmed Pharmaceutical, I didn’t expect the battle to start in such a manner! I’m sure Thomas will be stunned by your move!”

With a coffee cup in her hand, Natalie said, "I don't want a long battle. A long battle won't do any good for both Dexmed Pharmaceutical and Dream. Even if Dream manages to acquire Dexmed Pharmaceutical by then, it will be useless. Only a swift battle can ensure that Thomas will never be able to make a complete comeback."

After hearing what Natalie said, Yandel's respect for her increased.

In the past, Natalie might have had some issues with the job deployment of Dexmed Pharmaceutical, but her actions did not affect the operations of the company.

Looking at the present situation, everything that had happened by accident back then was proving useful at the current moment.

"Boss, your capability in devising a plot is way too terrifying..."

"Terrifying?" Natalie smiled and said, "I've waited five years for this..."

Looking at Natalie on his screen, Yandel saw the sadness in her eyes and did not know what to say.

Natalie put her cup down and continued, "Looks like it will be a tough battle ahead of us. Thomas will retaliate for sure. But, we mustn't give him the chance to take a breather the moment he falls."

"You mean..."

"There are people who need your protection, and there are those that you need to keep an eye on. Just do your job and be patient. Things will happen as they should," said Natalie serenely.

"I understand."

With that, the video call ended.

Natalie stared at her empty cup, and she did not look too happy.

Thomas was only a puppet. The real mastermind was hiding behind the scenes and watching everything.

Right from the beginning, her target was never just the puppet.

Natalie locked herself up in the study and read books for the entire day. She did not see what was going on on the Internet.

Her eyes were getting tired from her reading when she received a message from Yana.

Dad wants me to send you a message. He wants me to think of a way to get you here for dinner. I have no idea what he is up to! So mysterious! The message was followed by three emojis.

Natalie: I happen to be free tonight. I'll come over then!

Yana: That's wonderful! Looking forward to seeing you!

Chapter 624 More Than Just Dinner

That night at the Weiss residence, Yana was full of smiles when Natalie arrived.

With his arm around Yana's shoulders, Hans teased, "You have no idea how excited Yana is. The moment she heard that you are coming tonight, she told the chef to cook your favorite dishes. Both my son and I don't even get this kind of treatment. If this continues, I will fall out of Yana's favor very soon!"

Yana blushed and glared at Hans. "You talk too much! I like Natalie. Do you have a problem with that?"

"Fine, fine." Hans said indulgently, "You're the boss."

"I'm glad you know that."

Ever since Yana had been cured of her mental issues, she had become more cheerful and smiled more often.

Hans knew that the two ladies had much to talk about, so he excused himself by saying that he needed to help his son with his homework and left.

It was a coincidence that Jason invited Natalie to dinner that night. In reality, Yana was curious about the top-ranking topic on the Internet. It was the scandal of Dexmed Pharmaceutical.

"Were you the one responsible for the top trending story on the Nichols family?"

Natalie nodded calmly. "Yes."

"This move of yours is too fast and dangerous!" Yana had somehow guessed it, but she was still taken aback when she heard Natalie admitting to it.

Natalie looked up with a glimmer of confidence. "Yana, you have to be quick and vicious if you are plotting against someone. This way, you'll be able to catch them off-guard."

Logically speaking, anybody who said such things would annoy others. However, when those words came from Natalie, they had the opposite effect.

This girl is brave and smart at the same time. Even her moves are so swift and decisive. Impressive!

Yana stared at Natalie like an obsessed person. "If I'm a man, you will definitely walk all over me!"

"No way!" Natalie winked at her playfully and said, "If you become a man, Hans will cry till he faints in the washroom!"

"So what if he cries till he faints? It won't change the fact that I like you!"

"All right then..."

Natalie and Yana went on chatting for a while more.

When Jason and Hannah returned home, they broke into smiles when they saw the two of them chatting away.

"Natalie, you're here..." Jason looked at her lovingly and continued, "I was afraid that you wouldn't come if I ask Yana to invite you!"

"Godfather, what's the special occasion today? Why have you asked me over for dinner?" asked Natalie.

The well-maintained Hannah held Natalie's hand and said, "Of course it's something good! That's why we called you. We're all having dinner together, but there's also someone joining us tonight."

"Who is it?"

"Come in," called out Jason.

A man dressed in a tan overcoat and gold-framed glasses strolled in.

