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Chapter 852 You Have No Right To Interfere With My Freedom

Brenda narrowed her eyes. "Don't ask anymore, Nora. I just can't be with him. Solo found his way here because you gave him the address, right? Don't do that again."

After she said that in a low voice, she raised her head again and went back to her usual calm and lazy self. "After all, with him around, I won't be able to go to other handsome guys anymore! Right?" Seeing how Brenda looked like she didn't want to say anything, Nora knew that she had probably done something wrong this time.

Perhaps she shouldn't have told Solo where Brenda was but she had always felt that a lot of issues between people were only caused by misunderstandings.

It was just like Tanya and Joel back then. There had been so many misunderstandings between the two of them. If they didn't meet or contact each other, how were they ever going to resolve the misunderstandings between them?

That was why she wanted to let Solo and Brenda meet and talk things out.

But judging from Brenda's behavior just now, it seemed that she had no intentions of explaining anything at all?

Nora paused for a moment before she slowly said, "Brenda, I think it'd be best if there aren't any misunderstandings between you two. Those corny TV dramas and novels are too exaggerated. We're all adults here.

Moreover, times are moving so fast these days. If there really is some kind of misunderstanding, then it would do everyone good to explain everything clearly."

Brenda lowered her eyes. "There is no misunderstanding between him and I. Nora, I know very well what I am doing."

Seeing that she was still unwilling to reveal more, Nora nodded. "Okay, I won't interfere with you guys."

"Thanks."

Brenda and Nora were both straightforward people. After the two talked it out, Brenda said, "I just want to catch Barbarian now. As for Solo, I'll leave him to you."

"Yeah, okay."

Brenda left after saying that.

Nora remained where she was and looked at her from the back.

Brenda was very professional. After she went into the distance, she picked up the walkie-talkie and started to contact the people stationed in every direction. They were required to report every ten minutes to prevent Barbarian from breaking through from any direction.

As for Nora, she went back where she came from and turned the corner to see Solo standing there blankly.

When Nora first met Solo, he had been seriously injured. His lungs had been punctured and he looked like he wouldn't survive. The guy had only survived because Nora had operated on him.

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Even when he was seriously injured, the man was never serious. After owing her a favor, every time he had to do something for her, he had always done so very reluctantly.

This was the first time Nora had ever seen him look so lost and dejected.

She walked over and asked, "Are you going back?"

"No." Solo shook his head. "I don't believe she would do something like this. I want to stay and find out why she's doing this. It wasn't easy for me to finally fall for a woman after all this time. I can't just give up like that!"

Nora kept quiet for a moment but did not dissuade him.

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Solo then looked at her again. "So, can you find me a place to stay?"

Nora: "?"

Was he gonna cling to her now?

She replied, "It's not like you don't have any money. Go and get a hotel room for yourself."

"I can't stay at a hotel." Solo followed behind her and said pitifully, "Didn't I tell you? I broke the law."

Nora's lip corners spasmed a little. When she recalled how Solo had told her upon his arrival in America that Interpol was after him in Switzerland. She asked, "What did you do?"

Solo scratched his head. "It's actually nothing serious. All I did was compete with a white hat and hack into his computer. After that, those petty guys started to come after me." A white hat referred to a hacker who served the government.

Solo had always been flamboyant in his way of doing things, so Nora didn't find it strange that he would do something like that. The corners of her lips spasmed a little and she sighed. "Fine."

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Nora took him to a hotel, booked a room for Solo with her fake ID, and paid for a five-day stay.

"Five days later, if you still haven't gotten everything settled, you'll have to find someplace to stay by yourself," said a heartless Nora.

Solo: "..."

Seeing that Nora was leaving, Solo grabbed her. "What kind of mission is Brenny on here? Isn't she just a nobody policewoman? Why did she come to Switzerland?"

"... To arrest a serial killer."

Solo's expression changed. "Isn't that very dangerous?"

Solo had been studying computers all this time, so he was cooped up indoors all year round. Although he was pretty tall, he was skinny and barely had any flesh on him. Nora glanced at his body disdainfully, not sure why Brenda had fallen in love with him.

He wouldn't even last a punch from her or Brenda.

Solo said anxiously, "Then I'm going to protect her tonight!"

Nora curled her lips disdainfully. "You? Forget about it. If you go, she'll be in even more danger."

Because she would have to protect him!

Solo: "..."

Solo's lip corners spasmed and he said nothing

Nora didn't bother with Solo anymore and left the hotel. He was already nearly thirty years old, surely he could take care of himself, right?

