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Chapter 1021: Millie's Tragic End

“Who?”

“Lucy. Lucy of the Hills.”

“3 million dollars.” The other party immediately quoted a price.

“Sure.” Millie agreed.

“According to the rules, the deposit will be half and the remaining half will be paid after the matter is completed.”

“Alright. Give me your account number.”

“It's been sent. Please check that you've received it.”

With that, the call ended.

After listening to the recording, Millie looked visibly flustered, but she forced herself to calm down.

She said, “Are you accusing me just because of this recording? In that case, I can get someone to record a voice recording and say it's someone else! Besides, this isn't my voice. How can you be so sure that it's me? I refuse to accept your accusation!”

“Whether this voice is yours...” Lucy's eyes flickered as she asked Kingsley respectfully, “Can I borrow your computer?”

Kingsley did not look too happy, but he nodded in the end.

Lucy took out a USB drive and plugged it in.

In fact, Millie was already panicking. She no longer had the confidence and calmness from before.

After inserting the USB drive into the computer, Millie's face appeared on the screen. It was a video of Millie taking the voice-changing test in the assassin training class.

Assassins had to go through many tests before they could leave the assassin base and become real assassins.

In the video, Millie's voice was exactly the same as the one she had used on the call.

Millie quickly explained, "It's not me. It's really not me. This voice... I admit that this voice is similar to my voice change, but it's not me. Yes, Lucy is slandering me. She deliberately got someone to record their voice that isn't much different from mine to frame me. I would never do such a thing. Mr. Thorn, you have to believe me. I'm loyal to you and the Hills. How could I do such a thing? You have to believe me..."

Kingsley's expression was cold as he looked at Millie.

He looked at Millie, who was so stressed out that she looked like she was about to burst soon.

He said, "A recording can't prove anything."

Millie was stunned.

Therefore, Kingsley believed her at that moment.

In an instant, she calmed herself down. She could not panic or allow Lucy to expose her.

Lucy looked at Kingsley calmly.

Kingsley said, "In the world of assassins, voices can be disguised as all kinds of sounds. Finding a voice like Millie's to record is a piece of cake for you, Lucy."

Millie quickly agreed, "Yes, Lucy has such a wide social network that she can easily find such a person! She's trying to frame me because she's jealous that I can be by your side, Mr. Thorn!"

Lucy watched Millie's performance and then looked at Kingsley indifferently.

As for Kingsley's protection of Millie... She began to wonder if Kingsley wanted her to expose Millie, or if he wanted her to know her place and not try to touch Millie.

She was silent for a long time.

That made Millie even smugger. At that moment, she was still acting all high and mighty. "Lucy, I've always admired you. You've been with Mr. Thorn for so many years that Mr. Thorn trusts you a lot, and so do the assassins of the Hills. I've always seen you as a role model. But now, you've done such a disgraceful thing for your own selfish desires. I'm sure Mr. Thorn must be very disappointed in you."

Lucy felt that even if she offended Kingsley, she would admit it. However, Millie must die!

She said, "Millie, your bank account number is..."

Lucy immediately blurted out a series of numbers.

Millie looked at her.

"This is a transaction record from your bank account number." Lucy took it out and said, "The day before the mission, you transferred 1.5 million dollars to the official account of S Underground Organization."

Millie became nervous again.

How did Lucy get her record?

“You haven't been in the Hills for long, so you might not know much about the internal affairs. All the assassins' account numbers in the Hills were given by the Hills. In other words, all the information about the assassins' accounts is in the hands of the internal affairs director, Cain. To put it bluntly, he could check the account number of any assassin he wanted to check, and he was the one who gave me this list. Of course, if you suspect that I'm faking it, I can get Cain to testify,” Lucy explained clearly.

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Millie looked at Lucy blankly.

She really did not know that the Hills could check their accounts at will or that the Hills knew every single bit of money they had spent.

If only she knew...

However, other than an account from the Hills and the remuneration they gave her, she had no other income.

It was impossible for her to get any money from anywhere else.

Millie's body tensed up.

At that moment, Cain had already appeared in Kingsley's room. He respectfully reported to Kingsley, “Mr. Thorn, I was the one who provided Ms. Harmon with the list. Miss Millie did have a sum of 1.5 million dollars transferred to the official account of S Underground Organization. In order to avoid any misunderstandings, I also called the person in charge of S Underground Organization and verified that they've indeed received Miss Millie's money.”

“No, it's not true. You guys are both framing me. Lucy and Cain are colluding to frame me!” Millie denied it and kept trying to defend herself.

“Miss Millie, I've been in the Hills for 20 years. I can swear on my life that everything I've said to Mr. Thorn is the truth. I've never lied.”

“I swear I didn't hire an assassin to kill Lucy too. I was framed.” Millie was extremely agitated. She faced Kingsley and said nervously, “Mr. Thorn, I really couldn't have done this. It's Lucy and Cain who are deliberately trying to harm me. Lucy is jealous that I'm with you now, so she's thinking of ways to get rid of me! Don't be fooled by her. ”

Millie placed all her hopes on Kingsley.

She believed that Kingsley was still reluctant to part with her. Otherwise, why would he help her just now?

In any case, Kingsley had the final say in the Hills. If Kingsley protected her, she could bite back at Lucy.

“Miss Millie, I'll say it again. I'm telling the truth, and I didn't collude with miss Yu to frame you. Framing you won't do me any good! But more importantly, I would never lie to Mr. Thorn. Please don't slander me again and again!” Cain's expression was ugly.

