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Chapter 451

In the lounge, Chloe sat up in a fluster, picking up the clothes Damon had stripped off, and putting them back on.

She heard the sounds of a fight outside and Nathan's screams. Her scalp tingled.

By the time she had finished dressing, Nathan's screams were still ongoing outside, but it seemed like his strength was almost exhausted.

Biting her lip, Chloe finally threw off the covers and got out of bed.

She opened the door to the break room. Nathan was desperately resisting Damon, who was gripping his collar, looking pretty riled up.

Expressionless, his fists were landing on Nathan.

Chloe rushed forward to stop him.

"Damon, cut it out!"

Nathan looked at Chloe with swollen eyes, thinking that getting beaten up might be worth it.

"Help! My bro is crazy!"

Damon didn't stop. Chloe was a bit pissed. Just as Damon threw a punch, she grabbed his wrist.

"That's enough!"

Damon suddenly stopped, looking at Chloe's hand holding his wrist. To her surprise, he looked shocked.

Chloe quickly let go of his wrist.

Nathan promptly jumped to the side.

After taking a couple of punches to the face, his handsome face was now a bit of a mess.

"Brothers should get along.... fighting is not cool!"

Chloe was a bit lost. This was the first time she had seen Damon so angry that he was actually hitting someone.

"Didn't expect my bro to be so eager. It's scary. How long did you starve him?"

Nathan covered his swollen eye, sitting in a corner of the couch, accidentally spilling the beans.

Chloe was embarrassed, this question...

Damon shot Nathan a cold look again. Nathan stiffened, looking at Chloe for help again.

Chloe took a deep breath and ran her fingers through her hair.

"If you brothers want to keep fighting, go ahead, I'm out of here."

"I'll wait for you to get off work." her wrist was grabbed by Damon

"Don't go." her clothes were tugged by Nathan.

Damon's gaze pierced Nathan like an ice knife. Nathan quickly let go.

Chloe was exasperated. She sighed, turned to Nathan, "Aren't you going to get to the medical room?"

Looking at Damon's gaze, Nathan didn't hesitate.

"Go! Of course I'll go!"

Before he could finish speaking, he had already opened the office door and ran out.

Then Damon pulled her back into his arms. His face was still pale

"Let's continue."

Chloe looked at his face, which now had no trace of the previous excitement and emotional display.

continued at this time?

Why was he so persistent?

Somewhat helpless, she shook her head.

"No need. It's almost time to get off work, I'll wait for you."

Damon's face turned even paler.

Chloe thought to herself: I don't know what he would look like when he's most angry?

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Meanwhile, everyone at the Harper Group's company forum is buzzing about the CEO's sexual orientation.

There were pictures and video evidence! The CEO was seen snatching a young man from the arms of a foreign woman downstairs in the company.

He aggressively declared "He's mine!" which became the most popular confession in the company. The female employees should be thrilled that this national treasure of a heartthrob isn't swayed by some foreign women. But their faces aren't exactly brimming with smiles.

"In this modern time, can't heterosexuals fall in love?" "All the good men are turning gay. I'm drop-dead gorgeous and yet, still no decent boyfriend!"

"Poor thing, I should drop some snacks off for Nate to cheer him up.."

Soon, the grapevine took a different turn. Nate's phone had taken a plunge into the lake during an inspection and was now kaput. So he took this downtime to rush out and get a new one.

Upon returning to the company, everyone was giving him looks of sympathy and resignation.

Every now and then, someone would stuff him with snacks and offer words of comfort.

Like, cheer up, there are plenty of fish in the sea. Don't be sad, it's not about the destination, it's about the journey...

He was left baffled by all the consolation and returned to his office to find his desk piled high with snacks.

"What's happening here?"

He looked bewildered at his office mate, who at that moment was adding another pack of snacks to his "consolation gifts".. "Hang in there! start again!"

Nate's face scrunched up in confusion!

He shifted all the stuff off his desk into his snack basket and logged onto the company forum with a what-the-heck attitude.

Sure enough, there was a wildly discussed thread on the forum today, titled-

[Today's Cafeteria Lunch Menu!]

Seeing this, Nate knew another piece of juicy gossip was brewing.

The company's food was excellent and other than work, meal times were what employees looked forward to every day.

After clicking on the post-it was really a picture of the cafeteria's lunch menu.

Then, scrolling down, the content began to shift.

In the end, Nate felt so desperate he even had thoughts of kicking the bucket!

