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Chapter 161 Janet Makes Trouble

Oscar had been telling Hannah to do lots of stuff for him the whole night.

At last, Hannah had been so responsive that she could sit up on bed unconsciously when he just turned over. Then she would wait for his request for drinking or peeing.

Things kept going like that until the alarm clock rang in the morning.

Hannah climbed up from the bed desperately.

She thought she even didn't sleep soundly for one hour through the whole night.

She had to go to work now, but man who had been torturing her for the whole night, was still sleeping like a log.

At that moment, she was dying to strangle him. But she couldn't bring herself to wake him up while she was about to pull back the blanket.

She thought Oscar was like a demon. In fact, she hated his guts but she just couldn't do anything to hurt him.

In sulks, Hannah brushed her teeth and washed her face, then she put on makeup, got dressed and left.

She even walked on tiptoe and closed the door quietly when she got out of the room.

Max had got breakfast ready for her when she came downstairs.

"Good morning, Mrs Wells." Max respected her all the time.

"Morning, Max." Hannah put on a light smile.

She sat at the dining table, eating breakfast and going through the current news on her phone.

Suddenly, she was attracted by something. Starlight Mall was going to enter the market in Kensbury and build a premium business district.

Out of the sensitiveness to the market, Hannah clicked it open to read the content.

Starlight Group was specialized in chain supermarkets with its footprint covering all over the country. It was well known among ordinary people. For so many years, it had never set foot in the high-end consumer market or built any business district. They simply entered the business districts, then monopolized the department supermarkets, which was their traditional operation pattern. As far as Hannah could remember, and at least told from her ten more years' life experience, she'd never heard Starlight Group wanted to build its own business district.

And, she remembered the CEO of Starlight Group was some Mr Burke.

Hannah exited the news page immediately and googled Starlight Group.

The CEO of the group was Carl Burke. His sons and daughters... His second daughter was Janet Burke.

Hannah was suddenly enlightened.

She entered the news page once again and checked carefully where Janet was gonna build the business district. The address would be the next stop of the Light Building on the metro, which meant that Starlight Group absolutely had a better location than the Light Building. What's more, they had tried very hard to spread the words and hype it at the very beginning. Most importantly, they had been running the supermarket chains for years and they'd got tons of customers and supporters already, so it would be as easy as a pie to out-compete the Light Building, which was literally still an unfinished building.

Hannah looked bad.

Did Janet set herself against her on purpose?

But she did admire Janet to some extent, because she never played dirty tricks behind her back. She simply acted against her openly.

Maybe, she had been too confident.

Hannah finished eating breakfast quickly and left for the office immediately.

She had to change many strategies once she knew someone was directing at them on purpose.

Rose had been waiting for her in the office when she arrived.

“I’ve just read the news that Starlight Group was gonna build a business district near Light Building. So far, they’ve made publicity stunts in all major medias and attracted many investors. I think their move this time has a great impact on us. They’ll take all our investors and customers once they make it. Then, it will be too difficult for us to attract investments.” Rose reported.

Hannah nodded. She also knew that very clearly.

She was also clear that Janet spread the words all over the internet before construction only to stop Light Building from attracting investors smoothly. After all, what businessmen cared most about was profit. Once they could gain profits hands down, they might consider connections less, and it would be too hard to turn the scale then. Therefore, as the news that Starlight Mall would open quotation came out, investors would have to struggle and decide whether they should open stores in which of the two business districts. Anyway, these two were too close, and there must be a rat race between them. Customers liked to follow trend, and they would possibly flood into the crowded places. Then, more and more of them would go with the stream. As a result, there would be two extremes. One business district would be packed while the other would be the other way around. The investors might suffer great losses once they entered the wrong market. So, no one dared to make the decision rashly under such circumstance.

Besides, she was also wondering whether Janet had known her bet with the company’s higher-ups team and that was why she disrupted her on purpose now. Anyway, it didn’t matter whether Starlight Mall would be a success or not, but the hype and publicity stunts they’d made, did make it harder for us to attract investors. In that case, three months or half a year would be gone soon. By then, she’d have been kicked out of Cooper Group and screwed by Janet, who even didn’t bother to build the business district of Starlight Mall or waste any money or energy.

Hannah smiled coldly.

Well, that was a good plan.

Hannah rolled her eyes and said, “No matter what Starlight is gonna do, tell Mila, Mann and Wang to stick with their jobs. Do what they should do!”

“Got it, Ms Hannah.”

Rose got out of the office.

Hannah sat on the office chair. Anyway, she wasn’t as confident as what she’d told Rose.

After all, the clock is ticking.

She couldn’t afford to play the time game.

So, she couldn’t sit there and await for her doom. She had no choice but to take the initiative.

She was thinking what they could do to make the investors choose them over Starlight Group.

In the afternoon, Mila knocked at the door and went in the office.

“Ms Hannah.” Her voice sounded anxious.

“Mm.” Hannah looked at her.

“I’ve applied for the advertising campaign from the Advertising and Media Department yesterday, but they just replied and rejected the application.” Mila said quickly and hastily.

“Reason?”

“They said, it’s a waste of resources to advertise the project of Light Building now. At present, the news that Starlight Group is gonna build a business district will have a huge impact on our project. Money and resources will be down the drain if we advertise it now, because the investors won’t choose us when they take a wait-and-see attitude, and we’ll lose the perfect timing to create the publicity stunts when the investors begin to make choices. Their advice is that, we should do the advertising campaign later, and now we should keep an eye on the market situation, and wait and see what to do next.”

That sounded very reasonable.

Hannah stood up from the office chair and said, “Go for the director of Advertising and Media Department now. I’ll speak to him face to face.”

“OK.” Mila caught up with her instantly.

Hannah got out of the office.

Mary watched Hannah leaving hastily and put on a cold smile.

Then she hurried back to her office and called Roger, “I think Hannah’s left for the Advertising and Media Department. I heard that they’ve rejected her application of advertisement.”

Roger smiled indifferently. He knew she would be rejected.

After all, he had arranged it. He would definitely make it hard for Hannah.

“OK.” Roger looked cunning, “Your top priority now is to bribe and win some trusted followers. I’ll take care of the other things.”

“OK, Dad.”

Roger hung up the phone. Surely, he was happy.

He swore that he wouldn’t let Hannah achieve greater success, but he was still lacking of confidence because Hannah had suddenly become so unexpectedly strong and capable.

Surprisingly, someone came to him to seek cooperation when he was at his wits end.

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Chapter 162 Hannah Is Showing Dominance

Undoubtedly, the one who came to work with Roger was Janet.

Janet never wanted Hannah to have an easy time and she had heard about it.

Hannah was ambitious about her career. She had suddenly made herself a successful and pushy businesswoman from a little girl who desired for nothing. And she'd made some miracles in a very short time.

But, so what?

The more Hannah wanted something, Janet would make it more difficult for her to get it!

The first thing Janet did was to look for help as soon as she decided how to do with Hannah.

She knew it better than anyone else that she could do it more easily with help.

