

## **CEOs Baby 991**

### Chapter 991: Live Press Conference, Intense Confrontation!

Moreover, her confidence was infectious.

“This time, I'll show my dad how great I am!” Monica smiled.

Then, she strode toward the press conference in the quality inspection department.

Steve paused for a second before he caught up with Monica. He felt like the world had been dominated by the young.

The two of them arrived at the hall of the quality inspection department.

As they had communicated in advance, the people from the quality inspection department had specially arranged for both of them to sit in the front, which was carefully distanced from the reporters.

They had done their job well.

Monica remained calm and waited for the event to begin.

To be honest, she thought she would be nervous. Last night, she hid in the toilet and practiced silently. She also had dreams the entire night, which made her feel a little dazed. However, when she sat down here today, she suddenly was not nervous anymore.

It was probably because she accepted that she would have to rely on herself in the future!

Her eyes moved slightly as she looked at the few people who were walking in from the outside of the hall.

They were the newly appointed director of the quality inspection department, Daniel Cook, and other important personnel in the quality inspection department.

After those few people entered, the entire place fell silent.

The reporters kept flashing their cameras at them.

“Thank you, my media friends, for coming to the press conference regarding Cardellini Pharmaceutical's vaccine quality inspection report. On behalf of the quality inspection department, I thank you for coming!” The sonorous and powerful voice came from Daniel Cook.

He held the script and stood on the podium, giving an opening speech to everyone.

Due to the fact that it was not an ordinary press conference, the atmosphere was quite serious.

“Now, I will officially announce the test report of Cardellini Enterprise's vaccine incident to everyone here and those watching the live stream.” After a grand opening, Daniel Cook went straight to the point.

At that moment, the person beside Daniel Cook quickly handed him an unopened envelope.

In front of everyone, Daniel Cook opened the seal and took out the test report that was stamped with the quality inspection department's seal.

However, Daniel Cook's expression seemed to change a little as he read the contents.

Such a change made all the reporters present nervous. They were not worried about the outcome, but they were aware of the value of the news.

Daniel Cook cleared his throat and read out the test report, “Through test sampling the batch of CSYY3299 vaccines from Cardellini Pharmaceutical, we found that the same batch of vaccine had not been completely eliminated of toxins, resulting in the possible death of the child after the vaccination.”

As soon as he said that, the crowd went into an uproar.

A reporter quickly asked, "Does this mean there's a problem with Cardellini Pharmaceutical's vaccine?"

"Yes. We've put all the batches of vaccines under control, and all children who have previously been injected with this type of vaccine will undergo physical examinations to ensure their health."

"Why are there no problems with so many children who have been injected, but only one child has ended in death?" a reporter asked curiously.

"The incomplete elimination of the toxins doesn't completely lead to the death of the child. It's just a matter of probability. After all, the reaction of the toxin in the child's body is different according to the physical condition of each child. In theory, this batch of problematic vaccines from Cardellini Enterprise shouldn't cause the death of the child. However, through the investigation of the dead child, we found that the child had slight fever symptoms on the day of the vaccine. It was the combination of the body's own immune system and the toxin of the vaccine that led to the immediate death of the child," Daniel Cook explained.

"In other words, it's Cardellini Enterprise's vaccine that caused the child's death." The reporter confirmed.

"You can say that!" Daniel Cook gave an affirmative answer.

"I never thought Cardellini Pharmaceutical would have such a problem. I originally believed that the incident was purely caused by the individual's immunity!"

"Me too. All the medicine we have at home is produced by Cardellini Enterprise. Now, I'll have to clear everything out. I will never dare to use their medicine again."

There was a heated discussion going on at the scene.

The quality inspection department did not send anyone to silence the reporters, so the matter started to turn sour.

“As the person in charge of Cardellini Pharmaceutical, can I give everyone a positive reply to the quality inspection department's results? ” Monica's voice rang out in the noisy press conference.

His deep and steady voice silenced the crowd.

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Monica stood up from her seat, and the spotlight was on her.

She had already taken off her khaki-colored coat, and her business suit made her look very impressive.

“Ms. Cardellini, what are you trying to say? The test report is out. Are you still going to deny it?” a reporter shouted.

Monica pretended not to hear him.

She walked straight to the stage and up to the head of the quality inspection department, Daniel Cook. She said, “Director Cook, may I take a look at the report?”

Daniel did not expect Monica to go on stage, but he said, “Of course, you can.”

He handed the report to Monica.

Monica looked at it seriously for a long time before asking, “Is this the quality inspection department's result for Cardellini Pharmaceutical's vaccine?”

“Yes.”

“Is it real?” Monica raised her eyebrows.

"Of course!" Daniel Cook's expression sank. "There's no such thing as favoritism in the quality inspection department! This is the final result for Cardellini Pharmaceutical."

"In other words, the content of this report is the quality inspection department's official conclusion. It's true and valid, right?"

"That's right!" Daniel said firmly. "If you have any objections, you can appeal through the official channels. However, the report in your hands now is a legally-binding report issued by the quality inspection department."

"It's legal." Monica's lips suddenly curved into a smile.

