

## Adorable 511

### [Chapter 511 A Date In The Amusement Park](#)

After Maurice hung up the phone, Corbin walked in from the outside. He left the company with Maurice and could almost consider himself a jobless vagabond now.

He said, "Mr. Moran, I just got the news that the projects you are working on have all been stopped by the chairman, especially the cooperation with the Stone family."

Maurice was not surprised anymore. Since Earle made a move, he already guessed this result.

He remarked, "Does Grandpa think I will give in just because of this?" With a sneer, he added, "Gerald is not capable enough. Just let him do whatever he wants. In a few days, he will have to beg me to come back."

"But the chairman won't let it go just like that either," Corbin said worriedly.

But Maurice was not afraid at all. "Grandpa has been old, thinking that it's still easy to run the entire Moran Group. He is not aware that the world has changed too fast, and that everything has long been different from before."

Corbin felt relieved when he saw that Maurice seemed to have some plans.

He knew that Maurice would not be defeated that easily.

With this thought, a sense of pride suddenly emerged in his heart. "Mr. Moran, what do you think we should do now?"

Maurice sat on the sofa and took a sip of his coffee calmly. "Nothing. We don't need to do anything."

"Nothing? Then what will happen?"

Corbin didn't understand what Maurice meant.

"We'll take a leave."

After saying this, Maurice closed his eyes and leaned on the sofa lazily. It was as if he was really on vacation mode.

"Corbin, I remember that you still have a lot of unused paid leaves. Use it now. Go have a rest for a few days. You will still get paid."

In the past, Corbin was so busy every day that he never thought he could hear the word "rest" from Maurice.

He couldn't help teasing, "Mr. Moran, it's really easy for you to say that. You're a Moran, and the chairman thinks highly of you. So you can take a leave anytime you want. You can still be in your position when you return. But I'm not sure if I can have the same result."

Maurice knew Corbin was joking. He opened his eyes, raised his eyebrows, and said, "Do you think I can't afford to support you as an assistant?"

Corbin couldn't help smiling, feeling a little touched.

He had been working with Maurice for many years, and he felt that Maurice had already regarded him as a friend.

Corbin suddenly thought of Eliana. "Mr. Moran, what about Eliana? What are you going to tell her?"

Maurice was silent for a moment. Then he said in a deep voice, "Don't tell her anything for the time being."

"But..."

Corbin was a little worried. He wanted to say something, but Maurice interrupted, "I have my reasons."

Maurice couldn't help thinking of Eliana's phone call last night.

After going through so much, he could finally have a real date with her. He didn't want any trouble at this time.

It was hard enough to deal with Earle. He only hoped Eliana could live well now.

So he decided to hide everything from her for the time being.

Today, Eliana specially took a leave. She dressed up beautifully, went to the amusement park early, and waited for Maurice at the gate.

There were so many people, but Maurice still saw Eliana among the crowd at a glance.

Today, she was wearing a pinkish-purple chiffon dress with a knitted coat over it. She looked extremely charming. No one would think that this beautiful young woman was already a mother of two children.

"You're here."

Eliana ran towards Maurice with a flushed face. He wondered if it was because of the sun.

His eyes unconsciously softened as he said, "Why did you choose the amusement park for our date?"

"Because this amusement park was my favorite place when I was a child. My parents often took me here to play. Later, my father even told me that he would build a better amusement park than this one in the Pierce Group's own theme park. Although it didn't come true later, I still like it here the most."

While she talked about her family, Eliana's eyes seemed to be shining.

This light made Maurice indulge in it involuntarily. He felt as happy as when he went to the amusement park with his parents and sister when he was a child.

#### [Chapter 512 The Childish Roller Coaster](#)

"Do you still come here often now?"

Eliana pursed her lips and couldn't help complaining, "Yes. But now that I already have Aileen and Adrian, it's different. Every time I come here, I take them with me. I must look after them, so I can't have fun anymore."

Looking at her charming, innocent look, Maurice couldn't help laughing. He said, "Now, it's only the two of us today. You can have fun."

"Yes, of course!"

Eliana immediately became excited. She grabbed Maurice's hand and rushed into the amusement park.

But what they didn't know was that when they were lining up to enter a ride, three little children were secretly following behind them.

And these three little children were none other than Aileen, Adrian, and Silas.

After they came out of the kindergarten and arrived at the amusement park, they were like little tails, secretly following Eliana and Maurice.

"Hey, Adrian, look! Isn't that the handsome man? Mommy is with him. It turns out that Mommy is out on a date with him today."

Aileen was hiding behind a mailbox. And when she recognized the man beside Eliana, she got so excited that she stretched out her hand and shook Adrian.

On the other hand, Adrian was unhappy to see Maurice and Eliana's closeness. He snorted coldly, "It's that bad guy again. I think Mommy's sudden decision to move has something to do with him. I don't like him."

