

## **CEOs Baby 1621**

### Chapter 1621: Zoe's Cunning Nature

At the entrance of the hospital, countless reports stopped Nox at the door, asking him an overwhelming amount of questions.

"Young Master Winter, do you have anything to say about Zoe cheating on you? Do you hate Zoe for that? Do you think your relationship has been a lie?"

"Young Master Winter, will Zoe cheating on you affect the cooperation between Winter Enterprise and The Sullivan Group? Rumor has it that you're the one who invested in the artificial intelligence of The Sullivan Group. Will you withdraw your investment because of your marriage?"

"Apparently, your grandfather, Old Master Winter, was the one who exposed Zoe's affair at the wedding. Did your grandfather consider your feelings when he did that?"

"Young Master Winter--"

"Enough!" Nox flew off the handle and shouted at the reporters, "Are you guys done? It's bad enough that I've been cuckolded, yet you're still adding fuel to the fire. If you want to know how it feels to be cuckolded so badly, go and experience it yourself. You'll know what it feels like after you experience it."

"Young Master Winter, we just wanted to ask, what will be your attitude toward Zoe in the future?"

"What do you think my attitude toward her will be? Of course, I'll never interact with her ever again. Let me tell you, don't mention this woman in front of me again, or I'll beat up whoever mentions her again. Don't test my limits." 'Young Master Winter...'

"As for my business with the Sullivans... Damn it. Considering I've been cuckolded so badly, do you think I'm crazy to give them money for scientific research? Our cooperation ends here."

"Young Master Winter, I'd like to ask..'

"No more questions. I've already answered everything I can. All of you, shut up!" Nox was so angry that he did not want to hear another word from the reporters.

"I just wanted to ask how Young Master Winter is doing. I didn't expect you to be hospitalized for a week." The reporter changed the topic.

Nox paused for a second.

In fact, he could have been discharged on the same day, but he did not want to be discharged because he did not want to see anyone. Therefore, he had been lying in the hospital, waiting for his death.

Other than having people come to visit him on the first day, he was left alone

for the next few days. Then, he was really bored to death, so he decided to be discharged.

"It's nothing," Nox said coldly.

"I heard that Zoe-I'

"Why are you still talking about her?" Nox's expression darkened immediately.

"I heard that the woman who cuckolded you..." The reporter changed the way he addressed her.

"Damn, do you think I won't hit you?" Nox was furious.

The reporters at the scene were amused. Being cuckolded was a very sad thing, but when it happened to Nox, it became a joke.

"She seems to have been locked up at home for the past few days and has suicidal tendencies. I wonder if Young Master Winter would feel any sympathy for her."

"I won't!" Nox's voice was loud and firm. "Whether she lives or dies is her business. If she really commits suicide, you don't have to inform me. I won't mourn for her!"

The reporters really admired Nox. Other than Nox, no one else in Harken could speak so openly in front of the reporters.

Did Nox not care about his image? Anyway, what kind of image could he have after he had been cuckolded so badly?

"Move aside, move aside!" Nox pushed the reporter away. "I've said what I wanted to say. If you guys continue to pester me, I won't be polite anymore!"

Seeing that Nox was not joking, the reporters silently made way for him. Then, Nox took a taxi back.

As he did not get anyone to pick him up and did not want anyone to know that he was discharged, he planned to go back by himself. However, he did not expect to be stopped by reporters. Now, everyone in the country knew that he had been discharged.

He sat in the car, feeling a little upset. The taxi driver looked at Nox from time to time through the rearview mirror.

"Why are you looking at me?" Nox was unhappy about it.

"No, I'm just wondering, are you Young Master Nox? You were cheated on a few days ago..."

"Believe it or not, I'll give you a bad review!" Nox exploded.

Everyone in the country knew him.

"I just want to say that a wise man accepts his pain, endures it, but does not add to it. Don't take it too seriously."

"I'll be fine as long as you shut up," Nox snapped.

After that, the driver did not dare to speak anymore..

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When the car arrived at Nox's neighborhood, Nox paid and returned to his own apartment.

He lay on the sofa, feeling a little hopeless. He could not believe that he, the Young Master Winter, would be ridiculed by the entire nation one day. Then, he suddenly recalled how Shelly was on her phone and laughing at him that day!

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While he was fuming, the phone suddenly rang. He picked the phone up, glanced at the caller ID, and hung up. He even blacklisted that person. From now on, Zoe was banned from his life. He would never have anything to do with that woman again.

Nox got up impatiently and went to take a shower. He planned to take a nap after to forget everything. Just as he came out of the shower, he casually put on a towel and was about to lie on the bed when someone knocked on the door.

Nox opened the door impatiently. He thought it was his mother, so he did not look at who was at the door through the camera. It was only when he opened the door that he saw Zoe standing outside.