At least, she didn't know what exactly Hannah was doing now, but she could save the time guessing or figuring it out if someone could easily find out and tell her that. Then she could have more time to think of ways to direct at Hannah.

Therefore, she came for Roger, who had always wanted to deal with Hannah and her family.

In fact, she thought of Charles at first.

She knew Charles must hate Hannah's guts now. As the old saying goes, the enemy of my enemy is my friend. If she chose to work with Charles, she was sure that they would click it. But she had to change her mind because of Oscar. After all, Charles and Oscar were deadly foes, and she didn't want to mess up with Oscar now.

Moreover, Roger was working in Cooper Group, which would be easy for him to watch Hannah's every act and every move. So, it would be beneficial to work with him.

To her surprise, Roger agreed without hesitation when she came to him first.

He didn't hesitate or doubt. He didn't look into her identity or guard against her. She had won Roger's cooperation by speaking a few words only.

Actually, it didn't mean anything. It only showed that Roger did hate Hannah a lot and couldn't wait to see her done away with.

Or it was also possible that Hannah was so good that Roger also needed some help to take her down.

In fact, Janet didn't think it hard to deal with Hannah.

She thought she just needed to stop Hannah from doing whatever she was gonna do.

Roger told her that Hannah had talked big and claimed to complete a goal that no one had completed before within three to six months. Hearing it, Janet felt she could definitely screw Hannah with no difficulty.

It only took her half a day to figure out what to do.

Didn't Hannah want to reopen and develop Light Building?

Then she spread the words that she was also gonna build a business district. And it would be a story to be continued if she would build it or not. After all, all she needed to do now was let out the news and hype it to make people think she would surely build it. The investors wouldn't choose to open stores in Light Building as long as she could make her plan sound so real so as to fool them. And she could wait three or six months to put Hannah on the road to ruin.

Apparently, Roger couldn't agree more with Janet.

In that case, it would be impossible for Hannah to reopen and develop Light Building by attracting investments.

He would also make the best of his power and authority in Cooper Group to put her work off and make it hard for her on everything...

He believed Hannah might be unable to bear with it and resign from Cooper Group voluntarily.

Hannah walked into the office of Yan, the director of Advertising and Media Department

Yan was polite to Hannah on the surface.

"Ms Hannah. How are you? Welcome!" he said hospitably.

“Thanks, Mr Yan.” Hannah smiled and went straight to the point, “I’m here to ask why our application on the advertisement has been rejected.”

“I’ve told Rose, right?” Yan turned to glance at Mila and added, “Well, since you’re here, Ms Hannah, I’ll explain to you.”

“No need! Rose has told me all, but I don’t agree with you.”

“Ms Hannah, I didn’t mean to make it difficult for you. But it really doesn’t work if you advertise it now. At present, Starlight Group has let out the news that they’re gonna build a business district nearby and the investors won’t choose us for sure. It will be a waste of time and money to do the advertisement now.” Yan seemed very righteous and said, “I did it for the company. And I don’t want our company to suffer the unnecessary loss.”

“Loss? How could you say that?” Hannah stared at him sharply, “Did you call it ‘loss’ to advertise our commercial building? Do you mean that anything is a loss if it doesn’t bring in practical value? Mr Yan, I’m afraid you don’t know what ‘loss’ means in advertisement. In advertisement, we should pay more attention to the promoting effects. It’s marketing expenditure that directly and practically leads to sales volume. And, it can’t be concluded as advertisement expense!”

For the time, Yan was lost for words in reply.

He hadn’t imagined that Hannah was so adept in the field. He thought she was nothing but an inexperienced graduate and he could fool her around effortlessly. However, Hannah simply went straight to the heart of the matter.

“I want to advertise it not only to attract the investors. More importantly, I aim to create publicity stunts. Now Starlight Group is vigorously promoting their business district. Have you ever thought of the consequence when our competitor is trying so hard to advertise their building while we’re just sitting back and doing nothing?” Hannah asked, “The consequence is, everyone knows Starlight is building a business district while our Light Building is a pathetically unfinished building! Can you afford to answer for it?”

Hearing Hannah’s pushy word, Yan was blue in the face.

But he just couldn’t say a word to retort.

“You know what, the reason why Light Building was down to this was because we haven’t tried hard enough to promote and hype it. If advertisement could keep up with the pace like what Starlight is doing now, as the land agent, who is experienced in building business districts, how could we be reduced to be pushed so hard by the newbie Starlight? We wouldn’t give Starlight a shit if we could have advertised it successfully at the early stage!”

Yan was choked with words in Hannah’s overwhelming vibe.

“Mr Yan, you still stop us from advertising it till now! I begin to doubt how you’ve made yourself the director of Advertising and Media Department!” Hannah said disdainfully.

She was trying really hard to be more aggressive and pushy than Yan.

She knew clearly how to deal with people like him. It wouldn’t work at all if she tried to talk sense and convince him.

He would be more difficult to deal with once she acted weak.

“One more thing, Mr Yan, don’t you forget that Advertising and Media Department is only a supporting department, not functional department? I don’t know since when, sales department, known to implement the plannings, has to apply for the advertisement when necessary! Telling from assignment of responsibilities, Advertising and Media Department is supposed to cooperate with sales department readily to support them, and do the advertising jobs well. And you should hand over the advertisement plan first without being asked and assist sales department to better carry out the marketing planning and sales. But it isn’t your job to examine and approve the requirements of sales department!” Hannah looked at him coldly, “Mr Yan, don’t forget your position!”

Yan was terribly embarrassed by Hannah’s words.

But he just couldn’t talk back at all.

After all, whatever Hannah had said made sense.

“So, Mr Yan, I hope to receive an advertisement planning on Light Building within today.” Hannah said it and left.

She was so aggressive and showing her dominance! Mila was stunned from A to Z.

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Chapter 163 She Swears to Hit Back

Mila had followed Hannah into her office.

Her brain could not bounce around fast enough while being astounded by Hannah's august aura just now.

The Advertising and Media Department was the pillar of the group, and other departments did need to compete for advertising resources from it. Hence, it had become an unspoken rule that the Advertising and Media Department was the leading sector in the company. Everything was possible if this sector wanted to do harm to other departments' performance reviews by cheating on the advertising working, while itself could get away with everything. No one from the rest departments dared to talk about this to risk their career.

But now, Hannah uncovered all these, making the director of the Advertising and Media Department speechless the whole time.

Despite the fear of Hannah's position, more importantly, Yan didn't have right on his side.

Mila felt so good about it at this moment.

Before then, she had to try every means to kiss their asses for advertising resources every time as staff from this department could possibly refuse and give their resources to other departments, which could destroy the performance of the department that the applicant was from. Those people from the Advertising and Media Department were somehow superior. Now it was awesome to see them getting criticized by Hannah.

"Mila." Hannah went back to her seat.

Mila soon regained composure, "Yes, Ms Hannah."

“Keep an eye on them today, and make sure they finish our promotion project for the Light Building project. If they don’t, fax first-line to the board of directors, let them take care of it.”