Aileen speculated, "Could it be... Could it be that Mommy wants to move to Mr. Moran's house to live with him?"

She turned, looked at Silas behind her, and said, "He is Silas' uncle. If we live with him, then we can go to school with Silas every day, right?"

"In your dreams!"

After saying this, Adrian knocked on Aileen's forehead impatiently.

"I'm just saying."

Aileen felt aggrieved. She covered her forehead with her hand and didn't say anything anymore.

Silas stood behind Aileen and Adrian, staring at Eliana's and Maurice's backs with a complicated expression on his face. He frowned tightly.

He always felt something was wrong.

"Aileen, Adrian, I don't think it's that simple. If your mom only wants to move to my uncle's house, why will she change a job and transfer you to another school? So I think there must be some other reasons why your mom wants to move."

Silas voiced out his thoughts, crossing his arms over his chest.

Unfortunately, Aileen didn't hear everything he said because she was attracted by the ice cream cart slowly driving over. She stared at the ice cream cart with her big, round eyes, almost drooling.

And when she saw that the cart was about to leave, she couldn't help but run after it.

Adrian suddenly shouted, "Aileen, where are you going?"

Before he and Silas could know it, Aileen had already rushed out. They looked at each other and had no choice but to catch up with her.

Eliana and Maurice still had no idea that the three children were also in the amusement park. At this moment, they were waiting in line at the entrance of the roller coaster, and it was about their turn.

Eliana looked at the roller coaster with excitement written all over her face. On the other hand, Maurice's face darkened.

He looked at her. And the more he thought about it, the more he couldn't understand. "Why do you like such a childish ride?"

As soon as Eliana looked at Maurice and saw the disgust on his face, her happiness was suddenly replaced by slight anger. "Childish? Don't ride with me then."

After saying this, she walked forward, leaving him behind.

At this time, a young man suddenly appeared beside her.

"Hello, miss. Do you mind if I sit next to you?"

The man noticed Eliana's beauty just now. And when he saw that no one was around her, he immediately approached her.

Eliana was so embarrassed that she was rendered speechless. Before she could say anything, Maurice walked over to them with a sullen look and stood between them.

"Go away! She's with me."

The man was immediately intimidated by Maurice's imposing aura. He left reluctantly.

When Eliana raised her head and saw the unhappy look on Maurice's face, she couldn't help but snicker.

"You think the roller coaster is childish, right? Why are you here?"

Maurice still looked gloomy. He peremptorily took Eliana's hand, and they got on the roller coaster together.

"You can only sit with me," he firmly said in a low voice.

She didn't say anything and just looked at their hands clasped together, feeling touched.

### [Chapter 513 Sexual Harassmen](#)

When Eliana and Maurice got on the roller coaster, the three children not far away looked at them with envy.

"Adrian, I want to ride a roller coaster too," Aileen said, looking at the roller coaster past them with eyes full of desire.

"Then let's ride it. I have money here," Silas said.

He then walked to the entrance in a domineering manner with Aileen and Adrian beside him. However, they were stopped by the staff of the amusement park.

"Kids, you are too young to ride the roller coaster alone. Where are your parents?"

Upon hearing the staff's question, the three children looked at each other, not knowing what to say.

Then Aileen blinked her big eyes and started to act like a cute spoiled little girl. "But I really want to ride the roller coaster."

However, the staff didn't buy it. She touched Aileen's head and said with a smile, "But you can't, little girl. You have to be with your parents if you want to ride."

The three children felt like they were ruthlessly stopped outside the door.

While sitting on the roller coaster and waiting for it to start, Eliana suddenly felt like she had heard Aileen's voice.

She wanted to look back. But unfortunately, the roller coaster started to slowly drive forward. So she had to drop this idea.

The roller coaster slowly moved upward. And when it reached the peak and was about to surge down, she felt that Maurice held her hand even tighter.

She turned her head only to see him stiffly leaning against the back of the chair with a pale face.

"Maurice, don't tell me... Are you scared?" Eliana was shocked by her own discovery. "No way! The fearless Maurice Moran is actually scared of riding a roller coaster?"

"Of course not!"

Maurice quickly denied it with a darkened expression.

This made Eliana realize that he was really stubborn.

Feeling the strength in her hand, Eliana couldn't help laughing. "Okay, you're not scared. How can the CEO of Moran Group be scared? I was wrong."

Then she also squeezed his hand tightly.

"Here we go!" someone shouted.

In the next second, the roller coaster descended rapidly. The strong sense of weightlessness made the adrenaline surge. It was so exciting that everyone screamed.

"Ahhh!"

Eliana also screamed, releasing the negativity that had been suppressed in her heart.

After venting them, she turned her head to look at the man beside her, who had his eyes closed the

whole time. She couldn't help saying, "Maurice, open your eyes!"

