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Chapter 181 The Beginning

When Susan hung up the phone, it was 2:00 AM.

However, she still couldn't help getting thrilled and moved whenever she thought of what Hannah had done for her.

If Hannah were a guy, she would probably marry him!

She put down her phone, which had almost gone out of power. If it weren't because of Oscar waiting to be tended, she would have spent a few more minutes talking with Hannah.

Perhaps Oscar just figured out an excuse to get Hannah on his bed.

She felt like Oscar might be probably mounting on Hannah at this moment.

However, Hannah had been scheduling her life regularly, who normally went to bed at ten and wake up at six in the next morning.

While Susan was a night person.

Soon, she got a call from her friends in nightclub.

"I am not gonna hang out right now." She picked it up to answer.

Laying on the bed, she felt like it was time for her to make a change.

Her wedding was coming. It would get Henry embarrassed if she got filmed dancing in the nightclub by some paparazzi.

She had made up her mind-she would never enter any nightclub again after she got married.

She just wanted to be a wife loyal to Henry. Whenever she felt bored staying alone, she would go to work with Henry as his assistant, staying by his side 24/7.

She couldn't wait to experience life like that.

"Hey, I am not asking you out to drink!" noise from the club could be heard from the other side of the line.

Susan found it hard to hear out, "What?"

"Wait. I gotta get to a quiet place." Her friend murmured.

Quite a while later, noise had faded away.

"I am not asking you out to drink."

"So what are you calling for? You wanna borrow some money?" asked Susan.

"Just listen to me till I finish!"

"Keep going."

"Do you know who I just met in the club?" her friend started tantalizing.

"Come on, I am getting sleepy!" Susan huffed impatiently.

"You're so boring!" her friend complained and then added, "I saw Manuel walking away with the hottest stripper inside the club."

Hearing that, Susan felt like frozen.

But then she replied casually, "None of my business."

"I heard that stripper was lustful! No man could stay abstinent in front of her." Her friend didn't seem to notice Susan's reply. She kept on saying excitedly.

Speechless, Susan didn't seem to be interested.

"Hey, no comment for that?" as her friend finished, she continued to ask.

"Comment for what?"

"He's your stepbrother, isn't he?"

"None of my business." Susan replied coldly, "Wish him enjoy it if he wanna sleep with a whore."

"Hey, you sound weird."

"You got me wrong. I really wish he will end up with AIDs."

"See? You sound uneasy!"

"Hey…"

"Susan, I heard that you used to be in an ambiguous relationship with him back into high school." Her friend seemed curious.

"Who told you that? Purely fake news! I gotta kill that rumormonger!" Susan was pissed.

"Was that real?"

"Fake!"

"Somebody told me they saw you kiss him."

"Bullshit!"

"You took the initiative? Or he did? Or both of you?"

"Shut the fuck up and get yourself something to drink!" Susan went mad.

Obviously, her friend noticed her anger.

So she hurried to hang up the phone.

Susan threw her phone aside.

'Who spread my kiss with him?!' she huffed to herself.

Indeed, she did kiss Manuel out of whim.

Now she badly regretted it.

She hoped it had never happened before.

Anger surged up in her mind. She covered her head with quilt and closed her eyes, hoping that her wedding day will be coming as soon as possible.

She couldn't help getting thrilled again when she realized that she was about to marry Henry.

Surrounded by the longing for future, she gradually fell asleep.

Then she started dreaming, in which Manuel appeared.

'Fuck, how could you still haunt me in the dream!'

Inside her dream, Manuel was wearing a high school uniform.

She still remembered it was at a time when both of them were preparing for the New Year's party at school in senior one, during which Manuel needed to perform piano solo on stage while Susan and her classmates were required to do social dancing after that.

During a casual rehearsal, her dancing partner fell ill and thus got absent.

The teacher assigned Manuel to dance with Susan.

It was the closest moment for both of them.

As time went by, her dancing partner had frequently asked for sick leave. So Manuel became her regular dancing partner.

Both of them were raised in privileged family. Thus, they could easily adapt to social dancing.

Manuel showed his talent in it though he always had been taciturn.

Their dancing at the party attracted the greatest consummation that night.

When their show ended, perhaps driven by excitement, Susan accidentally sprained her own ankle. Luckily, Manuel reacted fast enough to catch her before she stumbled down on the stage.

Then he held her up into his arms and rushed to the dispensary.

Seeing his nervous expression, Susan felt like totally forgetting about the pain down her ankle.

Fortunately, she didn't hurt much. After the school doctor applied some ointment for her, she was free to leave.

It was Manuel who carried her out with his back, which she felt eased while leaning against.

Manuel was about 6 feet tall at the age of 16.

Among those high school boys, he looked impressive.

Perhaps it was from that time that she started to have a crush on Manuel.

When Manuel took her back to the hall to continue with the party, she suddenly tiptoed with one foot and wrapped around his neck with both arms to kiss him on his lips.

Her sudden kiss stunned Manuel.

Both their hearts started running wild at that moment.

From then on, everything between them had changed.

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Chapter 182 A Call from Charles

Hannah got up late in the next morning as she stayed up late to talk with Susan on the phone last night.

She was woken up by her phone ring.

Wriggling, Hannah felt like sleeping for a few more hours.

She didn't intend to pick it up.

After a while, she squinted to reach for her phone.

But before she could touch her phone, the ringtone stopped.

It was Oscar who picked it up.

"She's still sleeping."

No response could be heard from the other side of the line.

"We spent a few crazy hours last night. We'll talk later." Oscar added and was about to hang up.

"Are you showing off?" a cold voice sounded.

Not until then did Oscar finally sober up.

He still felt drowsy a few seconds ago when he picked up the phone. So he didn't even notice who was calling.

Actually, both Oscar and Hannah had barely slept well.

Once he fell asleep, he would get into deep slumber. Before he woke up, he wanted nobody to interrupt him.

However, as soon as he recognized the voice of Charles, he sobered up immediately.

Oscar continued to mock, "Mr Sawyer, what are you calling for in the morning? Besides, you actually made a call to my wife, huh?"

Hearing Oscar mentioning 'Mr Sawyer', Hannah suddenly opened her eyes to look at him.

Oscar sat up straight and leaned against the headboard.