“Got it.” Mila replied with consent.

It was time to show those people from the Advertising and Media Department who was actually in charge!

Their condescension was annoying. Finally, someone could kick their asses.

“Get to work, call me if you need anything.”

“Thanks, Ms Hannah.”

Hannah nodded a little.

Mila then left.

After thinking for a while, Hannah picked up her phone and dialed, “Rose, come here for a second.”

“OK.”

“Find the place Starlight Group is planning to build their business circle. And check whether they have owned the land and got the municipal approval or not.” Hannah said.

“You are saying, it might be a trick?” Rose was smart enough to get her point.

“If they were someone else, I wouldn’t have thought that way. But I had a lot going on in the past with Starlight Group, they might be onto us.”

“Got it.” Rose nodded.

She didn’t ask what had exactly happened in the past between Hannah and Starlight Group.

After all, it was not wise to pry into her superior’s affairs, especially personal affairs.

As a secretary, Rose sure knew this unspoken rule at work.

“And also, give Mann a little nudge, and ask him about the business list. Let him come to my office and run through with me if he finished.”

“Yes.”

Rose left the office.

Hannah soon got to work without resting.

Jimmy had been with Hannah from the very beginning.

He had used to think she was not qualified enough for her job just as he had not expected he would have been convinced to be with Oscar. But the truth was, they just had this potential to shine.

Jimmy suddenly had this thought that Oscar and Hannah were a perfect match.

They were all decisive with a formidable temperament of the same amount.

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In the office of the Vice President in Cooper Group.

Hearing Yan's work report, Roger's originally good mood suddenly disappeared.

‘How could this girl work out so well? She was nearly familiar with everything, or versed in everything, to be exact. And how could she know this much with so many departments and divisions in Cooper Group?’

“Vice President,” Yan said cautiously, “Hannah's been asking me for the promotion plan, I'm afraid that she would tell on us with the President if I couldn't finish it. The President is her father, and we are not on the right side after all in the promotion. I'm worried that things will not only get ugly with the Advertising and Media Department but your reputation. You know, with you in charge of our department and everything...”

Roger scowled heavily.

Yan didn't dare to utter any more words.

But at this point, Roger had figured out something.

He even knew that Hannah would make a big deal out of it, typical Hannah.

Roger granted the Advertising and Media Department so much then for those bribes he could get. So he might get busted if Hannah kept looking into this.

He said with gnashing teeth, "Just do as she says. I wonder what she's got with that promotion!"

"OK." Yan replied.

And he was also relieved.

He was terrified to be against Hannah.

And he didn't dare to mess with Hannah, so doing as she said was the best choice.

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Mila came to find Hannah in her office just before after hours.

She walked in with the promotion plan from the Advertising and Media Department in her hand and said with excitement, "They gave me the plan! With everything we've asked, they even upgraded it!"

There was a smile on Hannah's face, and she reminded Mila, "Pay attention to their progress. Don't let them fall behind as we planned. The result is what matters the most."

"Got it." Mila nodded.

"By the way," It suddenly occurred to Hannah, "has it settled on the spokesperson yet?"

"It is also their job. They've now settled on the A-list Tim. He is quite popular at present and has worked with us a couple of times, pleasantly, I would say." Mila said and she seemed to be satisfied with this decision.

"We are not working with him," Hannah said bluntly.

Mila asked, "Is there someone in your mind?"

"Win."

“She is hugely popular, but I’ve heard that her endorsement cost is also huge. I’m afraid that our budget won’t make it.” Mila was worried.

“To make the promotion work, we need to hire the most popular celebrity in Northfield. As for the endorsement cost, that’s something the the Advertising and Media Department should take care of. You make your request, and they do as you say.”

“Ok.” Mila replied without questioning further.

Because she now looked up to Hannah.

She would buy anything Hannah said.

Although Mila thought it was a bit of a waste to hire such a celebrity so higher on the A-list.

Surely, Hannah knew it was a bit of waste.

But it was not her money.

It was Starlight Group’s asset.

She was affirmative.

What she wanted was also good for Starlight Group.

She was not as naive now as she used to be.

She swore to hit back if someone tried to mess with her.

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Chapter 164 Oscar Has Changed

The Light Building project was up and running in full swing as Hannah planned.

The promotion was also going on smoothly in all respects.

Suddenly it became an eye-catching event.

Janet's face obviously changed at this news.

She asked Roger, "Didn't I tell you to stand in her way? What are you trying to make me do with these advertisements?"

"It's not that simple with Hannah. Plus, Miguel is the President of Cooper Group. Who's got that nerve to stand in her way if she tells her father?" Roger certainly wouldn't take the blame, he just insisted that it was Hannah's father who had been helping her.

Janet was furious but she didn't question Roger's pretext, and sneered, "I don't care. You have to fix this. With that much cost she spent on advertisements, I would look bad if I don't approve, but I also don't wanna waste my money on her, she's not worth it."

"Relax, I'll take care of it." Roger said, "A little birdie just told me that she's gonna ask Win to be the spokesperson of Light Building."

"Win?!" Janet frowned, "Like it's not her money."

"I told you, she's doing what she likes with the power granted by her father Miguel. She doesn't care about the money. What she cares about is the performance. So, it would be wiser to defeat her with some tricks. See, she's gonna ask Win, the most popular celebrity right now in show business, to be the spokesperson, if she did it, Light Building can be a real success. But if she didn't, and you made it, just think whose business circle will be more valuable?" Roger advised.

"You mean I should sign Win before Hannah?"

"I can make an appointment for you. I guess Hannah will let her team talk to Win the day after tomorrow. What you need to do is to sign her before that. I promise she can't beat you." Roger said slyly.

Janet hesitated.

After all, there was a big question mark hanging over this project for Starlight Group. If she signed Win as the spokesperson but Starlight Group didn't have this plan in the end, it would be a huge cost. But if she didn't sign her, their business value would end up inferior to Light Building as Roger said.

What Janet needed to do now is to beat Hannah in all aspects. She could never let Hannah win!

“Just think about it.” Roger seemed to sense Janet’s hesitation so he turned and asked attentively.

There was a frown on her face.

To beat her, desperate times called for desperate measures.

Janet said seriously, “I know what to do. And you, keep an eye on her.”

“I got it,” Roger said with an evil smile.

Janet hung up and then dialed another number the next second.

“Miss Burke.” A voice with reverence came from the other side of the phone.

“Go investigate whether Cooper Group intends to sign Win or not.”

“Ok.”

“Tell me if you find anything, as soon as possible.”

“Got it.”

Janet wouldn’t easily buy what Roger said. It was not that she thought they would gang up against her. She was just afraid that Hannah would trick her.

Janet had been in this business since very young. And she had seen the nastiest thing and people.

Hannah came home from work at almost eleven, again.

She was exhausted after three days of overload at work.

She suddenly thought it would be better off living somewhere else instead of her home thinking of being bossed around by Oscar.

Home...

It couldn’t be called her home when it was Oscar’s house.

She came back anyway.

Max was still waiting for her at home.