Maurice's frown deepened. But he opened his eyes obediently.

When Eliana looked into his eyes, her heart skipped a beat.

The world in front of them was turning upside down, and they saw nothing in their eyes but only each other.

She really wished that time would stop at this moment when they didn't have to worry about anything else.

After getting off the roller coaster, Eliana felt at ease mentally and physically. She immediately took Maurice's hand, wanting to experience another ride.

And their next destination was the haunted house.

As soon as they entered, the three children popped out their heads behind the bushes.

"Hurry, let's follow them!"

The three of them wanted to rush in again. But as expected, they were stopped by the staff at the door.

But this time, Aileen learned to be smarter. While Adrian and Silas were negotiating with the staff, she sneaked into the group of adults that were going in.

Inside the haunted house was very dark, and the sound effects were so scary. There were all kinds of howls around, but Eliana felt like she had heard Aileen's voice again.

It was so strange that this time, Eliana decided to find the source of the voice.

She endured the fear and pushed Maurice to start wandering in the haunted house, searching everywhere.

Maurice had no idea of what was going on. He only thought that she was scared, so he teased, "Are you scared? We can go back if you want."

"Of course not!" Eliana denied it stubbornly. "Let's go!"

If it wasn't dark, one would see the dotting smile on Maurice's face as he let her walk behind him.

Maurice walked in front of Eliana, protecting her. But suddenly, several female ghosts came out of nowhere when they passed a room.

Eliana screamed in fright.

The ghosts dragged Maurice and tried to take him away. At first, Eliana was so scared that she kept dodging. But then she noticed that they seemed to be taking advantage of the opportunity to touch him.

Eliana felt it was strange.

She was jealous at once.

So she roared, "Let him go!" Her fear immediately dissipated. She rushed over and pulled their hands away from Maurice. "Why are you touching him? That's sexual harassment!"

#### [Chapter 514 Being Exposed](#)

Maurice was also annoyed by those female ghosts. He was about to drive them away when he saw Eliana rushing over angrily and standing in front of him to block them.

It was dim in the room, but he couldn't see her expression clearly. But based on her reaction, was she jealous?

Maurice was suddenly in a good mood. He just let Eliana stand in front of him like a kitten protecting her food.

In this way, under her "protection", those female ghosts ended up leaving awkwardly.

At this time, he couldn't help laughing. "Your way of exorcising ghosts is quite brilliant."

It was only then that Eliana realized that she cared so much when other women approached Maurice. She was a little embarrassed, hesitating and not knowing what to say.

Suddenly, she caught a glimpse of a little girl's blurry back flashing in front of her.

That back was so familiar.

The more Eliana thought about it, the more she felt that the little girl was Aileen.

But how could Aileen be here? She should be in kindergarten now, right?

Eliana craned her neck, wanting to see more clearly. But a group of zombies was blocking her way, so she couldn't see ahead clearly.

She had no choice but to hold Maurice's hand and slowly approached the direction where the little girl went, enduring her fear.

When they walked over, they saw a small figure joining the group of zombies, playing happily. It was as



if she had become the cutest little zombie.

"Aileen? What are you doing here?" Eliana exclaimed in surprise.

Indeed, the happy little zombie was none other than Aileen, who had sneaked in.

Maurice was also shocked. He was on a date with Eliana, but her daughter suddenly appeared. He was also a bit at a loss.

"The handsome man!" Aileen exclaimed as soon as she saw Maurice's handsome face. It was as if she had immediately forgotten everything else, including Eliana. She rushed over to him and hugged his thigh.

Eliana squatted down with a gloomy face, turned Aileen's face to her, and asked solemnly, "Aileen, tell me, how did you get here? Do you know how dangerous this place for little girls like you is?"

Aileen pouted and said unhappily, "It's all because you and Mr. Moran hung out secretly without taking me. I also want to play with the handsome Mr. Moran."

She raised her head and looked at Maurice with a pitiful look on her face.

Maurice's heart softened when he saw Aileen's cute face. He couldn't help picking her up and hugging her in his arms.

Then he turned to Eliana and said, "Don't lose your temper just yet. Let's take the child out first to be safe."

At this time, Silas and Adrian had already found that Aileen was missing. But unfortunately, they had no means to enter the haunted house. They anxiously paced back and forth outside the door. Then Silas thought of calling Maurice.

But before he dialed the number, he saw Maurice coming out of the haunted house with Aileen in his arms, holding Eliana with his other hand.

"Mommy! Aileen!" Adrian shouted and immediately rushed over.

Silas hurriedly followed behind him.

Eliana's face darkened upon seeing Adrian and Silas.

"And you two are here too. What are you doing here?"

Silas and Adrian lowered their heads sheepishly, not daring to answer her question.

This time, Maurice spoke up. "They must have followed us secretly. They are really bold."