Hesitating, Hannah wondered if she should grab her phone back from Oscar.

She hated wasting time on Charles.

"Of course I am calling for something to talk with her." Charles replied coldly.

"I just told you we stayed up late and spent a few crazy hours last night. She's still sleeping. Mr Sawyer, you never learn to be considerate, huh? No wonder Hannah never seems to hesitate about her decision to divorce you." Oscar appeared sharp-tongued again.

"What are you complacent about? Don't you know how boring it feels to sleep with her? She feels like a fucking dead body on the bed during sex! How are you gonna have fun like that? What? Oscar, you are tired of hot chicks and now you wanna try something different? Listen, I bet you will get bored real soon!"

"Charles, I bet there is something about yourself you never know." Unlike Charles, Oscar replied casually. "What do you mean?"

"Don't you get it? You are dumped by Hannah. The way you scorn at her only shows that you are much more inferior. It never changes the fact that you got dumped!"

"Oscar!"

"Besides," Oscar interrupted, "Mr Sawyer, how you feel about a lady during sex also depends on your skills. Though you seem impotent, it doesn't mean that I am the same type like you. As for how wonderful it feels to sleep with her, I bet you will never know."

"Stop fucking lying!"

"Believe it or not. It doesn't matter to me. I just wanna tell you among all those ladies I have slept with, Hannah feels the best. She's a sheer treasure in my eyes."

Charles's face went twisted out of anger. His hand even started shaking because of madness.

He felt like silting both Hannah's and Oscar's throats.

This couple greatly humiliated him during these days. Especially Hannah, who hit the headline of today's news while he got badly belittled at the same time.

Actually, Charles was calling to apologize this time.

Even though he was still mad, he told himself he had to swallow it and conspired to get Hannah back again.

Even if he failed, he would manage to drive a wedge between Oscar and Hannah.

He swore to God the lady he failed to capture should never belong to someone else.

He would deem whoever got Hannah's heart his greatest enemy.

However, he never expected that it was Oscar who answered the phone.

What was more, he even implied that he enjoyed the crazy hours together with Hannah last night.

For all those years, Charles barely had chance to do anything intimate with Hannah but to kiss her.

In most cases, it was a simple kiss.

At the very beginning, Charles showed no interest in her. However, now he noticed himself that he started to show a strong sense of possessiveness to her.

Burning with fury, Charles hung up the phone.

Oscar replied with a sneer. Obviously, he greatly scorned at Charles from the bottom of his heart.

At the beginning, Hannah felt quite unpleasant when seeing Oscar answering her phone without her permission.

But as soon as she saw Oscar's complacent face at this moment, she felt much better.

Pissing Charles off would be her greatest pleasure.

"Hey, I think I should verify what I said just now." Oscar stared at her.

At this moment, Hannah could smell the scent of danger generated by his hormone.

He looked like a monster preying to hunt in her eyes right now.

Clenching the bed sheet, she seemed a bit scared.

"I wanna know if you're a treasure for me..." while speaking, Oscar approached.

She struggled to push him with both hands to keep a distance from him.

She hurried to say nervously, "I might fail your expectation."

"Really?" Oscar frowned.

His eyes were filled with desire right now.

"I barely have any knowledge about sex. You don't need to try on me."

"So..." Oscar got even closer.

She felt like her heartbeat was running out of control. What was wrong with him?

Charles had to be partly responsible for that, she thought to herself.

"So, Hannah, have you ever tried it?"

"What are you talking about? Get away from me!" Hannah struggled to push him hard.

"Have you ever tried sex?" asked Oscar.

Hannah felt like getting frozen, having no idea how to reply.

When noticing her reaction, Oscar frowned.

"Who was the guy?" his voice sounded chilling.

"Are you sure you wanna know?" Hannah asked provocatively.

Soon, his face turned apparently sullen.

But Hannah found it a bit more pleasing when seeing that.

As expected, all men were born to be possessive. No matter he loved her or not, he hated it when hearing that she might have had sex with another guy before.

"What? I can't have the freedom to fuck a guy while you can sleep with whoever ladies you want..."

However, before she could continue, her mouth was gagged by his sudden kiss.

She was stunned with eyes wide open.

Was he gonna strip her off the next second?

Hannah felt like she got herself into a real trouble.

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Chapter 183 She Had Gone Viral

Wriggling, Hannah struggled to resist.

However, Oscar was being too strong to be stopped.

If it went on like that, she might probably lose her virginity today.

"No! I am a virgin!" she hurried to say.

Hearing that, Oscar paused.

"I am a virgin." Hannah repeated.

Though she had slept with Charles in her previous life, she still remained to be a virgin ever since she came back to life.

Even though it somehow sounded like lying, at least it was a kind of white lie.

At this moment, she noticed an obvious change from his face-he actually smiled.

What a jerk!

Most of the men hooked up with all kinds of girls while preferring their own wives to stay virgin.

'All men are born to be a jerk!' she complained in her mind.

"Get off me!" Hannah kept pushing him.

His weight made her suffocated.

But Oscar stayed still.

Hannah could do nothing about that.

Then he suddenly uttered, "Would you like to try?"

"I mean try on me..." then he continued with the scent of desire.

Her face turned exceedingly blushed.

Men were born to be lustful!

"Oscar, you said you won't force me. You will wait till I agree." Hannah tried to reason with him.

"Have I said that?" Oscar frowned, pretending to be ignorant.

Gritting her own teeth, she felt irritated.

"Alright, alright. I did say so." Oscar finally compromised when noticing the change of her expression.

Hannah found it such a challenge to understand what was on his mind.

As soon as she breathed out a sigh of relief, Oscar suddenly continued, "No, I am gonna break my words."

When she was about to burn up, Oscar released her.

Staring at him, she wondered if he was about to play another trick.

"If you keep on staring me like that, I am gonna do it..."

Hannah hurried to get off the bed.

She gotta stay away from him.

She picked up her phone and rushed into the bathroom.

Then she locked the door.

Staring at the door, Oscar felt like taking a cold shower to extinguish his burning desire.

Sitting on the toilet, Hannah was about to check today's news.

Suddenly, she got a call from Susan.

'You want another talk lasting for more than two hours just like last night?'

She clicked to answer, "Hey, Susan?"