The handsome man exuded an air of intelligence and nobility.

Jason introduced them, "Natalie, this is Matthew Patterson. Both the Weiss family and the Patterson family have been close friends for as long as we can remember. Most importantly, the Patterson family believes in honor and loyalty. We value their friendship very much. As for the younger generation of the Patterson family, Matthew is the most outstanding among them."

Hannah chimed in as well, "That's right! We like Matthew. Unfortunately, Yana did not marry him, and this has always been a regret for us..."

What?

Natalie realized that Jason and Hannah had something else in mind when they invited her for dinner.

It appeared that they were trying to match-make her!

Natalie cast a glance at Yana who was standing beside her.

Yana quickly shook her head and looked innocent.

Chapter 625 A Matchmaking Dinner

"Ms. Nichols, nice to meet you. I'm Matthew," Matthew introduced himself with a smile. "I believe I have seen you during Mr. Weiss' birthday celebration. Sadly, we weren't formally introduced to one another back then. I have finally managed to meet you today."

Regarding that...

Natalie started to recall Matthew.

A man like Matthew was bound to stand out in the crowd. Natalie recalled seeing him a few times.

Natalie returned the greeting. "Mr. Patterson, nice to meet you too."

"You're Mr. and Mrs. Weiss' goddaughter, and we're quite close in age too. There's no need to address each other so formally. I'll call you Natalie, and you'll call me Matthew," said Matthew.

Before Natalie could respond, Jason nodded with a smile. "That's right! What Matthew says is correct. It's better to address each other by your names. It's more affectionate."

Since Jason said so, Natalie could only agree to it. She looked at Matthew with a smile and said, "Sure."

At the dining table, Jason and Hannah had intentionally seated Matthew and Natalie next to one another.

Yana was trying to come to Natalie's rescue when her attempt was foiled by Hannah. Her mother glared at her and told her off, "Yana! What do you think you are doing? You're about to become a mother of two. Don't interfere. Let Natalie and Matthew spend some time chatting on their own."

"But--"

"There are no buts!" Hannah placed a chicken drumstick on Yana's plate and said, "Eat up! If it isn't enough, I'll give you more!"

Yana bit into the chicken and gave Hans a kick.

Hans was also about to speak up when Jason put a chicken drumstick on his plate immediately. "Hans, are you envious that Yana has a drumstick and you don't? Don't worry! Let me give you one!"

Oh dear...

Jason and Hannah were going all out to put a stop to Yana's and Hans' antics.

Yana and her husband looked at Natalie. Good luck!

Natalie picked at her food and saw that there was a piece of fish on her plate.

"Eh?"

Matthew smiled gently at her and said, "Why are you only eating pasta? Have more fish."

Since the piece of fish was already on her plate, she could not very well remove it.

Natalie mumbled her acknowledgement and ate the fish.

She did not want the fish to go to waste. However, her acceptance of the fish was perceived by Jason and Hannah as a sign of her fondness for Matthew.

Both Jason and Hannah covered their mouths and giggled. A blissful image of the young couple began to form in their minds.

Soon, the dinner ended.

Yana wanted to get hold of Natalie for a chat.

Instead, Hannah held onto Yana's hand and said, "Yana, don't you have something that you want to ask me about knitting? Come, I'll show you now."

"Mom, I'm not in a hurry--"

"You aren't, but I am!" With that, Hannah dragged Yana away.

Hans was about to say something when Jason cut in. "Hans, last time, you mentioned that you had your eyes on a particular bottle in my wine cabinet, didn't you? Since I'm in such a good mood, let's go there and pick a bottle for you. Shall we?"

"Dad--"

"What is it? You aren't willing to accept my gift?" uttered Jason unhappily.

“No! I’m more than happy to accept your gift!”

Hans was not really after his father-in-law’s wines. He knew Jason was trying to get him away so that Matthew and Natalie could have some time alone.

They were obviously in the Weiss residence, but all of the Weiss family had disappeared in an instant!

This matchmaking session looks so deliberate!

“Are you feeling embarrassed?” asked Matthew in a gentle tone.

Natalie shrugged her shoulders and answered nonchalantly, “I’m all right. As long as I’m not embarrassed, it’s fine.”

Chapter 626 Warning To My Rival In Love

When Matthew heard that, he chuckled.

Natalie frowned and questioned him, “What are you laughing about?”