That smile made everyone's hair stand on end.

They did not know why Monica was smiling at that moment.

Monica said, "Coincidentally, I also have a legal report with me. Director Cook, do you want to take a look?"

"The quality inspection department can't privately produce any test report to an individual or company. No matter what report you have, I can guarantee that it's fake!" Daniel said righteously.

Before Monica could open her mouth, she was ridiculed by the reporters.

"Monica, do you think this is an act? And that you can act however you want to?"

"The report issued by the quality inspection department is the official result with legal effect. Do you think you can clear your name by simply making another report? Do you think this is child's play?"

"If your father weren't sick and in the hospital, I wouldn't want to see you here spouting nonsense!"

"Get down from there!" one of the reporters shouted.

It was obvious that they despised Monica.

Today's press conference was also live-broadcasted, and the screen was filled with countless insults directed at Monica.

To the morally-upright netizens, they were very happy about the result of the Cardellini Enterprise's vaccine being problematic.

With the result released, they could unscrupulously express their righteous opinions on the Internet to satisfy their sense of justice and vanity.

Even the so-called legal team began to ride on the popularity and started a special topic on the Internet to analyze the penal code that the Cardellini Enterprise would face with the vaccine problem.

Now, after her explanation, Monica was being bashed even more on the Internet!

Michael was also looking at the phone screen with a sinister and cunning smile on his lips.

In fact, he had expected that Monica would go up on stage impulsively to question the result. However, what was the use of questioning it? The quality inspection department was the official authority. Whatever Monica said would only be an excuse, and it would only worsen her reputation.

Now that things had come to this, he could not be blamed for being too ruthless.

In the face of power, love was insignificant.

Besides, Monica was still trying to go against him, so he had to teach her a lesson! He would make Monica suffer a life worse than death!

A hint of malice flashed across his eyes.

Michael had never failed to get what he wanted, including women. He would make Monica kneel and beg him to sleep with her!

The expression on Michael's face became more and more ferocious.

Meanwhile, at the press conference, Monica maintained her calm and accepted everyone's insults at her.

Steve, however, could not stand it anymore.

Although he was doubtful about the issue of Cardellini Enterprise's vaccine, because it was an official report from the quality inspection department, he could not refute it. However, Monica went on stage so impulsively. Was she not embarrassing herself even more?

Steve gritted his teeth and prepared to take Monica away.

Monica suddenly spoke again, "If your report is official and even legally binding, does that mean that the autopsy report issued by the forensics department is official and even legally binding too?"

As soon as she said that, the entire place suddenly fell silent.

Everyone looked at Monica and watched as she calmly took out an autopsy report and presented it to everyone at the scene.

The reporters immediately became restless because the report was too small and they could not see it clearly.

Monica said to everyone, "This is the autopsy report of the child who died from the vaccine injection. The results show that the child died from a high concentration of potassium cyanide, rather than the toxins and bacteria in the vaccine!"

Everyone at the scene was shocked.

At that moment, Daniel was also a little flustered, but he pretended to be calm. "Who produced the autopsy report? Are there any stamps from the forensics department? Did you forge it?"

"Director Cook, you can take a look at it." Monica handed the autopsy report to Daniel Cook. "If you don't believe the report in my hand, I've invited the forensic examiner, Dr. Jacob Green, to the scene to personally interpret the autopsy report. Please tell the staff to open the door."

All the staff members standing at the entrance looked at Daniel, waiting for his instructions.

At that moment, the reporters at the press conference were filled with anticipation.

Regardless of whether it was true or not, it was definitely breaking newsworthy, so everyone was waiting.

Daniel had no choice but to tell his men to open the door.

If he did not open it, it would be obvious that he was guilty, and he would not be able to explain himself to the public.

He gritted his teeth, nodded, and gave instructions to the staff.

When the staff opened the door, Jacob Green walked up to Monica in his work uniform.

"Dr. Green, I'm sorry to trouble you," Monica said politely.

"As a forensic examiner, it's my duty to speak for the dead and to restore the truth to him. It's my duty to stand here and tell everyone on behalf of the deceased that the cause of his death was an intake of 80mg of potassium cyanide and not because the vaccine was not completely neutralized. I didn't find any trace of vaccine's toxins in the autopsy."

Jacob Green's words caused a stir among the crowd and the entire country!



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The press conference instantly burst into an uproar. The twist in the situation was completely unexpected.

Daniel could not stay calm anymore.

Did they not say that everything was ready and that he only needed to announce the results in person?

The sudden change in the situation was completely out of his expectations.

He was embarrassed, but fortunately, the reporters' attention was all on the forensic pathologist and Monica.

“Dr. Green, are you saying that the child's death has nothing to do with the vaccine?”

“Yes,” Jacob Green replied.

“But the report given by the quality inspection department states that there is a problem with the vaccine. How do you explain that?” the reporter asked anxiously.

“Whether there's a problem with the vaccine or not is not my responsibility to find out. What I'm telling everyone now is that the child's death has nothing to do with the vaccine. He died from potassium cyanide poisoning.”