“Don't think I don't know that you and Lucy are having an affair! I just saw you on the same bed a few days ago. There must be an unspeakable secret between the two of you.” Millie insisted. “Mr. Thorn, it's true. They've been in cahoots for a long time. They've just been hiding it from us. You must believe me. You must believe that I'm innocent!”

Lucy just watched as Millie courted death, and Cain, too, looked at her coldly and did not defend himself.

Millie thought that their silence meant that they did not dare to go against her. After all, Kingsley was on her side.

Hence, she took the initiative to approach Kingsley, trying to charm her way through. She reached out to hold Kingsley's hand and said, “Mr. Thorn, you must believe me. I will never do anything that goes against the Hills. To you, I'm— Ah!”

Kingsley flung Millie's outstretched hand away.

At the same time, Kingsley kicked Millie hard, and his foot landed on her body.

Having been caught off guard, Millie was kicked to the ground and sent rolling over a few times.

If she were not an assassin, an ordinary person would have been killed by that kick.

Lucy and Cain's expressions did not change. After all, all assassins were cold-blooded people.

Millie curled up on the ground in pain.

She clutched her stomach and lay on the ground, looking like she was in pain. "Mr. Thorn..."

She was still trying to please Kingsley.

However, Kingsley's expression was extremely cold.

He said, "Millie, no one in the Hills dares to go against my principles!"

"I didn't. I really didn't do it..." Millie kept defending herself. "Lucy set me up. Believe me, I'm loyal to you. It's her. She's the one who's up to no good..."

Kingsley stood in front of Millie and looked down at her heartbroken expression.

Then, he lifted his long leg and stepped on Millie's face with his leather shoes. As soon as he pressed down on Millie's face, Millie could not even let out a scream.

Meanwhile, Lucy and Cain just stood there, not daring to make a sound. They even believed that Kingsley's strength was enough to crush Millie's head.

That cruel man was cold and ruthless to everyone.

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If they disobeyed him, they would die an ugly death!

Millie's face, which had been stepped on by Kingsley, had turned bright red. Perhaps in the next second, Kingsley would crush Millie's brain.

Lucy spoke up, "Mr. Thorn, can I deal with Millie?"

Kingsley looked up at Lucy.

"I'm the biggest victim here, so I hope I can get rid of Millie myself."

Kingsley released the strength he was putting in his foot and lifted it off Millie's face.

The moment his foot left, Millie's face was deformed, and her body was motionless as if she was already dead.

He said, "After you're done, go and see Jeanne."

"Yes," Lucy said respectfully.

Kingsley turned around and walked to the side.

Lucy did not dare to waste any more time, so she pulled Millie up from the ground and left Kingsley's room.

She took Millie straight to the underground prison.

That was where she was once beaten half to death by Millie.

As Millie was dragged along by Lucy, her skin kept rubbing against the ground, and her entire body was covered in blood.

"Don't kill me..." Millie said weakly, "Please don't kill me..."

Lucy sneered.

She had saved Millie from Kingsley not because she was soft-hearted.

Having killed many people, she did not have much attachment to anyone, let alone a person who had provoked her.

She had saved Millie only because she did not want Millie to die so easily.

Lucy squatted down and looked at the unrecognizable Millie. She said, "Do you think I would save you?"

Millie forced herself to look at Lucy.

"I just want you to know how you'll die."

"You..." Millie looked at Lucy with a bloody face.

"You probably don't know why Kingsley suddenly doesn't believe you, right?" Lucy sneered. "That's because Cain is no longer a real man. In layman's terms, he's just a eunuch."

Millie widened her eyes and looked at Lucy in disbelief.

That was why when she slandered Lucy for having an affair with Cain, it directly led to all her lies being exposed!

“More than ten years ago, when Cain was carrying out a mission, he injured a vital area. From then on, he took a back seat and became the manager of the Hills. Of course, it was many years ago. Many assassins have died since then, and few people know about it.” Lucy said, “Even if very few people know about it, they could still find out if they wanted to.”

“Yet you, without any preparation, overestimated yourself and came to kill me! You don't even know the rules of the Hills' accounts. What made you so confident that you could kill me?”

Millie glared at Lucy and could hear the sarcasm in her voice.

She thought that killing Lucy would be a piece of cake, but she ended up falling into Lucy's trap.

“When did you know that I was going to kill you?!” Millie snarled.

“From the moment I set you up to have the intention to kill me.”

Millie was stunned.

“Don't you understand? It was me. I deliberately provoked you to kill me,” Lucy repeated.

“Lucy!” Millie gritted her teeth.

Hence, everything was part of Lucy's plan. Lucy had set her up and made her court her own death!

Her eyes were bloodshot, and she was on the verge of breaking down.

Lucy said, “Do you know why I was able to be by Kingsley's side for so many years?”

“Shut up!” Millie screamed at the top of her lungs, not wanting to hear Lucy say another word!

“Do you really think that Kingsley only thinks with his lower body?” Lucy ignored how angry Millie was. “To Kingsley, women are just tools to vent his anger, but you're so stupid to think that you can get him with your body!”

“Lucy, shut up. Shut up!”

Lucy remained unmoved.

After all, she was an assassin. When she was truly cold-blooded, other than cruelty and torture, she was not moved at all.

She continued, “I was able to work for Kingsley for so many years because I was smart enough and not because I used my body to seduce him. Millie, you've been extremely foolish from the start!”

Millie pushed herself off the floor with all her strength. When she stood up, she immediately threw a punch at Lucy.