Nora kept walking around the campus.

To be honest, she could also just charge into the archives and look for File No. 004. However, with Barbarian nearby, she shouldn't do that. If she did, then she would be outright telling him that the V16 was in the archives.

She couldn't beat Barbarian in a fight, so she mustn't let him take the lead.

She could only outsmart him and use a reasonable excuse to check out File No. 004. It seemed that she could only approach it using Wayne's project.

When she thought of this, Nora started walking towards the laboratory building.

As soon as she entered, she heard quarreling coming from ahead.

Originally, she wasn't intending to pay attention to it, but in the midst of the quarrel, she heard Brenda's voice. She turned around and walked over only to find Epson and Brenda arguing.

Brenda was dressed in professional attire and looked very smart. She had one hand on her hip and the other raised as she checked the time. "You must leave this place by five o'clock at the latest."

Epson replied angrily, "I'm not going to leave! My experimental project is about to be completed! You must be doing this because of Anti, right? You don't want me to finish my experiments quickly, for fear that it'll slap her in the face? Heh, Officer Hunt, you are just a police officer! We have all the permissions to work on our experiments here! You have no right to interfere with my freedom!"

Chapter 853 Epson Digs His Own Grave

Behind Brenda was Aaron. When he heard Epson, he said, "It's for your own good that we're telling you guys to leave. Nighttime is the peak period for murders. Also, this particular serial has a strange pattern. Once he starts, he kills a person a day until he has killed enough. His targets this time are people involved in biomedicine, like you. You guys are our key protection targets!"

Epson sneered. "That's a nice way of saying it, but why do we have to stop while the lab next door doesn't?"

Aaron was simply rendered speechless. "I told you, his targets are

people involved in biomedicine, especially professors specializing in

genetics. The professor next door is not involved with biomedicine, so he

will be fine, of course!"

However, Epson didn't believe him. "The way I see it, all these

murderers and whatnot are all things that you guys made up, right? I

haven't heard of anyone who has died. Besides, everything was very

normal in school today. Captain Brenda, I just insulted Anti, that's all,

isn't it? I know that you and Anti are both Americans and that she may

even be your relative, so you don't want me to continue with my project.

Ha, do you think I won't know what your objective is?"

Brenda: "?"

She was dumbfounded. "What objective do I have? How come I don't

know anything about it?"

Epson said, "I've already asked my friends in America. Professor Anti

has been conducting experimental research recently and her research is

on genetics. She also hasn't shown herself for several days. Heh, did she

hear about my progress? Is that why she's burying herself into her

research and trying to finish her project ahead of me? As for you? You

made up a story about some murderer to disturb me and delay my

progress. I'm not stupid, I've already seen through your ploy!"

Brenda: "??!"

Nora, who just came over: "??"

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No matter what, she had to provide an explanation as to why she had suddenly disappeared in America. Thus, she had told Lily to say that she was conducting research, and therefore, not seeing guests. She didn't expect Epson to spin such a story in his head, though!

To be honest, before she came to Staav University, she didn't even know who Epson was.

The corners of her lips spasmed. Being seen as an imaginary enemy or whatnot was really irritating.

Brenda replied, "My sister-in-law isn't conducting any research. You've misheard."

"Sister-in-law? Heh, I see, so you and Anti have ties like that! No wonder you're doing so much for her. Do you think I'd believe she isn't doing any research just because you say so? In any case, my lab mustn't halt progress tonight!"

Epson simply refused to listen. Brenda took a deep breath. "I am in charge of campus security now, so everyone should comply with my arrangements! If you refuse to obey orders, don't blame me for taking action against you!"

"And how are you going to do that?"

Epson sneered, "Keep that for the scaredy-cats, I won't be fooled. In any case, you don't have to say any more. My lab will not halt progress tonight!"

After he spoke, he looked at the students. "Whoever wants to leave early, feel free to do so! I won't stop you!"

As soon as he said that, the students looked at the police, and then at Epson. Then, one by one, they stood beside him.

"I'm not leaving, Professor."

"Neither am I. I want to quickly finish this for the professor. We are only one step away from success!"

"Yeah, we've already worked overtime for half a month. After working so hard for so long, we are just left with two days of work. How can we give up now? We must continue the experiments!"

"We have the freedom to do what we want! You have no right to interfere!"

"Yes, that's right! If the police force us to comply with orders and prevent us from conducting our experiments, then I will report you to your superiors!"

She looked at the ignorant people in front of her, so mad that she was about to pop a vein or two.

Brenda: "!!"