Nox instinctively closed the door, but Zoe quickly used her body to stop it. As such, the door slammed hard on her body, and it was obvious that she was in pain.

Tears welled up in Zoe's eyes. She, who already looked weak without makeup, looked even weaker now.

"Nox, I just wanted to talk to you. I called, but you didn't pick up," Zoe said with a sobbing tone.

"I have nothing to say to you. I even find you disgusting. Get lost!"

"I know I've let you down, and that's why I want to apologize to you. I also know that nothing I say will help. I've never thought of asking for your forgiveness, but I just want to apologize to you. I really didn't want to do this. I was forced. 1-"

Nox sneered. 'Forced? Yes, you were forced to have an affair with another man, and that was why you looked so lewd!'

"I regret it too. I wanted to be with you, but those men threatened me. I was afraid that you would despise me, so I had no choice but to compromise..."

"Don't you use the word compromise." Nox interrupted her, refusing to listen to her explanation. "If you just want to explain to me why you did those unsightly things, I'm telling you now that no matter what your reason is, I won't forgive you. You're a b\*tch to me, and you'll never be able to clear your name for the rest of your life."

Tears streamed down Zoe's face as she listened to Nox's heartless words. She knew that Nox, or any man, would never forgive her. However, recently, she had been subjected to a lot of cyberbullying. Some people even sent her dolls with broken arms and legs, scaring her to death.

On top of that, Nox had just told the media that he would withdraw his investment from The Sullivan Group. Once he withdrew his investment, The Sullivan Group would be finished, and neither she nor her family could not bear the consequences! Therefore, she had no choice but to ask for Nox's forgiveness. Moreover, she had to admit that the only person she truly loved was Nox.

"If you understand, get lost!" Nox said coldly and emotionlessly.

Zoe really did not expect Nox to be so indifferent to her. She thought that even if Nox did not forgive her, he would not be so cold to her.

She bit her lips and said with tears in her eyes, "Nox, I know I've let you down. I also know that we can't be together anymore, but my parents didn't do anything wrong. I hope what I did won't affect my parents. My family shouldn't suffer because of what I did. It's unfair to them."

"Heh." Nox sneered and said sarcastically, "So you think I should be an idiot and invest in your family so that they can live a luxurious life and continue to give you money to fool around with men?"

"That's not what I meant. That's not what I meant..."

"Zoe, everyone has to be responsible for their actions! Since you had the guts to do this, you should've thought of all the consequences. Let me put it this way. Not only am I going to withdraw my investment, but I'm also going to make your The Sullivan Group go bankrupt and lose everything!"

"Nox-"

"Get lost!" Nox snapped, showing Zoe no mercy..

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"I beg you, don't treat my family like this. My matters have nothing to do with them..."

"A child's poor behavior is the parents' fault. Your parents are to blame for not educating you well, and they deserve to be taught a lesson!" Nox said coldly.

Zoe was frightened by Nox's appearance. In the past, when they were dating,

Nox would listen to whatever she said. Now, everything she said was useless.

Nox did not want to waste his breath on Zoe, so he forcefully pushed Zoe away, wanting to chase her out.

"Nox, I'll take my things with me," Zoe said anxiously as Nox pushed her away.

Nox seemed to pause for a moment before saying, "Just looking at you annoys me, and I'll be throwing your things away. If you want them, go pick them up from the trash."

"Nox..."

"Get lost!" Nox pushed Zoe away. Then, he slammed the door shut.

Zoe stared at the tightly shut door, not expecting Nox to be so heartless.

However, she then gritted her teeth and turned around to leave. After all, she knew that she could not persuade Nox about anything.

On the car ride home, she still cried because of how heartless Nox was toward her.

At that moment, she looked at her phone, which suddenly rang, and answered the call. "Dad."

"What did Nox say?"

"Nox said that he would withdraw his investment immediately. He also said that he would destroy The Sullivan Group."

"Was he really that heartless?" Mr. Sullivan was clearly agitated.

"Yeah."

"That won't do!"

"There's nothing I can do. I almost knelt down to beg Nox just now, but he ignored me."

"This cannot be the end for our family." "I don't want to either, but..." "I'm going to look for Nox's parents."

"Alright." Zoe nodded.

She did not know things would end up like that. If she knew... She just could not control herself from the temptation, but she regretted it so much now that she wished she was dead.

At the thought that she might lose everything and make their family bankrupt... No, she could not accept it!

Just then, her phone rang again. Zoe looked at the incoming call and did not want to answer it, so she immediately hung up the call. Despite that, her phone kept ringing.

Infuriated, Zoe yelled, "Cody, I'm not in the mood to talk to you right now. Don't look for me!" "I'm here to help you."