At that moment, she even took out her hidden Swiss Army knife and stabbed it wildly at Lucy!

Every assassin would leave a weapon for themselves just in case.

Lucy dodged the knife, but because of a moment of carelessness, the knife scratched her face.

The next second, she kicked Millie hard.

Lucy's kick threw Millie to the ground, and when Millie fell to the ground, she still wanted to resist.

However, Lucy had already stepped on Millie's hand that was holding the military knife. Then, she used her body to restrain Millie, who was on the ground, to stop her from moving.

Millie's face twisted in anger as she yelled at Lucy, “Let me go! I'm going to kill you! I'm going to kill you!”

Lucy was expressionless.

As she broke Millie's finger that was holding the military knife with her bare hand, Millie screamed in pain.

Lucy took the military knife and placed it on Millie's neck, where the artery was.

She said, "I'll cut here and make you bleed to death!"

"L-Lu..." Millie looked at Lucy in fear.

Assassins also had a fear of death.

"Don't kill me. I'm begging you. Don't kill me... Don't... Ah!" Millie screamed.

The fear in her eyes gradually stiffened. All that was left was an empty vision, and Millie died with her eyes wide open.

Lucy got up from Millie's body and watched as her arteries burst and blood spurted out, splattering all over her body.

Blood was still flowing out of Millie's body, and the entire prison was dyed red.

Lucy's eyes flickered.

She said, "Alas, I still showed you the cruelest side of me."

At the same time, Jeanne's eyes flickered. "That's true."

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Jeanne was really furious when she returned to her room, so she wanted to find Lucy to ease her mind.

Lucy had a kind of magic that no matter how bad her mood was, Lucy would somehow be able to heal her every time they chatted.

Jeanne had always found Lucy to be a treasure that was full of surprises!

Kingsley was really stupid for not cherishing a woman like Lucy!

When Jeanne went from her room to Lucy's room, she ran into Cain, the Hills' manager. Cain said that Lucy had brought Millie to the underground prison.

In that moment, she knew that Millie was done for.

In fact, Lucy was the one who gave Millie all of her bragging rights. If Lucy did not want to give her anything, Millie would have nothing, just like now.

Jeanne stood at the entrance of the underground prison and watched as Millie bled to death.

To be honest, she had never seen Lucy kill anyone.

By the time she returned to the Hills, Lucy was already by Kingsley's side and become the only long-term woman he had. Hence, she almost never went out on missions again.

Moreover, Lucy's main responsibility at that time was to train her to become a professional assassin from an ordinary person.

What Lucy had taught her most was not to kill with her hands but to use her brain.

Hence, Jeanne did not have great martial prowess.

Perhaps Kingsley did not want to see Jeanne suffer too much physical torture, so he did not have any requirements for her combat skills. As long as she was stronger than ordinary people, it was fine. However, she was nothing among assassins.

It was her first time seeing Lucy kill someone — a slash to the throat, clean, sharp, cold-blooded, and ruthless!

“Alas, I still showed you the cruelest side of me.” Lucy even laughed at that moment.

With her face and body covered in blood, her smile looked even more terrifying.

Jeanne's eyes flickered. “That's true, but there's nothing wrong with that.”

Who could those people blame for courting their own deaths?

Lucy stood up from the ground. Seeing that Millie was at her feet, she stepped over her corpse coldly.

“Let's go,” she said.

Jeanne nodded.

There would be others to clean up the place.

The Hills also had different ways of dealing with the death of assassins.

If they died in the middle of a mission, they would receive the best funeral. As for people like Millie, they would only take her body and feed it to the Hills' hunting dogs.

The world of assassins was cruel beyond imagination.

Jeanne followed Lucy to her room, where Lucy went to take a shower and changed into a clean silk robe.

Lucy liked the color bright red, which complemented with her fair skin and alluring charm. She gave the illusion that no one was worthy of wearing red in front of her.

Jeanne looked at the cut on her face that Millie had made. "Do you want me to take care of it?"

"Thank you." Lucy did not refuse.

Jeanne went over, took out the first aid kit, and helped her disinfect, clean, and apply some ointment.

Lucy endured the pain silently.

It was a little quiet until there was a sudden knock on the door, and it sounded urgent.

Lucy's eyes narrowed, and Jeanne also stopped what she was doing at that moment.

"Come in."

Cain pushed the door open and entered, his tone anxious. "Mr. Thorn has ordered for Kerby to be castrated."

"What?" Lucy's face sank.

Jeanne was shocked too.

"He's already on the operating table."

Lucy immediately rushed out, and so did Jeanne.

Cain followed behind them, and his pace was also quite fast.

The three of them rushed into the Hills' operating theatre, where Kerby was tied to the operating table.

Although assassins had seen and experienced too many cruel things, that kind of thing still made Kerby's face turn pale.

At that moment, the doctor's scalpel was already waving in front of him when Lucy roared, "Stop!"

The surgeon, Weiss, was shocked by Lucy's anger for a second.

Everyone knew that the Hills was an assassin organization, and it was easy for an assassin to kill someone.

He said, "M-M-Mr. Thorn gave the order."

"Stop!" Jeanne was also furious.

Kingsley was so cruel that she wanted to strangle him to death!

"But..." How could he explain himself to Mr. Thorn?

"I'll go and look for him!" Jeanne made a prompt decision. Before she left, she did not forget to threaten him. "I'm warning you. If you dare touch Kerby, I'll touch you wherever you touched him!"

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Weiss was clearly intimidated by Jeanne.

"Even if you're gay, that part of your body is still important to you!"

With that, Jeanne left.

