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"I..." Linda stammered with no words forthcoming. Hades, however, brazenly sauntered over to the sofa and plopped down, crossing his legs. "She's my subordinate."

Upon hearing that, Selena stared at him, her gaze tinged with a hint of anguish and fury. "So, you've never trusted me, and she's a spy you planted by my side long ago!" At this, Linda hastily stepped forward. "Selena, please don't be angry with me. I was just—"

Before Linda could get all her words out, Selena swung her hand and slapped her across the face. "I trusted you wholeheartedly, yet you betrayed me!" Covering her face with a hand, Linda lowered her eyes, not daring to say a single word further.

All at once, Selena understood a lot of things. I remember Juniper once saying that Linda knows martial arts, but I didn't pay it much mind back then. I never thought that she'd betray me when I trusted her so much! Her chest ached as though she'd been stabbed right through the heart.

For the first time, she felt as though she was a joke. Her head abruptly snapped up, and she looked at her. "That spy was actually you, no? It was you who relayed crucial information to Hades, yes?"

During her last conversation with Pierre, she was both infuriated and rattled, so she didn't try figuring out what he was trying to say. She was indeed a spy, but she was merely a corporate spy; all the information she relayed was related to Fowler Corporation's trade secrets.

However, if it was merely that, he probably wouldn't have been so enraged. She'd also guessed his other identity, so what he meant by spy probably had to do with his other identity, and that was why he was livid!

"Selena, I just..." Linda furtively cast a glance at Hades. "I just executed my orders, so please don't blame me." Meanwhile, Hades was still sitting there expressionlessly as though he was carved of stone, his thoughts unfathomable.

Abruptly, Selena cackled before turning around and staring at Hades. I'd thought that he was a cold person, but surely, he still has a heart underneath it all. Besides, he treated Juniper so well that I trusted him and was grateful to him. At this very moment, however, I've finally realized that he doesn't have a heart! "I've risked my life for you, yet I didn't even get an iota of trust in return. I'll never marry such a person." After saying that, she left the castle in huge strides.

Thus, it was only Linda and Hades left in the entire castle. Despite Selena's recent outburst, Hades still sat there on the sofa, aloof. Never had I expected Selena to discover the truth about Linda at this time. Linda was someone whom he'd planted by Selena's side at the very beginning.

Back then, Selena had just established JNS Corporation, and he was worried that she would become so powerful that he couldn't control her anymore. Hence, he arranged for Linda to join the company. In reality, he indeed hadn't trusted her at that time. He'd never trusted anyone, including every single one of his subordinates.

After deliberating for a long moment, Linda walked over to Hades. "I'm sorry, boss. I didn't know—"

"Why?" Without waiting for her to finish speaking, Hades spoke, his expression turning terrifyingly dark. This is definitely not an accident. Rather, she did it on purpose!

When Linda heard that, she opened her mouth, her gaze darting around. She knew that she couldn't pull the wool over his eyes, so she swiftly dropped to her knees on the ground, clutching his legs with both hands. "I'm sorry, boss. It was indeed deliberate on my part."

Hades waited silently for her ensuing explanation.

"I'm saddened to be a spy by Selena's side. She treats me extremely well, so I really don't want to betray her."

Uncrossing his legs, Hades leaned forward and lifted her chin forcefully. "Really?"

Linda's heart galloped wildly, so much so that even her chin was trembling. "Y-Yes."