"I don't need your help! Get lost!"

"Zoe, do you think you are still the young lady of the Sullivans? Why so arrogant? You're just a piece of trash!"

"Cody, you b\*stard!" Zoe cursed and screamed.

She did not expect to be bashed by Cody like that.

"I'm here to save you from suffering more humiliation, but seeing how ungrateful you are, you deserve to be destroyed by Nox."

"What can you help me with? You don't know anything, you freeloader!"

“Zoe!” Cody's face turned extremely ugly from Zoe's scolding.

Zoe did not want to waste any more time with Cody and was about to hang up.

However, she heard him say, “I just wanted to tell you that the entire Internet is saying that you cheated on Nox, but you can say that Nox cheated on you too! This way, you won't be the only one to take the blame!”

“How can I say that Nox also cheated on me...”

“Have you f\*cking forgotten? We recorded a video of Nox sleeping with a waitress.”

Zoe was stunned.

At that time, she had only negotiated terms with Nox in case her affair was discovered, and that way, they would both be forgiven. Unexpectedly, Nox admitted to his affair, and she forgave him. Now, that matter did not even cross her mind.

“You can also be the victim!” Cody said fiercely.

Zoe fell silent, probably because saw a glimmer of hope.

“So, don't think I'm useless. If I didn't ask you to come up with that plan, you would be done for right now. I'll give you two suggestions. If you really want to go all out with Nox, tell the media that you did what you did because Nox cheated on you too. That way, in your broken marriage, you are at most an accomplice, not the murderer. Otherwise, you can use this to threaten Nox so that he won't destroy The Sullivan Group and it'll save the company.”

“I'll think about it. Don't do anything rash..”

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“Why would I do anything rash? I'm just giving you some advice on account of our relationship.” “You're smart.”

“Hmph.” Cody snorted.

Zoe abruptly hung up the phone and called her father. “Dad, I have evidence that Nox cheated on me.”

“What?”

“I said, Nox cheated on me when we were in a relationship. Wouldn't that be beneficial to our family?” “Of course, this is our last hope. Come back quickly and show me the evidence.” “Alright,” Zoe quickly agreed.

She knew very well that it was impossible for her to get back with Nox. Hence, she had to do anything she could to save her life.

After Nox drove Zoe away, he lay on the bed, lost in thought. He thought about something for a moment before picking up the phone and calling his assistant.

“I want you to get back the money that we invested in The Sullivan Group immediately and not a single cent less. If they don't return the money, we'll sue them in court.”

“Yes,” the other party said respectfully. “However, Chairman Winter, once we withdraw our investment, based on The Sullivan Group's current situation, they will have to declare bankruptcy. The artificial intelligence technology we invested in will also go down the drain.”

“Acquire all the artificial intelligence research and development teams in The Sullivan Group, and we'll manage them ourselves.” Nox said, “Just do as I say. If you encounter any problems, tell me immediately!”

“Yes.”

Nox hung up and called Edward.

The call connected. "I heard you've been discharged from the hospital."

"Yeah, I stayed for seven whole days, and you didn't come to see me even once!" Nox said angrily.

"Didn't I send you to the hospital on the first day?"

"Should I be grateful?"

"You know I'm very busy."

"So you don't care if I live or die, right?"

"Well, aren't you alive and kicking now?"

"Would it kill you to care about me?" Nox was so angry that he almost jumped up from the bed.

"Are you feeling better?" Edward asked perfunctorily.

Furious, Nox said, "I'm not going to talk nonsense with you. I'm just calling to tell you that I've made a move on The Sullivan Group and I'm taking back the artificial intelligence technology that you wanted me to develop to do it myself."

"Sure." Edward agreed immediately.

"That's it. I'm hanging up." Nox was about to put down his phone.

However, Edward suddenly asked, "Are you really feeling better?"

Nox pursed her lips. "So what if I'm not feeling better? Anyway, I've become the joke of the nation."

Edward smiled and said, "Actually, it's a good thing you didn't marry Zoe because you might've regretted it."

"What are you talking about?"

"You should know very well that you were hesitating, right?"

Nox gritted his teeth. He knew he could not hide anything from Edward. Others could not tell, but Edward could tell at a glance.

"Now is a good time for you to think about who you want."

Nox chose to remain silent. It was not that he wanted to hide anything from Edward, but he could not make up his mind.

"I won't say anymore." With that, Edward hung up.

The conversations between men were usually straightforward and direct.

Nox put down his phone and lay on the bed. Suddenly, he was not angry anymore. Instead, was deep in thought.

"Who do you want?" Edward's words were echoing in his mind.

Who else could it be?

Shelly and Benjamin brought Bella home from the hospital. It was a fully furnished two-bedroom apartment. From the 200 thousand dollars that Shelly got from Zoe, she spent 190 thousand dollars on the apartment.