She looked at the ignorant people in front of her, so mad that she was about to pop a vein or two.

In the end, she looked at Epson, sneered, and said, "Fine, you can stay if you want but please sign this waiver of liability for not obeying our

instructions. Otherwise, I have to take full responsibility for any accidents!"

She couldn't be bothered if some people wanted to court death.

She was a member of Interpol. She was only responsible for arresting Barbarian.

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She wasn't going to pay any more attention to these idiots.

Brenda had never claimed to be a messiah. After solving so many global cases over the years, she'd already seen through a lot of mundane things in life.

Upon hearing what she said, Epson sneered. "Do you think we will be fooled if you use such things to scare us? There are so many professors of biomedicine, I'm just a nobody among them. Even if the murderer or whatever really exists, they won't target me. Besides, you guys are the ones who keep bringing up the serial killer, we have never seen him before. What's the big deal about signing the agreement? I'll sign it for you! I will take responsibility for my own life!"

After speaking, Epson stepped forward and signed the disclaimer that Brenda handed over.

Brenda then looked at the students. "You must also take responsibility for their lives!"

Epson scoffed. "Of course!"

"Okay."

Brenda took back the papers. Out of professional courtesy, she reminded him once more, "We will be patrolling nearby. At any time, if you see anyone suspicious, make sure to yell. We will come over right away."

Epson's response, however, was: "Don't worry, we won't give you the opportunity to enter the lab to search for anything! You can forget about stealing the results of my experiments for Anti!"

Brenda: "???"

Chapter 854 Competing With Anti???

Brenda felt that there was something wrong with the man's brain, but she was accustomed to people demanding freedom of action and had already learned ways to deal with it.

After bringing her men out of the laboratory, Brenda said to Aaron, "Get a few more people to patrol the laboratory building tonight!"

Out of the professional ethics of an international special forces officer, she ultimately still had her moral responsibilities.

Aaron nodded. "Roger that, Captain Brenda."

After the two spoke, Brenda left and went someplace else to make more arrangements.

In the laboratory building.

After Brenda left, Epson looked at the rest of the group. "Alright, let's continue work, guys!"

After speaking, he suddenly asked, "Lisa, where are you going?"

Nora, who had turned around and was about to leave: "?"

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She looked back and raised her eyebrows. "Home."

She had three hungry babies to feed at home! There was no way she would stay here and work overtime with them.

Besides, if Barbarian was going to show up tonight, then it would be the safest to leave this place, both for herself and for everyone else in the school.

However, Epson got mad. "Did I say you can go? You are also a member of the lab, how can you just leave without the consent of your supervisor?"

Nora stood still and asked, "Oh, can I go then?"

Epson: "?"

He was about to refuse when Nora said, "You said it yourself just now-everyone is free to choose whether they want to stay or not. Some people choose to trust you, others choose to trust the police. I also have the right and freedom to choose to go home now, right?"

Her argument shut Epson up.

Nora then looked at Oscar and said, "The SWAT would never make trouble unreasonably. Since she can get the school to give her the authority, that means she is no ordinary person. Why are you people so reluctant to trust them? What are you going to do if you really meet with danger?".

Her words made Oscar waver. She looked at Epson and said, "Professor, I..."

Before she could even finish, Epson became even more furious. "What? Do you believe her nonsense too? If you do, then you can also go with her!"

Oscar heaved a sigh of relief. "Then I'll go for now. I'll come over early in the morning tomorrow to bring breakfast for you and the seniors..."

But right after, Epson sneered and said, "Your seniors are all working overtime while the two of you are just here to share the fruits of their labor, yet you can't even do something like staying up late? In that case, what do I need you for in my lab? You guys can leave, but once you do, you will be seen as having withdrawn from my experiment."

This made Oscar stop.

She looked at Nora with a wry smile. "Lisa, the professor is indeed giving us credit by having us here. It doesn't seem appropriate to leave at this time..."

Oscar would never miss any opportunity to climb the ladder and boost her résumé.

Nora was very calm, though. "Yeah, okay. Since that's the case, then I withdraw."

Her understatement-like reaction angered Epson.

Epson looked at her, finding the girl a total ingrate. He was giving her such a wonderful project for free, yet she didn't even want it. Was it because she thought Anti was better than him?

Epson was livid. He pointed at her and snapped, "Fine, fine. If you want to withdraw, then go ahead! To think I originally wanted to give you a chance. I hope you won't regret this two days later!"

Nora raised her eyebrows. She looked at the rest of the students in the lab and spoke up for Brenda again. "Compared to our lives, no form of glory is worth mentioning."