He asked himself, why his life was so difficult!

He's still hoping to get a girlfriend!

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Would the female employees of the company still look at me now? !Man, you really screwed me over!

My future happy life...

Tears welled up in Nate's eyes. How was he going to clear up this huge misunderstanding?

He turned to his co-worker, raised his hand, and said solemnly:

"I swear, Damon and I really have nothing to do with each other except for our job relationship!"

Chloe was busy again. The company was all set up, but the biggest problem now was the lack of artists.

Even for a small talent agency, this was a huge joke.

An entertainment agency without any artists, that's just embarrassing.

Many employees had their relatives, friends, and siblings come in for auditions, but none of them were suitable.

Because of this, Chloe was furious.

She told her staff that she needed excellent actors.

But the company was stuck in a rut. All the executives couldn't take it anymore and collectively asked Chloe to revert to the original operation mode.

One person, Chloe, can't have the final say in a company. To appease the executives, Chloe took a step back.

She wouldn't handle other companies' socializing and contract issues.

Seeing Chloe back down, the other executives breathed a sigh of relief.

Chloe was also always pushing the other agents in the company to choose promising artists. Meanwhile, she was also keeping an eye on talent shows.

In her busy schedule, she also had to prepare the fragrance formula for the international competition.

Her life seemed to have returned to her time at The Olson Group. Every day, apart from work, overtime, eating, and sleeping, she had almost no leisure time.

Damon was also under work pressure recently. As the global executive of The Harper Group, his busyness couldn't even compare to Chloe's.

Since he returned from the company last time, even though they lived together, they rarely got a chance to see each other.

Once, Damon waited for her in her apartment after work, but she didn't come back until after ten at night.

He wanted to talk to her when she got back. But seeing her exhausted, his anger, after waiting all night, vanished instantly.

He just quietly slept with her.

Even though they could meet at night, he felt like they hadn't seen each other for years.

It was only five days, actually.

However, at Chloe's company, Chloe was so busy that she didn't even have time to date-

Keira suddenly became the focus again!

A stunning new single debut!

On several music platforms' hot song chart, new song chart, fastest rising chart, popular chart. In just one day, her new song quickly climbed to the top!

The growth was so fast, the momentum so strong, it was unstoppable!

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Keira had been embarrassed by Chloe at the Fragrance Frenzy International Contest, but Pulse Entertainment's PR was quick to take care of it. They hired some internet promoters. They didn't strike back at Chloe directly, never even

bad-mouthed her. They just emphasized that not understanding foreign language is totally normal, not everyone has to be fluent in it.

Later, Keira posted a pic of a foreign language textbook with the caption-

[Rise up from where you failed!]

While there were still some negative comments on the internet, Keira had also won the title of "Inspirational Goddess."

Plus, she's been really involved in charity work so her popularity started bouncing back.

When Chloe heard about this, she exclaimed that Keira was one tough cookie.

Keira's popularity skyrocketed with this song, and the online reactions were totally polarized.

She had fans who loved her, but also people who couldn't stand her.

From the get-go, Carolina instructed the Public Relations Department to stay on top of any bad vibes online. If they spot anything major, they have to deal with it immediately to prevent any blow to Keira's popularity.

Keira's comeback wasn't easy, they couldn't afford any more slip-ups.

And for the company, it was undeniably bringing in the dough.

The company's stocks were climbing, and Keira was getting tons of opportunities.

Keira is now the belle of the ball, everyone in the company is trying to work with her.

"Keira, we were all worried sick about you with all that bad press. But you pulled through, you're such an inspiration. I would've been a total wreck."

"I'm speechless. People on the Internet just talk nonsense when they are bored. Keira is obviously a versatile person, and she is only short of an all-round artist award!"

"Keira, this song is a banger. Your voice is gorgeous. I listened to it over and over last night, even had a good cry!"

"Me too. I can even sing it now."

Keira kept her smile on, feeling over the moon hearing all the praise and compliments.

But she remained humble:

"The song is the real star. I just poured my feelings into singing it. Credit goes to the person who wrote it."

"Who doesn't know that you were involved in the arrangement of the song? No need to be so modest."

“It’s your own merit. There should be no one online using this song to criticize you anymore, right?”

“Let’s see what those critics can say now!”

Even though everyone was saying this, for Keira, they were just green with envy.

At this point, Pulse Entertainment Company’s building was swarming with reporters, Just as Keira’s group was walking into the main lobby on the first floor, someone came charging at them.