It was so sweet being expected by someone, every time.

Hannah walked to her room after dessert.

She pushed the door open.

Just like she thought, Oscar was lying on the bed, waiting for her to serve.

“You wanna pee?” Hannah asked bluntly.

She knew him so much.

“Nope.”

“Wanna take a shower?”

“Nope.”

“A massage, maybe?”

“Nope.”

“You want me to scratch your back?”

“Nope.”

“Didn’t you take your meds today?” Hannah frowned.

This man had changed?

“Yep,” Oscar replied seriously.

The doctor had given him some anti-inflammatories when he was discharged.

But surely, they were talking about two different kinds of medicine.

Hannah stared at Oscar, “Just say it, what do you want?”

She didn’t believe that he would be that nice.

“Go take a shower yourself,” Oscar said.

“Oscar, you promised!”

“What are you talking about?” Oscar was almost speechless.

What else could she talk about when a man asked a woman to take a shower?

“I mean, take a shower so you can go to sleep.” Oscar was a bit angry, “Come home every midnight. You think I can’t see that you are really tired?”

This man finally changed to be a better one.

“What are you looking at me for?” Oscar felt uneasy being stared at by her.

“I’m worried that you took the wrong meds.”

“Do you miss being bossed around?” Oscar suddenly smiled evilly, “Just admit it. When have you had feelings for me? Do you feel unloved now that I don’t give orders?”

“Asshole.” Hannah cursed.

He was still that cocky and vicious man.

Hannah turned around and walked toward the bathroom.

Oscar smiled, watching her walk away.

He then looked down at the text on his phone from Theodore, “It is Janet, she’s been against Hannah.”

Oscar stared at the text without an attempt to reply.

Theodore sent another text, “Whose side are we on?”

It was actually a chat group.

And there were only three people in it.

Oscar, Theodore, and Manuel.

Manuel then replied, "You have to ask?"

"I can't read Oscar's mind. So I have to be sure of this." Theodore replied sourly.

Oscar saved Hannah with his own life, so Theodore couldn't be sure about anything about Hannah.

"Don't do it now." Oscar typed with one hand, "Just stay close."

"Are you trying to find out something from somebody?" Theodore asked.

Oscar didn't explain.

But he did want to know what Hannah got.

Oscar put his phone down, watching Hannah walk over from the bathroom.

Her face was always rosy after a shower.

And then Oscar's Adam's apple moved up and down.

Hannah lay down by his side habitually.

She was so tired from work that she could fall asleep in a second sometimes.

Besides, who knew what Oscar was going to do in the middle of the night?

She tried to get more sleep as she could.

In the dead of the night...

At the very moment when she was just about to enter her dream, Oscar's voice sounded.

"Do you need my help?"

Hannah suddenly woke up in fright at his voice.

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Chapter 165 Power Struggle

It took her by surprise.

His sudden voice really scared her.

Hannah said unpleasantly, "What are you talking about?"

"I said, do you need my help?" Oscar asked again.

He was about to ask her tentatively.

But now he just wanted to help her.

Hannah shook her head and said, "Nope."

She knew what he meant in an instant.

He was asking if she needed his help against Janet.

Hannah might not know how much Oscar could be able to do.

But she was certain that Oscar had his source of information to know that Janet was messing with her now even if he stayed at home.

Oscar stared at the back of her head.

Hannah slept with the back of her head at him every night.

It seemed that she was trying to stay away from him.

But what she didn't know was that it was a more dangerous position for her.

She said, "I don't wanna put you between me and your ex-girlfriend."

As a matter of fact, Hannah didn't want him to stand in her way to hit back at Janet fiercely.

She had no mercy at all now.

She would let whoever tried to mess with her pay for sure.

"I don't have an ex-girlfriend," Oscar said with one pause each between word.

And he sounded outraged.

“Things between you two don’t matter to me,” Hannah said like she didn’t care.

She just wanted to end this conversation and got back to sleep.

Suddenly she felt that the man behind her back rolled over and turned his back against her, he was angry.

Hannah thought there was no reason for him to be mad with the fact that she didn’t say anything wrong.

It was fine by her.

As long as he didn’t interrupt her dream again.

Then, she slept surprisingly well this night.

Hannah didn’t notice that the man on the same bed with her tossed and turned restlessly all night long.

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The next morning.

Hannah woke up with a refreshing feeling.

She suddenly realized that Oscar didn’t misbehave last night so that she could have a full sleep.

Certainly, she wouldn’t thank him for that.

After all, he might turn into that annoying guy again the next second and torture her as he always did.

Hannah carefully left the bed and walked out.

She didn’t glance at him the whole time.

If she did, she wouldn’t have noticed his resentful gaze at her.

Hannah arrived at Cooper Group after breakfast.

She walked into her office and said, "Isn't today the endorsement talk with Win at Bright Entertainment?"

"Yes," Rose replied, "we have an appointment with her at ten. Yan will go with the contract."

"Tell Yan I'll go with him."

Rose was a bit surprised.

Hannah wanted to engage in this kind of stuff with the Advertising and Media Department?

'Wasn't she busy every day?' Rose thought.

"Just do it." Hannah didn't explain why.

"OK."

Rose walked out.

And soon she came back, "Ms Hannah, Yan said he'll leave in ten minutes and asked if you would take his ride?"

"No need. I'll follow him."

"OK."

Ten minutes later.

Hannah took a ride in Jimmy's car and followed Yan to the company of Bright Entertainment with Rose.

They arrived twenty minutes later.

Hannah, along with Yan, came to talk about the contract with Win's agent Lau.

They walked into Lau's office.

Lau's assistant said politely, "Sorry, Mr Lau is in a meeting with other guests right now. Could you please wait a moment?"

Yan seemed unhappy about it, “We had an appointment at ten, now there are five minutes left.”

“I’m truly sorry.” The assistant apologized.

Yan said in a rigid manner, “I wanna see Lau in five minutes. Go tell him.”

“Sure.” The assistant said with politeness, “Have a seat. I’ll let him know.”

Yan made a gesture, revealing his feeling with a sour face.

After all, they were the ones to pay. It wouldn’t look good on them, especially in Hannah’s face.

Hannah, on the other hand, was composed.

Because she had figured out why Lau was meeting someone else right now.

She had to admit that Janet was a prudent rival.

The news that she was going to sign Win as the spokesperson had been spread out for days. Janet really made it before her.

Did Janet think that Hannah wouldn’t have a backup plan?

To be honest, if it weren’t for these ten years of what Hannah had been through.

She wouldn’t have tricked Janet this easily.

A while later, the assistant walked out and said still politely, “Mr Lau is ready now.”

Hannah frowned as she wondered how they settled this so quickly.

Yan walked in first, boldly.

Hannah followed right behind him.

She soon saw Janet as she entered the reception room in Lau’s office.

They seemed to have had a great chat just now with Win sitting by their sides.

It was like Hannah and Yan were the ones that interrupted them.

Luckily, Lau was a sophisticated agent, he said warmly when he saw them come in, "Sorry for the waiting, Yan. Here, have a seat."

