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# Returning from the Dead His Secret Lover

## Chapter 1711

Chapter 1711 Exposed

“Why in the world did your mother ask you to send watermelons here? I could’ve just bought them myself if I wanted to have one. Besides, they’re quite heavy. Did she forget that you’re still just a child?”

“A child?” scoffed Jaena after she finally managed to catch her breath.

She was about to tell Sasha how much she appreciated someone remembering that she was still a child when Nina suddenly appeared from the stairs.

“Who’s this?” Jaena had always been easily distracted by new things, including fresh faces.

“Oh, she’s Kurt’s little sister. She just got here. Hey, do you want to play with her, Jaena? I think she could really use a friend.”

Sasha was suddenly hopeful again because she thought that Jaena could keep Nina company.

However, upon hearing that, Jaena immediately jumped to her feet.

“No, thank you. I have enough to deal with as it is. Just having Jeffrey around was enough to give me headaches, and now you want to torment me with another? If you don’t mind, I’d prefer not to worsen my already terrible headaches. The watermelons are delivered, so I did what I came here to do. Bye, Aunt Sasha. I have to go to school now.”

Then, the girl hurried to the door and made herself scarce, leaving Sasha alone with Nina once again.

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After Jaena left, Nina lowered her head in disappointment. I knew it. Nobody likes me.

Meanwhile, Sebastian stayed at the Aquene Temple for several days, for it had been some time since he last visited the thousand-year-old temple.

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“So I heard that you gave Matteo command of SteelFort?” inquired Shin while making tea and playing chess with his son in a pavilion beside the stream.

Sebastian held a teacup in his hands as he focused his attention on the chessboard. “Yes.”

“Aren’t you worried about them?” Shin took a sip of his tea after asking the question with furrowed eyebrows.

Compared to Sebastian, Shin seemed more concerned about the young ones.

With a smirk, Sebastian extended his slender fingers to move a chess piece before responding, “What’s there to worry about? They’re not children anymore, you know? In just a few more months, they’ll be eighteen years old, which means they’ll be adults very soon.”

Shin was stunned when he received that piece of information. They’re almost eighteen already?

After freezing for a second, Shin returned to his senses and smiled in response.

“You’re right. I can’t believe I forgot how old they are already. I’ll have to consider them grown-ups from now on. I must say, the matter regarding Lucy did surprise me. Does that mean Eddie had control of the entire tribe when they were on Mount Aquene?”

“I wouldn’t say it’s impossible.”

Shin then let out a long sigh, for he was as sick of the war as Sebastian was. It had been going on for many years since Eddie first started it.

The elderly man was so revolted by the conflict that he could not help but frown instinctively when he brought up the topic. Still, there was no other way. It was unavoidable.

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“So what are you going to do now? Since Eddie’s been dead for so many years now, I don’t think it’s possible for him to plan that far ahead, do you? No matter how devious that old fox was, he couldn’t have seen that far ahead into the future. He didn’t even expect that you would defeat him all those years ago, so why he would have thought of playing the long game?” questioned Shin.

As soon as the elderly man made his move, a strong wind suddenly blew and messed up the pieces on the chessboard.

“He wouldn’t have. It’s impossible. That’s why the most important thing now is to find his son.”

“What?” exclaimed Shin with his eyes widened at Sebastian, no longer interested in rearranging the chess pieces. Son? Eddie’s son?

“Did you... Did you just say that he has a son?”

“Yes. What’s wrong? You’ve been by his side for so many years, yet you have no idea that he has a son?” Sebastian glanced at his father indifferently, despising the man for being so ignorant. Does he really think that he’s a monk now and should leave the whole world behind him?

“I... To tell you the truth, I really have no idea at all. I was imprisoned under the temple back then, so as you can imagine, I was quite occupied with other things. When did he have a son, and where is the child now?” Shin was not too proud to admit his oversight, and he really needed Sebastian to tell him more because he could not imagine how Eddie managed to have a son.

Since Eddie was a dwarf, he had always had low self-esteem around women. When Sasha and Sabrina found the secret room under the temple, they came across the man’s notebook, and recorded inside was Eddie’s resentment towards the society as a whole and his severe case of self-consciousness.