"Hannah, have you checked the news today?" she literally made the call just before Hannah was about to check today's news.

"What?"

"You have gone viral!"

Of course, what she showed last night had been really resounding.

"The headline says you are the greatest lady in the world while you have been laying low." Susan sounded thrilled.

Though Hannah had expected all kinds of praises from her, she still felt quite excited when hearing that.

Undoubtedly, compliment had been something to be happy about.

"Oscar must be blessed by God. And I bet Charles must be damned!" Susan concluded.

"I didn't expect you to wake up so soon." Hannah changed the subject.

She had got to end the talk before it lasted for hours.

"I don't wanna wake up so soon either..." Susan paused for seconds and then added, "I just woke up for no reason. Then I saw everything online was talking about you. Hey, I bet even those celebrities got much less attention than you did. Though I knew you were smart, I didn't even notice you actually had been so excellent before. Come on, teach me how you do that."

"You wanna learn?" asked Hannah seriously.

"Nope..." Susan replied after considering for a few seconds.

"I prefer to have fun."

"Come on, be a bit more ambitious."

"My best friend is ambitious. That's enough!" Susan smiled.

Hannah got speechless.

"Alright, I gotta hang up and get ready to take some wedding pictures."

"With Henry?" asked Hannah.

"Of course." Susan replied.

After a few seconds of silence, Hannah still chose to hold it back.

"Hey, do remember to check the news. Check the news!" Susan repeated.

"Alright, bye."

"Bye." Susan hung up the phone.

However, Hannah fell into silence after the talk.

'There are still a few more days to go...' she thought to herself.

Then she clicked on the news app.

The headline popped out immediately-Hannah, a hidden talent, revealed herself as the lead designer of Celina.

The content was filled with compliments about her, illustrated with a few impressive pictures of her during the product launch last night.

She found a bunch of comments below.

'I can't believe there is such an eye-catching lady on the planet. She's gorgeous and talented! I am so jealoussss!'

'Me be like a piece of shit.'

'I wish the God could remake me! I feel so ashamed to share the same world with Hannah!'

She felt amused when reading those comments.

It took her quite a while to browse all relevant news about the Celina Product Launch.

But then she saw a piece of news with fewer clouts.

'The Lead Designer & TOP 1 Model! Wife Versus Ex. Hannah & Janet, who will win his favor?'

Driven by curiosity, Hannah clicked to read it.

The content consisted of neutral information about both Hannah and Janet, coupled with a few pictures of them taken during the product launch last night.

Of course, those pictures were carefully selected to show the best appearance of both of them, completely unbiased.

However, most of those comments appeared rather biased.

'Hannah is the best!'

"What the hell are you doing in there?" Oscar shouted outside the bathroom.

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Chapter 184 A Punch Back

Hannah knew that she couldn't hope for anything from him.

If he created a favorable impression on her, next second he could wipe it out completely.

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In the house of the Phillips, Susan hung up the phone and got up in a hurry.

It was not good to be late for the wedding photo shoot.

She quickly got changed and rushed out of the bedroom.

She had gotten a text from Henry who was waiting for her at the door.

She didn't want him to wait too long.

Rushing out of the room, Susan suddenly bumped into someone at the corner.

She felt dizzy after the collision, after which she even bounced against the wall.

"Are you OK?" The worried man in front of her asked as he was trying to reach out to see where she was hurt.

"Don't touch me!" Susan suddenly shouted.

Manuel froze.

He dropped his hand in embarrassment.

"Shall I call a doctor for you?"

"No." Susan barely recovered herself.

Deep down, she was so annoyed.

She found that since Manuel came back, they had met a lot and bumped into each other several times.

Was he haunting her or she was out of luck these days?

She looked right into his eyes.

He was still wearing the white shirt he wore the night before.

There were some visible traces of foundation on his shirt.

Apparently, it was from a woman.

The remainder of foundation was right on his chest.

Susan pretended not to see that.

He was an adult anyway.

There were always times when a single man was in need of comfort, and it could be usual for him to have a hooker once in a while.

She didn't seem to mind these things.

She respected different people living in different ways.

As long as it was not hurting anyone and it was mutually consented, there was nothing to criticize.

She walked past him.

Manuel did not say anything either. He surely could not take the initiative to approach her since she had said so.

He just watched her pass by.

While walking towards the entrance of the house, the expression on Susan face was quite different from that minutes ago.

She was eager to see Henry.

Manuel had seen Henry waiting for her at the door when he came back.

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In his bedroom, the first thing Manuel did was to take off the clothes and threw them into the trash can. Then he went to take took a bath and changed into home clothes.

Last night, he went to a nightclub with Theodore.

They both got drunk. He was not a good drinker but Theodore urged him to drink more until he got drunk.

After all, he didn't need to take any precautions against him.

Theodore wouldn't hurt him.

But he forgot one thing that Theodore was not reliable at all.

He was sent to the hotel with a woman.

He didn't know how he had left and how he had stayed in a room with a strange woman.

What he remembered was that a woman had been taking off her bathrobe when he woke up.

Maybe she had been about to sleep with him...

Then he came to his senses and vaguely remembered that after drinking his last glass of wine, Theodore said, "There's nothing I can do for you but I can let you have some fun. You will realize there are plenty more fish in the sea."

At first, he didn't know what he meant.

At this moment, he understood everything. He drove the woman away without saying anything and gave her some money for keeping it intimate because he didn't want to be questioned by Theodore and he didn't want to waste time explaining.

But he didn't leave the hotel.

After all, it was already 3 o'clock in the morning. Although he was almost sober, he still felt a little uncomfortable, so he simply slept in the hotel.

He didn't come back until now.

Then he saw that Susan ran towards Henry excitedly.

Sitting in front of his computer, sometimes, he needed these densely packed codes to help him forget everything and even suppress all his feelings.

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Hannah went to work on Monday.

She felt it easier to go to work than to stay in the same room with Oscar.

She didn't know how Max could put up with him before she was here.

She walked into the company, through the hall to her office.

Many people around were looking at her. Obviously, something was wrong.

Hannah sat on her chair and Rose reported work to her.

Rose said, "I got the news that Janet would take Win to the launch event of the business district project of Starlight Group today. She lost Celina, so she should make some big moves next."