When Shelly bought it, her heart really ached, but now, she was happy to have a place she could call home. After all, the sense of security and the comfort of having her own home was indescribable.

It was also Benjamin's first time entering Shelly's house, and he was a little surprised. "Is this apartment yours?" "I just bought it," Shelly said.

"The houses in this area aren't cheap."

"It wasn't cheap. Zoe gave me money to buy it." Shelly answered him while tidying up the house, not hiding anything from Benjamin.

"She gave you money?"

"When I was working at the nightclub, I often saw Zoe fooling around with other men. Later, Zoe found out about my relationship with Nox and was afraid that I would tell Nox, so she gave me 200 thousand dollars to keep my mouth shut. I thought that since she was willing to give it to me, I would accept it," Shelly explained.

Benjamin smiled. "I suddenly realize that you're smarter than I thought.."

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"Don't you think I'm greedy?"

"You must've had a reason for taking the money," Benjamin praised.

Shelly could not help but laugh. She, too, would feel happy from getting validation sometimes.

"Do you want to have lunch at home?" Benjamin changed the topic.

"I don't think there's anything in the fridge." Shelly remembered that she had emptied the fridge before she left because she was afraid that it would be rotten when she came back.

"I'll go buy lunch." Benjamin volunteered. "What would you like to eat?" "No need. Just keep an eye on Bella for me, and I'll go buy lunch."

"How can Bella be separated from you?" Benjamin was certain. "Just tell me what you like to eat, and I'll buy it."

Shelly saw that Benjamin had already walked out of the door.

"There's a supermarket in the neighborhood."

"I know. I saw it when we came in." With that, Benjamin smiled and left.

Shelly stared at Benjamin as he left.

"Mommy, why are you so happy?" Bella looked at Shelly and asked curiously.

At that moment, Shelly came back to her senses and stopped smiling. "I'm happy because you've been discharged from the hospital in good health."

"I thought it was because Mommy liked Uncle Ben," Bella said innocently. "That was why you smiled when you were looking at him."

"Little kid, watch what you say," Shelly joked and patted Bella's head. "Go watch TV on the sofa. I'll cook for you."

"Alright." Bella ran over to the sofa and obediently watched cartoons.

Benjamin spent about 20 minutes buying groceries. By then, Shelly had cleaned the room and boiled some pasta.

"I didn't know what you and Bella liked to eat, so I bought ingredients for a few recipes that I'm good at," Benjamin said as he took out the groceries.

"Can you cook?"

"As someone from a poor family, I had to take care of my family at an early age." Benjamin smiled. Shelly thought it made sense.

"Try my cooking," Benjamin said.

Shelly hesitated for a few seconds before nodding. "Okay." "In that case, go sit over there. I'll call you when I'm done."

"Let me help you. I can be your assistant or something," Shelly said.

"That works too." Benjamin nodded.

Shelly found an apron for Benjamin. Seeing that it was pink, Benjamin laughed.

"I don't have another for men, so you'll have to make do with it."

"Fortunately, you don't have one for a man," Benjamin said.

Shelly pursed her lips and did not answer. Benjamin, on the other hand, did not say anything else either.

Just like that, the two of them made lunch together as a team. They did not talk much, but it was very heartwarming. In the end, they made a salad, mushroom soup, some steak, and some pasta.

"Bella, come and eat," Shelly called out.

Bella hurriedly turned off the television and ran over with her short legs. She looked at the table full of food and said, "It smells so good. I really want to eat it."

"Wash your hands first," Shelly said and was about to carry Bella to the bathroom.

However, Benjamin had already taken off his apron and picked Bella up. "I'll go."

Shelly watched the interaction between Benjamin and Bella and then looked away, not allowing herself to overthink it.

After Benjamin washed Bella's hands, he carried her back to the dining table. Bella had been able to eat by herself since she was three years old. Hence, she held a fork and began to eat by herself.

As she ate, she praised, "Uncle Ben's steak is delicious."

"If you like it, have more." Benjamin gently caressed Bella's head, taking care of him.

"Please eat. Bella can eat on her own," Shelly told Benjamin.

"Alright." Benjamin nodded and looked up at Shelly. "Do you like it?"

Shelly nodded. "It's quite delicious."

"That's good." Benjamin smiled brightly.

Shelly looked at his smile, but in the end, she made herself look away.

After lunch, Shelly habitually cleaned up the dishes and went to wash them when Benjamin said, "I'll do it."

"You made the food, so I'll do the dishes."

"Since I'm the one who cooked, I should do the dishes. Of course, I have to do the whole thing and not give up halfway."