“Keira! You thief!”

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The piercing sound echoed in the vacant building. The reporters outside immediately got more hyped up, all looking towards the inside of the company building.

The smile on Keira’s face faded away, and she frowned as she looked at the woman rushing towards her angrily. Everyone else froze upon hearing the words.

However, seeing Keira’s displeasure, they all started speaking up to appease her:

“Jeanette, don’t you see all those reporters outside?”

“Are you jealous of Keira’s popular song?”

“Haven’t you always been talented? Your mother was a musical guru with a wealth of musical talent. Write a hit song yourself if you have the skills! Jeanette’s face turned pale, her eyes reddened, trembling as she looked at them.

“A World of Love is my creation!!!”

Jeanette practically screamed out with all her strength. Her voice nearly shook the whole Pulse Entertainment building. Those who were just defending Keira shrunk back, closing their eyes to digest this sudden outburst.

The reporters outside sensed a big scoop!

“What’s going on? I thought Lenard wrote the lyrics and music?”

“And Keira was involved in arranging, who’s that woman?”

“She seems to be a new artist from Pulse Entertainment.”

“There must be more to this story. How dare a newbie challenge the big stars of Pulse Entertainment? And it is still in the same company!”

Reporters tried to force their way into the building, but were blocked by the security guards.

Keira frowned at the woman before her. She always had long hair with shawls, white blouse, blue jeans.

Contempt and disgust flashed in her eyes.

Jeanette, I know I might not be as good as you professionally, or that I might have hindered your career in some way. But.... you haven’t had any new works in these two years. All your past songs, you wrote and sang yourself. I know you’re talented, but... to suddenly accuse me of stealing your song, I really...”

Keira patiently explained to Jeanette, “Have you recently submitted any new sheet music to the company? Or told the company you’re planning to release a new song?”

Jeanette’s eyes were a bit confused and helpless.

Upon seeing this, Keira crossed her arms helplessly.

“You didn’t even submit the song to the company. How could I possibly steal it from your house?”

Hearing Keira’s words and seeing Jeanette’s reaction, the people present quickly understood.

“Jeanette, you’re accusing Keira without even knowing the facts, what are you trying to do!”

“I think she’s just jealous of Keira’s sudden fame from one song! Her actions are hurting others without benefiting herself. Is she desperate for fame to the point of madness!”

Keira also looked sincere and helpless, “Jeanette... this song, Lenard and I created it together. If you don’t believe me, you can ask him...”

Jeanette held her chest and stepped back. Her face turned even paler, shaking her head repeatedly!

“This song is my creation. None of you can understand how important it is to me. I won’t let this go, it’s my work and I’ll get

it back!”

With that, she turned and ran out of the Pulse Entertainment building. Almost instantly, she was surrounded by reporters. outside.

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“Even if I wanted her song, I’d tell her. I’m not stupid, we’re both in Pulse Entertainment. And if I used her song, she’d find out right away. It does no good for me or the company. I’m surrounded by negative news right now, and I’m really hurting. Why am I always the one getting hurt? Is it because I’m not cut out for the entertainment industry?”

Keira said this, holding her head in her hands, tears already starting to roll down her cheeks.

Keira made a lot of sense, and Carolina totally bought her story. But when Keira mentioned that she might not be cut out for the industry, Carolina got a bit jittery.

“Alright, I know you’re under a lot of stress right now! That’s on me, I didn’t consider your feelings. The whole company is relying on you, you’re super talented, how could you not be cut out for this industry? You’re our lucky star. You must encounter difficulties, persevere, and the result will always be fine.”

“I know, I’ve faced a lot of challenges and I’ve managed to pull through. I thought I could handle this one too! But... Jeanette really crossed the line this time... She could have talked to me privately, and she didn’t even get her facts straight before she spilled the beans in front of the reporters...”

At this, Carolina’s face darkened instantly.

“Where’s Jeanette?”

Keira shook her head, “I don’t know, she’s been out since this morning.”

Carolina said coldly: “She hasn’t produced anything for two years, and now she’s stirred up such a big mess...”

Without another word, she stood up.

I’m going to find Jeanette; she needs to be taught a lesson.”

Meanwhile, Jeanette went straight to Lenard’s studio only to find he wasn’t there, so she went to his house.

Lenard had cleaned up all the music scores Jeanette had left at his place.

He was about to leave, keys in hand, when he opened the door to see Jeanette hurrying towards him.