Lucy untied Kerby, dragged him out of the operating theatre, and sent him back to his room. Then, she went to Kingsley's room.

She heard Jeanne and Kingsley arguing loudly in the room.

"I was the one who ordered Kerby to sleep with Lucy. If you want to touch Kerby, you might as well touch me! In any case, I've always been the one who disobeyed your orders!" Jeanne said valiantly.

Kingsley's expression was extremely unsightly. "Do you have to go against me to feel good?"

"I just can't accept your disregard for human life!" Jeanne said fiercely, "It's said that it's not easy to train an assassin. Even Mason told me that Kerby is a rising star, but now you want to castrate him? Do you want him to be like Cain and take a back seat, or do you want to take his life?"

"Those who disobey the rules of the Hills should be taught a proper lesson!" Kingsley was serious!

"Rules? What rules do the Hills have? To torture the assassins who are loyal to you as you desire? Is it an unforgivable crime for assassins to help each other?" Jeanne glared at Kingsley. "Are you really teaching him a lesson from the Hills' standpoint, or are you just venting your anger on him?!"

"Jeanne!" Kingsley called out her name through gritted teeth.

Had it been anyone else, they would have been shot dead by Kingsley.

Lucy also had the urge to argue with Kingsley. However, as she was standing at the door, she thought that Jeanne was the best candidate to confront Kingsley.

Jeanne was the only person who could piss Kingsley off so badly yet he would not hurt a single hair on her.

“What's wrong? Are you upset that Lucy slept with another man?” Jeanne did not care about Kingsley's feelings at all and continued to provoke him.

The veins on Kingsley's face were bulging, and at that moment, he was so angry that his body was trembling.

“If you're not comfortable with it, why don't you think about how Lucy feels when you sleep with other women?”

“Enough!” Kingsley was filled with hostility. “Don't think you know me very well!”

Jeanne glared at him.

“I'm telling you now that Lucy is just a body for me to vent. I admit that she is more attractive to me than most women, but that's only because she is smarter than them and knows what I want. I can't deny Lucy's intelligence. She can think of many things for me that I can't. Keeping her by my side will only bring me benefits and no harm!”

“Only beneficial and no harm?” Jeanne mocked.

“That's right!” Kingsley was very determined.

“Kingsley, don't you think you—” Jeanne was about to retort.

However, Lucy walked in from the door and interrupted, “If I tell you that I didn't sleep with Kerby, can you let him go?”

Kingsley's eyes flickered.

Jeanne also turned to look at Lucy.

The two of them clearly did not believe her, or to be more precise, they were shocked.

"I don't know what to say to convince you that I didn't sleep with Kerby. Even if I ask Kerby to prove it, you'll only think that I'm working with him to deceive you! At this moment, I can only swear to God that I didn't sleep with Kerby. If I disobeyed your order and slept with Kerby that night, I will be struck by lightning!" Lucy enunciated every word with a serious expression.

It could be said that oaths were quite cruel.

Jeanne believed her in an instant. In fact, she did not suspect Lucy just now; she was just a little surprised.

She had experienced being drugged before. If Finn had not given her the antidote last time, she could not guarantee that she would not have lost control in the end.

However, Lucy persisted. She did not take any antidote and persevered on her own.

Was it because she did not dare to disobey Kingsley's orders or...

"I really didn't sleep with Kerby." Lucy continued to explain, probably because she thought that they would not trust her. "I know very well that if I disobey your orders, the consequences will be a hundred times more painful than being drugged. Rather than suffering greater torture for a moment of pleasure, I'd rather choose to endure for a night. I don't care if you believe me or not, but I really endured it all by myself. I really did!"

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Jeanne did not say anything and just looked at Kingsley. She really wanted to see how Kingsley would feel!

To force a woman, who loved him so much, to a corner, did he have the heart to do that?

Did he have the heart to force a woman, who loved him so much, to be backed into a corner?

He probably did. After all, Kingsley's expression was still cold, and he was unmoved by Lucy's explanation.

At that moment, people might even think that he did not believe everything Lucy said.

Lucy also seemed to think that no matter how she explained herself, Kingsley would not believe her.

At least for so many years, among the assassins of the Hills, there were many who had been drugged or had taken the drug on their own initiative, but none of them endured it on their own.

She said, "If you really want to teach him a lesson, give it to me."

She knew that she could not explain herself, so she chose to bear the responsibility.

"It was me who overestimated myself and chose to use this method to expose all the suffering that Millie has caused me. It has nothing to do with Kerby. Mr. Thorn, as the head of the Hills, I hope you can handle this matter fairly."

"Fairly?" Kingsley glared at Lucy.

"Even if I did it with Kerby, it was my fault. I was the reason we disobeyed your orders. I'll take responsibility for my actions, and I'm willing to accept any punishment!"

"So, you admit that you did it with Kerby," Kingsley said, and his tone was cold.

"Whatever you say is right." Lucy did not answer directly, but she gave a very respectful answer.

In the Hills, whatever Kingsley said was true.

She had said so much just now, only to... make a fool of herself.

Kingsley's eyes narrowed, and he became even more hostile.

He said, "So you're willing to accept all the punishment for Kerby?"

"It's not for him. It's just that this matter has nothing to do with him, and the innocent shouldn't be implicated. Mr. Thorn, you're the leader of the Hills, and your every move represents the dignity of the Hills. You can't ruin your reputation over such a trivial matter," Lucy said sincerely.

She was also very smart to make Kingsley the good guy so that he had no reason to reject her request.