“Who can prove that your autopsy report is true? Are you fabricating the truth?” the reporter asked.

“This report was personally issued by me and stamped by the forensics department. I can guarantee the absolute authenticity of this report. Of course, if anyone has any doubts about me, the child's body is still here. You can apply for another autopsy on the child,” Jacob said sternly.

His confidence made all the reporters believe him.

At that moment, they quickly turned their attention to the head of the quality inspection department, Daniel Cook.

“Director Cook, do you have anything to say about the different results given by the forensics department?”

“Is there a problem with your report, or is the autopsy report false?”

“Director Cook, please give us an explanation.”

Daniel was sweating profusely. The reporters had put him on the spot.

After all, he was able to take on the position of the head of the quality inspection department because of his adaptability.

He said, “The quality inspection department can't give everyone a clear answer to this incident, but all I can say is that our report was done fairly and justly. As for whether there is a possibility that there was a mistake during the quality inspection process because of time constraints, I can't jump to a conclusion now. Of course, I'm not excluding that there won't be any problems with the autopsy report. Personally, I think that this matter should be re-verified.”

As he spoke, he was planning to end the press conference right away.

“Actually, all we have to do is inject the vaccine on the spot to know if there's a problem with it,” Monica said directly.

Daniel's expression was extremely unsightly, and Monica's unexpected move made him panic.

Monica did not ignore Daniel's reaction. She said into the microphone, “Cardellini Pharmaceutical has been dedicated to drug research and development for hundreds of years, and we have always regulated our drugs to an extremely perverted extent. For so many years, there has never been a medical accident in Cardellini Pharmaceutical, and our Cardellini Enterprise can not afford to bear the slander!

“What are you doing?” Daniel whispered in Monica's ear.

Monica sneered. “The vaccine is for a six-year-old child, and it just so happens that my godson is six years old this year and has not been vaccinated. I will get someone to vaccinate my godson in public so that everyone can see whether there is a problem with the vaccine or not.”

“I don't agree!” Daniel's expression was serious as he said righteously to everyone, “I absolutely do not agree with anyone being vaccinated before we know whether there is a problem with the vaccine! This is disregarding human life. Monica, it is not right for you to sacrifice a child for the sake of Cardellini Enterprise's reputation!”

“Director Cook, I've already made it very clear that there's no problem at all with the vaccine. Everything I'm doing now is to clear Cardellini Enterprise's name and to give an explanation to the millions of families who have been vaccinated by Cardellini Pharmaceutical! Of course, we also have to answer to the boy who died because of the vaccine,” Monica said righteously.

Daniel was speechless.

Did they not say that Monica was useless? Had she rehearsed those lines in advance?

Even if that was the case, the confidence and aura she had when she spoke were not something that an ordinary person could display.

“I just don't want to risk anyone's life.” Daniel was still trying his best to defend himself.

“Is it that you don't want to risk anyone's life, or are you afraid that the outcome will be different from what you think?”

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“Monica, please mind your words,” Daniel said in a dignified manner.

“Director Cook, since you're afraid that I'll frame you, why don't you prove your innocence in front of everyone?” Monica deliberately provoked him.

Daniel did not answer. Monica was really forcing him to make a decision.

The reporters at the scene started to jeer, "Since Monica is so sure, I think we should give the Cardellini Enterprise a chance."

"But what if there's a problem with the vaccine and something happens to the child?" Someone objected.

"If there's really a problem, Monica wouldn't dare to bet on her godson."

"Who knows if Monica bribed a child?"

"Monica's godson is Fourth Master Swan's biological son. Do you think you can bribe him?!"

The scene suddenly fell silent because they could not find more reason to question Monica. Since Monica could suggest that, she must have full confidence.

If they slandered her now, they would just be creating rumors.

Therefore, after all the commotion, everyone waited quietly for the situation to develop.

Monica said bluntly to Daniel, "Director Cook, please take out a vaccine from Cardellini Pharmaceutical that has been stored in the quality inspection department."

Daniel looked at her.

"For the sake of fairness, I'll get someone to follow your staff to get it. We'll film the entire process and broadcast it live to the public. This is to prevent any accidents from happening midway, and no one can be sure." Monica was obviously implying something.

Daniel was forced into a corner by Monica.

His eyes flickered as he looked at one of the staff members below the stage.

That staff member was naturally Michael's man, and with such a big thing happening, he needed Michael's instructions.

Meanwhile, Michael was holding his phone and watching the live broadcast in front of him. His expression was extremely ugly.

'Monica!'

When did Monica become so smart?!

He could not believe that she found so much evidence and even knew to do an autopsy. Did they not say that the body was already cremated?

At that moment, Michael knew that he had fallen into Monica's trap.

His expression was cold as he ordered into the phone, "Let her get the vaccine!"

Then, he hung up the phone.

He could not conceal his anger.

However, if they did not agree with Monica, it would be obvious that the quality inspection department was deliberately causing trouble. Under everyone's watchful eyes, it was proof that they were fabricating the truth.

At the press conference, after receiving the instructions, Daniel said, "Since you're so insistent, I won't say anything else. However, if anything really happens, you'll have to bear all the responsibility!"

