## **Chapter 31 I Won't Submit**

It was already morning when Cathy woke up.

She had nightmares for the whole night. She sweated so much that her pillowcase was wet.

Then, she got up from the bed and plugged her phone for charging. After that, she went to the bathroom to wash up.

She vaguely remembered what happened last night.

Someone locked her in the dressing room when everyone had left the studio.

Her phone ran out of battery, and it was pitch black everywhere.

Right when she lost all hope, she saw Adrian...

She could not remember anything else after that.

But she recalled how Adrian appeared bright like an angel before her eyes.

As she thought about last night, her cheeks became suddenly warm, and her heartbeat quickened.

Suddenly, her phone rang outside the bathroom and broke her daze.

Cathy rushed to answer the call.

## It was Quinn.

"Cathy, why didn't you answer the phone earlier!"

"Something bad happened!"

Cathy wiped her face with a towel and frowned slightly. "What is it that prompted you to call me so early in the morning?"

"Willow posted a video on the Web of you acting with Xavier!"

"Now, people are discussing about you on the Web, saying that you are trying to seduce Xavier!"

Cathy was stunned.

Quinn continued worriedly, "Willow blurred your face, saying to show you some compassion. However, her words made the netizens even more curious about you!"

"Now, someone had analyzed the clothes you were wearing and guessed that you are Penelope's stunt. They are trying to find out your identity!"

Quinn's words were like nails hammering into Cathy's heart.

She bit her lower lip and opened Willow's Instagram.

The first post was what Quinn had told her.

"I know my boyfriend is a friendly guy, but I hope something like this never happens again. (I'm showing some compassion to this actress, so I blurred her face. If someone does this again, I will have no mercy.)"

The video started when Xavier tore the wound on her shoulders, causing her to lose her balance.

The last scene showed her wronged and furious expression after Willow had slapped her.

People were having a furious discussion on Instagram, scolding her for shamelessly trying to seduce someone's boyfriend.

Some even demanded Penelope to reveal her identity.

Cathy shuddered as she looked at the posts.

She thought that Willow and Xavier were only planning to lock her up.

It turned out that their plans were much more nefarious than that.

They wanted to destroy her reputation and force her out of the film industry. Then, they planned to hype up their relationship.

After she had fallen, they planned to use her as their stepping stone to advance themselves!

Cathy gritted her teeth. She had underestimated Willow and Xavier.

It turned out that Willow came to the dressing room not to threaten her but to confirm the location of her wound.

In that scene, Xavier was supposed to extend his left hand. Instead, he deliberately switched to his right hand and pressed on her wound.

His grip was strong and tore her still-healing wound.

When she was losing her balance from pain, Xavier took the chance to hug her. Then, Willow appeared and slapped her...

Cathy felt a surge of fury.

It turned out they had planned everything.

"What should we do?"

Quinn was panicking on the phone. "Cathy, perhaps you should meet and talk with them."

"Both of them are reputable actors, while you are only a stunt double. You can't fight them..."

Cathy closed her eyes in frustration. "I'm not going."

Isn't this what they want? To make her beg them for mercy.

Yesterday, I rejected Xavier's request to advise Willow on acting matters. By night, they have already planned out how to ruin her.

"But..."

Quinn said worriedly, "Cathy, if this matter is not resolved, you might never work as a stunt double again..."

"Back when we were studying acting, you were the best in our class. Everyone thought you would become a famous actress..."

"But thanks to Xavier, you are now..."

Quinn could not bear to continue.

"I won't submit to them."

Cathy took a deep breath and smiled at herself in the mirror. "Worse comes to worst, I'll just stop working as a stunt double."

After hanging up, Cathy lay on the bed and checked the news on her phone.

People were scolding her all over the Web. They said that she was shameless, a gold-digger, and a slut.

Somehow, Cathy was not affected by these remarks.

She knew it was not her but Willow, who was the real shameless slut.

Soon, her phone rang again. It was a call from the studio.

"Cathy, you are getting out of hand! You think you can get away with this?"

"Mr. Hanson knows what you've done. He called me and asked to see you!"

"He is going to fire you this time! Not even the gods can save you now. You better get ready to pack your things!"

The supervisor hung up immediately after that.

There is no point avoiding it.

Cathy sighed and went downstairs after changing her clothes.

She saw Arius typing quietly on his laptop in the living room.

He heard her footsteps and turned to look at her. "Does your shoulder still hurt?"

Cathy was stunned for a moment and did not understand what he was talking about.

Arius sighed and showed his laptop screen to her.

The screen displayed the video Willow had posted last night.

"That man deliberately grabbed your shoulder."

He looked at her again with a concerned expression. "It must have hurt very much."

Cathy was touched by his concern.

She smiled and patted his head. "It doesn't hurt anymore."

"I'm a strong woman."

Arius pouted. "Yet, you are afraid of the dark."

Cathy did not know what to reply.

She coughed awkwardly and glanced around. "Why are you the only one here. Where is Abner?"

"Him?"

Arius shrugged and answered, "Daddy punished him by sending him to play chess with grandpa."

"Why punish him?"

Arius looked up at her with his big eyes. They seemed mature beyond his young age. "He mocked daddy for not giving us a younger sister."

Cathy was rendered speechless.

She blushed and could not bear to look at Arius. Then, she took her bag and left the villa quickly.

The supervisor said Fred was waiting for her in the studio's management building.

After getting out of the car, she noticed that the management building seemed unusually festive.

There were even streamers hanging at various places. It looked as if the building was prepared for Christmas.

Fred approached her the moment he saw her. "Cathy! You're finally here. I've been waiting for you for a long time!"

Cathy was stunned.

She glanced at the decorations and Fred's happy face.

"Are you that happy to dismiss me?"