“Lenard!”

Lenard was visibly uncomfortable.

But Jeanette, feeling helpless, didn’t notice Lenard’s discomfort. She quickly grabbed his sleeve, looking at him anxiously.

“Lenard, where’s the song I gave you the other day? The one called A World of Love, why did it suddenly become Keira’s latest single?”

Lenard furrowed his brows and shook off Jeanette’s hand.

“I have no idea what you’re talking about.”

Jeanette’s already pale face went even paler. She slumped against the corridor wall, looking at Lenard in disbelief, asking

shakily:

“It was you... right? You gave my song to Keira, didn’t you?”

Lenard glanced around nervously, then opened the door and pulled Jeanette inside.

Jeanette stood in the middle of the room, holding back tears, glaring at Lenard with a face full of disappointment and sadness.

“Lenard, why did you do this? Why? Do you know how important this song was to me?”

Lenard said impatiently, "Jeanette, I warned you a long time ago, don't pursue your dream of becoming a singer, you are not suitable for singing! I admit you have musical talent, but it's limited to playing instruments!"

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"Of course, you can also be a music producer behind the scenes like me and Master..

This song might be popular now, but that's more thanks to Keira's performance, not yours. If you were the singer, it might not have been as successful, We create music with the intention of making every note count."

Jeanette shook her head. "No, you're wrong. My mom always told me that music is primarily about expressing feelings. It's the soul of a person, and it can bring happiness and joy, that's its real value."

Lenard took a deep breath and nodded. "You're right, the fact that many people have discovered and love this song shows that it indeed brings people joy and happiness."

"But I'm not happy!"

Jeanette cried out, her gaze at Lenard filled with despair.

"This song shouldn't be performed by anyone else! Lenard, you need to explain this to the media and the public."

Jeanette grabbed Lenard's arm, trying to pull him along, but he shrugged her off harshly.

"How exactly should I explain this to the media? That the song was actually made by you and I claimed it as my own, then gave it to someone else under my name? Jeanette, are you hurting me?"

Seeing Lenard's firm refusal, Jeanette knew that no matter what she said, she wouldn't be able to change his decision. She said in despair, "Lenard, you're the only person I trust in this world. My mom thought highly of you and guided you without reservation, and this is how you treat me?"

Lenard, who had lost all patience with her, just scoffed at her words.

“If it wasn’t for my talent satisfying her vanity, would she have taken me as her student? We were both using each other, why are you trying to make it sound so noble?”

Jeanette stared at him in disbelief.

“Is this how you’ve seen my mom all these years?”

Lenard took a deep breath. “Alright, Jeanette, do me a favor just this once and drop this, okay?”

Jeanette wiped away her tears, glaring at him in anger. “Why should I help you?”

“You...” Lenard glared back at her.

“If you insist on pursuing this, then don’t blame me for what happens next.”

Jeanette gasped in shock, her fists clenched and her body shaking in anger.

“Lenard, both my mom and I were wrong. We were wrong to ever know someone like you!”

After screaming this out, Jeanette turned and ran off. Lenard watched her retreating figure with a cold gaze, biting his lip once she had completely disappeared from his sight, then he too left.

Jeanette had no one to rely on but public opinion on the internet.

Although her mother had many “friends” when she was alive, in reality, “friends” are often the most selfish!

No one wants to get themselves into trouble, not to mention Jeanette is not her biological mother.

As for the company, there's no way they would be partial to her!

The pressure of public opinion cannot be ignored, but ultimately, public opinion is man-made.

For public opinion without evidence, it's even easier to deal with.

Pulse Entertainment immediately issued a statement that they would thoroughly investigate the incident, promising to provide a clear answer, regardless of what the truth was.

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But in reality, Pulse Entertainment's PR strategies and solutions from the get-go were all about helping Keira solve this

crisis.

All the statements posted online were basically defending Keira.

Carolina even called over Jeanette's agent early on to start prepping for Jeanette's contract termination.

Jeanette's agent, Zoey, is a refined lady in her thirties with short auburn hair, dressed in a black pencil skirt and blazer, looking all business.

She had a say and some decision-making power in the company

Besides Jeanette, she also managed a few other artists.

In the company, all resources had to first pass Keira's picky eyes before the rest of the artists could get a look in. So, it was no small feat that she managed to snag a few big names.

When Carolina told her to start preparing for Jeanette's contract termination, she furrowed her brows instantly.