Just when Shin was wondering who Eddie had a child with, Sebastian showed him a photo.

The elderly man was shocked to the core when he realized who was in that picture. “What? Isn’t this Alfred’s wife?”

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“Yes, but this photo was taken before she married Alfred. Why else did you think a woman like her would marry a man like Alfred?” sneered Sebastian before continuing to sip his tea. I guess the old man isn’t completely hopeless. At least he still recognizes the woman.

Stunned for a while, Shin suddenly remembered hearing a rumor before he left home and became a monk, and it came from the prominent Heard family.

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Chapter 1712 The Skeleton In The Closet

The Heard family was very influential in Jadeborough back then.

One could even say that they were as powerful as the Jadesons. Had it not been for the scandal, the Heards could have surpassed the Jadesons.

“I remember how your grandfather refused to let me join the army and insisted that I stay at the White House. However, after the Heard family scandal broke out, he had a change of heart. Suddenly, he had no problem with me enlisting,” explained Shin.

Upon hearing that, Sebastian raised an eyebrow curiously and put his teacup down. “What scandal?”

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"It was said that Mrs. White got pregnant before marriage, so the Heards moved mountains to cover the story up. However, she did stay out of public eyes for several months after word got out," answered Shin calmly.

The incident caused quite a stir in Jadeborough back then because of how renowned the Heards were. The fact that it happened just before the election only made the predicament much worse for the family.

Even Jonathan was quite shocked when he heard the rumor.

However, it did not take long for the Heards to turn the story around by convincing the public that Elizabeth had a tumor in her stomach and that she was sent overseas for treatment.

They even hired a foreign doctor to make their story more credible.

Even though the scandal eventually died down, those in the city's upper class still found the Heards' explanation hard to believe. As for Jonathan, he decided to let Shin join the army because he knew the Heards would not stand a chance in the coming election, and as expected, they lost.

What Jonathan did not expect, though, was that a young man named Alfred White from Xenhall would ascend to the White House in just a few years. Not only that, but Alfred also married Elizabeth.

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It turned out that the Heards were playing the long game.

"That means Eddie was the mastermind behind it all."

"Correct. Alfred was just Eddie's puppet. But you already know that, don't you? On top of that, his sickly son, Baylor, was an assassin of The Coffee Shop," sighed Shin after nodding at Sebastian, who did not expect to find Eddie behind yet another conspiracy.

If nothing else, Sebastian was impressed by how crafty the old fox was.

"So where's the child now? Have you found him yet?" continued Shin with his questions.

"No," replied Sebastian in all honesty.

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Shin froze when he heard his son's response. No? So even Sebastian has bad days, huh?

Because of how capable Sebastian always seemed, Shin found it surprising that his son had no answer to his question.

Suddenly, Sebastian's face turned grim.

"Is that so hard to believe? I doubt that Eddie got Mrs. White pregnant because he only wanted to be a father. That child's probably nothing more than a tool to him—a tool he didn't want anybody else to find."

Sebastian could not believe that he had to explain something so obvious to the elderly man who was supposed to be wiser than him.

After a few awkward coughs, Shin grabbed the kettle and refilled his son's teacup. "Here. Have some more tea."

The father and son then continued with their game until Sasha suddenly drove up to them.

"When are you coming home, Sebby? It's almost Christmas," inquired Sasha.

Christmas? The two men in the pavilion were stunned when they heard the word.

Right! It'll be Christmas Eve in a few days, and after that, Christmas! Shin set his teacup down before smiling brightly at the couple. "She's right, Sebastian. It's almost Christmas, so you should go home. Spend some time with your family."

Sasha shifted her attention to Shin as soon as she heard the elderly man. "Wait a second. Aren't you coming with us, Master?"

Since she already knew that Shin was family, Sasha thought it would only be right for the elderly man to spend the holiday with them.

However, Shin turned the woman down by shaking his head.

"Thank you for the kind offer, but I'm a monk now. This is where I belong. You two have a safe trip now."

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“But—”

“Go!” interrupted Shin before turning around to leave, refusing to give Sasha a chance to finish her sentence.

Still, Sasha decided that she was not about to stand by while Shin walked away from her, so she raced to the temple door and grabbed the elderly man by the arm.

