

Chapter 83 Enemies Are Bound To Meet

Lorraine returned home with the gifts she bought after the auction.

As if she was Santa Claus on Christmas, she distributed each of the items to her family. Wesley wasn't home, so she had to send his item through the international express.

The Torres family was overjoyed when they got the gifts from their girl.

"Lorrie, what would you like? Name anything, and I'll get it. You want that stars in the night sky? I'll pick them out of the air for you!" Rowan soaked in his confidence, grinning.

Lorraine quickly denied his offer, smiling. "Thank you, Uncle. But it's just a fun little gift. There's no favor you need to return to me. Trust me, I'm saving you trouble."

This wasn't fun at all. Gossip about Lorraine and Rowan had stirred drama about them all across the city.

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If the media found out that Rowan was sending her a gift, no matter how big or small, their names were guaranteed to be the trending topic before long.

She wasn't too worried about her own reputation, but Rowan was a government official, and his identity was a little more sensitive compared to hers.

Rowan frowned, suddenly reminded that his life was one that was constantly under surveillance by the reporters.

He turned, addressing his assistant. "Hubert, get rid of the reporters that have been tailing us lately. I don't want them disturbing Lorrie any more than they already have."

Lorraine waved her hand. "Don't worry about it. I'll just move out."

"No way!" Rowan halted her proposal immediately. "It'll be too much of a risk for you to live alone."

"I'm not a child. I can fend for myself. Besides, you wouldn't have to deal with me bothering you all the time." Lorraine acted like a spoiled girl as she held his arm.

As soon as she grabbed onto his arm, his face

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contorted into a painful wince, as the muscles
in his arm tightened.

Lorraine let go quickly, fearing that something
was wrong. "What's wrong with your arm?"

Rowan held his arm tightly, turning away from
her and replying in a flat, dismissive tone.
"Nothing, I'm fine."

"Something seems to be wrong. Tell me what's
going on!" Lorraine felt the anxiety rush through
her heart and she knew one way to make him
talk. "If you don't tell me, I'll go ask Grandpa!"

She was ready to storm to Aldo's room as she
said this.

Rowan noticed how tense she was and held her
hand, attempting to calm her nerves. "Lorrie,
seriously. Don't worry about me. It's just a
small injury. I have been in the military for
years now. It's normal to get injured every once
in a while. It's not a big deal, I promise."

Lorraine stared at him, unconvinced. "You better
not be lying to me. If it's just a small injury,
why did they send you back home out of the
blue?"

Rowan sighed, rolling up his sleeve to show his
arm that was bandaged. He hadn't expected his

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niece to be so observant, but it would be useless to hide anything from her now.

"Just look yourself, then. I told you, it's just a little bit of damage. The higher-ups were concerned about me, so they sent me back to inspect the smart city project. I'm using the time off to rest and heal."

Lorraine's worry faded as she inspected his bandaged arm. "Okay. I'm still worried about it, though. We should go to the hospital."

Rowan was a strong man, and wasn't someone to cave so easily, but he was completely hopeless when it came to his niece. After some persuasion, Lorraine dragged her uncle to the hospital.

As the saying goes, enemies are bound to meet. They bumped into Slater in the corridor, who was having the dressing on his wound replaced. Since his father had beaten him, Slater had been staying in the hospital and was yet to fully heal.

Slater felt the fire of hatred ignite inside of him as he saw his opponents, the ones responsible for what happened to him.

"Bravo, Lorraine. Could you be any less

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shameless? Turns out you did hook up with this
man! Why would you lie about it?"

Rowan shot Slater a cold stare. "I dare you to
say that again!"

"What am I supposed to be afraid of? You're the
ones who have done such a filthy thing; you
two should be ashamed of yourselves!" Slater
continued to provoke Rowan's temper, unaware
that he was poking a lion.


Lorraine caught Rowan before his injury could
get any worse, and pulled him away before he
could storm at Slater, shooting him a mocking
sneer.

"Well, Slater. It looks like you didn't get enough
last time when you framed me. Maybe I should
arrange another dose of payment for you?"

Lorraine's words were fuel to Slater's flame, and
he felt the rage bubble out of him.

"Lorraine, don't be so arrogant. You think that
you can do whatever you want because of your
relationship with Rowan? Let me tell you,
sooner or later, you'll be dumped just like what
Marco did to you!"

Slater was still reeling from his words, but
before he could continue, a fist landed hard on

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his face, and he was knocked to the floor.

"Ah!"

Slater was still recovering from the previous injuries, and a wound opened again. The corridor was filled with the sounds of his aching groans.