Her blind date pushed his glasses up and looked at her with searing eyes. “Don’t you find yourself interesting? You aren’t the most gorgeous socialites that I’ve met, but you’re certainly the most interesting ones that I’ve ever come across! The rest of the ladies seem to resemble one another as if they have been cut from the same cloth. You, on the other hand, are one-of-a-kind.”

“Then I doubt you’ve met that many women.”

Matthew was momentarily stunned before a smile appeared on his face.

He walked up to Natalie and said, “The last time I saw you at Mr. Weiss’ banquet, you’ve left a deep impression on me. You’re intelligent, brave, calm, and composed. I have to be honest with you. It wasn’t Mr. and Mrs. Weiss who had arranged for our dinner today. I was the one who had asked for their help. I really want to get to know you-”

Before Matthew could finish his sentence, a cold voice rang out.

“Don’t you even think about it!”

That cold, deep voice belonged to none other than Samuel!

Natalie turned around and saw a livid Samuel standing there.

Dressed in a black overcoat, the tall man strode over to Matthew and Natalie.

He kept his frosty eyes on Matthew while his arm went around Natalie’s waist. “Matthew, she’s mine. Don’t even think about it.”

They are friends?

Natalie was shocked.

So, the two men know each other?

Matthew walked up and met Samuel's eyes. "I like her very much. I've liked her since the first time I laid eyes on her. Samuel, let me have her."

Natalie was a little stumped to hear that.

She had initially thought that Matthew had been forced by his elders to come for the matchmaking. Little did she realize that he was serious about her. On top of that, he had gone head-on with Samuel.

"Matthew, I can give anyone up but not her," said Samuel as his grip around her waist tightened.

Matthew refused to give in as well. "I don't care! I just want her!"

Samuel was triggered by what Matthew had said. With a sneer, Samuel said, "Then I want you to see who she belongs to."

The moment he finished talking, Samuel's lips landed on hers.

Natalie widened her eyes in shock. She could not believe that Samuel would go to this extent to stake his claims.

As if he was trying to punish Natalie for not focusing on their kiss, Samuel deliberately kissed her harder.

Matthew's face turned pale. There was no way he could bear to watch any longer, so he turned and left.

Even after Matthew was gone, Samuel did not release his grip. He continued kissing Natalie passionately.

It was only after a long while before Natalie could get away from Samuel.

She glared at him and threw him a question, "Samuel! What the hell do you think you are doing?"

Samuel glanced at her with an air of dominance. "This is the easiest way to tell my rival in love who you belong to. Kindness for your enemies only brings cruelty to yourself. Matthew may look like a gentleman, but he is known for his determination. If I don't put a stop to it right now, god knows what he may end up doing for you."

Natalie was dumbfounded. "So, you did that on purpose?"

Samuel wiped his lips with the back of his hand and answered, "Of course not. Thankfully, Hans sent me a message. Otherwise, I wouldn't have known that Matthew has his eyes on you."

"I-"

"What should we do?"

Natalie did not quite understand what he meant. "What do you mean?"

Samuel pulled her into his arms and complained, "You're already wearing such an ugly-looking mask. Why is it that so many men are still falling for you?"

Chapter 627 An Uglier Mask

Natalie could feel his strength when she was in his embrace.

He was holding her with such care as if she would leave if he let go.

Natalie patted Samuel's shoulders and teased, "Then, should I change my mask into an uglier one?"

Samuel seemed pleased to hear that. The frustration within him had also eased tremendously.

"Do you have one?"

Natalie laughed and said, "Even if I don't have it, I'll have to get one just to make you happy! I'll contact the manufacturer of the hyper-realistic mask and get him to make an uglier one as soon as possible!"

Samuel still seemed troubled. "I'm worried that an uglier mask won't be able to stop all your admirers! It looks like I have no choice but to hide you so that I'm the only man to lay eyes on you."

Natalie was getting a little nervous. "Samuel, you're a little too possessive, aren't you?"

Samuel ran his fingers along her crimson lips and said, "If I'm not possessive enough, some other man might just snatch you away from me."

His impulsiveness came over him once again, and he was about to devour Natalie's soft, tender lips.

However, before that could take place, they heard voices of Jason and Hannah coming from behind them.

"Where's Matthew? Who is this rascal, and why is he touching Natalie?"

"I want to know who he is! How dare he come into the Weiss residence and bully the Weisses!"