"Have you checked? Are they planning to build a business district?" Asked Hannah.

"Yes, it's true. When you asked me to investigate it, I went to the relevant local department and found that Starlight Group had indeed bought that land, but they didn't go to the Planning Bureau to report what they were going to build. Yesterday afternoon, I received a message from my insider man saying that their project about the business district was approved on weekend. That is to say, it is not fake news now." Rose reported.

Hannah was lost in thought.

So, Janet was driven mad by her and began to take action.

At first, Janet thought she could make Hannah suffer big losses without actually building a business district or spending lots of money, but later she found that it was impossible. It was obvious that Celina would agree to settle in the Light Building. She could only take the risk to build a real business district.

Janet was really determined to bury her.

The high-end business district was not something they were good at and was not inconsistent with their future directions.

If she did so, it was very likely to cause a profit decline.

Especially when she was so radical.

Of course, that was good for Hannah.

Since Janet had gone all out to make her suffer, she would make her lose in the same way.

She signaled Rose to leave.

It was not that she didn't trust her.

But there was no need to let everyone know that she had some dirty tricks.

She also had her dignity. She didn't want to ruin her good image.

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Chapter 185 At Daggers Drawn

Hannah called Theodore.

He answered the phone lazily, "God, it's so early. You're harassing me!" His tone was full of resentment.

Hannah looked at her watch. It was already 9 o'clock.

"Didn't I ask you to do me a favor the other day?"

"What favor?" He replied in a bad tone.

"I want you to help me investigate the scandals of Win and Herman Garcia. Have you dug it out?" Asked Hannah.

It seemed that he had finally woken up. He got up from the bed and said in a much sober voice, "Yeah."

Hannah knew that it was right to leave this matter to him.

In her previous life, Oscar's success must be inseparable from his support.

"Please expose it for me. Thank you." Hannah asked politely.

Theodore reminded her, "If you do so, Janet will be finished."

"So you are worried about something?" Hannah asked him directly.

After a pause, he said, "What?"

"You're worrying about Oscar."

"Why?"

"Isn't she his ex?" Hannah raised her eyebrows.

Theodore smiled. That's what this is about. She thought that they were a couple before, so she hated her so much.

Women could be that ruthless as well.

"Hasn't Oscar cleared that?" Theodore asked in surprise.

"What?"

"Nothing." Since Oscar didn't explain, he had no right to say anything about that.

Hannah frowned. She felt that Theodore was pretty nagging sometimes.

Of course, no one was indeed reliable in business.

Nothing he was in charge of went wrong.

"Then I'll leave it to you."

"OK." Theodore agreed.

After saying "thank you" again, Hannah hung up the phone.

Theodore called Oscar, "Your wife asked me to expose Win's scandal. Janet has paid 100 million for her endorsement. Once her scandal broke out, Janet will suffer a great loss and Win can't afford the penalty. Of course, this is not the point. More importantly, the business district project that Janet has invested in will also be greatly affected, which means that she will lose everything in a minute!"

"So?" Oscar asked.

"So you have no objection to this, right?"

"It's time she knew herself." Oscar was not softhearted at all.

Theodore did as he was told.

Anyway, he was always obedient to Oscar.

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In the office of the planning and marketing director of Starlight Group, Janet sat in her luxurious seat and looked through the news on her phone.

There was still much news about Hannah and everything about her was good on the Internet.

And she was dimmed in the shinning of Hannah.

She had planned to give Hannah a head-on blow.

Unexpectedly, she was slapped in the face by her.

At the thought of Hannah blossoming in front of everyone that night, she couldn't hold back her anger.

She would never let her get away with it!

She just lost one luxury brand.

Without this brand, she could also make the business of the Light Building go down.

She picked up the phone next to her and called her secretary, "Is everything ready for the launch event?"

"Yes, Ms Burke."

"Are you sure you have invited all the media?"

"Yes, it's all been confirmed."

"Have you paid for a trending topic?"

"Yes. As long as our launch event starts, it will be the top trending topic immediately."

"We can't make any mistake today." She warned again.

"Yes."

Janet hung up the phone angrily.

Hannah thought that one brand could make a shopping mall popular.

What a joke!

What attracted customers was the appeal of A-lists and their business district's management ability.

Starlight Group had always paid great attention to customers and their many years of experience in chain stores had laid a solid foundation for the

development of the business district. It was easy for her to bring the Light Building down.

Janet thought she was about to win.

All of a sudden, her phone rang. She took a look at the caller ID and answered it impatiently, "We broke up, remember?"

"I'm not here to beg you to be with me again."

"Then what do you call for?" Janet sneered. She was with Thomas just to piss Oscar off.

Once he was of no use to her, she could break up with him.

She didn't need to save his face.

"Do not try to be against Hannah." Thomas reminded her.

"It's funny." Janet laughed ironically, "Why? You have a crush on her?"

His face changed dramatically.

"You like every woman of Oscar, don't you?" Janet said relentlessly. "Me and Hannah. Thomas, you know that you can't compete with him, but why do you have to do that? You stand no chance. Get some knowledge of your own limitation!"

"Janet, we had a relationship. I called to remind you that. If you don't listen to me, what will happen to you is on your own. I will never help you." Thomas said angrily.

Janet said with disdain, "I don't need your help and you can't help me at all! I can make it clear now that Hannah and I are at daggers drawn!"

"Then you will lose," Thomas said word by word.

"Are you threatening me?" Janet didn't listen to him at all. She said proudly, "Anyway, Oscar won't kill me."

"Why are you so confident that he won't kill you?"

"He owed me."

"Janet, you never know..."

"Enough!" Janet had no patience for him. "I don't want to talk with you anymore! I'll make it clear to you. I won't change my mind no matter whether it's because of Hannah or because you still love me. You'd better not call me in the future! In my world, there is no second man except Oscar."

Thomas hung up the phone with his fingers trembling.

He had tried to help her.

It was her own business from now on.

He would never interfere!

Janet hung up the phone angrily.

How could he come to beg her for Hannah?

Now that things had come this way, no one could change her mind, except Oscar.

Since Hannah would not let Oscar go, she swore to back her into corners.

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Chapter 186 Scandal Breaks Out

Hannah sat in her office and watched the live launch event of Starlight Group.

