

# The Wrong Woman

## Chapter 8

The displeasure on Nathan's expression was evident as he demanded, "Are you teaching her or toying with her?"

Lucas gulped nervously. "Sir, I was teaching Madam self-defense."

Everyone was worried about Lucas. There was no way Nathan didn't know what trick Lucas had been trying to do.

Nathan pushed Suzanne aside and said, "Stay away."

Suzanne felt her heart fluttering involuntarily.

Nathan had never once glanced at her, but his actions showed that he clearly wanted to protect her.

She was puzzled, and she had no idea what he wanted to do.

Casually, Nathan removed his watch and said, "Let's spar. If you win, you get to stay. Lose, and you leave immediately."

Lucas' face drained of all its color. He tried to explain himself, saying, "General, there's no way I can beat you. I—I was just teaching Madam some self-defense. Please don't fire me, sir."

Nathan handed his watch to Suzanne, unaffected by Lucas' pleas.

Lucas was flustered by Nathan's indifference and began begging Suzanne instead. "I'm sorry, Madam. I didn't mean to make you fall."

Nathan didn't give Lucas a chance to explain further and began raining kicks on the latter.

There was a muffled bang before Lucas was sent flying backward. He landed on the ground and groaned in pain, clutching his midsection.

Suzanne was stunned by Nathan's fierce attack. If it had been her, she would probably have died from a single kick.

Lucas took a moment to recover from the pain and realized that Nathan wasn't playing around. If he didn't go all out, he would definitely be dismissed today.

Mustering his courage, Lucas launched himself at Nathan.

However, Nathan dodged Lucas' attacks easily. He bent down and delivered another solid

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punch to Lucas' stomach.

Lucas stumbled a few steps back before falling to the ground, blood seeping out of the corner of his mouth.

Everyone could tell that Lucas had suffered internal bleeding after the two attacks.

Right then, Sally rushed forward and grabbed Nathan's arm. She begged, "Stop, Nate. Lucas didn't bully anyone. He was genuinely trying to teach her some self-defense."

The soldiers around them also began pleading anxiously. "General, please spare him."

Nathan's gaze softened when he looked at Sally. In a gentle tone, he asked, "Aren't you worried you might get hurt if you charge over like that?"

Sally pouted her bright red lips and nuzzled against his arm before giggling, "Nope. I know you would never hurt me."

Nathan patted her head gently in response.

Their actions stung Suzanne's eyes, and she felt her heart throbbing in pain.

She gripped Nathan's watch tightly as she watched him flirt with another woman right in front of her.

She was in so much pain that she could barely breathe. It was almost as if she was the one Nathan had beaten.

It was just a sparring match, yet Nathan was afraid of accidentally hurting Sally.

Meanwhile, he had bravely shot a criminal while she had been right next to him without caring that he might accidentally hurt her.

How absurd! His preferential treatment couldn't be more obvious.

"Nate, I have something to tell you. Let's go to your office." Sally tugged Nathan away.

Lucas struggled to push himself up and begged, "I'm sorry, General. Can you please forgive me?"

Nathan allowed Sally to lead him away. Without turning around, he said, "I'll leave this decision to Suzanne."

Lucas immediately staggered over to Suzanne and apologized. "I'm sorry, Madam. I'm very loyal to General. Please don't dismiss me. I-"

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Suzanne raised a hand to stop Lucas from speaking further. "That's enough. You don't need

to leave."

She wasn't petty enough to make someone lose a job they loved over such a small matter.

Thrilled, Lucas thanked her gratefully. "Thank you so much, Madam. I truly appreciate it. I'm at your service from now on, no matter what you need me to do."

Uncomfortable, Suzanne handed him Nathan's watch. "There's no need to be so dramatic. Just help me return this to Nathan."

"Sure." Lucas took the watch from her.

Suzanne asked, "Are there any train stations or airports nearby?"

Lucas was dismayed. "Are you going to leave?"

Suzanne forced a bitter smile and nodded. She couldn't stand watching Nathan's affection for another woman any longer.

After all, she wasn't a masochist.

She planned to explain everything to Nathan's grandmother, Vera Cross, and end this marriage.

After a moment's hesitation, Lucas said, "Let me take you there tomorrow, Madam. It's a six

-hour drive to Phoenicia.

"Alright. Thank you." Suzanne smiled stiffly. Her voice was weak from despair.

She left the training ground in a daze.

The gentle, warm evening sun lit everything in a rosy hue.

Suzanne had spent her time reading away in her room and had skipped lunch. Now, it was almost time for dinner.

She stepped out and walked toward the cafeteria.

On the way there, she bumped into Nathan, who was accompanied by Cole and Lucas.

Both assistants greeted her in unison. "Madam."

Suzanne nodded in response.

"Hello."

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Nathan's gaze was as distant as usual. "Lucas said you're leaving tomorrow."

"Yeah."

"Not used to living here?" he probed.

Suzanne forced a bitter smile and made up a random excuse. "I miss Grandma."

