

## Chapter 3 Avoid Him!

Brian, Lexi, and I looked at each other in shock.

"He mistook you for her," Lexi said in disbelief.

"Oh God no" I shook my head and slumped into my chair, feeling guilt creep inside me. "Mr. Kingston doesn't know my name. He probably would've told the HR to fire the chief's secretary"

I ran my fingers through my hair. "What do I do? I

made the real secretary lose her job"

"Stay quiet" Lexi suggested.

"Are you kidding me?" Brian asked in an accusing tone. "What if it was you? What if you got fired because of someone else's mistake?"

"That secretary-" Lexi stepped forward. "purposely took the sick leave. It's not the first time she did it to ditch a meeting"

"You don't know that. What if she's sick?"

"If you want proof, check her boyfriend's insta

stories" Lexi spat angrily.

"Guys shut up!" I closed my eyes and took a deep breath to calm myself. "I'm going to turn in"

"What?!" They both screamed at the same time.

Brian came and sat next to me. "You don't have to resign. Maybe... talk it out with Mr. Kingston"

"Are you stupid Brian?" Lexi asked with her hands on her hips. "Do you think Mr. Kingston will say oh thank you for making things right. Maybe I should take my words back and not for you. A good employee like you deserves a second chance" She said dramatically.

"It's not what I meant"

"Then you're stupid"

"Guys" I held up my hands. "For once stop arguing"

I looked at both of them and waited till they relaxed.

"I'm going to call the chief first" I took my phone

out and started dialling the Chief. He picked up after the third ring. "Hello"

"Hello Sir, it's me, Hailey"

"Oh Hailey, uh.. I guess you heard the news"

"Yeah," I answered with guilt. "Ill umm...resign"

Sir" I said reluctantly. I didn't want to lose the job

but it was the right thing to do.

"Don't do anything reckless now. We'll talk about

this tomorrow. Come to my office at 8" Then he cut the call.

I kept my phone down and looked at it in despair.

"What did he say?" Lexi asked impatiently.

"He said to come to his office tomorrow" I leaned

back in my chair and signed. "How can I come to

work when I'm supposed to be fired?"

"Don't overthink. Go home and have a good rest"

"I don't think I'll be able to sleep at all"

It was the next morning and I knocked on the chief's

door.

"Come in" The chief called and I walked in.

The first thing I noticed coming here was that the

secretary desk at the front of the chief's office was

empty. And it was all my fault. I made a big fat

mistake and now I should do something before it

gets any messier.

"Oh Hailey, come and sit please" Chief gestured to the sofa in the middle of the room.

I sat on it and someone brought me a cup of coffee.

"Thank you-" I looked up and my eyes widened in

shock. It was the chief secretary.

"I- you how-" I stuttered.

"I came to pack my things" She gave me a small

smile and I felt guilt bubbling inside me at a

tremendous speed.

"Gosh, I'm so sorry. I didn't mean to-I'm sorry"

I felt deeply embarrassed by my actions yesterday. Not for hiccuping though. I mean- uhh you can't control it. Blame the stupid CEO for it. That arrogant narcissistic rude bastard. But I should have resigned the moment I heard the news. I should've set things right.

"It's fine. I've never liked working here anyway"

She took a seat across from me and smiled. "I mean the chief is good but being the chief's secretary means I have to constantly see the CEO and it's suocating," She said in a pained tone.

"I always wanted to quit but I feared I wouldn't find a job with a salary like this again. But now that I'm fired for something I didn't do, the chief felt guilty and recommended me to another company. He knows their boss and they said they would take me on

"So you're- leaving?" I asked with uncertainty.

She nodded. "The salary over there is also good and the work environment is much less stressful. I'll go. You can keep your job here"

I blinked. Wait what? Keep the job?

I turned to the chief. "Sir, wouldn't I be deceiving

the CEO then?"

"He fires too many people. He won't even

remember you. It'll be okay as long as you stay out of his way"

"But-" I straightened up. "Why are you doing this? I mean, this is risky"

The chief shrugged. "Mr. Kingston is good at his

work but I don't approve of the way he handles his

employees. Firing someone for a hiccup? That is

absurd" He shook his head in disapproval.

"So umm...I can keep the job?" I felt a new surge of hope building within me. Is this happening?

Chief nodded and then his face turned all serious.

"But make sure not to come face to face with the

CEO. No one has ever done this before and getting caught would put both of us in trouble"

"Okay chief" I stood up happily. "And thank you"

The chief dismissed me and I walked out of the

room. My friends were already waiting outside the door, their ears glued to the walls.

Seeing me they jumped up and sprinted towards

me. "What happened? What happened? Tell us quickly!"

I told them the entire story and they gave me a

bone-crushing hug.

"Aww, I'm so proud" Lexi squealed. "You pulled a

trick no one has ever done. You deceived the CEO"

"I wouldn't have if I didn't have any choice" I stated firmly.

"And-" I spun in a circle "I'm back Prescott!" I

chirped merrily and both Brian and Lexi groaned.

"Just give up"

"Never" I shook my head.

Within a few seconds, my friends gave up trying to convince me and we began walking down the

hallway.

"CEO alert!" Lexi cried out and slammed us to the wall.

"What-" I turned and saw Ian and his secretary,

Daniel striding forward in the hallway.

We quickly turned around and faced the wall,

hiding our faces from the devil and his sidekick.

"Shit. What should I do?" I cried. "Jump out of the

window?"

"We are not so high up. You won't die if you jump"

"Are you serious-"

"They're coming! They're coming!" Lexi whispered

and yelled. I bit my lip feeling helpless, my palms sweating with anxiety.

"Tie your shoelaces" Brian suggested.

"I'm wearing heels"

Then tie your heels!"

"What-" Brian pushed me down to the ground and I almost fell on my face.

From the corner of my eyes, I saw them nearing us. Ian had an irritated look on his face, he glared at all the employees who made eye contact with him.

And the employees? I bet they rather wished they were dead.

Daniel on the other hand was doing the guard job.

He was on alert, his eyes inspecting everyone, checking if anyone was a potential threat.

And Lexi, she was giving the biggest smile of the century. One, she has a weakness for handsome men- even if they are rude as hell.

Two, when she tries to hide something she gives the weirdest forced smiles.

And now she was looking very very suspicious. Jeez

Lexi!

Daniel who noticed the smile frowned at her. Lexi tried her best to conceal her flushed face but she

failed miserably. She was blushing so hard.

Thankfully Daniel didn't glance at me as he was too busy glaring at Lexi. And only when they walked past us, did I feel like breathing again.

"Oh my god" I exhaled loudly and sat on the ground. "That was so scary"

"He's so freaking handsome!" Lexi cried out and both Brian and I rolled our eyes.

"Hailey" Brian crouched down next to me. "You should avoid the CEO from now on"

"Yep," Lexi knelt. "And we are-" she raised

got it. Avoid the Kingston

But everything doesn't always go as planned, does it?