Adrian suddenly raised his head in defiance. "I followed you here because I'm worried that you might do something bad to Mommy again."

Upon hearing this, Eliana raised her hand and tapped Adrian's forehead. "I am not a child anymore. I'm not going to let anyone bully me, okay? How dare you take your sister out secretly! What if something happens?"

Adrian touched his forehead. He didn't dare to refute.

Maurice turned to Silas and also reprimanded, "And you, Silas. You are older than Adrian and Aileen. You are like their eldest brother. Why didn't you stop them? Instead, you fooled around with them. If anything happens to any of you, will you be responsible for it?"

His tone was so harsh that Silas's eyes turned red, with tears welling up.

When Eliana saw this, she hurriedly mediated, "Well, it must be Aileen and Adrian's idea. Don't blame Silas. He has always been the most sensible. He must have no choice but to come with them. Let's take them home now."

The look on Maurice's face changed. His date with Eliana was ruined and was about to come to an end.

Aileen looked at his long face and thought for a while. Then she took Eliana's hand and put it on his.

"Mommy, we don't want to go home yet. Let's hang out with you and Mr. Moran."

Eliana looked at her hand sandwiched between Maurice's and Aileen's hands.

At this moment, the sorrows she had deliberately suppressed came up again.

Maybe this would be the last time she and Maurice would see each other.

After she and the children left, the children would hardly ever see their father again either.

At the thought of this, Eliana couldn't help nodding, giving in to Aileen's request.

She would indulge herself in this one last time.

#### [Chapter 515 Have You Really Made Up Your Mind](#)

Eliana, Maurice, and the three children played enthusiastically in the amusement park.

Riding the merry-go-round, Ferris wheel, and pirate ship, they were all shouting their hearts out.

Maurice didn't like having the three kids on his date with Eliana. Nonetheless, he made sure that the children had fun. And now, he was enjoying himself as well.

Watching Maurice with the children, Eliana couldn't help but think that he would be a wonderful father—and responsible one, too.

The thought of Aileen and Adrian being unable to enjoy the father love anymore made her sad.

After they had dinner, the children were worn out. Eliana took Adrian in her arms and so did Maurice with Aileen. It was only Silas who could barely stand on his own.

Corbin drove over to pick them up.

Eliana and Maurice got into the car with the children in their arms.

The atmosphere in the car was very warm. The ambiance would only be interrupted by soft snores from the children.

Maurice felt warm in his heart seeing Eliana alternately stroking the twins' foreheads. He felt that now was the time to ask her.

In a low voice, he said, "Eliana, I remember that you seemed to date me because you had to tell me something. Would you care to tell me now?"

Caught by surprise, Eliana froze but only for a while. She then raised her index finger to her lips to hush Maurice. "The kids are sleeping. Let's not disturb them."

Maurice glanced at the three sleeping children. He nodded, understanding Eliana wasn't prepared to tell him now.

Anyway, he thought that he and Eliana could have a good talk some other time. Whatever it was that Eliana wanted to tell him, he thought that they would have time, a lot of time to amply talk about it.

Eliana took a deep breath and then let it escape in a relieved sigh.

In the next second, both her physical and mental fatigue overwhelmed her. Eliana subconsciously rested her head on Maurice's shoulder.

She felt Maurice stiffen for a brief moment. And then, he relaxed and let her lean against him. Eliana couldn't help but smile.

When the car passed down the tunnel, Maurice saw their reflection in the window. He was jolted by what he saw. They looked like a family.

There he was, the tall and reliable father... Eliana, the gentle mother... And Adrian, Aileen, and Silas, the three adorable children.

An idea popped into his head. Maurice thought he might be willing to live with Eliana and her kids should Jonathan didn't want them.

Maurice was known to be scrupulous in living his life. Yet, here he was, thinking to accept other people's children for her—Eliana. And she, Eliana, still didn't know about it.

At this point, a certain sadness swept over her.

She leaned on Maurice's shoulder and felt her tears flow down her cheeks.

In no time at all, the car arrived at the Pierce family's house.

Maurice helped Eliana take the children to the house and then he would pursue his conversation with her. But then, Corbin came up to him.

"Mr. Moran, I got word that something was wrong with the overseas project we have negotiated with Wilfred. You needs to deal with it urgently."

The considerate person that she was, Eliana urged Maurice to deal with the problem. "Everything's okay here. Go ahead."

Maurice looked intently at Eliana. Frowning, he decided to say goodbye.

"Oh well... Then, I must go now. I'll be back when I'm done with my work. And then you can tell me what it is you intend to tell me."

Hearing Maurice's words, Eliana felt an overwhelming sadness coming over her again.

She knew in her heart that they would never meet again...

This would be the last time they met.

Unable to control herself, Eliana stepped forward, opened her arms, and hugged Maurice.