Jeanne pursed her lips and believed that Lucy would give up on Kingsley one day.

"To protect Kerby, you can think of anything." Of course, Kingsley would not be so easily convinced.

In his world, there were no morals, no limits, or principles. As long as he wanted to, he could kill anyone, and there was no need for a reason!

Lucy's throat moved slightly.

She was trying to keep calm.

That matter indeed had nothing to do with Kerby, so she could not let him suffer in vain.

Assassins were ruthless, but she would never betray anyone!

Just as Lucy was thinking about how to change Kingsley's mind, Kingsley suddenly said, "Alright, I'll fulfill your wish."

Lucy was visibly stunned for a few seconds, and she looked at Kingsley in disbelief.

Kingsley furrowed his brows. "Why? Are you regretting it?"

"No!" Lucy quickly replied. She was even a little anxious. "Mr. Thorn, please punish me!"

Kingsley's expression was extremely ugly as he asked, "How do you think I should punish you?"

Lucy was stunned.

The next second, she walked straight to Kingsley's bedside table, knowing that other than a pistol, there was also a dagger inside.

She took out a dagger and said, "Ever since I was young, I've loved to look beautiful. Even though I've become an assassin, I still love and cherish this face of mine. Now... I'm going to destroy it!"

She had offered what was most precious to her to make a deal and show her greatest sincerity.

She gritted her teeth and pointed the sharp dagger at her own face. Then, she cruelly drew a deep cut on it.

From the left side of her forehead to the right side of her cheek, a trail of blood covered her entire face.

It happened so fast that neither Jeanne nor Kingsley could react in time.

By the time they came back to their senses, they saw the blood on Lucy's face and the blood dripping down the dagger she had put down.

Kingsley clenched into fists tightly, as if he was holding himself back.

Jeanne was also clearly holding herself back.

She did not expect Lucy to take it so far.

Perhaps Lucy was afraid that Kingsley would go back on his word, so she did not want to waste even a second. Otherwise, Jeanne might have been able to stop her.

The room fell silent. It was as if the air had frozen.

Jeanne did not know what to say at that moment, and Kingsley was probably so angry that he could not say a word.

Lucy, on the other hand, was just waiting for Kingsley's response on the way she dealt with the matter.

As time passed, Lucy's face started bleeding even more, and half of her face was dyed red.

Jeanne could not stand it anymore, so she asked, "Is that enough?"

Kingsley's throat moved up and down.

Then, he turned around and turned his back to them coldly. He said, "Get lost!"

"Thank you, Mr. Thorn," Lucy said respectfully.

She thanked him because she wanted to remind him once again that he should not pursue the matter.

Lucy was always smart enough to know how to achieve her goal.

Jeanne pulled Lucy along and left.

After they left, a loud noise came from Kingsley's room. It was obvious that Kingsley was venting his anger.

Jeanne and Lucy stopped in their tracks for a second.

Every time Kingsley lost his temper, it was terrifying.

However, he had never vented his anger on himself. The moment he got angry, others would suffer.

Yet now, he was obviously self-destructing!

“Let's go.” Jeanne said, “He deserves it.”

Lucy did not think that Kingsley deserved it, but she thought it was better to escape because Kingsley might really kill her in the next second.

When they returned to their room, Jeanne quickly took out the first aid kit that she had just put aside and helped Lucy stop the bleeding. “Should I send you to Mike? He should know how to prevent your wound from leaving any scars.”

“No.” Lucy shook her head. “Since I did it to destroy my face, there has to be a scar. Otherwise, Kingsley will have ten thousand reasons to torture me again!”

“When that day comes, leave Kingsley,” Jeanne suddenly said seriously while treating her wound.

Lucy's eyes flickered.

Of course, she understood what Jeanne meant and knew what Jeanne was talking about. However, she chose to remain silent.

“Don't work for him!” Jeanne continued, “It's not worth it.”

It really was not worth it for a heartless man like Kingsley.

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Jeanne bandaged Lucy's wound.

Jeanne's technique was not good. After all, she was not a professional. Hence, with the bandage on, Lucy looked even worse because half of her face was covered with gauze. Those who did not know might think that the left side of her face was destroyed!

Once the long scar on her face healed, it would be no different from having half of her face destroyed.

After she was done, Lucy lit a cigarette for herself.

Jeanne did not smoke. For the past few days, even the smell of smoke made her nauseous, let alone smoking.

"Why are you looking for me?" Lucy asked.

Jeanne was clearly looking for her for something, but she had to wait because of the sudden incident.

"Kingsley took my phone." Jeanne did not look happy as she sat beside Lucy.

"Why?" Lucy was stunned for a second before she immediately thought of something. "He doesn't want you to contact those in Harken?!"

"The Sanders are threatening him!" Jeanne gritted her teeth.

In fact, she could understand why Kingsley had to do it. However, he was so assertive that she could not help but want to resist!

Lucy nodded as she knew the reason now. She said, "Monica can't rely on you forever!"

"I know."

"Everyone needs to grow up. If you hadn't survived that year, you wouldn't be alive today!" Lucy said, "Humans are a part of natural selection. You have to give Monica a chance to grow up!"

"The price of growing up is far too great, and I thought she could choose not to go through that."

"I watched the press conference yesterday where Monica faced the quality inspection department herself. I think Monica can do it! You must believe her!" Lucy kept comforting her.

Jeanne nodded silently.

In fact, she knew very well that there was nothing she could do to help Monica and that Monica could only rely on herself.