This was probably the biggest launch event in recent years, and all the media in Kensbury rushed to the scene. There were so many staff and on-site journalists, not to mention the countless fans Win has attracted.

The kick-off meeting was held outdoors in an electric atmosphere. Win was singing and dancing on the spot, which is broadcast live on the network.

Hannah was a little nervous.

The first wave of strong publicity was made by Starlight Group when it put so much work into the launch event of the business district. They also said some convincing words sincerely at the kick-off meeting.

The general idea was that this was their first time building a business district and they would certainly spend a lot of money to do it. They wouldn't accept failure, so they put most of their resources into it with determination to win.

With such determination, those brands would naturally be more optimistic about them.

Subjectivity aside, Hannah believed that since they could invest so much money to build a business district, they would certainly find ways to make it boom. She knew Janet was very competitive, so she did not doubt that this business district could be more successful than the Light Building.

The project of the Light Building had lost its best opportunity from the very beginning and it was difficult to compensate for later on.

Anyone who met such a powerful competitor as Starlight Group may lose in a mess.

Hannah watched the launch event with concentration. She was waiting for an opportunity, so she was calm.

While Rose became fidgeted when she looked at the increasingly lively scene.

She said, "The business district of Starlight Group has been a trending topic on the Internet."

Hannah nodded but seemed not to care.

Rose continued, "Win's fans are good at planning and achieving things. A fan group has made a separate forum for her endorsement. They are calling on all people to attend the opening ceremony. In a short time, 5000 people have responded and the number is still increasing."

Hannah still said nothing.

Rose looked at her for a long time, and she felt that she was too calm this time.

She could always surprise them, just like that night.

When Hannah said that she would bring Celina in, she didn't think she would succeed at all, but she made it happen.

She felt that she was convinced by her various winnings at that time, but she still felt that Hannah was a little too conceited.

But it was completely different from today.

She didn't think there was anything that could change this situation now, even if Hannah could expose another surprising identity.

The launch event was successful.

Under the circumstances, if they won Celina's settlement, they might still not be able to compete with Starlight Group.

Rose wondered whether the stronger the ability they had, the stronger the opponent would be.

Rose focused all her attention on the tablet.

She stood in front of Hannah and reported briefly from time to time, yet she did not hear any response from Hannah.

At the end of the launch event, a reporter at the scene asked loudly, "A newly scandal broke out. It was said that Win and Herman Garcia had an affair. Is that true?"

Everyone at the scene were shocked.

They looked down at their phones and saw that.

There were some pictures of them cheating and a short video with their blurred faces.

The evidence was exposed clearly so that they had no chance to clear their names.

It didn't matter what they would say. The affair, it was true.

Janet hurriedly took out her phone and looked at it.

Her face changed when she saw the news.

This scene was captured by the media with a high-definition camera.

The on-site media deliberately provoked them. They always liked stirring up trouble.

"Ms Janet, what do you think of this scandal?"

"Win, do you have an affair with Herman Garcia? Are the videos and photos on the news real? How long have you been together?"

"There was news about the intimate relationship between you and Mr Garcia, and you two and his wife told the media that you were just the boss and employee. At that time, you deceived everyone. Everyone believed that you were innocent, but now suddenly there is more evidence. Win, as a first-line female star, don't you feel ashamed to do such an immoral thing?"

"Win, please answer it directly."

"Ms Janet, I heard that you spent 100 million on her endorsement. Now her image has been destroyed. What are you going to do?"

"It's said that there is a contradiction between Ms Janet and Hannah of Copper Group. After all, you were one of Oscar's rumored girlfriends in those days. While Oscar, a playboy, married Hannah. And you held a grudge. This business district project is aimed at the Light Building which Hannah is responsible for. Do you have any regrets about that?"

The reporter's questions became more acute.

Janet was as white as a sheet.

All she could think now was that if something goes wrong with Win, her business district project would be greatly affected.

The endorsement was very important for a brand. If you chose the right people, you could make a brand successful.

On the contrary, a wrong spokesperson might ruin a brand.

Janet had always been in a bad mood these days when Hannah was standing out and she was the inferior. Everything had gone on well as she wanted until today, but unexpectedly there was trouble again. "Ms Janet, I..." Win is sitting next to her and tried to say something.

People thought that they were quite close because they were always whispering and laughing before, which was a clever PR strategy.

But now, Janet was so furious that she wanted to slap her in the face.

She spent 100 million on her, which was the highest endorsement fee in Northfield's history. But now it turned out she was a joke.

At the thought of being laughed at by many people, her pent-up anger erupted.

A resounding slap was sounded by everyone.

Janet struck Win violently across her face.

All of a sudden, Janet's hideous look showed up in public.

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Chapter 187 Janet's Fiasco

This time Janet met her Waterloo. Anyway, that was the worst.

It is unforgivable for public figures to be ill-bred.

Hannah looked at them coldly. Maybe it was not because she didn't consider the consequences, on the contrary, she knew that so clearly that she became so desperate to vent her anger.

There was so much trouble in the construction of the business district. Starlight Group would never let her continue.

Other members of her family would take this opportunity to keep up the pressure and bring her down. They had always been fighting against each other for more.

It is almost impossible for her to rise from the ashes.

The chaos was almost over there.

She put down her phone and looked up at Rose.

Rose was speechless.

When she felt that there would be no chance for them, such a big surprise came.

'Was Ms Hannah lucky enough or ...?'

But Luck had always been a word used by people who are jealous of others.

There was no such thing as luck in this world. People relied on their abilities.

Rose thought to herself.

Hannah knew about this scandal from the very beginning, so she asked Win for endorsement on purpose. She knew that Janet would pay more money to be against her and deliberately made that happen. And now things had come to this point, Janet might even want to kill herself.

After knowing everything, Rose admired Hannah more.

She did not dare to underestimate the 22-year-old Hannah anymore.

"Now I want you to work on a few things." Hannah intentionally ignores her sight.

Hannah was not good at lying, so she did not deny that she was the one behind this matter. But she wouldn't come forward to admit it either.

After all, it was not good to speak out with such dirty tricks.

Rose was a smart person, she wouldn't mention it.