After saying that, she turned and left.

Her remark caused unrest among the students.

Someone a little more timid couldn't help but say, "Professor Epson, why don't we listen to the police? To be honest, even if the results are delayed by two days, Anti should not be able to make it ahead of us..."

"Yeah, Professor, we..."

However, Epson only looked at them as though he had expected better from them. "All of you are too naive. Do you know how scheming Anti is? She has not shown up in America for several days. This shows that she is putting everything she has into her research right now! She must know that we are mocking her, so she is working overtime. We are fighting a battle against time right now! Whoever successfully develops it first will win!"

Everyone looked at one another.

Finally, someone couldn't help but raise their doubts. "Anti just didn't show herself, that's all. Hasn't she always been mysterious? No one could find her. Maybe she's just sleeping..."

Lily had once publicly stated that Anti didn't have that much time because she needed to sleep twelve to sixteen hours a day. Thus, she really didn't have time to do anything else.

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Epson sighed. "Do you actually believe that?"

The person continued to retort. "But what if Anti is not researching this topic at all?"

Epson sneered and puffed out his chest confidently. "How can that be? Although I, Epson, am a nobody at Staav University, I am still a little famous internationally. She definitely knows me and pays attention to me! She also sees me as her rival! She is undoubtedly anxious and competing with me for time right now! Just you wait! Once we finish the project one step ahead of her, she will definitely jump out and say, 'Oh, I am also working on this project, I'm just not as fast as you guys."

Epson curled his lips disdainfully. "She sure is arrogant!"

Now that Epson had put it that way, everyone believed him. They all took it seriously and said, "Then we have to be one step ahead of Anti! Let's work overtime! Professor, we are ready! We'll do this for the sake of your honor!"

"Okay, I'm counting on you guys!"

Epson frowned and then said loudly, "It's not just for my sake but also for the honor of Staav University! I thank everyone in advance!"

Even he was awfully moved by himself.

This time, he would definitely be able to suppress Anti! He would make that arrogant woman bow down before him.

As for that murderer or whatever, heh, there's no way he would come to him... right?

Chapter 855 A Complaint?

Nora, who had been set as an imaginary enemy, didn't give two hoots about whether Epson's experimental project was successful or not. When she returned home, she found the house pretty lively.

When she pushed open the door and entered, she saw an uninvited guest-Rene.

Rene still looked as timid as ever and her head was lowered.

However, she had taken a bath, so her hair was a lot smoother. There wasn't a bad smell on her anymore either. Although her clothes were plain-and even had patches in some places—they were clean.

Cherry was offering her snacks to her. "Rene, try it! Don't be afraid! It's delicious!"

Rene was so frightened that she pushed the snack back to her. "N-no, it's okay. I don't eat them..."

"Have some! It's fine, I can't finish so many snacks anyway, yeah!"

Cherry's large eyes blinked, she smiled and said again.

Rene shook her hands again.

Cherry didn't press any further. The moment she took away the snacks, Nora saw Rene breathe a sigh of relief-obviously, she was scared of socializing.

But since she was so afraid of socializing, why was she here?

While she was thinking about it, when Rene saw her enter, she was so shocked that she immediately stood up. "M-M-Ms. Smith."

"... I'm not M-M-Ms. Smith. My name is Lisa."

Rene was stunned for a moment.

Nora's voice was still as low as ever as she said, "Well, just kidding. You don't have to call me Ms. Smith, you can just call me Lisa."

A touch of gentleness flashed across Rene's eyes when she sensed her kindness.

People who lived in a world filled with malice would be grateful for every little bit of kindness that others showed them. That was exactly how Rene looked at the moment, grateful.

She lowered her head and whispered, "I... I'm here to thank you."

"For ?"

While asking, Nora looked at Xander.

There were still two months left, so Xander was in very stable condition at the moment.

Rene continued to speak softly. "Liam got promoted because you helped him, right? Thank you."

"You're welcome." Nora looked at her: "I was the one who dragged him into it, so of course I had to do something."

Rene breathed a sigh of relief again.

Then, she pointed to the cake on the table and said, "I-I made that myself. Y-you and the children can try it."

The three little fellows would never touch things their neighbors gave them until she got home. Nora was very satisfied with their manners.

She nodded. "Thank you."

Rene became self-conscious again, though, she also felt relieved having completed her task. "T-then I'll go first."

Nora waited until she left before she walked to the door and looked out. Sure enough, she saw Liam waiting for Rene outside.