“Don't worry. If anything happens to my godson because of this, I'll pay with my life. I won't implicate any of you!” Monica enunciated each word in a very domineering manner!

Everyone at the scene was still a little shocked by Monica.

They had never expected Monica would have such a mature and magnanimous side to her one day!

Daniel told the staff to retrieve the vaccine.

The person following the staff was Mason, who had changed into a human skin mask. He filmed the entire process, from leaving the press conference to going to the destination to get the vaccine. The entire process was broadcast live on the Internet, and everyone was waiting quietly. At that moment, there was not even a comment that popped up on the live stream. Everyone held their breath, clearly a little nervous.

Half an hour later, the vaccine was brought to the scene.

At the same time, George also arrived at the press conference.

Everyone was a little surprised when they saw George.

Everyone knew that George was Monica's godson, but when George really showed up, they still found it unbelievable.

It was common knowledge that George was Fourth Master Swan's son, but now Monica wanted him to do the experiment!

If there really was no problem with the vaccine, would Monica have dared to do this?

Even before the vaccination had begun, at least half of the people had already believed that the vaccine was fine. The vaccination was just to increase that trust.

At the scene, a nurse in uniform walked up to the podium and showed her identification. She was a vaccination nurse from the vaccine center affiliated with the municipal People's Hospital.

She followed the procedure and vaccinated George.

As it hurt a little, George frowned.

Monica's heart ached for him as well.

Fortunately, the vaccination process was very fast.

After the vaccination, the venue was still quiet. Everyone waited quietly for George's reaction to the vaccine.

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At that time, the boy who had died was declared dead ten minutes after the vaccination, and he did not even have the chance to be resuscitated before his life ended. However, 30 minutes had passed, and George was still standing on the podium with a ruddy face. There was only a small bump on his wrist where he had been vaccinated, and it was not red at all.

"According to your experience, what's the maximum time for a problem to occur with the vaccination?" Monica observed George and asked the nurse.

"Generally, ten minutes is the observation period. If nothing goes wrong within ten minutes, there won't be any major reaction to the vaccine. Of course, we can't rule out some immune reactions in the body, such as fever, fever, swelling at the injection site, and more, but it's not a big problem. These are all normal vaccine symptoms, and they will automatically disappear after three to five days," the nurse replied.

"It means that since George has been vaccinated for 30 minutes and is not having any issues, we can conclude that there are no adverse effects from the vaccine?"

"You can basically say that." The nurse nodded.

“Thank you. I'm sorry to have troubled you.”

“You're welcome.”

The nurse took her tools and left the podium.

Monica also told George to leave the podium.

Then, she said to the reporters and all the cameras below, “The result was already very obvious, and I wouldn't have needed to use my godson as an experiment. But Jeanne, my best friend, said that in order to convince everyone, injecting her son in person would be the best way, so she personally handed her son to me. I think if it weren't for her absolute trust in me and Cardellini Pharmaceutical, no one would joke about their son's life! I'm really, really grateful to Jeanne!”

As she said that, her eyes turned red.

The reporters at the scene were also a little dumbfounded by Monica's sudden emotional outburst.

Monica took a deep breath and suppressed her uncontrollable emotions!

She continued, “I believe everyone knows whether there's a problem with the vaccine or not, so I don't need to say anything more. I hope everyone understands that Cardellini Pharmaceutical's research and testing of drugs are definitely above national standards. As long as it has our logo printed on it, it means that it is absolutely safe and effective!”

Monica's sonorous words made all the reporters present applaud.

It was a sense of guilt for previously misunderstanding Cardellini Enterprise and also a recognition of Cardellini Enterprise's drugs.

Not just at the scene, but all sorts of support and overwhelming apologies filled the screen.



"I believe there's nothing wrong with Cardellini Enterprise's drugs. Our family has always used their drugs, and there have never been any problems!" One of the reporters affirmed.

"In that case, why would the report from the quality inspection department come up with the conclusion that the bacteria were not completely eradicated from the vaccine?" The reporters immediately brought up the contradiction.

Daniel faced everyone and the countless cameras while trying to control the panic in his heart.

He forced himself to remain calm. "The quality inspection department will verify the problem with the Cardellini Enterprise's vaccine again. If there's really a mistake—"

"Director Cook." Monica interrupted him, "Do you think you can cover up a mistake?"

"The quality inspection department needed a month to do tests on the vaccine, but because of the doubts from the public, we had no choice but to change it to a week. It's understandable that there will be test errors when you try to complete the tests in a week." Daniel was trying to find an excuse for himself.

"It's understandable?" Monica's face turned cold. "So, Director Cook, do you think it's justifiable for the quality inspection department to issue an inaccurate report?"

"I mean, if time is tight, there might be mistakes!" Daniel argued.

"Can I understand that in order to please the public, the quality inspection department could be so irresponsible as to simply issue a report? In your opinion, you just need to give the public an explanation. Regardless of whether there is a problem or not with the vaccine, you just want to suppress the public's opinion first!"

"Monica, stop talking nonsense!" Daniel was enraged by Monica.