As he said it, he pointed at the couch as a sign to offer Hannah and Yan a seat.

Meanwhile, Janet stood up from the couch, "I should go now that you have company. About Win being the spokesperson of our business circle, we are counting on you."

"Don't worry. I'll move some of her schedules around to make time for this."

Janet nodded.

She turned and was about to leave.

"What do you mean?" Yan had figured out something from their conversation, "Lau, we had a deal! How come Win is their spokesperson now?"

"You didn't say what you want Win for!" Lau said with a surprised face, "Didn't you just say that you have a job for her? But you didn't say what was it."

Yan did not say what he wanted Win for.

He just said vaguely on the phone and planned to talk through it today.

He didn't expect that someone would do it before them.

A celebrity would never take two endorsement jobs from two business rivals.

Yan's face had never looked this bad.

Janet, who was about to leave but didn't leave intentionally, said, "What a coincidence! Cooper Group wanna ask Win, too?"

Yan was too angry to utter a word.

He thought that Hannah would absolutely laugh at him as he blew this deal.

"Yep. How coincidental that you thought the same way!" Hannah replied sarcastically.

So what would be changed when Hannah said with sarcasm?

It was the result that counted in the business. Only losers would say it was the process that mattered, which was nothing but a pretext for them.

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Chapter 166 It Was A Trap

“I don’t know what to say except that I’m sorry.” Janet actually showed off in her apology.

Hannah didn’t give a shit about it.

She just looked at Lau and asked with a smile, “Have you signed the contract yet?”

Lau frowned as it seemed that he didn’t recognize her.

“I’m Hannah, Director of Marketing from Cooper Group.” Hannah introduced herself.

But she didn’t mention that she was Miguel Cooper’s daughter.

And she didn’t have to.

As the top agent in show business, Lau was so aware of those potential investors.

Lau hurriedly offered his hand, “I’m sorry. I didn’t recognize you. Last time I saw you at the live show of your large wedding. You look a bit different now. But, I gotta say, you are gorgeous as ever.”

“Thank you.” Hannah felt nothing with his compliment, she shook his hand and continued, “Have Win and Janet signed their contract yet? We are equal in this before signing the contract. I still have a shot.”

“We’ve signed it.” Lau didn’t reply but Janet said.

“Is that so?” Hannah raised her eyebrows, “Could I have a look?”

“It’s privacy. I can’t give you that.”

“Of course. It’s just, I need to see it before I stop thinking about it. Otherwise, I might come to see Lau from time to time.” Hannah smiled at Lau.

As an agent who had been through a lot, Lau thought it was a pity that Hannah didn’t steer her career in show business with her stunning look.

“Hannah, don’t push it,” Janet said this to humiliate Hannah in front of all these people.

Hannah didn’t pay attention to her.

She acted like Janet was nobody to her and named her offer to Lau, “I’ve heard that Win’s endorsement fee is normally eighty million. I would like to offer one hundred million if you take it.”

Lau’s eyes lit up when he heard the number.

It was obvious that Win was also intrigued too.

“Hannah.” Janet’s face looked terrible.

What? Was there nowhere for her to spend money?

How wasteful it was!

“Mr Lau, you can think about it.” Hannah didn’t care what Janet said and she only wanted to do business with Lau, “After all, this is a matter of how much she is worth in the future. If I bid one hundred million, I guess what she earns later on won’t be less than this.”

“Lau, we had a deal. It’s credit we are talking about, same personally or in business.” Janet sensed that Lau might waver on this so she couldn’t help but remind him, “You just promised. And you can’t break it, or it’ll be a bad influence on you or Win’s career if words spread out, I’m telling you.”

Lau obviously was in a dilemma.

“So, no contract yet, huh?!” Hannah pieced together.

Admittedly, Janet did it cautiously.

They hadn't signed a contract but agreed verbally.

Once Hannah bailed, Janet then didn't have to sign Win at that much cost.

In the worst case, it would be some bad influence on her business credit.

But credit was nothing compared to real financial benefits.

"I brought the contract." Janet took it out of her purse.

Hannah sneered.

As expected, Janet came with a plan.

"You barged in so our signing was interrupted," Janet said a bit harshly and anxiously.

For one thing, she was afraid that Hannah would actually win Win over.

For another, she couldn't afford one hundred million.

Her budget was tight.

So she wanted to keep it within her budget.

"Mr Lau, if you don't have anything more that you wanna say about the contract, then sign it please." Lau paused in hesitation.

Hannah said to heat things up, "You have two offers to think about. It's okay."

"Lau, don't you forget you still got plenty of celebrities being the spokesperson in Starlight Group. I guess you know what is good for long-term benefits."

Lau was still considering.

People would become shameless in the face of benefits.

Win couldn't resist the attempt to say now, "Well, whose offer is higher, then..."

"One hundred million." Janet said, "I'll give one hundred million, shall we make this deal?"

Lau looked surprised with joy.

He soon agreed, "Okay!"

It broke Janet's heart to say this number.

But she also felt good to beat Hannah right to her face.

"You just need to modify the number on this contract I gave you." Janet passed Lau the contract.

Lau sent his assistant to work on this.

Hannah was looking at these two pleasantly like it was some kind of show.

It was getting a little hard to watch for Yan, "Lau, I'm afraid we can't work with you anymore after this."

"Yan, you heard her, I did promise Ms Burke first. And now she has raised her offer...Personally, I would say that I got your back. But as an agent, I have to take care of my people. I can't give them a bad name!" Lau patted Yan's shoulder, "I'm sorry about this, man. I promise, next time, I will definitely be there if you need me."

Yan sneered.

A few words of Lau surely wouldn't change anything.

"Ms Hannah, I'm so sorry." Lau turned to kiss Hannah's ass.

This time she was aloof.

Things got awkward in this room.

The assistant brought in the new contract.

Just in case, Janet looked through it thoroughly.

For a long while.

"Lau, is there anything you wanna add to it?"

"Nope." Lau also looked through it and replied.

“Well then, shall we sign?”

“Okay, okay.” Lau answered repeatedly.

Hannah was watching them the whole time, signing and stamping.

“Congratulations.” Hannah took the initiative and said.

Janet smirked, “Well, thank you.”

She vaguely noticed that Hannah just smiled with sarcasm, or was it just a hallucination?

Hannah then turned around and left with Yan without saying anything.

Janet felt so good watching Hannah walk away as a loser.

People always said that Hannah was a different person now but Janet still saw her as a loser as she used to be.

They walked into the elevator. Hannah said to Yan, “Could you get Howard Evans on the phone for me?”

“Who?”

An agent who was about to rule the business.

And a person who was about to become a top A-list celebrity.

As for Win, her days were going to be over soon with the scandal.

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Chapter 167 The Spokesperson Little Bunny

Yan had made a few phone calls before he finally got Howard Evans’s number.

They were going to meet him at a coffee house.

Howard Evans brought Little Bunny, an actor whom Hannah asked to see.

Howard Evans and Little Bunny looked at them, feeling flattered as they would never expect to work with Cooper Group.