Rene's eyes lit up when she saw him. She walked over and took his arm. She looked very clingy. When she whispered something, Liam nodded.

Obviously, Rene had taken the initiative to visit them because of Liam's instructions.

Was he trying to please her because he knew that Nora was a high-level executive at NTT?

Nora did not feel much about it, though. After all, this was human nature.

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Soon, night fell.

At Staav University's laboratory building.

Epson was actually very scared. After all, everyone else in the building had obediently halted their experiments and gone back.

If there really was a murderer, there would be no one to kill except them. Thus, even though he was very sleepy, he still kept his spirits high and kept an eye outside.

Slowly, bit by bit, the clock moved from nine o'clock to five in the morning.

Seeing that the sky was gradually brightening, Epson slowly relaxed. He even walked over to the students and said jokingly, "See? A whole night has passed, there are no murderers at all! Those people were just trying to scare us. It's fortunate that we didn't leave and end up wasting this precious night. I'm going to complain to the university president tomorrow! And tell him that those SWAT officers are simply running too wild in the school, which has seriously affected our lives and work progress!"

Chapter 856 Barbarian's Modus Operandi!

Everyone laughed when Epson said that.

It gradually became bright outside. One by one, the Staav University professors reported for work. Students also gradually woke up in the dormitories and went for their classes.

Everyone had believed Brenda when she said with absolute conviction that Barbarian would definitely take action-after all, Interpol had extraordinary status.

Regardless, Epson still went to the university president's office and told him that the serial murderers or whatnot didn't exist at all. He even pointed out something angrily and said, "Professor Mayer was probably killed at home by people seeking revenge on him, but that group of people are not only clinging onto this but even carrying this over to a serial killer hypothesis. This is just the police's excuse for their incompetence! There are so many projects to be done at Staav University, are we really going to follow their instructions and leave work on time every day? This is ridiculous!"

Upon hearing Epson, the other professors and students rushing their work also approached the president to lodge their complaints.

"Our projects cannot afford any more delays! Since nothing went wrong in Professor Epson's lab last night, this means it's okay for us to work after hours too."

"Yeah, we can't halt our progress just because of a murderer who may not even exist."

"If our progress is affected, it will also affect Staav University."

The president couldn't hold up under the pressure of so many people, so he went to Brenda.

"Captain Brenda, I know you guys are from Interpol, but nothing has happened at all last night. The murder pattern of that serial killer 'Barbarian' you mentioned, is that once he starts killing, he must kill one person every day before he'll stop, but no one died last night. The

professors and students have begun to raise objections and they are complaining that your regulatory measures are too strict!"

Brenda, who was dressed in a military uniform, straightened her back. She looked at the president and slowly asked, "Are you sure there is nothing wrong with all the professors?"

"Yes, I'm sure!"

The president sighed. "Although we are morally obligated to cooperate with you, nothing of the sort that you mentioned happened yesterday, so I think you must be mistaken. It's impossible that Barbarian would be in the school. Alternatively, maybe the screening was done well yesterday, so he didn't have a chance to enter the school at all. I'm afraid we can't cooperate with you anymore."

Brenda explained nervously, "Sir, yesterday's situation was indeed unexpected and non-conforming to Barbarian's killing pattern, but trust me, I have been tracking him for three years now. There's no way I would be wrong. He must be the one who killed that professor on the first day! He's definitely here in Staav University!"

The principal replied, "I believed you when you told me this yesterday. When I asked you if you had any evidence, you told me that you were basing this on intuition. But Captain Brenda, there are times when one's intuition can go wrong. Do you have any actual evidence? For example, traces of himself that Barbarian leaves behind after he kills someone?"

A stern-faced Brenda explained, "He has always been cautious and doesn't leave anything but a poker card behind after he murders someone. When Professor Mayer died, there was a poker card in his home."

The president sighed. "But what if the murderer deliberately did that to mislead you? So that you'll suspect it's Barbarian? The school carries out and researches hundreds of projects every year and many of them are pressed for time. They really can't afford to be delayed! Captain Brenda, do you think…"

Brenda's expression tensed up and she said, "Sir, do you know who Barbarian is? He has gone on five killing sprees during the past three years, and each time, he killed five people in a row before he stopped. Some of them might have been bad eggs, but some of them were also innocent citizens! In order to kill someone, Barbarian once placed a bomb and killed an entire bus full of people with him! He has no concept of life at all. It's most dangerous when there are many students in the school. I don't think you would want murders to take place, either, right?! Once Barbarian shows up, if there are too many people around, there will be countless casualties. Are you sure you really don't care?"