"Is that not what you meant?" Monica was not afraid as she coldly looked at Daniel.

"There's nothing more I can say. The quality inspection department will issue a follow-up quality inspection report for this matter, and today's press conference will end here!"

"It won't end here!" Monica said firmly.

"Monica!" Daniel gritted his teeth.

"Just now, Director Cook said there's a possibility of errors in the testing because of the short amount of time they had. If I remember correctly, the quality inspection department usually produces the report within a week. So, if you say that, doesn't that mean that the previous results issued by the quality inspection department could be inaccurate? Those food merchants and pharmaceutical companies who were found to have problems by the quality inspection department, as well as those who went bankrupt or went to jail because of this, might have been misunderstood. If that's the case, this mistake is really serious!"

"Monica—"

"Oh, that's right." Monica did not give Daniel a chance to speak. "I seem to understand what Director Cook meant just now. This is the first time you've issued a quality inspection report since you took over. Before this, it was all handled by the other directors of the quality inspection department. So, Director Cook, are you trying to say that all the previous directors have been neglecting their duties?"

"I didn't mean that! You're slandering me and insulting my integrity. I can sue you in court for saying that!" Daniel was so angry that his words were a little rushed, and his body could not stop trembling.

"Since that's not what you meant, Cardellini Pharmaceutical's vaccine testing error was not an accident. It was a deliberate setup. You deliberately set up that result with the purpose of making Cardellini Pharmaceutical face bankruptcy!"

"No! I definitely didn't!" Daniel was a little agitated and denied it immediately!

"In that case, how do you explain your mistake? Don't say there wasn't enough time. The moment you admit that there wasn't enough time, it would mean that there was a problem with all your previous quality inspection reports! If you're willing to bear this responsibility, tell everyone it's because you

couldn't make a correct judgment within a week that caused the test this time to be faulty!" Monica was overbearing.

Daniel's face turned red, and he did not dare to say anything.

If he said that, it would not only affect the incident, but it would also destroy the authority that the quality inspection department had over the years!

He did not have that much power to represent the quality inspection department, the Sanders, or even the entire Harken!

At that moment, the dignified director of Harken's quality inspection department was rendered speechless by the 25-year-old girl. His face was pale, and he was dumbfounded!

Chapter 996: Monica's First Victory, Michael's First Defeat

The scene was silent.

Monica's words were so domineering that Daniel, the head of the quality inspection department, was left stunned on the spot.

He could not say a word for a long time. He just stared straight at Monica.

Monica, of course, did not give Daniel any way out. She continued imposingly, "Director Cook, the fact that you don't dare to admit that the quality inspection department can't produce a full quality inspection report in a week means that for the quality inspection department, a week is enough to ensure the result's quality. Of course, I fully believe that the quality inspection department, under the Sanders' governing, can't be what Director Cook just said. I also believe that all the previous reports from the quality inspection department are true and valid and that there were no mistakes with them."

Monica recognized one of the abilities of the quality inspection department.

However, it was not to praise the quality inspection department but to verify what she was going to say next.

She was clear-cut and logical as she said, "Since there is no way that the quality inspection department would issue a faulty quality inspection report, the only explanation for the results of Cardellini Enterprise's vaccine is that someone did it on purpose! He deliberately framed us and wanted to put us out of business! I'm not making it up. I have my logic and reasoning."

All the reporters at the scene looked at Monica with anticipation.

The words "hurry up and say it" kept appearing in the comment section of the live stream.

Monica took her time to continue, "Let's analyze Cardellini Pharmaceutical's incident from the beginning. A little boy died because he was injected with Cardellini Enterprise's vaccine. Everyone accused Cardellini Pharmaceutical, and the entire country even boycotted us, putting our company on the verge of collapse. But of course, that's not the main point. The main point is that the little boy's autopsy results showed that his death was caused by potassium cyanide and had nothing to do with the vaccine. Think about it. The official vaccination center of the Sanders, as a designated hospital for tens of thousands of children, will never be able to explain the existence of the highly toxic potassium cyanide."

The reporters at the scene nodded repeatedly.

The screen kept flashing with comments that say, "We're confused. Please give us the answers."

"Its existence is not an accident. Someone must've brought it there on purpose. Why did this person bring it there and use it on that boy? The boy's family was an ordinary working-class family and didn't make enemies with anyone. We also did a background check on the staff member who administered the vaccine. He wasn't a native of South Hampton City and hadn't been in South Hampton City for long. He had just started working at the vaccine center, so he had never met the boy's family before. Therefore, it could be ruled out that the boy was killed because of a vendetta! Since the possibility of a vendetta has been ruled out, we can logically conclude that the boy's death was to frame Cardellini Pharmaceutical. After all, the best way to make a pharmaceutical company go bankrupt is if there's a problem with the product. There's no other way!"

"Perhaps everyone will ask, why did he or she want to frame Cardellini Enterprise?" Monica looked at everyone and answered her own question, "Because Cardellini Enterprise has made an enemy of someone!"

There was an uproar.

“I believe everyone can figure out who the enemy is if you think about it carefully.” Monica deliberately left the audience with suspense.