When Natalie saw Jason and Hannah, she felt like a child who had been caught in the act of doing something naughty. She immediately pushed Samuel away.

"Godfather..." Panic filled her eyes. Natalie did not feel guilty. She just did not expect her godparents to witness them kissing.

"Natalie, I have introduced such a nice man like Matthew to you. You aren't appreciative at all! I want to see who this man is. Such arrogance..."

Samuel's back was facing Jason and Hannah.

Jason had thought that Samuel did not dare to turn around out of guilt. When he walked to face him and was about to lecture him, he saw that it was Samuel. Jason was rendered speechless.

"Y-You..."

Although the Bowers family was not that close to the Weisses, they did know one another.

Furthermore, given Samuel's good looks, it would be hard for anyone not to remember him.

"S-Samuel?" Jason's face was frozen. He did not expect Samuel to be the man who had been kissing Natalie.

Samuel greeted them humbly, "Mr. and Mrs. Weiss."

"T-This..."

Even Hannah was taken aback.

They had thought a lecher was taking advantage of their goddaughter. Little did they expect the man to be Samuel!

Jason took a long time to digest what he had just seen before regaining his composure. "Samuel, what are you doing here? I heard from your grandpa that you have a pair of five-year-old twins. Moreover, your grandpa has already chosen his granddaughter-in-law! Although the Bowers family is very powerful in Chanaea, that doesn't mean the Weisses are afraid of you. If you're only fooling around, my wife and I will do everything we can to break the two of you up! Since we've taken Natalie in as our goddaughter, her marriage and happiness are definitely of our utmost concern."

Jason's straightforward speech moved Natalie once again.

She might not have any blood relations to them, but everything they had done was for her sake.

Natalie was not the only one who was touched by what Jason had said.

At first, Samuel had been annoyed with the Weisses for making such an arrangement for Natalie. Now that he knew their true intention, he realized that the Weisses were genuinely concerned about Natalie.

Naturally, he would give both Jason and Hannah their due respect.

"Mr. and Mrs. Weiss, I can promise both of you that I, Samuel Bowers, will only have one wife in this lifetime, and it's none other than Natalie," said Samuel while holding onto Natalie's hand.

Chapter 628 The Promise Of The Man

Jason and Hannah exchanged glances.

"This..."

"My grandpa has chosen a woman for me because he's worried that I will never get married. But she isn't the one I truly love." Samuel looked lovingly at Natalie and continued, "I have already indicated to my grandpa. I won't marry anyone else but Nat this lifetime."

Samuel might have been a ruthless man where business was concerned. However, he was very humble in front of Jason and his wife.

Jason knew very well the kind of man Samuel was in business. Hence, he was shocked to see another side of Samuel.

Is this really the head of the Bowers family that I've heard in the rumors?

There was also no response from Hannah for a long time. Then again, looks played an important part for her. After checking Samuel out, she became less wary of him.

Hannah was trying to find a way out of the situation. "Hubby, since he has addressed us so politely, why don't we invite him for a drink? After all, he's still a guest in our house."

Jason agreed, "Take a seat then."

Once Samuel sat down, Jason and Hannah began to bombard him with several questions.

Samuel was very patient and humble in clearing their doubts.

Looking at him from the side, Natalie began to smile.

She felt so blissful that she was about to burst with joy.

After they had completed their questioning, there was no fault that Jason and Hannah could find with Samuel.

However, Hannah thought of Matthew and kicked her husband under the table. She then glanced at the cup used by Matthew and signaled to him.

Jason understood immediately. He cleared his throat and asked, "Natalie, Matthew was with you earlier on. Where is he now?"

Natalie did not know how to answer his question. She could not possibly tell them that Matthew had left in a huff because they had been kissing passionately in front of him.

Compared to Natalie, Samuel was much calmer. "Matthew found out that Nat is already spoken for, so he decided to back off."

"Poor Matthew..." Jason sighed. Matthew had located Hannah and him to express his sincere affection for Natalie. However, it seemed that Matthew and Natalie were not fated to be together.

Jason asked, "Natalie, why didn't you tell us that you are seeing Samuel?"

"I didn't want to say anything when Matthew was here just now. I was worried that it might hurt his feelings and disrespect your kind intention."

It was only then Jason and Hannah had a revelation.