"What the fuck!"

Slater painted the blame on Rowan with his gaze, but the latter was exactly where he was standing a moment ago. He hadn't moved a muscle.

So, who hit him, then?

Slater looked frantically around to find who hurt him, meeting the gloomy gaze of Marco.

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"Marco! Did you just slap me? Why?" Slater covered his face in disbelief.

"You deserved it for what you said!"

Marco clenched his fists and glared at his friend. Slater trembled with fright and didn't dare argue with Marco.

Rowan stood aside and watched everything with disdain.

If Marco hadn't attacked Slater, he would have punched Slater.

Loraine was not in the mood to worry about it. She was only concerned about Rowan's wound. Rowan had twisted his wound when he was about to attack Slater. His gauze was covered in blood.

"Leave them alone. Let's go and have your wound checked."

Loraine was in a hurry to take Rowan to the doctor.

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Before leaving, Rowan walked up to Slater lying on the floor. "Stay away from Lorrie!" he warned in a menacing voice. "If you dare to provoke her again, I won't spare you like last time."

Rowan's murderous tone frightened Slater. He lowered his head and didn't dare to look at Rowan.

Marco wanted to chase after him, but Slater held his pants tightly, making it impossible for him to move.


"Marco, you can't go!" Slater protested. "I'm already injured, but you still hit me. How can I count you as a friend?"

Marco's face darkened. He couldn't get rid of Slater.

He came to the hospital to visit Slater today. After all, they grew up together.

However, Marco was surprised to know Slater hadn't learned his lesson and made no progress after spreading the rumor. He couldn't control his anger and ended up beating up Slater.

"Haven't you learned enough from last time?" Marco asked coldly. "How dare you say that? Aren't you afraid of death?"

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Despite Marco's words, Slater was still
unconvinced.

"I'm not talking nonsense. Don't you think something is going on between Loraine and Rowan? They came to the hospital together. Who knows what kind of illness they have? Maybe Loraine is pregnant. She has perhaps come to take a pregnancy test or get an abortion."

Marco ran a hand through his hair in frustration.

"Shut up!"

Marco reminded himself that it was impossible. Even so, thinking about it made him furious.

Slater could sense Marco didn't believe his words. Therefore, he was stubborn to prove it.

"If you don't believe me, I'll prove it to you!"

He somehow endured his pain and got up to find the nurse he had become familiar with lately.

"Miss, please do me a favor. A woman named Loraine Torres and a man have gone to the consulting room. Can you please keep an eye on them and let me know what examination they have done?"

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"I'm sorry. Every patient's information is confidential. I can't share it with you."

Slater removed his expensive watch and handed it to her. "Do this for us, and this watch will be yours!"

Seeing the diamonds dazzling on the watch, the nurse gulped and finally agreed. "Okay! I will help you!"

She left for a while and soon returned to share the information she had gathered.


"What? The man's hand was injured and Loraine is just accompanying him?" Slater's eyes widened in disbelief.

The nurse nodded.

"Did you hear that right?" Marco glared at Slater.

Slater's lips curled up in disdain. "So what if she is not pregnant? Don't you think it's a little too intimate for Loraine to accompany him to the hospital? I think Rowan lied to us before. I'm sure they are in a relationship. If you don't believe me, I'll find evidence and expose the woman's true colors."

Just as he turned to rush out, Marco kicked him

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to the floor.

"Ouch! It hurts! What are you doing?" Slater covered his bum and yelped in shock.

However, Marco didn't regret his actions.

"Won't you listen? How dare you speak ill of her even after I beat you up? Did you forget what Rowan told you? Look, you've got to respect Loraine. If you mess around again, I won't hesitate to beat you up again."

Slater was taken aback

He realized offending Loraine meant offending Cayson and Rowan as well.

He recalled the murderous look on Rowan's face and decided to give up.

"I won't go then."


"Think twice before you do something again. Otherwise, you'll die a miserable death!"

Seeing that Slater had finally returned to his senses, Marco left him and chased after Loraine.

"Damn it! What's wrong with you?" Slater growled in indignation. "You beat me for no reason and are running away now!"

He got up and dusted his back.

The nurse was kind enough to come to his aid.

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"Your friend cares a lot about Miss Torres. How will he stand if you slander her? That's why he beat you up."

"How could Marco care about that country girl? They divorced a long time ago!"

Slater couldn't believe it.

However, as he thought more about it, the nurse's words seemed to make sense.

His heart sank with dejection. He realized Marco indeed cared about Loraine.