Brenda's words made the president's jaw tense up. After a while, he sighed and said, "Fine, you've convinced me again. But if the situation still differs from what you say after tonight, then we may not be able to cooperate with you anymore."

Brenda nodded. "No problem."

When she came out, Aaron came forward at once. He said, "Captain Brenda, what on earth is up with Barbarian? He didn't do anything last night? The professors and students are all calling us good-for-nothings now and some are even telling our men stationed at their positions what to do! Our guys are all feeling really awful!"

Aaron gritted his teeth in fury and added, "That guy named Epson is especially bad. He brought his students with him and openly called us incompetent."

Chapter 857 Found it!!

When Brenda heard this, a sharp look came into her eyes and she lowered her gaze. She said, "Tell our guys not to listen to them. They are just a bunch of ignorant and pedantic students!"

Aaron nodded. But right after, he heaved a deep sigh. "Everyone understands that, it's just that we are also anxious. Did we really make an error in judgment this time? Is Barbarian not here?"

"He's here."

Brenda was very sure.

Firstly, the way Professor Mayer was killed completely matched Barbarian's modus operandi. Secondly, Caleb was here. Additionally, he also clearly stated that Trueman had only sent him here to look for leads after he got to know of Barbarian's whereabouts.

Therefore, Barbarian must be in Staav University

But why was it that they simply couldn't find him?

Aaron couldn't help but say, "We kept everyone unrelated to the school out of campus yesterday. Was he unable to get in? That's why he didn't take any action?"

The professors all had their own living quarters in the staff dormitories, so none of them had gone home the day before. All of them had stayed in the dormitories.

Therefore, the whole school was currently sealed off.

Had Barbarian really been unable to get in as a result?

Brenda found it unlikely, though.

For Barbarian to walk away unscathed every time after he killed so many people, what he relied on was precisely his strong fighting abilities. A door wouldn't be able to shut him out.

Brenda couldn't help looking at Aaron once more. "Get someone to verify once more whether all the professors came for work normally today."

Aaron nodded. "I have already contacted Peter, the director cooperating with our investigation of the professors and students this whole time, just now. He has confirmed that all professors have reported for classes and also that there are no students or professors absent from classes so far."

Brenda frowned. She was very puzzled. While she was thinking, a few people, who looked like students, passed by her. When they saw her, they pointed at her and said, "You see that woman there? That's the woman. She's from Interpol. She must be why the police are so incompetent this time! First of all, women can't compare to men because they tend to become emotional in their way of handling things. Just now, I heard that she determined that we're facing a serial murderer because of her intuition? What kind of times are we living in? Does anyone solve cases with their intuition?

"Also, she said yesterday that someone would definitely be killed last night, so a lot of policemen were dispatched to handle the situation. But not only was there no news of anyone being killed, the lab that worked overtime last night even turned out fine! I really don't understand why the president is cooperating with them..."

"Sigh, our project was originally supposed to be completed with just two more nights of overtime but it was postponed all because of her. Even the investors have become unhappy about this."

"Ours, too. Epson said that the whole school was very quiet last night and nothing happened at all. He also said that she's doing all this for Anti!"

"Anti? What does it have to do with Anti?"

"The officer said that Anti is her sister-in-law. Anti is currently conducting research in the US on the same topic as Epson, so the two of them are racing against time to see who can clinch the project first. That's why the officer made up a ridiculous excuse like this to make things difficult for Epson. Unfortunately for her, he was not fooled. Our professor didn't dare to take responsibility for potential accidents, so he obeyed their instructions, but Epson signed a waiver saying that he would take responsibility if anything happens in his lab!"

The two left while discussing the incident in low voices.

Aaron was furious. He wanted to go up and reason with them but Brenda held him back.

"Ignore them," she said.

Aaron took a deep breath.

Brenda wanted to say something, but out of the corner of her eye, she suddenly glimpsed a familiar figure in the corner ahead. She cast her eyes down, suddenly took Aaron's arm, and said, "Alright, Aaron, let's talk business instead!"

Aaron: " ?"

However, he lived up to the name of being long-term partners with Brenda and immediately understood what she meant. Right off the bat, he said, "Sure. Have you had lunch? You must be exhausted after the busy morning. Let's have lunch first!"

"Okay."

After Brenda answered, the two walked off intimately.

Only after they went into the distance did Solo come out of the corner. The skinny man clenched his fists tightly, awfully mad. He asked Nora beside him, "How am I inferior to that officer?"