"First, while we have just brought Celina in, we need to make a publicity campaign to attract the attention of other luxury brands. Second, this trouble of Starlight Group is an opportunity for us. We need to use this opportunity to reengage in investment negotiations. Normally, they should not consider entering their district anymore. They are more likely to choose us. Third, we need to discuss with those brands that have already settled in and carried on as normal one by one, so that they can come up with the best discount, combined with the promotional events of our shopping mall to make an opening event. The reopening is scheduled for next Saturday. It is an auspicious day. Fourth, contact the agent of Little Bunny to get her ready for the ribbon-cutting ceremony. At the same time, set aside my schedule for two days. I need to talk with her in person about the live broadcast activities on the opening day."

"Live?" Rose was confused.

"Yes, live commerce."

What?

Hannah didn't explain but said frankly, "There is one thing that you should pay more attention to. Regarding the preferential policies of our mall, we need to come up with a plan. Ask Mary to do this."

Rose didn't understand.

Weren't they sworn enemies?

Why did she give this task to Mary?

Wasn't she afraid that Mary would screw it up?

Hannah smiled coldly.

She wanted her to screw it up.

Then she could use it to drive her out of the company.

It was quite annoying that Mary was around her.

Rose arranged the work one by one according to her idea.

The project of the Light Building was in full swing.

While Janet suffered a huge image blow for beating people in public after the business district of Starlight Group took a big hit on the day of the launch event. In three days, Starlight Group announced the indefinite suspension of their business district project. For the time being, they decided to concentrate on its traditional industry-chain supermarket to better repay all the consumers. After all, they were experts in this field. At the same time, they issued a public apology for the incident and immediately removed Janet from her position.

Besides, they promised in public that Janet would no longer be involved with the company.

Since then, Janet has completely lost her voice in Starlight Group.

She would never have another comfortable day with her family.

However, the news was not a big surprise for Hannah.

She paid some attention to Oscar but found that he did not seem to care, he even did not ask one single question.

On the fourth day after the incident, the investment of the Light Building increased by 200%, which meant that 50% of the stores has been occupied. At the current pace, it was likely that the occupancy rate will reach 80% before reopening.

When Hannah was preparing the documentation at hand and double-checking the reopening project on Saturday, her phone suddenly rang.

Even though it was an unknown call, she knew who it is. It was not always a good thing to be able to remember everything.

She answered, "Janet."

"Yes, it's me."

"What's the matter?"

"Now are you satisfied?"

"Pretty much," Hannah smiled, "After all, there was no surprise."

"Did you know that before?" The calm she pretended disappeared in an instant, she shouted "Hannah, you did it on purpose, didn't you?"

"Why did you say so?"

"You have been able to bring Celina in from the start, but you didn't rush into reaching them. You let me think I had a chance. When I thought I could make a show, you deliberately embarrassed me! You were egging me on. I had to risk everything for a real business district project. Once I failed, I would be driven away. You knew me and my family too well!"

Hannah did not deny it.

Janet continued, "You were counting on me signing Win at a high price, weren't you? You knew that she was involved in a scandal. Once you exposed that, I would be completely ruined. You screwed me, didn't you?"

"Yes, I did," Hannah admitted. There was nothing to hide.

Her words ignited her anger. She would rather that everything was just a coincidence than Hannah was smarter.

She couldn't accept that Hannah could bury her without effort.

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Chapter 188 Put Mary on the Spot

"What else do you want to know?" Hannah said indifferently.

Even though she knew Janet was furious, she was still calm as normal.

Just like what she said, it was all that she had expected.

"I'm leaving here today." Janet uttered the words after being silent for a while. She seemed to have calmed down.

Hannah had guessed that she was about to be sent away since so many bad things had happened here.

The headquarters of Starlight Group was developed in the Capital. In recent years, it was because of the expansion of their business in Kensbury City that most of the group moved over. Now Janet had caused so much trouble, they must want her to go back. Perhaps she was about to be grounded.

Hannah could imagine how miserable Janet's life would be.

But she did not feel sorry for her.

Going through everything, she was no longer that warm-hearted girl.

"Goodbye." She ended the conversation with a cold word and she didn't want to waste more time with her.

Janet was shaking with anger as she held the phone.

Hannah easily irritated her.

She managed to hold back her anger and said, "I will never appear in Kensbury City and I will never see Oscar again."

"And?" Hannah said.

"I hope you can deliver a message to him for me."

"You should tell him in person."

"He didn't answer my call."

"Do you think I will help you?"

"But you answered my phone." Janet said.

"I answered your call because I wanted to know how miserable you are now. I'm not a saint." Hannah remarked with a smile.

"Hannah!"

"Janet, don't think you know me well. I'm different from everyone else." Hannah sneered, "Farewell." Then she hung up the phone.

Anything between Janet and Oscar was their own business.

If Janet wanted to tell him about her love for him, she should do that in person. Hannah could choose to ignore it. After all, there was no love between them and she didn't care. But she wouldn't help them to get back together.

She was not a saint.

Then Hannah picked up the landline and said, "Rose, we\ll have a meeting about the Light Building project in half an hour."

"Yes, Ms Hannah."

Half an hour later, Hannah sat in the middle of the conference room.

Everyone needed to report their work during this period.

Mary Cooper began to report the preferential plan of the Light Building.

"I think that since it is an opening, there must be a special offer for the customers. My idea is that we can give customers gifts while the businesses offer a discount themselves. Soon it will be Valentine's Day. We can prepare free chocolates and flowers for those who spend more than 500 in the mall." Mary said it with high spirits.

Hannah listened to her words quietly.

After she finished her report, Mary looked at Hannah nervously.

She couldn't tell what Hannah was thinking.

Hannah had changed a lot, into a competent and strong person with unexpected hidden identities.

Mary had been fond of a dress designed by Crane, the lead designer of Celina, so she had bought a fake one as she could not afford it. The dress was still well-kept in her closet and she had been saving it. Now she wanted to destroy it with scissors at the thought of Hannah's identity as Crane.

"I think this plan is the worst." Hannah said frankly.

Mary's face changed at once, for Hannah didn't save her face in front of so many people.

"First, there is nothing new about the gifts and activities. If I remember correctly, this case was used by W shopping center in Country M last year. I'm not saying that those good marketing plans can't be used for reference. I simply think that these ideas are very low." Hannah satirized her severely.