“Nice to meet you, Mr Evans,” Hannah said hello first.

“Nice...nice to meet you, Ms Cooper.” Howard Evans shook Hannah’s hand and he was so nervous that he stuttered.

“Ms Bunny.” Hannah also sent greetings to Little Bunny.

Little Bunny was also flattered and then reached out her hand, “Good to see you, Ms Cooper.”

They shook hands.

Hannah stared at Little Bunny.

She was never a fan of anyone so she didn’t know Little Bunny actually in her last life. She just knew that Little Bunny was gorgeous because she once saw her on TV. But she might not remember her if it weren’t for the fact that Little Bunny had been Theodore’s wife in the previous life.

But that was many years later when Little Bunny married Theodore.

Accordingly, she hadn’t met Theodore yet.

Now she was just a nobody in show business and Theodore was still a playboy with commitment issues.

“Ms Cooper.” Little Bunny’s hand had been grabbed by Hannah, which unsettled her. “Have we met before?”

With the gaze of Hannah, a thought came into Little Bunny’s mind that they might be old acquaintances.

But it was just a strange feeling of déjà vu. She would have remembered it if someone so important as Hannah once in her life.

“I suppose not.” Hannah came to her senses.

And she released Little Bunny’s hand.

Hannah then said, “I guess I just got caught up by your beauty.”

Little Bunny felt a little embarrassed.

She smiled, "I think you are a beauty yourself. I find you stunning when I first saw you at your wedding with Mr Wells. And now you look prettier in person." Little Bunny said these from the bottom of her heart.

Little Bunny was confident with her look but there was no way she could compete with Hannah.

Hannah could get on the top list even in show business where beautiful women weren't rare.

"You are too kind." Hannah said with a smile politely, "Please, have a seat."

Little Bunny and Howard then sat down.

Hannah got straight to the point, "Well, cut to the chase, we would like to ask Little Bunny to be the spokesperson of our Light Building. I wonder if you could give us the honor?"

"Really?" Howard was excited to hear this.

He had not expected to have such a great thing happen in his life.

After all, they had been through a lot in the past without a single endorsement offer. And it took them many endeavors to get just a little part on set. And now there was a chance to be the spokesperson for the second most powerful group nationally.

It sounded like a dream.

"Of course." Hannah said affirmatively, "I've brought the contract."

Hannah then told Rose to take out the contract.

Yan was shocked at the sight of the contract.

He was surprised before.

But now he couldn't allow it.

"Ms Cooper, what do you think you are doing?" Yan realized something.

“I didn’t intend to sign Win in the first place,” Hannah said.

“Little Bunny’s popularity could never compete with Win’s. Even if you didn’t get Win, at least get some A-list celebrity. What is this? Are you kidding me?” Yan couldn’t get it, not even a little bit.

Little Bunny was embarrassed and frightened when he mentioned the name of Win.

What Win had achieved was beyond Little Bunny’s capacity. Even Little Bunny herself wouldn’t believe that Cooper Group would give up Win just for her.

“I’m not kidding.” Hannah said to Yan, assertively, “I plan to sign Little Bunny all along. And I’ve made this contract in advance.”

Yan picked the contract up and looked through it doubtfully.

He stared at the words in it.

For a long time, “You wanna sign her for thirty million?”

Hearing the number.

Little Bunny and her agent were more shocked.

It was like they had won a lottery.

Was this a dream?

It was hard enough for Little Bunny now to get a seven-digit worth of offer. But thirty million?!

She couldn’t believe it.

“I have my reasons.” Hannah explained as it took Yan by surprise and he couldn’t accept this decision, “First, this program would look cheap if the endorsement fee from Cooper Group is lower than thirty million. So anyone lower than thirty million, pass. Second, Little Bunny’s career is still developing. If we raise the offer to thirty million for her, it would be good for her further development in show business and I think she would become an A-list one day, which would in turn benefit us then with her being our spokesperson.”

“What if she couldn’t?” Yan asked.

“She definitely could.” Hannah said with shocking confidence.

At this moment, Little Bunny felt that she would let her down if she didn’t make it.

She suddenly felt so pressured.

Yan was about to say something.

“Then that’s it for the contract.” Hannah said directly before Yan could say anything, “I’ll explain to the board myself. I won’t put you on the spot like that.”

Yan then held back his feelings and didn’t say anything.

What else could he say after Hannah said all this?

After all, she was the President’s daughter.

She could do anything as long as she could handle it herself.

“Mr Evans, Ms Bunny, if there’s nothing else you wanna ask about the contract, then, shall we sign?” Hannah passed them the contract.

Howard Evans took it over and looked through it conscientiously.

Little Bunny also read the contract even though it was a bit hard to believe what she saw on it.

For a long while.

“No problem, Ms Cooper.” Howard Evans said, “but I do have one question.”

“Go ahead.”

“I’m still confused that why would you wanna sign her, she is new in this business.” With poor opportunities to be on TV, he didn’t even know why Hannah would notice Little Bunny.

“I’m gonna say it’s an instinct. Would you believe it?” Hannah said with a slight smile.

She got a beautiful smile on her.

Howard Evans obviously didn't buy it.

Everyone there didn't buy it.

Hannah knew that she couldn't get away with this excuse.

She said plainly, "Thanks to someone."

"Who?" Little Bunny was curious.

Your future husband, Theodore.

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Chapter 168 Hannah Was Busy

Hannah did need to thank Theodore.

After all, Theodore had done her many favors and there would be other places she could use him. So she chose to make nice.

But certainly, she wouldn't tell them this.

They might think of her as some kind of psycho.

She just said, "You'll find out later. If nothing else, let's sign the contract."

Howard Evans still had some reservations.

It was natural that people would think twice about such a huge deal.

But Little Bunny seemed to be more decisive than him.

She said, "I'll sign it."

Howard Evans stared at her.

"Anyway, it couldn't be worse than we have now. And I trust Ms Cooper."

Her words gave Howard Evans some reassurance, he said, “Okay then, let’s sign it.”

Hannah watched them sign the contract.

She also signed on it, along with stamps and fingerprints from both sides.

“I’ll transfer thirty million to Mr Evans’s account within three days. Don’t skimp on it. I hope to see a brand-new charming Little Bunny on media next time.”

“Sure.” Howard Evans said.

“By the way, the style of the top international make-up artist Joel suits Ms Bunny. You might wanna hire him.”

Howard Evans agreed but after a moment of hesitation.

Joel was a top make-up artist with sky-high prices.

But Howard Evans couldn’t turn it down with so much endorsement fee he just got.

Additionally, he could see that Hannah really was thinking of what was good for Little Bunny in show business.

“Well, I’ll leave you to it. And I’ll let my secretary send you the itinerary of Ms Bunny two days in advance.”

“Okay, thank you, Ms Cooper.”

Hannah nodded a little and then left with Yan and Rose.

It had been a long while since they left.

Howard and Little Bunny still couldn’t believe it.

Howard said facetiously, “Could it be that you are Hannah’s long-lost sister?!”