Nora replied, "You are not as tall as him."

Her one-liner pierced Solo's chest like a knife.

Solo retorted, "Aren't I just a little shorter than him?"

"You're not as strong and muscular as him."

A second knife was plunged into Solo's chest.

Nora looked Solo up and down. "Apart from your face, which is still not too bad, everything else about you seems to be inferior to him?"

Solo: "?"

He felt that a rain of blades had just showered on him!!

Solo heaved a silent sigh and lowered his head. "No matter how much better he is than me, Brenny likes me, not him."

Nora: "?"

"Are you that confident?" She asked.

"Of course." Solo said, "Do you think I'll get into a relationship with someone so casually? I know Brenny was up to no good when she first approached me, but her feelings for me, later on, were genuine. I feel the same way towards her too!

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"I just want to know why on earth Brenny is ignoring me? There must be something wrong in here!"

Nora nodded.

She also knew that something was wrong, but if Brenda refused to say anything, then she couldn't do anything either.

Elsewhere.

Brenda and Aaron went to the school cafeteria. As it was lunchtime, there were a lot of people there.

When the pair entered, many students started to gesture at and talk about them.

Of course, public opinion was not overwhelmingly one-sided. There were still quite a fair number of people who spoke up for them.

"The police are just doing this in the name of prudence. It'd be best that the murderer doesn't exist, but what if it's true? Projects are important but when compared with our lives, aren't our lives still more important?"

Aaron paid attention to the ongoings around him as he ate.

"Our lives are indeed important but these rumors are really wrong. Everyone knows that Barbarian has to kill for five consecutive days once he goes on a killing spree. Since nothing happened last night, this means that there is absolutely no problem! It's not Barbarian..."

The students were extremely concerned about the case, so everyone was discussing it.

Even Aaron couldn't help but start to doubt himself. He said, "Captain Brenda, are you sure it's really Barbarian? Peter has confirmed with me again that all the professors have indeed reported for work. This doesn't match Barbarian's pattern. Also, if there is no murder case, then I'm afraid the police will really have to withdraw tomorrow..."

Upon hearing this, Brenda suddenly looked up at him. "Just now, you said that the professors have all reported for work, but what about Peter himself?"

Aaron was taken aback. "Peter and I have been contacting each other by cell phone all this time. I haven't seen him today but he was talking in the group chat early this morning."

Brenda's movements as she ate became slower and slower and she could no longer hear all the voices around them.

She suddenly asked, "Peter was also a lecturer before he became the director, right? What did he teach?"

Aaron was stunned. He swallowed and answered, "Biomedicine."

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The timing when they came for lunch happened to coincide with Epson.

The students were busy with the experiments but Epson didn't need to do much, so he was free to go out for lunch.

As soon as he entered, he saw the students around him all looking in one direction. He followed everyone's gaze and looked over to see the pair who stood out in the crowd in their uniforms.

Epson curled his lips at once. He sneered and then walked over. "What a coincidence, Captain Brenda, I didn't expect you guys to also come here for lunch. Why do you guys still have the time to eat, though? Didn't you say that the serial killer is in the school? Everyone has stopped their experiments to cooperate with the police, so shouldn't you guys be so busy catching the bad guys that you don't even have time to eat? …"

Epson spoke sarcastically.

Just as he was speaking, Brenda and Aaron pretty much only thought for two seconds before they jumped onto their feet. They moved so quickly that Epson got a shock. In particular, Brenda and Aaron had a fierce and savage look in their eyes at the moment, which scared Epson so badly that he took a step back and waved his arms in front of him.

"What are you doing? Captain Brenda, we're on campus now. I won't hold it against you for beating me up the last time, but there are so many students watching us now. If you dare..."

Before he could even finish, Brenda and Aaron sprinted out of the cafeteria at lightning speed.

Epson: "?"

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He stood where he was in confusion, puzzled about what the pair did just now.

He frowned. At this moment, a student nearby came over and asked, "Professor Epson, what just happened? What's up with those two?"

Epson thought for a moment and replied, "I reprimanded them just now, so they must have suddenly woken up and come to their senses, I suppose? So they've gone to patrol and track down the murderer! I should think that the lockdown will be lifted soon! Besides, I reckon they must have also realized that it was not a serial killer who killed Professor Mayer, so they are too embarrassed to face

us! >>

Epson convinced even himself with his words.

The students nearby all gave Epson a thumbs up. They said, "Professor, you're really an educator in both morals and science. Not only do you impart us knowledge but you even taught those two some principles of life."