However, she looked for Lucy because she wanted someone to talk to. Lucy was the best at conversing, so she knew exactly what Jeanne wanted to hear.

Jeanne opened the floor-to-ceiling window from her room and walked out to the balcony!

As she looked into the distance, it was as if she could not see the horizon no matter how far she looked!

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In South Hampton City, Monica went to see her father and saw that he was still lying motionless in the intensive care unit.

She had many things she wanted to say, but at that moment, she could not bring herself to say them.

Only now did she realize that talking was the most useless thing, and in the past, all she knew was to talk!

She turned around and left. The moment she left, her shoulders brushed past Finn.

When Monica returned to the ward, Ruby had gotten out of bed with swollen eyes. It was obvious that she had been crying the whole night.

Monica did not say much. She just told the nurse to send breakfast over and then ate with her mother.

She said, "Mom, I have to go to the office later."

"Yes." Ruby nodded.

Now, only Monica could support the family.

"I'll leave when uncle comes." Monica peeled an egg for her mother and put it on her plate.

Ruby did not have much of an appetite, but she still ate it.

Monica never used to take care of anyone, so now that her daughter was learning to change, Ruby could not be a burden to Monica!

After breakfast, Ron arrived.

Before Monica left, she said to Ron, "Uncle, I'll have to trouble you for this period of time. I know you're very busy with work, so I'll have to get my aunt to help out. I'll leave my mother to you."

"What are you talking about? We're a family. If I don't take care of my own sister, who will?" Ron said in a huff.

"In that case, thank you." Monica did not refuse. "Uncle, please stay here and watch over my mother. As for the rest, she'll have to figure it out on her own."

“Alright, you can rest easy and go to work. However, I saw on the news that the situation in Cardellini Enterprise doesn't seem so good.”

“I'll do my best. If the outcome isn't good, I'll just have to admit it.” She did not think that she could turn the tables.

However, she did not want to regret it in the end.

Monica left the hospital without wasting any more time.

When she arrived at Cardellini Enterprise's building, she saw the company's lazy employees. None of them were really working. Instead, they gathered in groups of three to five, chatting and gossiping. They were also a little surprised to see Monica, but no one took the initiative to greet her.

Monica was expressionless as she walked past them and straight into the chairman's office.

“Ms. Cardellini.” Tim quickly followed her in.

“You can call me the chairman from now on.” Monica said bluntly, “My father is not here, so I'll take over his position from now on.”

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“Yes, Chairman.”

“Call Mr. Warren over for me.” Monica said, “And make me a cup of black coffee while you're at it.”

“Yes.”

After a while, Steve came in and was a little surprised to see Monica.

When he heard that an accident happened during the chairman's surgery, he thought that Monica would be depressed for many days!

“Give me the contract that the researchers signed with us. Also, call our company's lawyer over. I want to see if there are any bindings on the contract,” Monica instructed.

Steve was stunned again as he did not expect Monica to be so calm.

However, he quickly said, “Okay, I'll get it done immediately.”

Once Steve left, Monica turned on her father's computer. The background of the desktop was a family portrait of her family. At that time, her father was still smiling very happily.

Despite that, she did not allow herself to dwell on it. Instead, she opened the browser and began to search for some relevant information.

After about an hour, Steve walked in with Cardellini Enterprise's head lawyer, Sean Chance, with a large bundle of contracts in his hands. He also brought the human resources manager along.

When everyone sat in front of Monica's desk, Monica turned the computer around to face them. “I just did a search on the internet. For technicians and employees who have mastered the core technology, if they choose to resign for reasons other than the company, they can't enter the competitor's company within three years without permission. If they violate this, according to the laws of Harken, they will be punished for disclosing the company's trade secrets. According to the severity of the case, the maximum sentence is 10 years in prison!”

“Yes.” Sean Chance gave confirmed and added, “That's why we didn't draw up that clause when we drafted the contract back then. It's because Harken has this law to control it.”

Steve was shocked.

That did not even cross his mind. All he could think of was to make them stay using the expensive damages for the breach of contract and by bowing down to them!

At that moment, after listening to what Monica said, he felt like he finally saw the light of day.

Monica was really a pleasant surprise.

He thought that she would not be able to recover from this setback and that she did not know anything. However, just when he was not paying attention, she caught him off guard.

“Now, let's look at the contents of the contract.” Now that Monica had become more capable, she no longer talked any nonsense.

The only reason she could think of that was that she had been thinking about it all night.

It turned out that the heavens really rewarded those who worked hard.

She did not know how she came up with that idea. Perhaps it was an epiphany, but she suddenly felt that in business, it was impossible to just take away the fruits of others' labor just like that. According to the system in Harken, it would definitely be controlled. Hence, she got up in the early morning to search for information, and when she found that regulation, she came to confirm it with the lawyer today.

All she wanted to do was confirm it, and she had nothing to be proud of.

After all, that was only one of the few problems that Cardellini Enterprise was currently facing. There were still many more problems that she might not even have the chance to catch her breath.

She looked at the contract seriously and said, “The contract states that if they resign without a reason, Party B must pay double the total salary during their employment. In other words, if these people resign, they will have to pay double their salary for the breach of contract. Cardellini Enterprise's salary for these people has never been low, so I estimate that the minimum compensation for each will be 50 thousand dollars.”

“Yes, we've done the calculation. 15 core technical personnel have resigned, so the total compensation will be 13.5 million dollars,” the director of the human resources department quickly replied.

"After these people leave, how many core members will we have left?" Monica asked.

"There are only 20 technicians who have mastered the development of Cardellini Enterprise's drugs."