"We've just released a statement, the matter isn't even clear yet, and you're already preparing to cut ties with Jeanette. Is that really fair?"

Carolina gave her a cold look, "What do you suggest then? Keira stole Jeanette's song? How did Keira supposedly pull that off? In all these years, has Jeanette brought any profit to the company?"

"I'm already being generous by not asking for a penalty fee for the damage she's caused to the company's reputation! Are you suggesting I should drop Keira for someone who disregards the company's image?"

Zoey replied with a poker face:

"It seems like in your eyes, any artist who may affect Keira will be fired!"

Carolina was instantly pissed.

"What do you mean?"

"You live few years longer than me, you should know people are complex! I agree Keira is capable, but that doesn't mean no one else can match up to her! Jeanette is a talented singer with a gift for music. She's just been tied down by her mother's pressure. I believe given the chance, Jeanette's future is limitless! If you just kick her out of the company over this, you'll be losing a very valuable talent!"

Carolina sneered, "She's under pressure, yes, but over the years, her progress hasn't been significant. How many more years should I wait for this so-called opportunity you're talking about?mAnd Keira's opportunity is right in front of us, how should I choose?"

"I choose the facts!"

Zoey stood up from the couch, her face emotionless, looking like she had seen through it all.

"I get it, you only trust your precious granddaughter! I thought you of all people would understand what it takes to run a company! The company has given up on so many potential artists because of Keira. It's like for one tree, you've forsaken the entire forest. That's Pulse Entertainment for you! I'll say it again, letting Jeanette go will be the company's greatest loss! As for how to solve this problem, of course, it's up to you!"

After Zoey finished speaking, she left the office, leaving only Carolina sitting in the office coldly, without saying a word.

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However, Zoey's words didn't change Carolina's decision one bit. In order to protect Keira, Carolina even arranged for employees in the company to purposely get interviewed by reporters downstairs of the company building.

"There's no way this song was written by Jeanette. She hasn't contributed a decent song to the company in years, and now that Keira's song is popular, she's claiming it as hers? Although I don't know the specific situation, it's such a coincidence!" "Right, and just at this moment..."

"She's a green-eyed monster, can't stand others doing well!"

"Or maybe it's because she's felt neglected by the company all these years, and she's lashing out now!"

If it was one or two people saying this, others might not buy it. But when it's five, six or even more people saying the same thing, it's pretty obvious there's something fishy about Jeanette!

Online support for Jeanette was dwindling. She was already a lone ranger, and now she was in deep water!

Just when things couldn't get any worse, they did!

On all major music platforms, it was clear as day that the song was produced by Lenard, with Keira only involved in the song's arrangement. So, of course, the reporters weren't going to forget about Lenard!

Initially, there was quite a bit of online skepticism towards Lenard. But Lenard only posted one message.

[I'll wait for the truth!]

Facing the reporters, he didn't utter a word.

However, the reporters tailing Lenard noticed him meeting with a lawyer at a coffee shop, and not just any lawyer, but the well-known rights-protecting lawyer from P City, Mr. Davis!

After the meeting, Lenard was undoubtedly ambushed by reporters.

"Mr. Lenard, why did you meet with Mr. Davis?"

"Is it about Jeanette's plagiarism incident?"

"As a student of Serena, do you plan to sue Jeanette?"

Lenard frowned, "I really had no other choice. Jeanette's behavior this time was too reckless, I can't accept her attitude towards music!"

"There's no direct link between reputation and music! But she's using music to feed her vanity, that's tarnishing music! Even though she's my junior, I won't let her off!"

Hearing this, all the reporters were taken aback.

At this time, a reporter who reacted quickly immediately asked. "So, Mr. Lenard, do you have ample evidence to prove that Jeanette is just causing a ruckus because she's been suppressed by the company

for a long time, and she's just picking this opportune time of Keira's new song blowing up to get back at the company?"

Lenard's expression was very serious, "I don't know about that, but I did hear her complaints. I thought she was just venting some negative emotions, but I didn't expect her to turn out like this! It was only then that I realized she's not the sweet and innocent girl she used to be! It's such a pity..."

In the end, Lenard was filled with disappointment and helplessness.

Lenard is one of the most authoritative music producers in the pop music world today, and he also has a profound influence in the domestic entertainment industry. His video was later posted online, but people didn't see it as him betraying a friend. Instead, they highly praised him for his dedication and love for music, and his unwavering focus on music!