The CIRCLE of DEATH

Chapter Two of the SECRET TEMPLE Saga!
A FEW HOURS LATER...

NOT SO FAST, SWEETHEART.

THUNK!

YOU COULDN’T EVEN DO A SIMPLE SNATCH AND GRAB?

HONESTLY, I DON’T KNOW WHAT I PAY YOU FOR.

WAIT A SECOND, WHAT’S THAT SHE’S WEARING?

OUR PRETTY SPY KNOWS MORE THAN MEETS THE EYE.

PAULA? DON’T KNOW IF YOU’RE GETTING MY MESSAGES, BUT A LOT OF INTERNATIONAL ART HAS MOVED THROUGH KAMAL OVER THE LAST FIFTEEN YEARS!

HE WAS AT THE MUSEUM OPENING TEN YEARS AGO WITH YOUR MOTHER WHEN SHE FEATURED AN EXHIBIT OF NAZTEC ARTWORK. HE REALLY KNOWS HIS STUFF!

I’LL LEAVE YOU THIS MESSAGE... VERONICA? HEY, VERONICA!

THAT’S STRANGE, SHE LOOKED STRAIGHT AT ME, BUT IT’S LIKE SHE DIDN’T EVEN RECOGNIZE ME! SOMETHING STRANGE IS GOING ON...
NEARBY, IN A DARK CORNER OF THE CITY...

RiSE AND SHINE, PRiNCESS. WE'RE NOT DONE WITH YOU YET.

WHAT'S THE MATTER, SWEETHEART? DON'T LIKE IT WHEN MY BOYS PLAY ROUGH?

OUR ORDERS WERE TO GET WHATEVER INFORMATION WE COULD, THEN TORCH THIS SHACK. WHO KNEW THE CITY'S MOST HATED REPORTER WOULD SHOW UP AS AN ADDED BONUS?

IT'S BEEN MOST ENJOYABLE TO WATCH.

OF COURSE, IT DOES MAKE ME WONDER WHY YOU WERE HERE.

WHY IS AN INVESTIGATIVE REPORTER INTERESTED IN ANCIENT ARTIFACTS?

MIGHT IT HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH THIS?

ENNNHH!! THE AMULET! HE'S TAKEN IT!
I think you know more about the Nazi than you let on. This little item is worth a lot for my employer. I'll consider it a bonus.

A shame there's no time to further enjoy your ample charms, but we're on a tight schedule.

MMMNNHH!

I can't imagine why Kamal would store antiques in a structure that's not up to fire code? Accidents happen so easily!

WHHNT?

But from what I hear, you like it hot! Ha ha ha!

Good-bye, Paula Peril...

NNNNHHH!!

MMMNNNNHHF!!!
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