It was to draw everyone's interest, and everyone had no choice but to follow her rhythm.

Monica said, “Michael!”

That one word made everyone at the scene gasp in shock.

Everyone on the live stream was also shocked and probably did not know how to believe it.

Yet, at the same time, they wanted to know the result.

“My wedding with Michael came to an end after I exposed his disguise in public. Michael should've had a bright future, but because of his private relationship with me, his career was ruined. He held a grudge, so he plotted this to take revenge on me, causing Cardellini Pharmaceutical to be destroyed! My suspicion of Michael is not without reason. As the former director of the quality inspection department, he knows everything about the quality inspection industry and how to make this matter look like an accident. He even had a bit of power to influence the people in the quality inspection department to come up with a faulty report!”

Monica turned to face Daniel and said clearly, “If I remember correctly, Director Cook is qualified to take on the position of director of the quality inspection department because of Michael's recommendation of you back then, which made you Michael's deputy. That's why you're qualified to take on the position of director of the quality inspection department after Michael left! Since Michael has done you a favor, you're repaying him and returning the favor now!”

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“You're slandering me!” Daniel was agitated.

He could not refute anything else, but he had to refute that matter.

In front of so many people, and now it was even a live broadcast on the internet, he definitely had to clear his name.

“Otherwise, how would you explain the false report you made? We have no enmity between us!” Monica was overbearing.

Daniel said in a panic, “Regarding this report, all I did was read it out. As for whether there were any problems with the report, whether it was a mistake or it was intentional as you said, I can only tell you that I know nothing. The report that I have is the one in my hands. I'm not the person in charge of the quality inspection and even the release of the report!”

“So, you're selling Michael out to protect yourself, Director Cook!”

“Monica, you— If you continue to slander me like this, I'll call the police!”

“There's no need to trouble you for that, Director Cook. I've already called the police!” Monica said loudly and clearly.

Daniel's expression changed, and he looked at Monica in a panic.

Monica said, “I called the police for Cardellini Enterprise and also for that child who died unjustly! Director Cook, you should go to the police station and explain the truth. I believe the law will give you justice!”

At that moment, Daniel wanted to say something to Monica, but he could not. It was clearly useless to say anything!

No one had expected Monica to have changed into another person!

The door of the press conference hall was pushed open again.

A few police officers walked toward Daniel and cuffed his hands. “You're suspected of abuse of power, favoritism, intentional murder, framing, and other charges. We need you to follow us to the police station for investigation.”

"I'm innocent. I really didn't do those things," Daniel hurriedly explained, and his face was already pale from fear.

He probably never thought that he would be taken away by the police less than a month after he became the head of the quality inspection department!

"Whether you're innocent or not, the court will decide." The police officer's face was cold.

Monica also said to Daniel, "Director Cook, being the mastermind and the instigator of the crime is different. You have to come clean. By the way, let me remind you again that the personnel whom you mentioned did the test has also been taken to the police station. I believe that under the strict interrogation, the truth will soon be revealed!"

Daniel was frightened by Monica's words, and his whole body trembled. He was completely out of his wits.

He just numbly followed the police and left the press conference.

Monica watched his figure disappear. Then, she turned around to face the camera and all the reporters at the scene.

She said, "I don't know if someone is manipulating the situation behind the scenes, or if there's a greater force deliberately hiding it, but I hope I'm just overthinking. Through the screen, I would like to make a solemn request to the leader of the Sanders. I hope you can pay attention to this matter and give the innocent little boy who died an answer. I hope that your official authorities can give us a fair and just result. I hope that under your leadership, there is no unjust in Harken, only prosperity!"

When Monica finished, she took a bow.

The purpose was to prevent the Sanders from secretly tampering with the matter.

After all, all the officials were under the Sanders, such as the police, the court, and even the law.

It was not difficult for the Sanders to control anything!

Fortunately, Harken was a country where freedom of speech and human rights were paramount. Although it was ruled by the Sanders, they had to prioritize the people. If they could not convince the people, it would cause turmoil. Once there was turmoil, the ruler might change. The Sanders would not dare to openly go against the people's wishes.

Now that the matter had escalated to this point, they could force the Sanders to resolve the matter fairly.

At the very least, they would give the people a reasonable explanation.

Of course, Monica did not think of that series of actions, especially the last one. It was Jeanne who repeatedly reminded her to point out the Sanders so that they could not stand by and do nothing. She had to make them feel responsible

She did everything according to Jeannie's instructions.

Monica straightened her back before she left in a domineering and carefree manner.

The moment all the reporters present came back to their senses, all they saw was Monica's slender and strong back.

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Steve was also dumbfounded.

Seeing Monica leave, he quickly chased after her.

When he caught up with her, he saw that after Monica had left the sight of the reporters and cameras, she was running like a rabbit. She did look like a domineering CEO at all. From a distance, she still looked like a young lady, but that young lady could surprisingly use her charm to convince the audience!



Steve caught up with her in a few steps.

Meanwhile, Monica had run straight to her small car.

Steve quickly knocked on the door of her passenger seat and sat in the passenger seat.