"Be careful!"

Maurice was both shocked and surprised.

Why was this woman acting this strange?

While he couldn't understand Eliana, he earnestly accepted Eliana's hug.

Corbin rolled his eyes. He couldn't stand what he was seeing.

"Mr. Moran, it's really time for us to go," he said in a bored and somewhat irritating tone. "We can't catch the plane if we don't leave now."

Corbin's words had Maurice and Eliana unraveled from their embrace.

Eliana saw Maurice off with a smile. Seeing his figure disappear from her sight, she reluctantly turned around and walked back to the house.

Back home, Nana looked at her seriously and asked, "Have you really made up your mind, Eliana? Because once you do it, you really can't go back anymore..."

### [Chapter 516 Leave Tonigh](#)

Eliana was silent for a moment, trying her best to suppress all the reluctance in her heart. She said firmly, "I have already thought over it, and I must do it."

"Okay, since you've decided, I'll support you. So, what should we do next?"

When she saw that Eliana had made up her mind, Nana had nothing else to say. Eliana was her best friend, so she would certainly support Eliana.

Eliana's eyes unconsciously turned red. She was moved and felt lucky to have a friend like Nana, who was always on her side no matter what.

"Nana, thank you so much. Don't worry. I've asked Rosamond to help cover up our whereabouts. And I'll pay all the money I owe Maurice, so we'll be free by then."

Nana didn't expect that Eliana arranged everything so well. And although she didn't want her best friend to miss out on her own happiness like this, she would still respect Eliana's choice.

"Then let's get started."

Eliana and Nana divided the work and quickly packed their things, ready to leave that night.

When everything was packed, the taxi called by Eliana came.

After the driver helped them load their suitcases in the trunk of the car, Eliana and Nana picked up the sleeping Adrian and Aileen, respectively, and embarked on their trip.

In the darkness of the night, the car gradually drove towards an unknown destination.

On the other side of the world, Maurice knew nothing about Eliana's departure. At this moment, he was

in a meeting with Wilfred abroad.

"Mr. Moran, I heard that you handed over all the projects to your uncle, Gerald. Is this true? And why?" Wilfred asked, looking at Maurice in disbelief.

They were in the conference room now.

Maurice picked up his coffee and said calmly, "It's just some normal transfer within the company. It's no big deal."

"It's infighting, right?" Wilfred pointed out the key directly. As a shrewd businessman, how could he not see the real reason behind the sudden change?

Maurice was about to take a sip of his coffee, but his hand froze midair upon hearing this. He raised his eyes and looked at Wilfred deeply.

"Mr. Moran, I'll be honest with you. If you didn't come this time, I was going to withdraw my investment. You also know that your uncle has a very bad reputation in the industry. I'm afraid that the infighting within the Moran Group will affect my business."

Wilfred was straightforward. He only cooperated with the Moran Group because of Maurice. Once Maurice was no longer involved, there was no need for him to continue the cooperation.

"Mr. Morales, rest assured that those are all rumors. I am still the one in charge of Moran Group."

The calmness and confidence in Maurice's voice soon dispelled Wilfred's doubts.

He laughed. "Sure enough, those are rumors. I'm relieved then."

The atmosphere in the conference room eased a lot in an instant.

Then Wilfred suddenly changed the topic.

"By the way, I also heard that you and the Stone family are about to cooperate on a land development project. I'm actually interested in it as well."

"Oh..." Maurice raised his eyebrows. "Mr. Morales, do you have any suggestions?"

Wilfred smiled like a cunning fox. "It doesn't count as a suggestion. I know you want to do real estate development. I know a world-famous architect here, and I want to introduce him to you. What do you think?"

"Since he has your recommendation, of course, I trust your judgment. I also hope this cooperation will be successful."

After the negotiation, Maurice successfully resolved this urgent issue.

On the surface, he looked like he was concentrating on his work. But his mind was full of Eliana's images while she said goodbye to him that night in front of her home.

The uneasiness in Maurice's heart gradually deepened. He couldn't tell why, but he felt that Eliana was behaving strangely at that time.

Something was wrong. Something was really wrong.

### [Chapter 517 Gerald Took Office](#)

Gerald had always been in a good mood because when Maurice wasn't in the company these days, he directly took over the Moran Group.

He had been suppressed by Maurice and his father for so many years. But finally, he kicked Maurice out of the game. And the Moran Group would be his hands from now on.

Today, Gerald called for a meeting with the Design Department. He proudly announced, "From now on, all the affairs of the Design Department have to be approved by me. Only me."

Upon hearing this, a midlevel employee asked weakly, "What about Mr. Moran?"

"Which Mr. Moran?" Gerald asked. He then added in a low voice, "From now on, there is only one Mr. Moran in the company, and that is me. Maurice isn't coming back anymore."