No wonder both our daughter and son-in-law were acting so strangely earlier on. Looks like they already knew what was going on!

Samuel said, "Mr. and Mrs. Weiss, I thank you for the care and love that you have bestowed onto Nat. But, I hope you won't arrange any more matchmaking for her in the future. She's the one I want. If anybody attempts to take her away from me, I'll do everything to get her back."

Both Jason and Hannah were very understanding. "Before this, we had no idea about the both of you. Now that we know the truth, we'll naturally respect Natalie's wishes. But, I have to reiterate. Don't you dare bully Natalie just because you are the head of the Bowers family. If you ever upset Natalie, the Weisses won't just sit around and do nothing! This is a warning as well as a request."

Samuel nodded solemnly. "I understand."

After leaving the Weiss residence, Samuel did not take Natalie back to the Bowers residence. Instead, he took her to the penthouse suite in the Imperial Hotel.

The penthouse suite was located at the highest level of the hotel. Three sides of it were covered with glass panels. It felt as if they were amidst the clouds. They had a clear view of the city.

It was Natalie's first time at the penthouse suite.

When Natalie leaned on the window to enjoy the night view, Samuel suddenly turned her around and gave her a long lingering kiss.

Chapter 629 Unable To Put Out The Fire

“Mmm...” Natalie let out a soft moan but did not push Samuel away.

She did not even realize when she had started to feel so comfortable in the man’s embrace. His kisses had also started to feel familiar to her.

Just when Samuel was getting into it and was about to remove the woman’s clothes, she grabbed his hand suddenly.

“What’s wrong?” the man asked, frowning. Natalie had ignited the fire of desire that was burning strongly in him, and it was pure torment to get him to stop.

“I’m having my period now,” Natalie said, sulking. “It’s the first day.”

Samuel’s expression completely darkened upon hearing those words. “I thought it was supposed to start five days later?”

Natalie was speechless.

The woman was not sure when the man had started to know her menstruation cycle better than she herself did. Whenever she saw ginger tea placed on the table in the morning, it would mean that her period was either due that day or the next day.

Even though Samuel really wanted her, he could not possibly ignore her body condition and force himself on her.

Suppressing his desire, he asked in a hoarse voice, “Are you very stressed lately?”

“Yup...” Natalie nodded her head slightly. “We have no choice but to face some things head-on once exposed.”

“Such as Thomas’ scandal?”

“Yup.” Natalie looked up at her husband and continued, “That man had betrayed my mother more than twenty years ago. Yara had also hurt me badly despite us being twin sisters. Now, it’s time to take revenge. I’m actually not as warm-hearted as you think. Although I have you, Clayton, Xavian, Sophia, and Franklin now, in the past, my hatred was the only force that was propelling me forward! I don’t think I will ever be able to forget the hurt that those people had caused me!”

Natalie wasn’t a vengeful person who held on to grudges.

However, what she had experienced was simply too painful. Those people had caused her to lose her virginity, forced her apart from her children, and even burned her alive.

Whenever the woman recalled those incidents late at night, she would still be able to feel her heart constricting from the pain.

“I know,” Samuel replied in a deep voice.

“You mean...” Natalie looked at the man in disbelief.

“As long as it is something you want to do, I will be behind you all the way.” Samuel ran his fingers through the woman’s hair lovingly and said, “I was supposed to be the one avenging you for the pain you have suffered, but I know that you don’t like me interfering with this matter, that’s why I didn’t do it. You don’t need to worry about what I think, because all I think about is how to make you love me more.”

Samuel’s deep and pleasant voice was like music to Natalie’s ears. The woman was mesmerized by the affectionate and serious look on his face as he spoke, and she felt extremely blissful at that moment.

She knew that the man loved and doted her more than anyone else in the world.

However, what she was most grateful for was that... he knew her better than anyone did!

“Samuel,” Natalie called out softly before turning around and pushing him against the glass wall behind, pressing her body against his.

“What should I do? I feel like I’m starting to like you more and more...” Natalie said, standing on her toes while pinning the man against the wall.

Samuel’s eyes dimmed before the corners of his lips curled up slowly into a smile.

“That would be my honor.”

“You’re too tall,” Natalie grumbled.

The man bent down when he heard that.

The next instant, Natalie pressed her lips against his.

Samuel froze for a few seconds but snapped out of his surprise quickly, beaming from ear to ear.