Little Bunny laughed.

She wished!

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After the meeting with Little Bunny on the endorsement.

Hannah went straight back to the office.

Honestly, even Rose didn't understand what Hannah had done.

Little Bunny could never compete with Win.

In this case, Starlight Group would greatly outperform Cooper Group the second they announced their spokesperson.

What was Hannah doing?

Rose could even imagine the scene when Hannah got scolded by the board of Cooper Group.

"Get me a black coffee," Hannah said to Rose.

Rose then stopped that thought.

She might as well wait for a miracle.

After all, it was typical of Hannah, always a miracle worker.

Rose put down the coffee she just made with respect, and walked out of Hannah's office.

Hannah took a sip of the coffee and dialed a number.

"Hannah?!" There was some resentment in the voice from the other side of the phone.

Hannah actually could sense the discontentment from Theodore.

He still couldn't let it go about last time when Oscar risked his own life for her.

She said, "I need a favor."

"How do you know I would help you?"

"Because you know Oscar would."

"Fuck!" Theodore cursed, "You think I don't dare to be against him?"

“No. I just thought you wouldn’t risk your relationship with him just for me.”

“Do you get him obsessed just with your eloquence?”

For god’s sake, he was not obsessed with her!

She thought she was actually the one who got screwed over.

“Fine, what is it?” Theodore caved.

He had to admit that this woman was right.

He couldn’t risk it just for her.

“Win, an A-list celebrity from Bright Entertainment. I need you to expose her scandal.” Hannah said bluntly.

“She did something to you?” Theodore lifted his eyebrows.

“Kinda.” More importantly, she got in your future wife’s way.

“Kinda?!” Theodore said with a higher-pitched voice with irony, “I’ve heard that you are kind and sweet. How come I find you ruthless while being around you?”

“Well, you gotta be with her if you wanna know her,” Hannah said frankly.

Theodore was also not a fan of wasting time, he asked, “How?”

“She’s having an affair with Herman Garcia, the owner of Bright Entertainment. He’s a married man, everyone thinks he is some kind of a nice guy. As for Win, a sweet top celebrity with integrity, I suppose. Her days will be over once you expose it. Now, what you have to do is to find evidence of their affair.”

“Win and Herman Garcia? How did you know?” Theodore doubted.

He didn’t even know it, how could Hannah know?

“I know a lot of things.” Hannah laughed, “Your bro Oscar hit a jackpot with me!”

A jackpot? Nonsense!

Oscar even gave her his heart. How could that be a jackpot when he lost without a reward?

“I’ll text you when I get it.” Theodore hung up.

Then he called Oscar.

“Theodore.”

“Hannah just called me. She wanted me to investigate Win’s scandal.”

“Do what she said.”

“I knew you would say this. I already promised her.” Theodore rolled his eyes.

“Okay.” Oscar just said one word.

“I just wanna tell you that Hannah is not that pure and naive as you think. She knows a lot of things that we don’t even know. You better watch out. Don’t crawl back to me when you got screwed over by her.”

Theodore hung up again after lashing out.

And he was still sulky somehow.

Fuck!

He had been worried so much for this couple.

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After Hannah nailed the promotion part.

She started to work on business and investment.

No matter how much she had done now, the ultimate goal was to attract businesses.

She was selecting potential objects with Mann in her office.

They needed at least one to pave the way.

Then others would follow suit once someone led the way.

But if everyone was waiting for others to make the first move, then all those promotion endeavors would be a total waste. She couldn't let this happen.

After a rigid selection process, they finally determined three influential brands.

Then they started to make preferential policies for them to join Light Building.

Hannah had been working flat out for this project.

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Chapter 169 Disappointments, Rejections

Hannah got the best preferential deal Cooper Group could offer to talk to those three brands over moving into Light Building.

There was a great deal of seriousness.

But they all turned her down.

Mann got discouraged.

He thought those brands would at least think about it after all they have done. But to them, businessmen, interests and gains were all that mattered. The acquaintance was cheap in their eyes.

"Ms Hannah, what about now?" Mann asked worriedly.

After getting turned down by the third potential investor, they got in the car back to the office.

Hannah looked out the car window.

She still saw the best in people.

She thought they would at least give her a chance since Cooper Group had helped them. But, life is cruel.

She looked at the blocks outside, with buildings full of Win's advertising posts on it for Starlight Group's business circle. Her posts flooded her fan groups

with words that they would go to the mall that she endorsed. Suddenly, it had become a great hit.

It made sense.

Why would those brands choose Cooper Group over Starlight Group which was more popular now?

Hannah's promise now made Mann less encouraging.

It was very quiet in the car.

Hannah said suddenly, "Does Celina have a fashion show this Saturday night?"

Mann was dumbfounded.

Hannah said to Rose, "Rose, go check it."

"Okay."

Rose started to make phone calls.

She finally got the answer, "Ms Hannah, there's a Celina fashion show of this season at Kensbury Glass House 7:00 pm this Saturday. You wanna go?"

"Did we get invited?" Hannah said.

"I'll ask the public relations department."

Hannah nodded.

Rose had made a phone call, "Ms Hannah, we got two invitations to the President."

"Okay," Hannah said.

She then called Miguel, "Dad."

"Hannah, I need to talk to you, meet me in my office."

Hannah thought for a little while, "Okay, I'll be there in ten minutes."

“See you then.”

After hanging up, Hannah said, “No more other brands, we’ll go for Celina.”

“What?” Mann was shocked.

Celina was one of the ten biggest names worldwide. Any mall with Celina in it could definitely get on the top list in the world. Light Building was designed for high-end luxury brands but they never thought about having Celina in.

There was only one mall with Celina in Kensbury City. This mall was owned by Cooper Group but with onerous terms then. Cooper Group had invited Celina over and over for their newly-built business circles but it all failed for the same reason that Celina only did one physical presence in one city.

Typical high-end luxury brands, rare could make it valuable.

So no other business circles ever invited Celina again since then.

But Hannah dreamed this big right now.

Mann really hated to deal a blow to her confidence.

After all, they had been through so much terribly.

He said tentatively, “Celina has a rule, only one shop in one city. I suppose, it might be hard to get them in.”

It was like a mission impossible.

“Rules are meant to be changed,” Hannah said with a steady voice, firmly.

Mann was choked by her words.

But he still didn’t think it was going to work.

He just knew how Hannah was, how she would try every means no matter what.

They arrived at Cooper Group.

Hannah walked into Miguel’s office.

Then she sat down opposite her father, "Dad, you wanna talk to me?"

She would normally call him Mr President if there were someone else in the office.

But privately, she would call him dad.

"You need anything these days? About work?" Miguel asked nicely.

"Dad, have you heard anything?" Hannah knew there must have been something now that her dad had said this.

Miguel withheld some of his words as he was afraid that it might hurt her feelings.

"Did someone tell you about the investment of Light Building?"

Miguel nodded and said, "It's not that I don't trust you. Just, a lot of gossips is out there. Sure I won't stand in your way. I just wanna ask you if you need anything from me. Don't push yourself too hard. You are new to Cooper Group."