The employees in the Design Department were all sensible. As soon as they heard Gerald's announcement, they started to flatter him.

"Mr. Moran, indeed, you are wise."

"That's right. Mr. Moran, I've heard wonderful things about you before. And seeing you today, I must say that you are really wise."

"Mr. Moran, our department will be under your leadership from now on."

These flattering words made Gerald's heart jump for joy.

However, Lucia was an outlier. She was the only person who didn't bother to flatter him.

And she disliked the complacent look on his face, so she deliberately said. "Sir, the chairman hasn't made an official announcement yet, so don't be in a hurry. You haven't been formally introduced to us as the new CEO. I believe that Mr. Maurice Moran will come back sooner or later."

As soon as these words came out of her mouth, the conference room fell silent.

Everyone looked at Lucia with astonishment in their eyes. It was as if they were saying, "How dare you say that! You are just an intern. Do you want to get fired?"

Gerald's face darkened at once. He stared at Lucia gloomily. For him, she was a thorn. And he wanted to get rid of her right away. But because she was the daughter of the Todd family, he couldn't do it.

Gerald thought for a while. He knew that there would always be someone who could help him.

At this moment, Harriet stood up and shouted, "Lucia, what are you talking about? Let me remind you that you are just an intern. How dare you contradict the CEO?"

Because of Eliana, Lucia repeatedly went against her, so she had long considered Lucia her enemy. She could take this opportunity to kick Lucia out of the company.

She looked at Gerald and found that he didn't intend to say anything. Thinking that his silence meant that he acquiesced to her, she became more determined.

"Lucia, pack your things and leave now. You are fired!"

The crowd was immediately in an uproar.

A satisfied look slowly crept across Gerald's face. Of course, he was happy that someone could offend the Todd family for him.

"Fine! I'm leaving. With a boss like you, do you think I want to stay here? No way!"

Lucia then stormed out of the conference room and slammed the door behind her.

After the meeting, Gerald went back to his office. This time, Sean started to flatter him.

He was about to lose himself in the flattery when Harriet rushed in.

"Mr. Moran, something happened!"

Gerald glanced at her impatiently. "What's with the panic? What can happen now?"

Harriet looked very serious. "We have been tricked. Many of the contracts of the projects Maurice signed before state that we cannot replace the person in charge. If we do, those contracts won't be valid anymore."

Gerald was so shocked that he immediately stood up from his chair. "What? That brat!"



Sean's brain worked at once. He chimed in, "Boss, I have an idea. If those contracts become null and void, we can negotiate with the partners again and sign new contracts in your name. After all, you are now the CEO of Moran Group."

Gerald's eyes lit up. "That's a good idea! Okay, let's do it. Anyway, the partners want to cooperate with Moran Group, not with Maurice."

However, Harriet countered, "Mr. Moran, I don't think it's a good idea. Your reputation in the business world has been very bad, and the news that you are taking over the Moran Group has spread out. The moment our partners heard the news, they immediately wanted to withdraw one after another. Many of our projects may fail."

This time, Gerald was dumbfounded. If the projects became problematic, and Maurice used this opportunity to attack him, he could possibly lose the position as CEO.

So he quickly asked, "What about Maurice? Does he already know about this?"

Harriet shook her head and replied, "I don't know. He seems to be on vacation now."

"That's good then. There is still a chance for us. We can have time to think about how to deal with this."

Gerald was a little relieved. As long as Maurice didn't make any move, he would be able to figure out a way.

"Boss, what should we do now?" Sean asked in a panic.

Gerald comforted himself, "It's okay. We still have a chance as long as my dad is on my side."

But as soon as he said this, Earle came in with a long face.

### [Chapter 518 Disappointmen](#)

"Gerald! You still have time to be idle in your office now? Do you even know what is happening outside?"

Earle heard about the news. Seeing that the Moran Group was in a mess now, he was even more dissatisfied with Gerald.

Harriet quickly stood up and spoke for Gerald. "Mr. Moran, please don't be angry..."

However, Earle interrupted her, "Miss Stone, don't talk yet. I want to listen to what Lucia will say first."

He then waved his hand, and Lucia walked out from behind him.

Harriet's eyes opened wide in shock and she wondered what Lucia was doing there. She had already fired Lucia, right?

Lucia stood beside Earle and began complaining, "I just mentioned Maurice in the meeting today, and Miss Stone fired me. Mr. Gerald Moran said that Maurice would never come back again."

Harriet was even more surprised when she heard Lucia call Maurice by his first name only.

She frowned and retorted unhappily, "Be careful with your words. Don't forget that you are just an intern here. Who gives you the courage to sow discord in front of the chairman?"

But Lucia was not afraid of Harriet at all. She held Earle's arm and said, "Mr. Earle Moran gave me the courage."

Harriet was so shocked that her mouth gaped open. "What do you mean?"