Nathan's expression hardened, and his tone turned sharp. "Are you planning to discuss our divorce with her?"

Since he had seen through her lie, she didn't hide it from him. She said anxiously, "It must have been hard for you to marry me just to keep Grandma happy. "Why don't we just end things?"

Nathan snorted. "You've been Grandma's caregiver for three years. Shouldn't you know her personality by now?"

"If she doesn't agree, then we can secretly get divorced and pretend to be a couple in front of her," Suzanne replied firmly.

Nathan felt his pride suffer a blow with his two subordinates listening closely. Countless women in the world would die to be his wife, yet Suzanne seemed to hate it instead.

Nathan sneered, "You did all of this to marry me for my money, right? Well, name your price."

Taken aback, Suzanne froze.

She felt stung by his words. She unconsciously clenched her fists, which were shaking from fury. Her eyes teared up.

How horrible of a person did he think she was?

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Blinking back her tears, on a calm front. She said mockingly, "Sorry, but I don't need money. A disgusting woman like me has been earning money from men for years. I've decided to turn over a new leaf, so I needed a loyal fool to marry."

A loyal fool?

Nathan scowled.

Behind him, Lucas and Cole struggled not to laugh.

Just then, a researcher hurried over and reported urgently, "General, there's been a chemical

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leak in Lab Five. Many people were poisoned, including Ms. Hoffis."

Immediately, Nathan dashed toward Lab Five.

Chemical poisoning?

Seeing how reckless he was acting, Suzanne became worried and quickly followed after him.

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People were running out of Lab Five's building, covering their noses. Many of the affected individuals were vomiting, while others lay on the ground feeling nauseous.

In the midst of the chaos, the military headquarter's medical staff rushed over to provide care.

Suzanne was panting by the time she arrived at the scene. She looked around anxiously, worried about Nathan's safety.

However, she saw him swiftly leaving the building with Sally in his arms and placing her on

a stretcher.

How ironic.

Suzanne was worried about Nathan, while he was only worried about Sally.

Nathan left Sally with the doctors and turned around to continue rescuing

others.

Sally reached out to grab Nathan's arm and cried, "Don't go, Nate. I feel sick..."

"Shh," Nathan comforted gently. "It's alright. There are doctors here."

Sally shook her head as tears streamed down her face. She sobbed, "Don't go, Nate. I feel like

I'm about to die."

Right then, Cole reported,

General, everyone inside the building has been evacuated. A

total of 35 individuals have been poisoned."

Nathan turned to the researchers nearby. "Dr. Lawrence, what was the chemical that leaked? Is it life-threatening?"

Joe Lawrence's face was pale as he replied, "It's Azurium, a new product we imported from abroad. We're still in the middle of researching it, so we're not familiar with its properties." Nathan's gaze

gaze became cold as he glared at Joe.

Joe immediately became even more nervous. "General, I've never heard of Azurium in all the years I've been practicing medicine. I don't know how toxic it is.

"I need to wait for each patient's test results to come out before treating their symptoms."

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“Why were you guys so careless with something so important?” Nathan interrogated him angrily, making everyone around him quiver in fear.

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Joe took a deep breath and answered timidly, “M—Ms. Hoffis came to the building looking for something and accidentally spilled it.”

Everyone’s faces fell, and they shot Sally accusatory gazes.

Sobbing, Sally retorted, “It’s your fault for not storing it properly. What’s that got to do with me?”

Nathan’s voice was stern as he admonished her. “The research building is a secure unit and is heavily guarded. No one is allowed to enter without permission. What were you doing there?”

Ignoring his question, Sally cried harder. “Don’t you believe me? I already feel awful from the poison, but you keep scolding me.”

Everyone stared at Sally disdainfully, finding her petulance annoying.

After observing the scene, Suzanne walked over calmly and said to Joe, “Azurium isn’t poisonous. Did something containing Rhenium spill as well?”

Everyone was confused by her words.

Joe was doubtful of Suzanne as well, but he still answered truthfully, “Yes. A chemical agent containing Rhenium had also spilled. However, Rhenium is usually used in fighter jet engines and isn’t poisonous either.”

Suzanne calmly explained, “Azurium and Rhenium can react together to produce a colorless. and odorless gas that is poisonous.

“Those affected by it will have abdominal pain and nausea. Later on, they’ll experience severe vomiting and diarrhea before dying from dehydration.”

She continued, “The bodies of those who were poisoned are now overly acidic. Drinking alkaline water will relieve their symptoms.”

She turned to Lucas and instructed, “Go to the kitchen and see if there’s any edible alkali. Mix it with water and have everyone drink it.”

Lucas wasn’t good at chemistry, but he understood Suzanne’s orders easily. He immediately responded, “Yes, Madam. I’ll get it done right away.”

Lucas hurried away while everyone present studied Suzanne skeptically.

Nathan, who was also scrutinizing her, felt an odd sensation stirring in his chest.