Compared to being passive, Samuel preferred taking initiative as he liked being in control. However, he found that he was enjoying himself with Natalie in the driver’s seat and relaxed while the woman tried her best to pleasure him.

Her skills had gotten much better compared to last time, and she was also more aware of his preferences.

While Samuel lost himself in pleasure, he was also struggling internally.

Why is this woman doing this when she’s not able to put out the fire in me!

Chapter 630 How Did You Know

While the atmosphere in the hotel room was getting heated and filled with a sensual atmosphere, the Nichols family was in a state of chaos.

Thomas had a grim expression on his face while he paced around the living room in frustration, his brows tightly knitted.

“All rich families have scandals! Why is it that mine had blown up on the internet? Who on earth did it?” Instead of doing some self-reflection, the man blamed it all on the person who exposed him.

“Dad, someone must be targeting you.” Yara pressed her lips together and a cold glint flashed across her eyes. “It’s very clear that the other party is spreading rumors to get you and Dexmed Pharmaceutical into trouble so that they could benefit from it.”

“But who would do such things?”

“Obviously, it would be Dexmed Pharmaceutical’s current strongest competitor.” Yara ran her fingers through her wavy long hair and said confidently, “Just think, who would benefit most from the plunge in Dexmed Pharmaceutical’s stock prices and the internal conflict among the company’s higher-ups? It’s no doubt Dream. Perhaps, Dream has more tricks up their sleeve to deal with us.”

“Yandel that b*stard!” The next moment, Thomas thought of Natalie, who was behind Yandel, and said through gritted teeth, “There’s also Natalie! Yandel must have been acting under her instructions! How could she already be so evil at such a young age!”

Thomas could not help but sigh at the mention of Natalie.

“That woman has exactly the same name as your elder sister. If your sister did not die in that fire back then, she would be your age now...”

Knowing her father’s ambitions and greed, Yara was certain that the man was not truly missing his daughter. He merely felt that it was a huge pity that the Natalie they were dealing with at the moment wasn’t their Natalie. If she were his own daughter, not only would he be able to easily diffuse his current crisis, he would also be able to acquire Dream Corporation effortlessly.

Even though Yara knew the truth, she wasn’t intending to tell Thomas about it at all. On the other hand, she chose to remind her father of a crueller truth.

“Dad, if our Natalie is really the Chairman of Dream, do you really think she’ll help you and not rub salt onto your wound instead? Have you forgotten that when she was raped back then, not only did you not show her any concern, you had even chased her out of the family out of fear that she would tarnish the Nichols family’s and your reputations instead. Besides, since young, she had lived with Jennie in the countryside and is not close to you at all.”

After his bubbles were burst by Yara’s words, Thomas said, feeling pissed, “Natalie had already died in the fire five years back... How can that woman be Natalie? I... I’m just saying what if!”

“Dad, I only said that to make you realize that even if that woman is really your daughter and my sister, she would never be on our side.” Yara continued coldly, “Dad, King would never allow Dexmed Pharmaceutical to remain in this state for long. We need to retaliate and launch a counterattack on Dream. We need to get rid of that woman once and for all. Otherwise, there will never be peace for you and Dexmed Pharmaceutical...”

Thomas pondered over his daughter’s words and realized that it made perfect sense.

“Yara, you’re my good girl indeed!” Thomas continued emotionally, “I have been feeling so troubled by the news for the entire day, but your words have enlightened me. We can’t let anything hinder our

cooperation with King. Since he can choose to support us, it would be equally easy for him to destroy us.”

The following day, Natalie was woken up by a call from Yandel.

With one hand blocking the sun that was shining at her face, she answered the call and put her phone to her ear.

“Hello...” she said in her morning voice.

“Boss, Dexmed Pharmaceutical has started to retaliate,” Yandel reported seriously. “Dexmed Pharmaceutical has issued a memo to clarify matters and their lawyer has also issued us a letter of demand. They have also attached Yvonne’s medical records to the memo, which states that she has been diagnosed with serious depression and anxiety disorder...”

Natalie interrupted Yandel and said, “Did Thomas also claim that he didn’t manage to clarify the rumors on the internet at first instance because he was still recovering from the pain of losing his daughter, in addition to the fact that his wife was seriously ill?”

After Yandel heard the woman’s words, he gaped in astonishment and exclaimed, “Fu*king unbelievable! Boss... how did you know?”