Earle coughed to clear his throat and said, "I've arranged Lucia to work here as a kind gesture to the Todd family and to train her as well."

Harriet's face turned pale at once.

She never thought that Lucia was from the Todd family.

If she had known, she wouldn't have offended Lucia.

Earle stared at Harriet with his sharp eyes and continued, "I arranged an internship for her here. But I've heard that she has been bullied since she came in. Only Eliana was working with her, right?"

Harriet felt a chill down her spine. At the thought of all the bad things she had done to Lucia before, she explained, "No, everyone in the company is very friendly to Miss Todd. They were only a little strict on her because they wanted to help her learn."

When Lucia heard that Harriet started to call her Miss Todd now, she curled her lips in disdain.

Sure enough, Harriet pretended to be nice to her as soon as Harriet knew her identity.

"Dad, Miss Stone is right. How can anyone bully Lucia here? There must be some misunderstanding here."

Gerald also spoke for Harriet. After all, they were allies.

At this moment, Earle also noticed that Gerald and Harriet were helping each other. He sensed something was wrong.

It seemed that Gerald and Harriet were rather familiar with each other.

Gerald was his son, so he naturally knew Gerald very well. Gerald wouldn't help anyone if there wasn't something to be taken advantage of. There must be something in Harriet that Gerald wanted.

It seemed that there was something between them.

Earle knew Gerald and what was on Gerald's mind.

So he said, "Gerald, listen to me. Stop playing tricks. Because you are my son, the Moran Group will always have a place for you. But the future will belong to the next generation. I'm warning you, don't dream about getting what's not going to be yours. Otherwise, you will end up with nothing."

After saying this, he felt extremely exhausted.

Earle drove Maurice away and gave Gerald a chance.

But it seemed that he had made the wrong decision. It looked like Gerald didn't deserve this chance at all. Gerald would probably never be better than Maurice.

Gerald and Maurice were both members of the Moran family. But why were they so different from each other?

Earle didn't say anything more. He just turned around and left in disappointment.

Harriet didn't want to give up just like that. She hurriedly followed him, wanting to defend herself and discredit Eliana.

"Mr. Moran, please listen to me. Miss Todd is very close to Eliana. Eliana must have said something to her..."

Before Harriet could finish her words, Earle's phone suddenly vibrated.

It was a message from Eliana.

"Mr. Moran, as I have promised, I left while Maurice was on a business trip. I hope you can also keep your word. Return everything that belongs to him."

### [Chapter 519 Eliana Won't Be Coming Back](#)

Earle put away his phone that contained Eliana's message. He then looked up at Harriet who tried to discredit Eliana.

He was getting mixed feelings now.

Earle was beginning to realize that Eliana loved Maurice so much that she could give up everything and leave him.

And Harriet here... Harriet, whom he had chosen for Maurice, might not really love Maurice.

She and his grandson belonged to families of the same social status. Yet, she had already started to take sides even before she married into the Moran family. Moreover, she took Gerald's side and started to help him when she learned that Maurice lost power in the Moran Group.

So why was he letting such a woman marry his grandson?

For the first time, Earle doubted his own judgment.

He might not want to admit it but he could tell that Eliana—and not Harriet—was the better choice for Maurice.

With Earle staring at her, Harriet felt uncomfortable. She wanted to say something.

"Miss Stone," Earle said in a tone that startled Harriet, "may I remind you that you aren't married yet to Maurice? There may be ladies from prominent families, just as you are, who would give the world to be his wife. So it is for your own good that you behave yourself... Because I wouldn't mind replacing you."

Earle then turned away and left Harriet open-mouthed.

She couldn't believe what Earle had just said.

What did he mean?

She had done so much so she could marry Maurice. And now, Earle was changing his mind about her.

Harriet's heart sank. There was a pained expression on her face. She wanted to go after Earle but she couldn't.

Lucia smiled to herself as she followed Earle.

She was somehow delighted to see Harriet being scolded. That woman deserved it for what she had done to Eliana!

Lucia, however, was worried about Maurice.

She hurried along to catch up with Earle. Holding him by his arm, she asked, "Mr. Moran, may I ask you something? Is Maurice taking over the Moran Group again?"

As far as Lucia could remember, Maurice had always been a good grandson. Even when he quarreled with Earle before, their relationship had never been so strained.

Earle took out his phone, glanced at it and then said, "The problem is solved. He will be back."

"Oh, great!"

Lucia breathed a sigh of relief.

"Look, Lucia, I'm sorry about what they had done to you. Really, I am. I know you are a good girl. So if you want to keep working here, I'll make sure that no one bullies you again."

The change in Earle's attitude was noticeable. He had become considerably cheery now that the matter with his grandson was settled.

"Really?" Lucia asked in surprise. "Can Eliana come back and work here?"