"So, we only have five left."

"That's right. These five were the ones who fought alongside your father back then, so they stayed because of their relationship!"

"Alright." Monica nodded. "To Cardellini Enterprise, it doesn't matter whether we have ten, five, or even three people left! Our newly developed drugs have already matured and are now in production. Without those core technicians, we can still operate. It's also impossible to develop new drugs in the short term, so we have enough time to recruit new talents."

"Yes, but the problem we're facing now is that Cardellini Enterprise has no market! At present, all the pharmaceutical markets are rejecting our products, and our stock market is plummeting! If this continues, I'm afraid Cardellini Enterprise will go bankrupt!" Steve interrupted.

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"I'll tell you my next plan." Monica only nodded her head in response to Steve's worry, appearing very calm.

It was as if bankruptcy was not important, and she would just do her own thing.

She said, "Within three days, the researchers will be able to pay the compensation for the breach of contract, and Cardellini Enterprise will accept their resignation. After they resign, Mr. Chance will help me to draft a lawsuit to the court of South Hampton City and sue all the researchers and Sunny Pharmaceutical for disclosing core secrets! It might not be successful in the end, but at least Sunny Pharmaceutical wouldn't dare to hire this group of people again!"

Steve simply could not believe that Monica would think of that!

He could even imagine how angry Sunny Pharmaceutical would be! It would be a double loss!

Monica continued, "We have 13.5 million dollars in assets coming in, so we'll use this money to distribute the medicine. In other words, we'll provide the medicine to hospitals and pharmaceutical companies for free and settle the bill after the sales. Even during the promotion period, the purchase price will be 20 percent off!"

"We won't have much profit after the 20 percent discount."

"Let's offer that amount first." Monica was very determined. "We need to get back some of our money. Our finished products have used up too much capital. If we don't sell them, we won't have any cash flow!"

"Alright!" Steve did not say anything else.

He realized that Monica had already considered everything thoroughly and was not spouting nonsense.

"Based on the current situation, the distribution of goods may not be effective. Mr. Warren, draw up a list of the top distributors we want to talk to and give it to me. I don't need too many. Just the five biggest ones will do, and I'll visit them one by one."

"You'll negotiate personally?" Steve asked.

"You don't trust me?" Monica smiled.

"No, I'm just afraid that you'll suffer." No matter how much people advocated for gender equality now, women were more likely to be at a disadvantage in many situations.

"What's there to be afraid of now? If we can negotiate a deal, I'm willing to die for it!" Monica said jokingly.

In fact, it was very tragic.

"I believe Cardellini Enterprise can survive this!" Steve didn't know what to say, so he could only encourage her!

"It's settled then. We'll start tomorrow. Are there any problems?" Monica was not sad.

"No, I'll arrange it immediately."

"Mr. Warren." Monica called out to him, "Can we hold a staff meeting?"

"Now?"

"As soon as possible."

"At this time... I don't think the staff will listen to you."

"I'm not trying to make them listen to me. I just want to tell them the truth."

"Could it be..." Steve looked at Monica and hesitated.

No one would tell their employees about the company's current crisis as it would only cause panic.

"It's nothing. No matter how serious the matter is, it's just bankruptcy. I'm prepared."

In the end, Steve agreed to Monica's firm decision.

After two hours, the meeting of more than a thousand people at Cardellini Pharmaceutical's headquarters was held in the company's conference room.

Under everyone's watchful eyes, Monica walked into the conference room filled with a thousand people!

She glanced down and said, "We've gathered everyone here at this emergency meeting today to let everyone know that the Cardellini Enterprise is facing a lot of difficulties now. All the problems you heard about Cardellini Enterprise are true, and they are even more serious than you think!"

As soon as she said that, there was an uproar!

Steve, who was at the side, could not help but break out in a cold sweat!

Monica was really the most daring leader he had ever seen, and no one could compare to her!

"Now, many employees have already lost confidence in Cardellini Enterprise." Monica said, "I've also lost my confidence, so I won't force everyone to stay. If everyone wants to leave, the human resources department will accept your resignation letters."

"Monica, what do you mean? Are you driving us away? We've been working in Cardellini Enterprise for so many years. Who are you to tell us to leave?" Not able to take it anymore, an old employee questioned loudly.

"In that case, why does Cardellini Enterprise have to keep a bunch of idlers!" Monica's expression turned cold.

"Who are you calling idlers?"

"I'm talking about you and everyone here who started neglecting their work when they heard that Cardellini Enterprise was facing a crisis! If you don't trust Cardellini Enterprise, you can leave immediately!"

"Monica, what gives you the right to be so domineering? As a company, instead of providing your employees with peace and stability, you're now threatening us? Don't you think you simply don't have the bearing that a leader should have?"

"I'm telling you about Cardellini Enterprise's situation now, and that is my responsibility to you! If you're willing to stay, stay and work hard. I won't mistreat any of you! However, if you think that Cardellini Enterprise has no chance of reviving, I don't need you to waste your time here."

"You don't even give us any confidence. What right do you have to ask us to believe in Cardellini Enterprise?" The person leading the pack sounded very agitated.

"I came to work here today with the determination that Cardellini Enterprise will go bankrupt. What confidence can I give you?" Monica said bluntly.

At the side, Steve gave up. They were bound to be doomed anyway.

He felt that Monica was not here to make peace but to undermine them.

No wonder she did not care whether the employees believed her or not. On the contrary, those employees were eager for Monica to say something to convince them.