Monica glanced at Steve, took a deep breath, stepped on the accelerator, and left.

“Why are you running so fast?” Steve asked while panting.

“If I don't run faster, I'll be annoyed to death by those reporters! So, of course, I have to run before they react.” Monica let out a sigh of relief and said as if it was a matter of course, “I was so domineering just now. I will definitely become their hot topic. I have to leave.”

No one could be so confident, but he had to admit that Monica had made people look at her in a new light.

“Oh no!” Monica suddenly braked.

Steve lost his balance and bumped his head.

He looked at Monica in shock, thinking, 'She really can't be praised too much. Look at what happened in the next second!'

“I forgot to take my godson with me! F\*ck! If Fourth Master Swan, finds out that I left his son behind, I think he would beat me to death.” With that, Monica immediately turned around.

“Are you talking about George?” Steve asked as he rubbed his head.

Monica nodded.

“When I was chasing after you, I saw him leaving with another man and went to another black car, which was parked right next to you.”

“Why didn't I see him?” Monica tried to recall.

“Miss, weren't you busy running for your life?”

“I'll call and ask.” Monica did not turn around, but still worried, she gave George a call.

After making sure that George had returned safely, he heaved a sigh of relief and drove to the hospital.

“Where would you like to go?” Monica asked while driving.

“I can go and see the chairman too.”

“It's better if you don't. If you go, I'm afraid my dad will talk about work again. You can get off at the intersection ahead and go directly to the company.” Monica was not afraid to turn Steve down.

“Alright.” Since the boss had spoken, Steve did not dare to refuse.

Monica parked the car by the side of the road.

Steve opened the car door. The moment he got out of the car, he turned around and said, “Ms. Cardellini, you did very well today.”

Monica's face turned red. To be praised so openly, she would be embarrassed too.

She cleared her throat and pretended to be calm. “You're too kind.”

“I wish the chairman a smooth surgery tomorrow.”

“Of course.” Monica was very determined.

Steve then got out of the car, not wasting more of Monica's time.

Monica quickly drove the car to the hospital.

She did not know why, but she was a little excited. She just wanted to share the results of today's work with her father so that he could undergo the surgery in peace.

However, before she went to the hospital, she felt that there was something she had to do.

She suddenly turned the steering wheel and sped in the other direction.

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Since Monica won the first round, someone else would suffer the defeat.

Michael threw the phone in front of him, which was playing the video, to the ground and smashed it.

However, before he could vent his emotions, his commonly used phone rang.

He suppressed his emotions and looked at his phone. However, that one glance made him feel even more depressed.

He closed his eyes and gave himself a second to recover before picking up the phone. “Leader.”

“Michael, what the hell are you doing?” The other party did not disguise his anger.

Michael gritted his teeth, unable to refute.

If it were the first time when Monica schemed against him and destroyed his marriage in public, he could say that he was unprepared for Monica. However, this time, he could not find any reason to explain why he had fallen into Monica's hands again.

At that moment, he even wanted to take revenge on himself for his negligence toward Monica, which allowed her to show off in front of him again and again.

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“Now, Monica is asking me to give her an explanation! Michael, aren't you being a little shameless by asking me to clean up your mess?”

“I'm sorry!” Michael apologized.

He could only apologize.

“I don't want your apology!” Warren Sander's aura was overbearing. “I'll give you one day to think about how to solve this problem! If you don't, I'll sell you out, and don't blame me for being merciless then. You've been in politics with your father for so many years, so you should be familiar with the principle that the winner takes all!”

“Yes.” Instead of pleading for himself, Michael just accepted Warren's wrath.

Warren did not say anything more and hung up the phone abruptly.

Michael clutched his phone, his hands trembling.

In fact, from the moment Monica exposed the suspicion that the report was fake, he had already thought of a way to get out of the situation. He was angry now not because he would be punished for this but because he could not bear the fact that Monica had escaped from the palm of his hand!

He just could not stand the fact that Monica could hold her own and even face him head-on! He wanted Monica to kneel in front of him and beg for his forgiveness!

His face turned cold.

Then, he immediately picked up his phone and dialed a number. "Brie, where are you?"

"What is it?" Brie asked.

"Let's meet and talk about the vaccine incident."

"...Okay." She was a little hesitant, but she still agreed.

"I've sent the address to your WhatsApp. I'll be there in ten minutes."

"Yes."

Once they hung up the phone, Brie's expression changed.

Last night, someone forced her door open in the middle of the night.

She did not know how Jeanne could be so capable as to destroy the lock of her high-class apartment and break into her house without any resistance just to tell her that Michael would kill her.

Of course, she would not believe Jeanne so easily, and Jeanne did not seem to expect her to believe it immediately.

Jeanne just told her what Michael was going to do to her next and told her to be on her guard. She also told her that if she did not dare to do anything to Michael, they would secretly protect her.

After a brief conversation, Jeanne left.

She really did not believe it and did not even want to take it to heart. However, she subconsciously knew that Jeanne was telling the truth.

If it were not true, why would Jeanne tell her that? Was Jeanne not afraid that she would repeat to Michael what she had just said?

