

## Chapter 152 Not Going To Call Off the Engagement

"I called for this press conference. There's no reason to cancel it." Cody's face was full of defiance.

He almost succeeded! Why did Rupert have to come back at this critical moment?

He was so close!

"Rupert, when you went missing, I took over Benton Group. Your grandfather asked me to," Cody explained through gritted teeth.

"Is that so? Was this really my grandfather's idea?" Rupert snorted coldly. "Cody, your ambition got the better of you. In order to seize power of Benton Group, you drugged my grandfather, causing him to have a heart attack. Then you put him under house arrest. Did you think you could get away with this?"

Hearing this, the crowd immediately burst into an uproar.

"Bruce Benton's under house arrest?"

"I thought he was undergoing treatment at the hospital."

"Would Cody really do such a thing? Bruce is his father!"

"But he is adopted. Even father and son turn against each other these days."

When he heard these comments, Cody's face changed. He glared at Rupert and roared, "Rupert, enough with the nonsense!"

How did Rupert find out about his ploys?

Wasn't he lost at sea these past few days?

How did Rupert know that he had put Bruce under house arrest?

Cody clenched his fists so tight that his knuckles turned white. Seeing that things were taking a turn for the worse, he became more and more flustered.

And Rupert could tell how Cody felt. A sarcastic smile tugged at the corners of his thin lips. "Nonsense? How about we ask my grandfather to shed light on the matter?"

As soon as he saved Bruce, Rupert couldn't wait to come to the press conference.

Cody brought it up just in time. Rupert's men should've arrived with Bruce.

Hardly had his voice faded away, the crowd burst into chaos once more. "Bruce Benton? It's really him! It's Bruce Benton!"

At the door, two bodyguards in black were supporting Bruce, who was feebly making his way to the meeting room.

"Grandpa." Rupert strode towards the door to help him.

At the same time, Annabel stood up from her seat and looked at Rupert with a smile.

Their eyes met. Both of them walked to the door to help Bruce up. "Grandpa, are you okay?"

Bruce looked exhausted. Forcing a smile, he said, "I'm fine."

Together, they headed to the center of the stage.

"Dad..." The moment Cody saw Bruce, his expression changed dramatically.

Shouldn't Bruce be in a coma in the hospital now? What the hell was he doing here?

"I'm done for," Cody murmured to himself in a panic.

"Dad, what're you doing here?" Cody asked with concern, feigning a worried expression.

Bruce snorted coldly. "Of course, you don't want me here."

"What're you talking about?" Cody forced a smile. "You're fine. That's great news!"

"Cody, drop the act. You drugged me, spread fake news that I was seriously ill, and put me under house arrest to seize power in Benton Group. Unfortunately, your plan failed!" Bruce declared loudly, glaring at Cody. ③

"What? That's not true!" Cody took a step back, cold sweat breaking out on his forehead.

"You know full well what the truth is!" Bruce stepped onto the stage and cleared his throat. "Today's press conference is cancelled. The CEO of Benton Group is still Rupert Benton. Cody Hinks will be removed from the position of vice president. He will no longer hold any post in Benton Group. That's all."

Ever since Bruce took Cody in, he had shown nothing but kindness for the latter.

He didn't expect that Cody would be so cruel to him in the end.

He was both angry and sad.

In the end, Bruce showed mercy to Cody. He just kicked Cody out of Benton Group instead of calling the police on him.

The press conference ended abruptly. Reporters swarmed around Bruce like flies as soon as he descended from the stage.

"Mr. Benton, how did Cody put you under house arrest?"

"Cody is your adopted son. Why would he do such a thing?"

"Mr. Benton, are you going to cut ties with Cody?"

Bruce was bombarded with questions, one after another. Rupert frowned. Seeing this, Finley immediately stepped forward. "I'm sorry, everyone. Mr. Benton won't be answering any questions today."

Then Rupert and Annabel helped Bruce out of the meeting room.

As soon as they walked out the door, a tall man rushed to Annabel.

Raising her head, Annabel met Rory's doting eyes.

"Annabel, I'm so glad you're okay!" The second he saw Annabel, Rory's eyes lit up happily.

Annabel was surprised to see him. "Rory, what're you doing here?"

Rory took her hand and explained, "Annabel, you've been missing for days. Do you know how worried I was about you? I've been looking for you! When I saw that you were in the press conference just now, I came here immediately. I'm just glad you're fine."

Regardless of the other people present, Rory revealed his true feelings, which made Annabel feel a little embarrassed.

She withdrew her hand calmly and forced a smile. "I'm fine. Don't worry."

"Annabel—" Rory wanted to say something more but was interrupted by a dangerously cold voice.

Rupert's face fell. "Rory, this is none of your business. Go back to your Star Entertainment."

Rory's expression darkened. "Star Entertainment isn't mine. It's—"

Annabel's heart leaped to her throat.

Was Rory going to expose her identity?

"Rory, you haven't given me your autograph my friend asked for," Annabel said quickly, interrupting Rory mid-sentence.

Rory looked at Annabel meaningfully. "Then come to Star Entertainment with me. I'll give it to you there."

Annabel nodded and turned to look at Rupert. "Rupert, take your grandpa back home. I have to talk to Rory about something." ⓘ

Rupert's face turned livid with rage. What did she mean by that?

But Annabel ignored Rupert and dragged Rory away.

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She had to draw a clear line between herself and Rory.

Under Rupert's icy gaze, Annabel and Rory walked out of Benton Group.

"Annabel, haven't you broken off your engagement to Rupert yet?" Rory asked eagerly the moment they were out of earshot.

Annabel shook her head. "I'm not going to cancel the engagement."



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