Shelly could not win against Benjamin, who had put on the apron again. Since Bella needed to go to the washroom at that moment, Shelly carried Bella to the washroom.

Suddenly, a knock came from the door. As such, Benjamin put down the plate and went to open the door. The moment he opened the door, he saw Nox, who looked anxious, as if something big had happened..

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Nox's anxious expression changed the moment he saw Benjamin, and it was very obvious.

He only found out where Shelly was staying through Monica's cousin, Sarah. However, he did not expect to see Benjamin here and wearing an... apron!

At that moment, he blurted out without thinking it through, "Are you guys living together?"

Just as Benjamin was about to ask Nox if he was looking for Shelly, Nox's words stunned him, and he was going to deny it.

"Why are you here?" Inside the house, Shelly came out with Bella, who had gone to the toilet.

The moment she saw Nox, impatience and rejection filled her face.

“Can't I be here? Is he the only one who can be here?” Nox pointed at Benjamin angrily.

His voice was so loud that it frightened Bella. Her body even trembled a little.

Shelly quickly took off Bella's hearing aid and said to Benjamin, “Take Bella back to her room for me.”

Benjamin looked at Nox's angry face and hesitated. However, Shelly said firmly, “Thank you.”

With that, Benjamin nodded, took Bella from Shelly's arms, and walked into the bedroom. Shelly and Benjamin's intimate interaction was an eyesore to Nox.

After sending Benjamin and Bella away, Shelly asked Nox coldly, 'What do you want?’

What did he want? He wanted to strangle Shelly!

He had just received a call from Zoe's father, who said that they had a video of him cheating on Zoe too when him and Zoe were in a relationship. Mr. Sullivan said that they knew they were in the wrong, but they hoped he would not take back the funds to give them a chance to live.

They were obviously using the video of him and Shelly sleeping together to threaten him into letting them go!

Was he someone who could be threatened? Obviously not! However, he felt that he should tell Shelly about it first.

After all, once the video was exposed, it would hurt Shelly too. That was why he rushed over to tell Shelly about it in person, just so she could be mentally prepared. Then, later on, he would naturally settle the matter. To be frank, he

was just trying to make the Sullivans kill themselves.

He knew very well that the night he slept with Shelly, he was drugged. Based on his current understanding of Shelly, he knew she had no feelings for him, so he was absolutely sure that Shelly had

not done it. After thinking it through, he realized that the person who could have drugged him that night was Zoe, but he needed some time to verify it.

Hence, he would get the Sullivans to release the video, which would be evidence. Once the video was released, Zoe would be sent to jail!

He did not have any pity for Zoe. Since she had a death wish, he would send her to her death!

He had thought of everything, and the first thing he thought of was to minimize the damage to Shelly as much as possible. Knowing that the Sullivans would soon expose the video if he did not relent, he rushed to give Shelly a heads-up.

Unexpectedly, he, who was considerate of Shelly, was met with Shelly's indifference. He even had to witness Shelly's and Benjamin's intimate interaction! Nox felt that he had made a fool of himself; he had asked to be humiliated!

“What do you want from me?” Shelly did not hide her impatience and disgust for Nox.

She had really had enough of Nox! What exactly did she have to do so that he would not find fault with her and pester her? What must she do to fulfill Nox's wish?

“From the moment I entered your family until now, I've never done anything to let you down. I don't owe you anything. Now, I just want to live my life, and my only hope is that you won't appear in front of me again. I really don't want to see you for even a second!” Shelly suddenly lost it.

She really could not take it anymore, and she could not understand why Nox had to come here to pick a fight. What did she do to let him down and for him to make her life so difficult?

Did she have anything to do with him being cheated on by Zoe?

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If he wanted to vent his anger, he should go look for Zoe. Why should he vent all his anger on her? Should she, since she was young, allow him to treat her like that?

Zoe was the one who had done such a disgusting thing to him, so why was he not taking revenge on Zoe? Why must he make her suffer?

“You don't want to see me for even a second, huh?” Nox looked at Shelly coldly. His expression was terrifyingly dark. “But you're moving in with Benjamin so soon! Are you so desperate to sleep with a man? Why are you so shameless? Why are you so—”

“Yes, I'm cheap and living with Benjamin. I'm just that desperate to sleep with a man.” Shelly did not want to waste her breath on Nox. “But am I in your way? What does me being with 10,000 men have to do with you? Nox, don't forget that you were the one who paid me to get lost. Yet now, here you are, pestering me. Why? Do you regret it? Do you want to start over with me? If you really want to start over with me, you can. Just give me the money, and I'll come back to you immediately...”

“Shelly, you're f\*cking crazy about money, aren't you?”

“You don't want to pay but want me to return to your side? Nox, why are you getting all the benefits? Who do you think you are? Why should I stoop myself so low to satisfy your ego?” Shelly roared.