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### Chapter 1713

Chapter 1713 I Will Take Care Of Her

“Sebby, are you mad?”

“No.” Surprisingly, Sebastian denied that he got mad just now after she grabbed him.

Sasha was confused. “Then... What’s up with you just now?”

“No point trying to talk him out of it anymore. I was born in November as well. He was at war when my mother gave birth to me. He never knew that my mother was still alive after the war. It wasn’t until my mother passed away that he found out about it. It really isn’t necessary...”

He trailed off, as if he was talking to himself rather than Sasha.

Sasha was stunned.

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It isn't necessary? Is he finally going to let go of his grudges?

Sasha stared at his side profile and noticed he no longer looked as cold as before. She couldn't help but feel a hint of sadness for him.

Time had smoothed all his sharp edges. He was more forgiving toward the people around him, including his parents.

Sasha and Sebastian made their way home soon after.

The next day, Ian, Matteo, and Devin were gathered at Oceanic Estate since Christmas was just around the corner.

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Vivian was the only one missing as she stayed behind at the hospital to take care of Kurt, who was still unconscious.

"Vivi, is Kurt going to regain consciousness before Christmas?"

Nina stayed backed at the hospital to look after Kurt as well.

Vivian kept quiet.

She filled a basin of hot water, wrapped his hands with some hot towels, and massaged it.

The heater was on since it was a cold day that day. However, after his body collapsed, his hand and face almost always felt cold to the touch. It was as if the blood that gave him life never flowed through his limbs.

Will he regain consciousness? Of course not.

Grayson had checked Kurt up when he first arrived at the hospital. According to him, it would take Kurt more than a year and a half to recover.

Vivian lowered her eyes and warmed Kurt's hand with the hot towel. She then picked up the nail clipper and trimmed his long fingernails.

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Nina remained silent.

She lowered her head. After a short while, she turned around and left. Vivian and Kurt were the only ones left in the room.

“Hey there, nice to meet you, Nina. Did you come out to play?”

“Yes.”

Nina stared at the nurse who had patted her head and nodded obediently.

She wasn't as bad-tempered anymore and would keep her temper in check when she met people who were kind to her, as her mother told her to.

Nina made her way downstairs.

She was about to head out to the garden when she suddenly saw a smart-looking young man dressed in an olive green shirt walking toward her.

“Oh? Nina, what are you doing here? Where's Vivi?”

It was Matteo who had just returned home.

He headed over to the hospital to look for Vivian after he heard that she was over at the hospital.

Nina stared at him with her beautiful upturned eyes. She wasn't very fond of Matteo because she saw him involved in a fight with Kurt back at the palace.

It was a fierce battle and Kurt was injured in the process.

Moreover, he was always trying to find fault whenever he visits the palace.

Hence, Nina despised him.

“What's wrong, Nina? That is such a menacing glare you've got there.”

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Matteo approached Nina with a big grin on his face and ruffled her hair.

“Don’t touch me!”

Nina immediately dodged. She wasn’t very happy about it.

Matteo was shocked.

“Tsk tsk. No wonder you two are siblings. You’re just as defensive as your brother back then.”

Nina kept quiet and glared at him angrily.

It wasn’t until the dashing young man grabbed the back of her collar and lifted her as if he was an eagle catching his prey.

“Ah! Let go of me! Let me go!”

“Shut up! I’ll throw you to the ground if you don’t.” Nina’s screams didn’t faze him at all.

After all, he was used to dealing with Jaena’s antics already and knew how to navigate his way around the little monster Jadeson.

Matteo and Nina returned to the ward.

“Matt, you’re back!”

Vivian, who had been busying herself with Kurt that afternoon, brightened up when she saw Matteo. She put everything aside and stood up with a bright smile.

Matteo nodded.

He then tossed Nina onto the other hospital bed in the ward.

Nina was speechless.

“What happened to her?” asked Vivian.

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Matteo shrugged. "Oh, it's nothing. I saw her running around the hallways downstairs, so I brought her back. Right, Mom mentioned that you've been staying in the hospital. Aren't you going home for dinner?"

He turned to Vivian and asked the moment he laid eyes on her.