In the end, after hesitating for a long time, she chose not to tell Michael.

She needed to leave herself some leeway.

She admitted that she loved Michael very much, so much so that she would do anything for him, but she was not blind. Even if Michael wanted to kill her, she had no regrets about loving him.

She was not a magnanimous person!

However, at that moment, she really did receive a call from Michael, and it proved that Jeanne was right.

Jeanne said that if anything happened to Michael, he would look for her immediately to find her and make her pay for her crimes.

She had agreed to meet Michael not only to discuss the vaccine but also to verify the truth of Jeanne's words.

Brie gritted her teeth and quickly went to her destination, which was a very well-hidden coffee shop.

It was owned by Michael. There were only a few customers on a regular basis as he did not do any publicity for it. In short, it was not for profit. It was just a safe place for Michael to discuss business.

When Brie arrived, she was brought into a private room at the far end of the cafe.

Michael was waiting for her inside.

She went over and sat opposite Michael, who said, "Monica tricked me again!"

Michael's expression was ugly.

He suddenly put down the cigarette that he was smoking, and pressed Brie onto the sofa in the private room, with the smell of smoke all over him.

Brie did not refuse and had never been able to refuse Michael.

In fact, she had been waiting for him for many years. Hence, now that Monica had broken up with him, she finally got Michael.

After a round of sex, Michael and Brie put on their clothes and sat in silence for a long time.

A long time passed when Michael said, "Brie, only you can help me now."

Brie looked at Michael.

She had thought that Jeanne was lying when she was met with his tenderness and sweetness just now.

She did not reveal any expression and just looked at him silently.

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"The leader just called me and told me to sort this matter out. If I can't resolve it, I'll have to die." Michael said, "If I die, you won't live either. There are many people involved in this matter. As long as I am brought to justice, the Sanders will root out those in the quality inspection department! The quality inspection department's quality inspectors that we bribed, as well as you and Daniel, will all suffer."

"Based on the current situation, I can't avoid the death penalty. As the primary accomplice, you will either be sentenced to life imprisonment or a suspended death sentence. Instead of us dying together, I've thought of a way to get the best of both worlds."

Brie still did not say anything.

If Jeanne had not come to look for her earlier, she might really believe him.

She heard Michael say, "My idea is that you should take the blame for this. You have the motive to take revenge on Monica and the ability to fabricate the incident to frame her. Once you're determined to be the instigator of this incident, I can clear my name."

"So, I should die in your place." Brie sneered.

"I won't let you die," Michael replied firmly.

Brie looked at him coldly.

"Before your crimes are exposed, I'll send you abroad secretly to take refuge. After I settle Cardellini Pharmaceutical and stabilize my power in the Sanders, I will find a way to bring you back."

"I'm a sinner. Can I still return to Harken?" Brie asked him.

"As long as I still have power, I can think of a way. But even if I can't think of a way, at the very least, you can stay abroad, and I'll come over to accompany you regularly." Michael revealed his plan.

Brie looked at him. "Then, what am I?"

"What do you want?" Michael enunciated each word clearly.

"The identity of your wife."



"Alright," Michael agreed immediately.

It was so straightforward that Brie could not believe it.

Michael was just trying to trick her.

"You don't want Monica anymore?" However, she still could not help but ask.

"Do you think I still have feelings for Monica? I'll only torture her to death!" The viciousness in Michael's eyes was definitely not an act.

Monica had probably provoked Michael.

If Michael was provoked, he could be so cruel that he would not even recognize his friends and family!

"Alright." Brie nodded. "I promise you, but I'm very curious how you can make me the initiator of this incident! No matter how much power I have, I can't bribe the director of the quality inspection department to listen to my arrangements."

"You can." Michael said, "As long as you fake an affair with Daniel, the head of the quality inspection department, he will be threatened by you and have to help you with your work."

Brie just stared at Michael, admiring his ability.

She was truly impressed because he could think of anything. However, at the same time, she was afraid of his cruelty.

In order to achieve his goal, he could use any means, including disregarding her image!

"Will Daniel agree to help you cover up your crime?" Brie suppressed all the pain in her heart and asked him.

“He's a smart person. He knew very well that regardless of whether he did it or not, the punishment he would receive would be the same. He would still be an accomplice, and that fact would not change! But if I still have power, at least after he's sentenced, I can find a way to reduce his punishment, and he can leave himself an out,” Michael said logically.

It made people have no choice but to be convinced.

“Brie,” Michael called out to her.

It was probably the first time in her life that she had heard him speak with emotion.

“I know this will make you feel wronged, but this is indeed the best way to protect the two of us. I don't want to die, and I believe you don't want to stay in prison for the rest of your life either. We can still achieve great things, and I promise that I'll never abandon you when I'm successful. I'll definitely remember everything you've done for me today,” Michael said affectionately.

Everything was clear to Brie, but she was emotionless at the moment. She said indifferently, “I have one more request.”

She promise him to take the blame, but she had a request.

“Go ahead,” Michael looked like he would agree to anything she said.

“Kill Monica,” Brie said.

Michael's expression stiffened.