"You can come back. But Eliana, she won't be coming back to work here," Earle said emphatically.

"Why?"

Lucia had a bad feeling about it.

She took out her phone and punched in Eliana's number. She couldn't get through to her.

Lucia saw the e-mail icon lit up on her cellphone's screen monitor. She clicked it open and found that Eliana had sent her an e-mail. She had attached all the files about the bracelet project, including the information about the factory she had contacted.

Did she want her to take over the project?

Lucia could sense that something was wrong.

It only meant one thing. Eliana was about to leave and she might have already left!

Damn it! What should she do?

She wondered if Maurice knew about it. Where could Eliana be?

Questions popped into Lucia's mind. She didn't know what she should do so she called Corbin for answers.

Corbin picked up her call.

"Mr. Jenkins!" Lucia said anxiously. "Bad news! Eliana might have left!"

"We... We already know."

"You know?" Lucia was flabbergasted. "And what did you mean by 'we'?"

In a grim voice, Corbin answered Lucia, "We knew it because... We're here... Mr. Moran and I are at Eliana's place now."

### [Chapter 520 Eliana Ran Away](#)

Corbin and Maurice had already arrived at Eliana's house at this time.

When Maurice was on a business trip abroad, he already felt that something was wrong. He then decided to fly back home overnight and went straight to the Pierce family's house. He didn't expect that it was still too late.

The house was empty when he and Corbin arrived.

Eliana left everything Maurice had given her, except for some things she had brought with her.

What in the world did Eliana want?

Did she intend to completely cut her ties with Maurice?

Maurice's face darkened and his eyes sharpened as he stared at the empty house.

After a few moments, he received a text message.

Maurice immediately checked his phone, hoping that the message was from Eliana.

Unfortunately, reality did not match his expectations. It was a text message from the bank.

Someone just recently transferred a large amount of money to his account.

Maurice knew without a doubt that it was Eliana.

Did Eliana believe she would owe him nothing by doing so?

No way!

"Mr. Moran, please come here."

Corbin was checking the surveillance footage.

The surveillance camera was installed to ensure Eliana's safety, but now it came in handy.

Eliana and Nana were seen in the surveillance video carrying their luggage before walking out with the children in their arms. They both looked calm.

Maurice became enraged as he watched the video. He replayed it several times until he was certain Eliana had left of her own will.

The atmosphere in the room was so overwhelming that Corbin didn't dare to say a word.

"What about the kindergarten and the company?" Maurice finally asked after a long time.

Corbin then told Maurice everything he had discovered.

"Mr. Moran, I just received the information that Aileen and Adrian has dropped out and Eliana has resigned..."

Corbin's voice grew lower.

He was afraid Maurice would explode with anger at any moment and would vent his rage on him.

Maurice sneered, and the veins on his forehead were now very visible.

"She has been carefully planning it for a long time! She informed everyone she was leaving, except me!"

Suddenly, he remembered something and murmured incomprehensibly, "No... She informed me of this. That day, she asked me out. She wanted to tell me about it..."

"But Mr. Moran, where did Eliana get such a huge amount of money to arrange all of this?" Corbin asked in a low voice.

How could Eliana be rich in an instant?

Someone else must have given her the money, but who would do so all at once?

Was it Eli? Nicole? It must be Jonathan!

Did Eliana get in touch with Jonathan?

The thought infuriated him even more. Maurice gritted his teeth and ordered, "It must be Jonathan. Hurry up, check it out! You have to find Eliana!"

"Yes, Mr. Moran."

Corbin took out his phone to contact someone to look into Eliana's whereabouts, but Maurice stopped him.

"It's too slow to find her this way. Contact Nana right away. She left with Eliana. She surely knows where Eliana is."

Corbin paused, his phone in his hand. "I don't want to take advantage of Nana, Mr. Moran," he said slowly.

Maurice immediately turned around and looked at Corbin coldly, his eyes bloodshot.

"Call Nana! If you can't find Eliana, then leave! Don't you think I can put Nana out of work for good?"

Maurice was becoming more irrational, which frightened Corbin even more.

He had never been so scary.

"Mr. Moran, don't you think it's too much for Nana? This is only between you and Eliana. Nana has nothing to do with it," Corbin argued.

Maurice sneered. "But only in this way will Eliana appear."

Apparently, Maurice would use Corbin to reach out to Nana.

Corbin was disappointed. He had believed he was important to his boss, but the reality was a bit of a slap in the face.

In the end, he just sighed and dialed Nana's number.

When her phone rang, Nana was with Eliana.

She hesitated for a moment when she realized it was Corbin who was calling her.

Should she pick up the phone?

It only took her one look at Eliana before she decided to decline the call.

Nana then turned off her phone. She looked at the phone screen sadly. For Eliana to be able to escape successfully, she had to change her number, too.