Chapter 29: The Noblewoman Turned Maid

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Part 1

————【Elise's perspective】

I've finally done it, my wish has come true!

To think that I can now serve at the side of lord Nord who I've admired for so long…

I truly believed I would never see Lord Nord again, and yet not only have we been reunited, we now study together as classmates at the Hero Academy. I never could have imagined such a blessing.

He was genuinely a good man, but there was something irresistibly endearing about the way he tries to play the villain. It stirs my maternal instincts every time he did so.

My family, House Magdalia, and his, House Villance, stand on opposite sides of the political sphere-practically enemies.

And yet, when he saved a noblewoman like me, he sought nothing in return. That alone sets him apart from the rest.

He must have realised that we were never meant to be together, that ours was a relationship forbidden from the start.

When I tried to broach the matter gently with my parents, the moment I mentioned the Villance family, my father—who was usually all kindness and calm—Immediately turned gloomy, his brows knitting in displeasure.

He even said, 『I would sooner see our whole family perish than give my daughter to a member of the Villance house.』 Hearing such shocking words from my soft-hearted father made me understand how deep the rift between our two houses truly runs.

However!

My family has fallen, and there was no one left to oppose my staying by Lord Nord’s side.

Aaah! Finally, our forbidden love may finally be permitted.

Just thinking about Lord Nord makes me feel so light that I might drift off into the air…

Ah—seems I really was floating without noticing.

————【Nord's Perspective】

Elise bowed to me with a quiet, graceful politeness.

「I know I'm lacking in many ways, but please take care of me.」

She said it with all the air of a young lady about to be married off… and to make matters stranger, her choice of clothing was completely inappropriate.

「I'm fairly certain I told you there was no need for you to change into a maid's uniform.」

「Rin, who'd served as my maid for years, passed it on to me, so I thought I might as well put it to use. And it's actually very easy to move around in.」

The maid outfit itself wasn't particularly suggestive.

Even so, I couldn't hide my surprise at how completely Elise changed simply by wearing it.

Her silver hair, gathered into twin-tails that looked almost tailored to my personal tastes, was absurdly cute… And the black ribbons tied at their base matched her silver hair so perfectly it was like egg on rice, an invicible combination.

Moreover, she didn't even wear her hair like that back when Nord "stole" her from Cain.

Although the length of the outfit suited her, Elise's ample chest left the blouse pulled tight to the point of bursting.

Her white stockings did nothing to hide the shape of her legs; if anything, the glimpse beneath the skirt drew even more attention to the soft, sensual curves of her thighs.

The lace at the tops of the stockings and the garter straps rising from beneath the skirt were indecently alluring. And with garter belts, there's always the pressing question: do the knickers go over them or under?

Before Nord took her, Elise always wore her underwear over the garter belt so she could slip them off without removing the belt or the stockings. I can still remember her expression all too clearly, cheeks aflame, glaring at Nord with thinly veiled contempt as she removed her underwear.

I couldn't shake the memory of Elise's flushed face as she fixed Nord with a disdainful glare while removing her undergarments.

It's little wonder fans of 『Seiyū』 have dubbed her a "Walking Temptress"; she certainly has the physique for it. And now that very Elise dips into a delighted curtsey and looks up at me with a bright, innocent smile.

Oh crap!

I wasn't expecting a psychological attack... Thanks to her, I realised that my lil Nord had already swollen to the point of pain. If all of this is nothing more than an act to fool me, then she's an actress of considerable talent.

「Lord Nord, is there any work for me to do?」

「There’s one more thing that’s been bothering me. Stop calling me "Lord Nord". Both of us are nobles. There’s no need to be so formal.」

「But Lord Nord, you are my master… There is no way I could address my master without an honourific.」

「Okay okay, I get it already. Call me however you like.」

『Sure, Lord Nord.』 」

Elise looked at me with a bright, delighted smile.

The obsessive, yandere stare she fixes on Nord and the gentle smile she gives Cain…

It was the very same look she showed Cain after stabbing Nord and reaching that so-called happy ending-and I couldn’t even bring myself to smile back.

I had been seated at the large desk, but when Elise moved close to my side, I shifted elsewhere.

「Why are you standing there?」

「So that I may answer Lord Nord’s commands at any moment.」

When I tried to put some distance between us by sitting on the bed, she simply followed and settled herself right beside me.

「I'll allow you to sit… But you're far too close.」

「Yes, I feel that being closer would make it easier to know what Lord Nord is thinking.」

If this went on, Elise would keep watching me endlessly, and the moment my focus slipped, she might simply stab me to death... Just like that. I kept my guard up.

「I see. Then let me tell you something! I'll give you an impossible demand, try to answer it!」

「Yes! With pleasure!」

She replied with a smile more open and cheerful than any tavern waitress, and it was almost overwhelming.

「I'm itching to lay my hands on you! If you stay in this room, I'll take your innocence, and you'll be ruined-unable to get engaged to any other man. Frightening, isn't it? If you don't want that fate, then you'd better leave my room right no---」

「So… May I take this to mean that Lord Nord is willing to spend a night with me?
Even though my family has fallen and I have nothing to offer, you still see me as a woman, don't you? Your face, your confidence, the strength that never yields even to those of higher rank, I admire all of it. Everything I lack… Lord Nord, you have.」

…Please… spare me already…

Her opinion of me had skyrocketed so much that she twisted every word I said into praise…

Fine-if it's come to this, I'll have to conduct a physical inspection!

「Then take off your clothes here and stand naked!」

「Eh!? ?」

Elise looked genuinely bewildered by my reckless demand, lifting a hand to her mouth in confusion.

f I told her to strip completely, she'd surely start hating me and stop coming to my room.

That was fine.

My school life would finally return to peace.

「You truly wish to look at my body? M-my breasts have begun to grow, and it's embarrassing to have them seen… but if Lord Nord wishes to look, then… I would gladly…」

「Eh?」

This is wrong! Completely wrong!

Normally, in a situation like this, there should be vertical shock lines running from her hairline to her eyes, and she should be backing away from me in disgust-as if I were something filthy!

But what's actually happening here?

Her snow-white skin was flushed a rosy pink, and her beautiful, bashful body was fidgeting shyly…

「I've never shown this to any other boy… not even my brother… Please look at my untouched, first-time naked body…」

She was not trying to tease me, I think, but out of sheer embarrassment, her hands clumsily work at the white apron's ties.

Huff... Huff... Huff...

What a sly tactic…