Mary did not dare to refute it since she did find this plan on the Internet and learned from it.

She didn't expect Hannah knew such an unknown activity plan.

"Second, this is barely a promotional activity. At best, it is a gift for the opening. For consumers, they will feel that the gift is a granted and they will not consider that as a special offer."

Mary looked very humble but deep down she hated Hannah's guts.

She was wondering how Hannah had become so eloquent.

"Third, this plan lacks customer retention. To put it more bluntly, most of the customers are first-time visitors. If they feel our mall is good, they may come again. But feelings are difficult to control. We need to get our first-time visitors to return." Hannah pointed out three reasons.

"I need a different plan by tomorrow morning." She said to Mary.

Mary bit her lips and did not answer.

"Can you do that?" Hannah stared at her.

"Yes." Mary hurriedly nodded her head.

At this time, she could not make herself look worse.

So she had to do that.

"Next..."

There were many items, but they kept the meeting short.

Mary left the conference room with the crowd and returned to her office.

When she came back, she threw the document in her hand on the desk.

She gnashed her teeth at the thought of being harshly criticized in the conference room.

What had happened? Why had she changed so much?

Mary couldn't swallow her anger and called her father.

"Dad." She said in a choked voice.

Roger was in a bad mood these days.

He did not expect Janet to be easily brought down by Hannah. He had had great expectations of her but it turned out that she was useless!

Later, he received news that the occupancy rate of the Light Building has reached 60% and it was expected to reach 80% before reopening.

That meant this project would be profitable soon. If all went well, Hannah's hot air on the board would come true. The more he thought about it, the angrier he became.

When he heard Mary crying, he became impatient.

"What now?"

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Chapter 189 Is Hannah Jealous?

"Dad, Hannah made us look bad again." Mary felt upset.

She said "us" instead of "me", which was pretty smart.

"What did she do?" Roger looked mad. Hannah was nothing more than a young girl in his eyes but she had pushed him here.

"She criticized the preferential plan I made in front of people. And she said that my sister, like me, lacks of professional ability, which led to the poor performance of the sales department. She also implied that the reason why grandfather handed over the company to her father was that we were useless, she said so in front of all the employees several times."

"What? Is she crazy?" Roger shouted.

"She is so arrogant. The employees always look at her with admiration." Mary cried, "Dad, do we have to walk on eggshells around her?"

"She doesn't deserve that." Roger was so angry that he turned purple.

Although he said that, he couldn't think of anything to change this situation.

"Dad, how can we teach her a lesson? She mocked me and that was OK. I just feel sorry for my brother, my dead sister, and you. I always thought that Charles was the one behind my sister's death. Now I think she is the real culprit." Mary exaggerated the details and continued, "If Hannah did not exist, my sister would never go near Charles. Even if she did, she would not be tortured by rumors and choose to commit suicide."

"I will give them a hard time." Roger gritted his teeth. Not only Hannah but also her entire family.

"Dad, what should I do now?" Mary asked, "Now she asked me to hand over another preferential plan for reopening. I feel like it's personal and nothing I wrote could make her satisfied." Mary felt wronged.

"Then let her," Roger said frankly.

"What?" Mary was surprised.

"Be a drag on her." Roger said, "If you do all your work well, you are helping her."

"I see." Mary hurriedly nodded, "Dad, I know what to do now."

"Mary," Roger said earnestly, "You'll just have to put up with it for a while. Don't worry. It won't be long!"

"It's OK. I am honored to do this for you."

"Good girl." Roger said.

"Then I'll go to work," Mary said sweetly.

"OK, bye." The moment she hung up the phone, the smile on her face disappeared.

That was what she wanted-being regarded as a person who couldn't do anything by Roger.

On the one hand, her father was right. Good work she did was for Hannah. She was not that stupid to pave the way for others.

On the other hand, she did not have enough professional ability. When she received this task, she was at a loss. She had a hard time coming up with a

plan but she felt that it was not good. To prevent her father from knowing the fact that she was not good at work and herself from being kept out of Roger's plan, she figured out this idea.

Then she could feel at ease when she did nothing.

Thinking so, someone knocked on the door and it was opened.

Mary turned her head and she was startled to see it was Hannah.

She felt guilty.

Hannah pretended not to notice her call with Roger, and she said, "I'm here to remind you that we are in the same boat. If I was having a hard time, you would suffer as well. You'd better wise up."

Mary knew what she was talking about. As the director of the marketing office of the sales department, she would suffer as well because of poor performance.

Hannah seemed to know everything.

Mary even thought that Hannah probably knew all her thoughts so she came here to remind her.

"Right." When Hannah was about to leave, she thought of something else. Then she said, "We are on the same boat, but your brother is not. You'd better think twice. Who will your father choose between you and your brother?"

"What do you mean?" Mary asked.

"You are smart. I think you will see." Hannah said softly, "I won't disturb you. At 9 a. m. tomorrow, I hope to see a perfect plan for reopening."

Hannah left.

Mary looked at her back. She had to say that Hannah's words did mean something to her.

Without doubts, she knew that her father would choose Wayne.

Her family was always preferring boys to girls.

She became a bit nervous. She wouldn't be the cannon fodder for her father to help Wayne.

It was not easy for her to get here.

She wouldn't just give up.

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Hannah returned to her office.

She did go to find Mary on purpose.

She thought it was not easy to get rid of her since embarrassing her would not be much of a help.

Mary had this kind of experience since childhood and she was still happy.

The best way of breaking their family was to sow discord between them.

Once she made that happen, she would be able to get twice the result with half the effort.

Hannah thought to herself.

Then she continued her work.

When she was opening the computer, her phone rang. She answered, "Oscar."

"Call me Ozzie," Oscar said.

Hannah pursed her lips.

"Or sweetheart."

"Piss off." Hannah blushed.

She took a deep breath and pretended nothing had happened, "What can I do for you?"

"I'm leaving Kensbury today." Oscar said plainly.

"To where?"

"You are caring about me?" He asked.

"No, I am not," Hannah said coldly.

Oscar didn't answer that question.

Hannah wondered if he did it on purpose so that she could not know his whereabouts.

Sometimes he was too wily.

"If you miss me, call me. I won't turn off my phone."

"I won't."

