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"Your grandfather is fine," Finley said to Rupert reassuringly.

Rupert breathed a sigh of relief and then asked seriously, "So what's going on, Finley?"

"Everything was fine when I came back from France," Finley said after thinking for a while. "Not long after, we received news that your jet crashed. The news made headlines and spread like wildfire in the city. Everyone was in a state of panic, especially your grandfather. He sent search and rescue teams to look for you. But the day after, he didn't show up. Cody said he had a heart attack and was sent to the hospital."

"A heart attack?" Rupert's frown deepened.

He knew that his grandfather did indeed suffer from a heart disease, but he had religiously taken maintenance medicine these years.


"Yes." Finley nodded. "Cody said that because you went missing, your grandfather underwent a lot of stress. As a result, his heart gave out. I went to the hospital to visit your grandfather, but Cody didn't let me see him."

"What? He didn't let you see my grandpa?" Rupert's expression darkened.

"Yeah. He said that your grandfather was seriously ill and needed rest. No one was allowed to disturb him," Finley explained, his eyes turning cold.

"Then how'd you know that Rupert's grandfather is okay?"

Annabel asked anxiously.

Judging from what Finley said, Cody had basically put Bruce under house arrest. So how could he be so sure that Bruce was fine? 

"Here's the thing," Finley explained patiently. "On the one hand, I was overseeing the search and rescue teams over the past few days, but we couldn't pinpoint where the plane crashed exactly. On the other hand, I tried every means to get in touch with the old man at the hospital, but his ward was heavily guarded. I dared not act rashly, for fear that Cody would hurt the old man."

Annabel pressed him further. "And then what happened?"


Finley carefully pulled out a piece of paper from his pocket and handed it to Rupert. "Just when I was getting desperate, a nurse handed me this note."

Rupert took the note and looked at it. The message was written in Morse code.

It read, "Beware of Cody. Find Rupert ASAP."

Rupert knew that it was from his grandfather.

"I tried to get more details out of that nurse, but she knew nothing." Finley shook his head. "In a word, Benton Group is fine, but Cody seized the opportunity to become acting CEO in your absence."

"So, that's what Cody's after—he wants Benton Group." It turned out that Rupert's intuition was right. 

Cody was so scheming. It wasn't hard to believe he had something to do with his jet crash.

Finley wasn't finished. He cleared his throat and said, "Cody has been trying to bribe me. Today, at the board

meeting, he suddenly announced that he'd take over the position of CEO. A press conference will be held in two days."

Rupert sneered coldly. "Cody has shown his true colors."

"I was so worried that something bad happened to you. Your grandfather's nowhere to be found. I had no one to turn to. Fortunately, you and Miss Hewitt are back, safe and sound." Finley sighed heavily.

Over the past few days, he had been mentally and physically exhausted, searching for Rupert and battling with Cody.

Luckily, Rupert turned out to be fine. He showed up at a critical moment, and Finley could finally breathe a sigh of relief.

"Actually, we can make use of the current situation." After mulling over Finley's report, Annabel looked up calmly. "Cody's so eager for power that he exposed his evil ambition. Now that he thinks that Rupert's lost at sea, he's trying to seize Benton Group. He's taking action publicly, while we can take action in secret. We can strike back when he least expects it."

Rupert looked at Annabel with newfound appreciation. He had long known that his fiancée was smart, but at this moment, he admired her even more. 1

He was thinking the exact same thing as her.

In a cold tone, Rupert said, "Finley, we have to gather damning evidence and save my grandpa before Cody holds the press conference."

"Yes, sir!" Finley nodded seriously.

"Two days is a bit tight, but it should be possible." Sitting

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next to Rupert, Annabel rubbed the spot between her brows. ①

It wouldn't be easy to find evidence that Cody had tampered with Rupert's jet, but it wasn't too late for them to stop him from usurping the position of CEO of Benton Group.

"Since Cody wants to bribe you, we can use this to our advantage," Rupert suddenly said.

"What do you mean?" Finley asked in confusion.

"Agree to his request and make him think that he has succeeded. As soon as he lets his guard down, we can seize the opportunity to collect evidence," Annabel explained.

Seeing that Rupert and Annabel were on the exact same page, Finley's eyes darted between them excitedly. It seemed as though the heavy burden that had been weighing down on him over the past few days was suddenly lifted.

Rupert gave Finley specific instructions, and the latter took notes.

"I'll head back first to avoid arousing Cody's suspicion." Finley raised his hand and looked at his watch. He had been away for too long.

"Okay," Rupert answered flatly.

After Finley left, Annabel looked at her phone to check the news.

Just as Finley said, the news about Benton Group had spread all over the Internet.

"Rupert Benton, CEO of Benton Group, fell into the sea. No

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one knows whether he's dead or alive!"

"Bruce Benton, chairman of Benton Group, had a heart attack and is in critical condition! He's currently in the hospital for emergency treatment."

"Bruce Benton's adopted son, Cody Hinks, has stepped forward at the time of Benton Group's crisis. He will become the CEO of Benton Group soon."

Narrowing her eyes slightly, Annabel figured that the news was spread by Cody.

Annabel turned off her phone irritably. "I never thought that Cody was capable of such a thing. Your grandfather has always been good to him. He's so ambitious that he was willing to risk your life and imprison your grandfather!"

Rupert's expression darkened. "Grandpa must be very disappointed in him."

Truth be told, not only would his grandfather be disappointed, but also Rupert.

When Rupert was a child, Cody often played with him. Cody brought him toys and sent him to school.

Rupert had respected Cody ever since he was a child.

It never occurred to him that Cody coveted his position at Benton Group. Worse yet, it seemed that he had been planning this for years.

Noticing the cold expression on Rupert's face, Annabel reached for his hand and asked with concern, "Rupert, what's on your mind?"

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