"Professor, your project will definitely succeed! You will definitely complete it faster than Anti!"

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After being flattered by the students a little, Epson got ahead of himself and said, "Yeah, I think so too. Uh-huh, you guys don't have to look at me like that, I just did what I should have..."

Elsewhere, after Brenda and Aaron sprinted out of the cafeteria, they went straight to the staff dormitories where the professors lived.

The professors hadn't been allowed to go home, so Peter was also living there. While they were running, Brenda asked, "When was the last time you saw Peter?"

Aaron replied, "At nine o'clock last night. We separated after we verified together that all the professors, except for Epson, had gone to the staff dormitory."

Brenda broke into a frown. She took a deep breath and slowly said, "Barbarian has a habit of killing between 11 pm and 4 am."

Therefore, it was possible that Peter had really been murdered!

Aaron also became nervous. He picked up the walkie-talkie and spoke into it. He asked, "Jabil, have you seen Professor Peter today?".

"I exchanged a few text messages with him. Just half an hour ago, he was telling me that I can go to the cafeteria to eat."

Aaron interrupted him. "What I'm asking is have you seen him in person?"

The other party paused and then answered, "No."

Aaron took a deep breath and said, "Head to Professor Peter's room in the staff dormitory immediately!"

"Roger!"

After hanging up, Brenda and Aaron sped up even more.

The two were anxious to solve the case but even more eager to save Peter. While running, they didn't notice Solo and Nora coming out of the corner.

At the sight of them, Solo immediately went after them.

Nora also followed closely behind them.

Solo said, "Judging from how they look, they have probably found something related to the suspect. Let's follow them and have a look. If we can help, then let's do so. Serial killers are too dangerous!"

Nora nodded. "Yeah." Brenda resented Barbarian.

After all, to her, Barbarian was the one who had killed Justin, but it wasn't like Nora could tell her the truth, either. Nora was worried that Brenda would take things too hard and end up forcing a fight with Barbarian.

She had witnessed Barbarian's strength before.

He was an extremely tough opponent.

With that in mind, Nora quickened her pace.

When Brenda and Aaron reached the staff dormitories, the two exchanged a look. Then, back to back, they rushed in. Both of them were holding their guns and had them aimed straight ahead.

Brenda walked in front while Aaron followed behind her.

As old partners, the two cooperated seamlessly.

Just like that, they came right up to Peter's door. Brenda knocked on it. Immediately after, she gripped her handgun tightly and said, "Professor Peter, I have something to talk to you about. Please open the door."

Right after she spoke, she heard footsteps coming from the room.

Brenda narrowed her eyes and exchanged a look with Aaron.

Aaron took a deep breath. "The person inside may be the murderer."

Brenda also nodded.

However, despite the movement inside, no one opened the door.

Brenda put her hand on the door handle and tried to open it but couldn't. She looked at the anti-burglary lock on the door.

At Staav University, professors' rooms were likely to contain their research materials, so each door was set up with digital locks. It was difficult to crack the password from the outside.

Brenda did not have the password to Peter's room.

She paused for a moment. Aaron pointed his handgun at the lock, intending to shoot.

However, Brenda stopped him. She said, "Unless you have the password, you won't be able to break the lock even if you shoot at it! On the contrary, we may even alert the enemy."

Aaron was anxious. "But if we delay any longer, the person inside is gonna escape!"

Brenda's brows drew together. While she was thinking, a weak voice came over.

"I... I can open the lock for you."

Upon hearing the voice, Brenda and Aaron turned their heads in unison to see Solo sticking to the wall like a weakling. Seeing the pair look over, he looked at Brenda ingratiatingly and said, "I can open the lock for you guys. Give me ten seconds."

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After speaking, he took out his cell phone and started to tap away.

Seeing this, Brenda's pupils shrank.

She abruptly reached over and grabbed Solo's phone. "I don't need your help!"

Unfortunately, she was a step too late!

When Solo offered to open the door's digital lock, he had already started to attack it. Right after Brenda spoke, the door opened with a clack!

The person inside also appeared in front of everyone at this moment.

Not expecting so many people to come rushing in, he seemed rather flustered. When he heard their voices, he immediately stood up.

"Don't move!"

"Freeze! Put your hands up!"

Brenda and Aaron shouted at the same time and pointed their guns at him.

Even Barbarian wouldn't be able to fight back against firearms!

After all, the gene serum had only improved his physical fitness. It couldn't turn his skin into steel!

"Turn around!"

The tall and sturdy figure slowly turned around. It was a face that Nora was familiar with...