"About Light Building, I can fix this. But I do have no ways to shut their mouths. Sorry, dad."

"That's okay. I'm worried about you."

"I'm fine. I just need more time." Hannah said.

"I have faith in you, girl." Miguel felt reassured seeing the confidence in her.

People in Cooper Group had been gossiping these days.

Word had it that Hannah was wasting time and money to do whatever she wanted just because she had a powerful father who owned this company. Miguel was fine with it. After all, they were family. He was just trying to comfort her as he was worried that Hannah would get upset with her self-respect.

"I won't let you down," Hannah said, looking determined.

Miguel nodded, suddenly he remembered something, "By the way, what were you calling me for?"

“Did you get two invitations from Celina?”

“I guess so. What? You want it?”

“Yep. I wanna watch their fashion show.”

“I’ll let my secretary bring it to you later.” Miguel said, “That’s right. Go have some fun! Try to be a little easier on yourself. Just buy what you want, I’ll pay!”

Hannah smiled.

Her dad thought she was going to have fun.

But in fact, she was there to do business.

Certainly, she wouldn’t tell him that.

Or he would be worried again.

She nodded and got moved.

Hannah felt so lucky that she had the greatest dad one could ever long for.

She then left his office.

Back to her seat in her own office, “Move things around. Make time on Saturday night for Celina’s fashion show with me.”

“Okay,” Rose replied. And she also reminded Hannah, “Ms Hannah, I thought you should know that Janet was once Celina’s lead model.”

There was a frown on Hannah’s face.

“The lead designer has discovered Janet since she was eighteen, new to modeling. And Janet had been working for Celina until she quit modeling at twenty-three when she had to take over the family business.” Rose continued to explain, “Well, which means, they are quite close.”

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Chapter 170 The Fashion Show

Hannah lapsed into a pondering silence after hearing what Rose said.

Rose also fell silent.

Mann was there in the car so she didn't say it then.

But she had to tell Hannah in case it didn't work out with Celina.

It was a bit awkward.

Hannah said suddenly, "Well."

Rose stared at Hannah.

What did this "well" mean?

Were they still going to talk to Celina or not?

Rose was too afraid to ask.

So she just texted Hannah on Saturday to ask if she wanted to pick gowns with her. And Hannah then replied with a location.

Rose knew it.

Hannah was not a quitter.

Rose rushed to Celina's shop of couture dresses. She saw Hannah picking gowns there. But shockingly, Janet was there too.

The shop assistant in charge of the gown area was introducing for them.

She didn't dare to offend them but apparently, she treated Janet more nicely.

Rose quietly walked toward Hannah and then stood by her.

She heard the shop assistant complimenting Janet, "Miss Burke, our designing director Mr James specially told me that you can wear any couture dress you want here. And we are looking forward to seeing you tonight."

Janet smirked, and glanced at Hannah from the corner of her eyes with a sense of superiority, "Is there one he recommends?"

“Of course,” the SA said, “these two are the staples tonight, and our models will wear them on stage. Mr James said they suit you. So if you want one of them, you can wear one. Models will have others.”

“Let me see this one.” Janet pointed at the gold gown with a long rim in front of her.

The clerk asked the person beside her to take the gown down and showed Janet to the dressing room.

Hannah was still picking.

And she overheard their conversation.

So Janet was going to be on stage tonight?

It made sense.

Janet had been Celina’s lead model. It would have been a great promotion hit if she went back on stage after two years.

Hannah thought about it in her mind, and then she lifted her face, “Where’s the 鹤 gown of this season?”

“Sorry, Ms Wells. The ‘Crane’ gown has always been our limited edition. We can’t sell it until its initial launch. I hope you understand.” She said awkwardly.

Hannah didn’t give her a hard time.

She turned around and said to Rose, “Pick one you like. I have to make a call.”

“Okay.” Rose said, politely.

Hannah walked over there.

And walked back a while later.

Rose had simply picked out a black evening gown.

As a secretary, banquets and parties were like routines. She knew well enough that she couldn't steal the thunder, so low-key and normal styles would be perfection.

In the meantime, Janet had put the gold gown on and walked out of the dressing room.

This gold gown looked stunning in the light.

Everyone was looking at Janet and that eye-catching gown right now.

Admittedly, Janet sure was qualified to be proud with her beautiful 5.7-foot body and natural style on stage as a model.

She looked at herself in the mirror with satisfaction and then gave Hannah a provocative glance.

Hannah glanced back.

But she ignored Janet, and said to Rose, "Go put the dress on."

"OK."

Rose followed the shop assistant to the dressing room.

Janet stared at Hannah with a sardonic grin.

Hannah did have a gorgeous look.

She was so gorgeous that she could outshine every woman.

But so what?

Janet thought she would be the only one in the spotlight tonight.

"Miss Burke, you look breathtaking in this gown! It's like the gown is bespoke and exactly your size!" The clerk complimented dramatically.

Janet said with a smile, "Tell James I'll take this one."

"Sure." The worker asked, "You wanna have your makeup here?"

“Probably not. I have to rehearse for tonight’s show. James will take care of my makeup then.” Janet said these on purpose to tell Hannah that she and Celina went way back.

But Hannah didn’t care.

She watched Janet walking by her elegantly in that gold gown, deadpan.

Janet stopped by her and said, “Forget Celina. This ain’t gonna work.” Then she continued walking without looking back.”

Hannah sneered.

Well, just wait and see.

Janet left.

At the same time, the manager hurriedly walked towards Hannah and said most respectfully, “Sorry, Ms Wells. We just got the order from the headquarter. We’ll show you the ‘Crane’ gowns. This way.”

Hannah nodded a bit.

Being gazed at by the clerks there who were surprised, they went to the “Crane” gowns area.

After all, Celina had never allowed anyone to put the “Crane” gowns on before the official launch for all these years.

At 7:00 pm, Hannah arrived at the scene of Celina’s fashion show on time with Rose.

There was a high-end runway in front of them.

All chairs were placed nicely on both sides and the front of the runway.

The lights were down around and it was hard to recognize anyone except for the spotlight on the stage.

Hannah was ushered to her seat with the help of the staff there.

Hannah’s seat was well placed for that she came from one of the four strong powers.

They probably put some effort into it.

Guests from four strong powers were seated on the left side of the runway, which was closer to the stage.

When Hannah walked over and sat down, she saw Oscar, Theodore, Susan, Henry, Charles, and Martina through the reflection of the spotlight.

It was not surprising to see these people, except for Oscar.

Why would he be here with his lame leg?

The point was he never mentioned it this afternoon when she went out from home. So she just thought his brothers David or Thomas would come. She didn't expect to see him here now sitting quietly, right next to her.

Hannah went to her seat without talking to Oscar.

Well, it didn't matter to her.

In silence.

"Are you two that kind of couple who are into going out separately?" Suddenly a voice came from Susan.

Hannah was speechless.

'This stupid Susan! What was she trying to do to me?' Hannah thought to herself.