Nox had really pushed her to her limits.

“Who the f\*ck said that I wanted you to return to my side? You think too highly of yourself! ”

“So why are you looking for me? Are you sick?”

“You're the one who's sick! Damn it, Shelly, what's so great about you? What right do you have to show off in front of me? What right do you have to be so arrogant in front of me?” Nox was fuming with anger

He was here out of goodwill, but now that Shelly was insulting him, he could not take it lying down.

“Shelly.” Inside the house, Benjamin walked out of the room.

He had left Bella alone in the bedroom because Shelly and Nox's argument was too intense. He was afraid that Nox would beat Shelly up, so he could not help but come out to take a look.

The moment he came out, he saw Nox clenching his fists so tightly that his veins were bulging. Nox looked like he had the urge to punch Shelly.

Shelly pursed her lips tightly. Due to Benjamin's appearance, she deliberately suppressed her emotions. She did not want a third person to see her break down. In this world, apart from Nox, she could be calm with anyone else.

She said, “Nox, I don't know why you're pestering me, or maybe you just don't want me to have a good life. But ever since I met you, I've never done anything to let you down. Perhaps you think I've caused you a lot of trouble, like causing your friends to laugh at you and your family to force you to be with me. But from my perspective, I was chosen by your family to be your companion, and I was forced by societal standards to treat you well.”

Nox's Adam's apple bobbed as he looked at Shelly, who had suddenly calmed down after Benjamin came out.

“Up until now, even when we have no relationship with each other, I haven't done anything to let you down. After we no longer have a relationship, I haven't badmouthed you to anyone or pestered you in any way. I think I've been a very good ex. Of course, you might not even think that I'm an ex, but in my heart, I think I've done everything that an ex does. My conscience is clear, and I hope that you can be a true gentleman.” Shelly enunciated each word clearly.

Nox looked at Shelly coldly and suppressed his anger. It turned out that in Shelly's heart, he was not even a man!

Shelly was indifferent to Nox's emotions. To her, the current Nox was nothing but annoying. However, she believed she had said her peace, so if Nox still did not understand where she was coming from, there was nothing she could do.

With that, she turned around and was about to close the door but hesitated for a moment. She looked at Nox, whose expression was still grim, and suddenly reached out to grab Benjamin's hand..

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When their fingers interlocked, the emotions that Nox was suppressing were on the brink of exploding.

“That's right, we're together. I'm very grateful to you for letting Benjamin pursue me back then. It made me experience what it's like to be truly loved and realize that I really don't like you at all. That was why I walked away from you so freely.” Shelly said to Nox, “I hope you won't disturb us again. Thank you.” This time, she did not hesitate to reach out and close the door.

The moment she closed the door, Nox suddenly grabbed the door with his hand. However, Shelly pushed the door harder as she did not want to see Nox for even a second longer.

Seeing Nox's fingers caught between the door, Shelly pursed her lips and looked up at Nox. There was no trace of heartache on her face, just disgust.

Nox sneered. “Shelly, what are you thinking about? Do you think I'm regretting it? Do you think I'm pestering you because I want to be with you again?”

Shelly ignored him. After all, she did not want to waste her breath on him after all that she said.

“You really think too highly of yourself. Since I told you to get lost back then, I never thought of asking you to come back,” Nox said sarcastically.

Shelly listened calmly. She was completely unmoved.

“I came to look for you today because there's something I need you to do,” Nox said bluntly, looking indifferent. “Zoe is threatening me with the video of you and me sleeping together at the nightclub. She wants me to let her go.”

The mention of the video of them sleeping together made Shelly's expression change for a second, and Benjamin reacted the same.

Nox looked at the change in their expression and said sarcastically, “Shelly, you didn't tell Benjamin that we slept together, did you?”

Shelly really felt that Nox was disgusting and had no moral conscience.

Nox looked at Benjamin again. "Don't tell me you thought Shelly was innocent when she was with me?"

"If you have something to say, just say it." Shelly did not want to hear Nox's nonsense.

Without beating around the bush, Nox continued, "I will never let Zoe go. I will make sure that the woman who cheated on me will die a horrible death! Therefore, I won't be threatened by Zoe. Since I'm not threatened, she will expose the video and accuse me of cheating on her while I was dating her."

Shelly pursed her lips, annoyed at the issue at hand. She had never thought that the entire country would know about her and Nox sleeping together.

Nox observed the change in Shelly's mood and said coldly, "The only way I can think of to prevent my reputation from being affected by Zoe is for you to admit that you drugged me after the video is exposed."

Shelly looked at Nox. For a second, she thought that Nox was just here to inform her so that she would be mentally prepared... As expected, Nox's shamelessness had no limits.