"Monica, you said that Cardellini Enterprise is going bankrupt, but you also said that you would not mistreat us if we stayed. Aren't you trying to harm us?!" The leader was furious.

"I said, if Cardellini Enterprise doesn't go bankrupt, I will not mistreat you! But if Cardellini Enterprise goes bankrupt, I can't even protect myself." Monica said, "I'm giving you a choice now. You can choose to fight like me and have no regrets, or you can choose to leave. It's up to you. Of course, if you leave now, once Cardellini Enterprise makes a comeback, those who leave can forget about coming back!"

"You're threatening us!"

"If we want to share benefits, we must also share hardships!" Monica said firmly.

After saying that, she turned around and was about to leave.

"Monica, do you really think I don't dare to resign?"

Monica paused in her steps.

"I want to resign now!"

"Alright, sure. The human resources department will follow Cardellini Enterprise's rules and handle the resignation procedure in a simple manner!"

"Y-Y-You ... Do you know who I am?" The leader probably did not expect Monica to be so straightforward.

"It doesn't matter who. If you want to leave, leave!" Monica was not threatened at all.

The leader was so angry that his face turned red.

He gritted his teeth and deliberately jeered, "Since Monica has said so, I suggest that everyone leave! We won't be threatened by her!"

"Okay." Some people started to agree. In fact, many people started to agree.

The conference room was in chaos.

In the chairman's office, Steve received the news and reported, "The human resources department has received a list of 20 resignations."

"All of them have been processed."

"Some of them are really talented."

"It's fine."

“Ms. Car– Chairman, this will demoralize people.”

“No one can be forced, and I don't want to force anyone to stay,” Monica said bluntly.

Steve still wanted to say something, but Monica interrupted him, “Gather the shareholders for a board meeting.”

What was Monica up to this time?

Steve felt like he was too old to work with young people!

Chapter 1030: Becoming Vengeful

At Cardellini Enterprise's shareholders' meeting, Monica sat in the middle.

It was unsure if it was because of Monica's rebuttal last time, but although the shareholders present were filled with anger, no one dared to take the initiative to speak.

In the eyes of those shareholders, Monica was a typical fearless and ignorant person. No matter who they were, she would be able to go against them. They did not want to lose face and status because of a little girl.

The conference room was a little quiet.

Seemingly having adjusted her emotions, Monica said, “Cardellini Enterprise is now facing a huge crisis. I just held a full-staff meeting and told the employees to leave as they please.”

The shareholders had some objections.

Was Monica trying to get rid of Cardellini Enterprise at a time like this?!

“Employees have the right to choose, but we don't.” Monica looked serious.

The Monica today felt a little different from the last time they saw her.

All the shareholders just stared at her.

“If we choose to give up, Cardellini Enterprise will be done for, and everything that we have will also be gone! Therefore, we can only give it our all and go for it!” Monica said powerfully.

She did not look like someone who could not fight back after she was knocked down.

She said to all the shareholders, “I believe you've heard about my father's condition. According to the medical answer, my father basically won't wake up...”

The crowd began to discuss. They were still sad about what happened to Gary.

In fact, Monica was also a little emotional, but she had to bear with it.

She continued to say in a calm voice, “Therefore, it's impossible for my father to show up in the company again. From now on, I'll be taking his place. I admit that I don't have my father's capability and know nothing about the business world, but I can assure everyone here that I, Monica, will do my best to save Cardellini Enterprise from this crisis. I won't give up even until the last moment.”

The shareholders looked at Monica, the little girl who could still argue with them a few days ago. However, after experiencing so much, she seemed to have matured a lot.

Monica stood up from her seat and said, “As the new chairman of Cardellini Enterprise, I would like to thank all the shareholders. I hope you can work with me to save the Cardellini Enterprise from this crisis!”

After that, she took a deep bow.

The room was silent.

Everyone found it hard to believe how much Monica had changed.

Putting aside whether Monica had the ability to save Cardellini Enterprise, they were willing to believe her this once just from the fact that she could still maintain such a calm and composed attitude even after encountering so many things.

One of the shareholders suddenly said, "Cardellini Enterprise belongs to all of us. Don't worry. If there's anything I can be of use, I'll definitely do my best!"

"Me too," another shareholder echoed, "Your father is lying in bed now. We are deeply saddened. Now that you're inheriting your father's business, I'll definitely give you my greatest support. Otherwise, when your father wakes up, he'll drink this cup of wine again. Go ahead and do it, I'll support you unconditionally!"

"I won't give up until the last moment."

At the scene, all the shareholders were siding with Monica.

Monica's eyes were red, but she controlled herself.

If she wanted to become an adult, one who was responsible and capable, she should never shed tears anymore.

Therefore, at that moment, she said, "Thank you."

After that, the shareholders' meeting ended.

The purpose of the meeting today was to tell all the shareholders that she would be taking over the Cardellini Enterprise from now on. She hoped to get their approval and support as she did not want to waste her energy by causing any more conflicts among the shareholders.

Obviously, she had achieved her wish, and now, there was no need to waste too much time.

Monica left, and naturally, Steve was by her side.

Monica always surprised him.

He thought that the shareholders would argue with each other again during the meeting, but he did not expect Monica would try to win their hearts.

Monica had really changed.

Overnight, she seemed to have grown up into an adult who could rely on herself to survive in any situation!

After the board meeting ended, Monica immediately called for a meeting with the various heads of departments to discuss the matters regarding the drug promotion. She comprehensively analyzed Sunny Pharmaceutical's advantages and disadvantages and decided on Cardellini Enterprise's promotion plan.