

Chapter 19

Back at the White Swan Bakery, Selena had lodged a police report. The police officers arrived and were retrieving the surveillance footage of the bakery. Thankfully, the bakery had a surveillance system in place.

Selena saw the scene showing Megan grabbing Juniper's hair and slapping the little girl. The disturbing sight almost caused her to faint.

The world was filled with man-eating beasts, but how could she forget that human nature was the worst of evils.

Selena had always been wary of human traffickers, but she totally overlooked the existence of monsters like Megan.

"It's her! It must be her!" She shot up and screamed, pointing agitatedly at the screen. The officer gestured at her to sit down. "Miss Yard, please keep calm. Let's finish watching the entire footage."

The next scene showed Megan and Meredith leaving the bakery. About five minutes later, an unkempt man dashed into the bakery, grabbed Juniper, and ran out at lightning speed.

The footage was paused at the scene where the homeless man appeared. Of course, Selena noticed the homeless man at the time of the incident. She had also

run after him but failed to stop him.

Despite the graphic evidence, she suspected that the kidnapping had something to do with Megan and Meredith.

"Miss Yard, from the footage, we believe that we should focus on this homeless man. But we can't tell his features from the footage, so the only way to identify him is to look through the entire homeless population in the city." As he was speaking, he started dialing a number to coordinate the effort.

"No! You should start investigating Megan! It must be her! This definitely has something to do with her!" Selena bellowed with confidence.

"Miss Yard, why do you insist that she is implicated? Although Megan Yard was involved in a conflict with Juniper, the person who snatched your daughter is that homeless man! In the footage, the two women definitely left the bakery." The officer did not think that the kidnapping was connected to Megan and Meredith.

"Like what I said, it must be her doing!" Selena panicked. Based on Megan's character, after Juniper accidentally spilled juice on her, and considering her bad blood with Selena, she would not spare the mother and daughter easily.

"Do you have proof? Or did you have any conflicts with Megan Yard?"

"I can't clearly explain everything to you right now. Anyway, you should immediately arrest Megan. Once you get that woman, you can definitely find my daughter!"

The police officers exchanged looks, and they secretly thought that Selena was crazy. Of course, they recognized Meredith Yard on the screen because she was a public figure and a perfect goddess. How could she kidnap a kid? That was out of the question.

"Miss Yard, please calm down. You are panicking, and that affects your judgment. Could you leave this case to us? Please have trust in us."

"This is not a matter of trust. Every second that passes affects the chances of finding my daughter alive! You need to arrest Megan right now. Otherwise..."

At that time, her phone suddenly buzzed. It was an incoming call from Pierre. She had wanted to dismiss the call, but he repeatedly attempted to reach her. Left with no choice, she picked up the call. "I don't have the time to... What? You said that Juniper is with you?"

After that, she rushed back home, and the moment she stepped in, she yelled, "Where is Juniper?"

Pierre and the twins had been waiting in the living room. Selena dashed over and grabbed Pierre by his shoulders.

"Calm down. She's in the bedroom, but she's acting strange."

She went upstairs and found Juniper in bed. In the

bakery's surveillance footage, she could not tell what Megan had said to Juniper, but she definitely witnessed Megan grabbing Juniper by the hair and slapping her.

Juniper had always been well-protected by Selena and never experienced such aggressiveness. This unpleasant incident had likely traumatized the girl.

Selena tiptoed to the bedside, where she saw Juniper's red and swollen cheeks. She badly wanted to tear Megan into pieces. How dare she hit a four-year-old?

"Juniper, are you hungry? Mommy will make some delicious food for you. Okay?" She tried to hold her tears back as Juniper lay there motionless with her eyes closed. Feeling pained, she gave her daughter a gentle hug.

"Juniper, if you want to sleep, sleep well. Mommy will stay by your side. No matter what happens, I will be here for you."

Then, she tucked Juniper in and left the room. At the door, the concerned Pierre was waiting for her. "How was it?"

She shook her head. "Where did you find her? Has she been acting this way since then?"

The two went downstairs to the living room, where they listened to Joaquin describing how Juniper was seen in the van. However, he left out the details of the Fowlers' bodyguards.

On the other hand, Jameson was out of it. "Oh, is she your

daughter, pretty lady? In that case, can we come to play with her often? Heh heh.”

Selena was feeling down, but she expressed her gratitude. “Thank you! Thank you for saving Juniper. I guess there is no time to celebrate my daughter’s birthday today. Sorry for making you come all the way for nothing. I need to take care of Juniper now. You should all head home.”

Upon saying so, she slowly stood up before heading upstairs.

“What do you plan to do about this?”

Upon hearing Pierre’s question, Selena paused and answered, “I’ll seek revenge.”

With that, she firmly walked upstairs to tend to her daughter.

Seeing her desolate figure, he felt a gut-wrenching pain for her.

After hopping into the car with his sons, Pierre sent a text to Niall. ‘Please investigate this incident thoroughly.’

When Megan and Meredith left the beauty salon, night had fallen in Digton City. Earlier, the sociable and friendly Meredith had entertained the barrage of requests for photos and autographs from the people at the salon.

After exiting the salon, Megan could not help but grumble, “Look at you! You’re too popular to give out your

autographs to everyone! Even if you wanted to, you could have just entertained a few of them. Why did you have to take everyone's request? It's a waste of time, and I'm getting hungry now."

As for Meredith, she was sanitizing her hands with a disgusted look on her face. Just now, the people at the salon all shook her hand, which she thought was disgusting. When she got home later, she planned to throw out the outfit she wore today as well.

Just then, the phone in her pocket rang—it was from her secondary phone.

Thinking that Juniper's case must have been settled, she took the call without much thought.

"What did you say? You lost her?"

"Girlie, it's a long story. In short, we did not manage to settle the little girl for you. I admit it was my fault, and I'm really sorry about it. I could only say that my men were unlucky because they ran into the young masters of the Fowler Family."

"Who?" Meredith looked terrified.

"For some unknown reason, the young masters of the Fowler Family insisted on buying that van. My men did not want to get into trouble with the Fowlers, so they sold the van, knowing fully that the girl was still tied up in it. They dared not come clean about the kidnapping and fled from the scene. I still need to tie up some loose ends

fast. If Pierre Fowler looks into this, we will be in grave trouble. I have to go now. Ciao."

Beside Meredith, Megan overheard the conversation, and her legs suddenly felt weak from the fear.

"Merry, we're done for!"