In fact, she was reacting to it pretty calmly. After all, after experiencing so much, she could accept whatever reality threw at her.

She said, "What makes you think I'll help you?"

"No reason other than I gave you money when we slept together. Since I've given you the money, you have to solve all my problems," Nox said matter-of-factly.

Therefore, for the sake of that 50 thousand dollars, she had to throw away her dignity.

However, she was not angry. After all, there was really nothing to be angry about since she did not have any expectations for Nox.

She told Nox calmly, "I wasn't the one who drugged you the last time we slept together, and I had never thought of seducing you. However, it's very likely that it was Zoe. From Zoe's perspective, she had to protect herself, so she made you cheat on her when you were dating her. This way, even if she was exposed, she could give herself a way out, just like what she's doing now. I think the best way for you to salvage your image now is to find evidence against Zoe instead of making me take the blame for you."

Shelly was seriously analyzing the matter and giving him advice.

"What I want to do is for me to decide. You don't have a say in it." Nox refused to listen to her suggestion.

Anyway, he would not listen to anything she said.

"Whether or not I want to put myself out there and tell the world that I seduced you is also for me to decide. It's not your place to tell me to do it." Shelly rejected him directly.

There was no need for her to sacrifice herself so much for Nox..

Chapter 1629: Shelly and Nox Come To An Agreement

She did not cause the matter. She was just a victim. Moreover, she would not do such a thing for Nox because Nox was not worth her throwing away her reputation.

"Shelly!" Nox gritted his teeth.

Shelly was determined. "This is between you and Zoe. It has nothing to do with me. I don't agree with what you just said." "Do you think I can't get you to agree?"

Shelly's expression darkened.

'You bought this place you're living in now with Zoe's money, didn't you? And you paid for your daughter's surgery with the money I gave you, right? Everything you have now was given to you by me. Since I can give it to you, I can take it all back. Don't underestimate me!' Nox threatened.

Shelly really wanted to laugh.

She said, "Nox, why don't you treat Zoe as ruthlessly as you are with me? If you had been more careful with Zoe, you wouldn't have been cuckolded by her and forced into a difficult spot now."

"I don't need you to point fingers at me." Nox said fiercely, "Your only choice now is to help me clear my name!"

Shelly looked at Nox coldly and saw the determination on his face.

"What about the benefits?" Shelly compromised because Nox was right— he could make her lose everything.

In fact, it did not matter if she had nothing. However, with her current situation, the cost of Bella's follow-up treatment was still very high, and she could not afford to piss Nox off. As the so-called living class of the poor, she did not even have the right to choose.

"Shelly, you're so realistic," Nox mocked. "I have to give myself something."

"How much?" Nox said bluntly.

He was certain that Shelly wanted money. Therefore, he did not need to feel guilty. It was a fair trade. Perhaps Shelly was eager to use this method to get more money.

"I don't want money anymore." Shelly suddenly refused.

Nox frowned.

"After I help you this time, just don't come looking for me again." Shelly enunciated each word.

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Upon hearing that, Nox's expression changed again. He probably did not expect Shelly to want him to get lost instead of wanting his money.

He clenched his fists and said through gritted teeth, "Shelly, you'd better think carefully before negotiating with me."

"I've thought it through very carefully. As long as you promise not to look for me in the future and deliberately make things difficult for me, I'll help you." Shelly was determined.

Nox was so angry that his body was trembling. "Shelly, I'll ask you again. Are you sure—"

"I'm very sure!" Shelly's determination was frightening.

"You said it yourself! Don't even think about getting a single cent from me in the future!"

"Alright." Shelly agreed. "But please keep your word."

"Do you really think I'd look for you?"

"Words are useless. Let's record it," Shelly suddenly suggested.

Nox's expression was extremely cold.

"Since it's a deal, we have to have proof of it." Shelly took out her phone and turned on the camera. "I'll record it in case you, Young Master Winter, forget about it. Then, I can send this recording to remind you."

Nox glared at Shelly. At that moment, he really wanted to strangle her to death! Shelly, on the other hand, waited for him calmly and did not rush him.

The two of them were in a stalemate for a long time until Shelly said, "If you don't want to, forget it. At worst, I'll just have nothing. And if I can't survive, I'll bring Bella back to my hometown."

The so-called hometown was the ravine where she used to live. No matter what, it was impossible for her to starve to death.

"Shelly, you better not regret it!" Nox grabbed Shelly's phone.

Shelly watched as Nox pressed the record button angrily. "From now on, I, Nox, will never look for Shelly again. If I f\*cking come looking for her again, I'm no better than a dog!"

After recording, he saved it and threw the phone into Shelly's hands. He threw it so hard that it hurt when it hit Shelly's hand.

