

Seeing how the two remained motionless, Yuri had no choice but to snort coldly before moving on, leaving them to play catch-up. However, Yuri did not get far when she suddenly stopped dead in her tracks, her expression becoming grim.

Before Yuri could react, seven to eight masked men in black rushed toward her from both sides of the road, armed with katanas. The two behind Yuri immediately unsheathed their swords and charged forward when they saw what had happened. "Get out of here, Ms. Yuri!" shouted one of them

Yuri was somewhat shocked since the Watanabe family was one of the top families in Xendale. Not many in the city would dare cross them. It was almost unthinkable that anyone would have the guts to attack a Watanabe in broad daylight.

Unfortunately, Yuri knew she had no time to waste after her subordinates were cut down mercilessly, so she hurriedly turned around and made a break for it.

Yuri's mind went completely blank as the men in black, who seemed hell-bent on capturing her, pursued her. After running for a distance, she suddenly bumped into someone, and it almost made her lose her balance. When Yuri looked up, she realized the person she had run into was Jared. "You?" exclaimed both Jared and Yuri in unison, for neither of them thought they would see each other again so soon after parting at the airport. However, the men in black caught up before the two could say anything else.

Jared and Flaxseed were stunned when they noticed the men coming after Yuri. Didn't Kazuo just mention how powerful the Watanabe family was and how they controlled almost the entire Xendale? Why, then, is the precious heiress being hunted in broad daylight?

"If you value your lives, move away now," the men in black threatened Jared and Flaxseed. Grabbing Jared's arm tightly, Yuri looked expectantly at the man. "Help me. Please help me..."

Jared could not help but smile when he saw the way Yuri acted. "I'm more than happy to help at damsel in distress." When the men in black heard that, they immediately boiled with rage. "We'll kill you too if you try to be a hero!"

The men in black then charged forward with their katanas in hand, but they did not get far before Jared nonchalantly waved his hand to release a wave of aura. Suddenly, the men froze in place as though they had been turned into statues.

A brief moment later, blood began to ooze out of the men's chests before they all collapsed to the ground. Yuri was dumbfounded when she saw what had happened to them.

Even though she knew some techniques herself, she still stared at Jared as if he was an immortal being. Flaxseed chuckled secretly as he looked at Jared, wondering what would happen if he recorded the man's smugness and showed it to the girls.

When Jared sensed Flaxseed's snicker, he immediately shot the man a look. "That was incredible, Jared! You just saved my life! How about you come over to my place? I'm sure my father will reward you handsomely," uttered Yuri with admiration in her eyes. Jared shook his head in response. "That's not necessary. I have some personal matters to attend to."

Suddenly, he heard a cascade of footsteps informing him that a large group of people was heading his way. After Jared and Flaxseed exchanged looks, the two hurriedly fled the scene, leaving Yuri to stare affectionately at Jared's back. "Yuri! Yuri!" shouted Ryosuke as he ran toward his daughter, followed by a dozen men.

"Dad!" Yuri threw herself at Ryosuke the moment she saw her father, still terrified because of the ordeal. She could not imagine what would have happened had she not bumped into Jared.