It was his first time seeing Vivian look so haggard. She had lost the light in her eyes after spending some time at the hospital.

Matteo's heart ached for her.

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Chapter 1714 Accident Happens

However, Vivian shook her head once again.

"I'm not going back."

"Vivi, you can't carry on like this. He's fine now and only needs some time to regain consciousness. What is he going to do if you collapse by the time he wakes up simply because you didn't take care of yourself?"

Matteo panicked and raised his voice while Nina watched on from the side.

She thought she would be mad since Matteo was asking Vivian to leave Kurt's side.

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However, she recalled how Kurt had treated her back at Elysium after hearing Matteo out.

Oh, Kurt...

She had no recollection of the old Kurt since she was only two years old when ten-year-old Kurt was sentenced to death.

She only remembered him after his return.

He loved her a lot, just like how Matteo loved Vivian. She knew she had a brother who loved her to the moon even though he never told her about it.

"Yeah, he's right. Kurt... wouldn't want to see you like that too."

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"What?"

Vivian whipped her head around to face her.

Nina raised her head and stared at her bravely. "That's right. Kurt was always trying to chase you away back at the palace because he didn't want that wicked woman to find out about you and hurt you."

Vivian was stunned.

However, Nina wasn't finished yet.

"That's just how he is. He doesn't want to see the people closest to him get hurt. He would rather get himself hurt than see me, Mom, Grandpa, Grandma, or even you hurt. Don't you understand?"

This kid, who looked just seven to eight years old, was teaching Vivian, who was older than her by ten years, a lesson.

It might be because of the environment she grew up in.

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After all, she wasn't just any kid. She had been locked up by Jeremy, her biological father, for eight years. How could she be as innocent and naive as the other kids?

It was more like she had seen the ugly side of human nature during those eight years.

Vivian fell silent as she stared at Nina. Her eyes reddened as she grappled with her feelings.

After half an hour, Vivian and Nina returned home with Matteo.

It was soon Christmas Eve when they returned home. Sasha instructed the housemaids at Oceanic Estate to prepare a scrumptious breakfast for everyone that morning and made sure everyone had their fill.

She then gathered everyone for a meeting.

"Kids, I wanted to discuss this day with all of you since it's your day. I've discussed it with your father, which is Jaena's uncle, and decided that we will let you decide how you want to spend Christmas Eve tonight. How does that sound?"

"Swell!"

Jeffrey, who was the youngest, jumped with joy upon those words whilst Nina's eyes sparkled.

Matteo, Ian, and Vivian were more calm and collected about it. After all, they were almost eighteen already. Hence, they looked forward to celebrating Christmas Eve with the hope of a child and the attitude of a young adult.

As for Jaena, she merely arched her brow after hearing Sasha out.

She feared her Aunt Sasha's ideas most because she always ended up having to look after her little brother, Jeffrey.

"Okay, I've put the plans I've come up with on the table. We can choose to barbeque and play with fireworks at the observation tower, or I can cook you proper dinner, or..."

Sasha paused when she reached the last suggestion.

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All six kids immediately turned their attention toward Sasha.

“What is it, Aunt Sasha?”

“Yeah Mommy, what is it?”

“Haha... Look!” Sasha finally revealed her trump card.

The kids immediately turned to look in the direction of the table.

There was a map of Yacon Farm, Jadeborough’s most popular orchard, on the table and ten tickets.

Damn it! Aunt Sasha really is something else.

Jaena was about to flee when saw those tickets.

Clack! Clack! Clack! Just then, Sabrina, who had been doted on by Devin, suddenly appeared in heels.

“Jaena, where are you going?”

“To the bathroom!” Jaena lowered her head and muttered under her breath before dragging herself over to the washroom.

Sabrina didn’t know what to make of it.

“Sab, come on over. I’m letting the kids pick what we should do tonight,” said Sasha.

Sasha was in a really good mood when she saw Sabrina and invited her over to their discussions.

Sabrina took one glance and pointed at the last one with her manicured red nails.

“Damn! Yacons! This is really good for the skin. I can’t really get my hands on it in the market yet! Devin, fetch me two big baskets so Jaena can bring them with her tonight. We’re going to grab as much as we can!”

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Sasha was rendered speechless.

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