Benjamin frowned. However, Shelly was used to it. Anyway, Nox had always treated her like that.

She said, "Alright, I'll do whatever you want me to do to clear your name. I'll cooperate with you."

Nox looked at Shelly coldly and said, "Wait for my arrangements!"

After that, he left. His footsteps were firm, and he looked furious.

Shelly watched Nox leave before closing the door and turning around to look at Benjamin, who was silent.

Shelly said, "You know I'm not as good as you think."

Benjamin remained silent.

"You can leave. I'll wash the dishes," Shelly said. She could remain calm even if she encountered a huge problem. "Don't expect anything from me in the future."

I'm really not a good woman."

As she spoke, she walked past Benjamin. Then, she went to the dining table and cleaned up the dishes.

She could accept many things calmly. It was the same for Nox and Benjamin. Besides, she was already used to living alone with Bella.

"Shelly." Benjamin, who was standing not far away from her, looked at her.

However, Shelly did not respond and was busy cleaning up the table.

"My silence isn't because you're bad, but because I don't have the power to help you.."

Chapter 1630: Shelly Records a Video to Clear Nox's Name

"It's fine," Shelly suddenly said.

She wanted to make it clear to Benjamin that she had never thought of anyone helping her and neither did she want anyone to sympathize with her. More importantly, she did not want to implicate anyone. Hence, she said, "Benjamin, you can go back."

"Shelly."

"As I've said, I've never thought of dating, so don't waste your time on me. It's not easy for me to fall in love with someone." Shelly seemed very cold.

For so many years, she had been able to take on everything on her own, which proved that she was not so fragile.

"I can't deny that I really like you and really want to be with you. However, I won't force you to be with me. If you don't want to, I won't cross the line." Instead of turning around and leave because of Shelly's rejection, Benjamin said, "I just hope that I can be with you, even when I don't have the power to help you. I won't do anything, and neither can I do anything, but I just want to be with you so that you won't be so lonely."

Shelly's throat moved slightly, and she just looked at Benjamin, without agreeing or rejecting him outright. At that moment, she could actually feel Benjamin's pain and how helpless he was.

"I'll go back to school first." Benjamin did not make things difficult for Shelly either.

Shelly felt that all the men in the world were different from Nox, who would never understand how she felt and whose happiness always came first. All the other men were better than Nox!

Benjamin took off his apron, and before he left, he went to the bedroom, probably to say goodbye to Bella.

Bella really liked Benjamin, so when she heard that Benjamin was leaving, she almost cried. However, Benjamin comforted her and left.

When he left, Shelly did not say goodbye to him. She believed that they should part ways before they had any feelings for each other. After all, she did not want to hurt anyone.

Three days later, Zoe exposed the video of Nox cheating on her while they were dating. Once the video was exposed, it caused a sensation throughout the country.

The entire country had originally been one-sided in their criticism of Zoe. However, now that such shocking news had broken out, the people were furious, and they started to denounce Nox.

At first, they only criticized Zoe before they moved on to both Zoe and Nox. Later on, more and more people started bashing Nox.

Seizing the opportunity, Zoe also released a video that she had recorded, where she appeared on screen without makeup and looking extremely haggard. She complained about all the bad things Nox had done to her over the years and how Nox's private life was more chaotic than hers.

She also admitted that before she met Nox, she had indeed made many friends and that she was young and ignorant. However, after she got together with Nox, she really wanted to be with Nox. Unexpectedly, Nox still could not change his habit of being a playboy. Hence, she endured it for many years because she loved Nox very much, but she really could not stand him treating her like that, so she used the same method to take revenge on Nox.

She even said that she had no choice but to expose the video. She had tried many times to reconcile with Nox and break up amicably, but Nox had rejected all of them. Now that The Sullivan Group was in danger because of Nox's sudden withdrawal of the funds, she had no choice but to reveal the truth to After Zoe's own video was released, Nox's image plummeted. Some people even began to sympathize with Zoe, saying that she was the biggest victim between them. In fact, calling Nox a sc\*mbag was kind enough.

A breakup would reveal one's true colors, and to hit Zoe when she was down, Nox was not a gentleman at all! Hence, the people strongly requested Nox not to expand her personal grudge to a family!

Of course, there were many internet ghostwriters among them, but they still effectively incited this incident, allowing Zoe to benefit from it.

Nox called Shelly the day after Zoe's video was exposed. Shelly, too, had read the tabloid and quite a lot of them at that, so she naturally saw the heat between Zoe and Nox. However, she did not care who would win or lose in the end. She was only concerned about how she was exposed in the video that Zoe had exposed.

Fortunately, Harken was a nation that did not allow such elicited content to be posted on the internet. It was too revealing to be posted publicly, so her entire body was censored. Even her face was censored, leaving only Nox's face..