"But I will miss you, so please do not turn off your phone or mute it." Oscar said clearly, "I want to be able to reach you anytime."

""

He was too aggressive.

"I'm boarding now." Oscar was going to hang up.

"You are going to see Janet, right?"

Hannah finally asked that when he was about to hang up.

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Chapter 190 The Accident (1) Hannah, You're in Love with Me!

Hannah thought she did not care of his reply and she was just asking, yet she regretted that she had asked that question.

Then she hung up the phone.

Oscar didn't call back again.

After all, the plane would take off by then.

The air stewardess stood in front of him politely and watched him softly.

"Is she jealous?" Theodore was sitting next to him, and had overheard their conversation.

"Any woman would be jealous," said Oscar, appearing calm and confident, "if she really cares."

Anyway, Theodore thought Oscar was flattering himself. He thought Oscar had become more popular with women since he married Hannah.

"Oh, right." Oscar asked Theodore, "Did Janet leave?"

"Yep." Theodore nodded, "I was told that she's been taken back to the capital by her family. I bet she'll have a hard time ever since."

"Did she seek help from Thomas?"

"Janet isn't into Thomas. She wouldn't ask him for help." said Theodore, "But didn't she call you?"

"She did, but I didn't pick up the phone."

"That was so you!" Theodore acted like he had expected it.

Oscar didn't care about any other woman since he had been with Hannah.

"When you arrive at the Capital, tell Jimmy to keep Hannah safe." said Oscar.

"OK." Theodore nodded.

"Janet doesn't seem like a girl who will grin and bear it." Oscar said as he was thinking of something.

"But she would not be brave enough to mess up with you, either." Theodore said straightforwardly.

Oscar said nothing in reply, but he didn't want to prove that on Hannah.

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It was eight at night. Hannah finished her work.

The Light Building would be reopened three days later. She had assigned all the workload but she still had to do many things personally, such as selling the goods through live commerce.

She had an appointment with Little Bunny to meet up at ten the next morning, since she had to explain lots of details by herself.

She stretched herself a little and turned to Jimmy, "Let's call it a day."

Then they got out of the office together.

Hannah started the conversation while they were waiting for the elevator, "Oscar left Kensbury today."

"Yep. Mr Wold has called me and told me to take good care of you." Jimmy said.

"Where has he been?" Asked Hannah.

"I have no idea." Answered Jimmy, "Mr Wells never tells me his whereabouts."

Hannah thought of it and thought it made sense.

"Mrs Wells, you can ask Mr Wells directly if you want to know where he's been."

"No bother. I'm just checking." Hannah smiled.

She would definitely eat her words if she asked him. After all, she had just refused to hear his whereabouts this afternoon.

They got in the car. Hannah got a little tired and leaned on the back of the seat, enjoying the scenery out of the window and refreshing herself.

Suddenly, her phone rang. Hannah glanced at it, and she might not notice the smile on her face.

"Hey, Oscar," she answered the phone.

"You miss me?" he sounded very arrogant though his voice was magnetic and attractive.

"Who told you that?"

"Jimmy," Oscar told her frankly, "he told me you wanted to know where I've been."

Hannah couldn't help to throw her eyes on Jimmy.

When did Jimmy tell Oscar that? He was such a loyal employee!

"Where have you been?" Hannah just asked.

"The capital." answered Oscar.

Very well! Hannah smiled, and thought Oscar did leave and go after Janet.

"Are you jealous?" asked Oscar, who seemed to be in a good mood.

"Nope."

"Come on. I know you're jealous."

"Come off it." Hannah raised her voice, "I just wanna say that you could have told me in advance if you couldn't bear to see what I've done to Janet. After all, we're partners and I'll be ready to humor you. I won't give you a cold shoulder."

It seemed that Oscar laughed lightly on the other end of the phone. Hannah was speechless, as she didn't see anything so funny.

"Hannah, maybe you don't know that, but you're in love with me."

Jesus! She was choked with words.

Couldn't he just stop flattering himself and cut her some slack!

"Otherwise, why are you jealous?"

"I've told you that I'm not jealous."

"Then, are you happy if I told you I'm with Janet now?" Oscar went straight to the point.

Hannah was stunned and upset.

She knew he said it on purpose, but still felt uncomfortable when she heard him saying it. Hannah bit her lips. It seemed that she was not only upset but panic for a second.

She couldn't believe she would fall in love with another man in such a short time. She couldn't have fallen for another man easily since she'd been so badly hurt by Charles. However... her heart leaped whenever she thought of Oscar, as if she had a crush...

"Watch out, Mrs Wells!" Jimmy cried out all at once.

Hannah was deep in thought. When she came back to earth, she saw a car heading towards them crazily.

This car accident was different from last one. The car had kept following them all the way last time. But this time, the car seemed to have known their traveling track beforehand and waited for them ahead of time. He headed for Jimmy and Hannah at full speed unexpectedly from a dark entrance to the alley when they came into sight. So, they didn't have enough time to avoid the accident when they finally realized what happened.

Then Hannah heard a loud and severe crashing sound.

Bang! It was as loud as thunder.

Meanwhile, Hannah's phone slipped down from her hand. She bumped herself heavily onto the front seat. Everything in front of her was a blur.

She moved her fingers a little and tried hard to stay conscious, and tried pretty hard to see things clearly.

She seemed to see Jimmy getting out of the badly damaged driving seat and being stained with blood all over, but he still got off the car.

He got off the car and started fighting with the guy getting out from the other car.

Hannah struggled to stop herself from closing her eyes. She didn't know whether Charles had done it again this time. But she did know that she was in real danger now.

She didn't have time to care about how awfully she'd been injured now or what might happen next. It was her only opportunity to survive if she could seek the chance to get out of there. Then, she stretched out to open the door and finally made it.

But at that moment, someone suddenly came up to her. She just felt the stinging pain in the neck before she could see the comer's face clearly.

She had tried so hard to stay conscious but suddenly passed out, and she told herself to live on right before she passed out.

She just couldn't die before she saw Charles and his family and whoever had treated her unfairly in her previous life pay for their wrongdoings...

Moreover, Oscar's face crossed her mind suddenly.

He had saved her at the risk of his life at that time.

She just couldn't die easily like this. She just couldn't let Oscar down. For the time, she was worried that he would be upset.