Heiress's 355

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At the ballroom, the banquet proceeded. However, Ada Wang's departure with Bella somewhat dampened the guests' enthusiasm.

Initially, Zoe had dressed extravagantly to showcase her talents in front of an international superstar. Now, with Ada gone, she had no stage to perform on, and all her preparations were

in vain.

'This is all Bella's fault!' Zoe thought.

Outside the banquet hall, Justin stood by the French windows, an icy aura emanating from him like a frozen sculpture. He stared intensely in the direction the Rolls-Royce departed. Breathing heavily, his fists clenched tightly in the shadows.

"Mr. Salvador, I hate to say it, but it seems like we have been outplayed by Ms. Thompson," Ian said cautiously as he wiped the sweat from his brow. "The trending topics now are all about KS Group. Plus, the news of Ms. Thompson taking Ada Wang away has already spread. Even the chairman knows about it."

"Now, everyone is questioning the Salvador Hotel, saying we should not have taken on something beyond our capabilities and doubting whether the overall standard of our hotel has declined," Ian continued.

The anticipated outcome of Bella's clever move had come to fruition. Bella's strategy left her opponent with no breathing room.

Justin gazed wistfully at the tail lights of the Rolls-Royce until they were no longer visible. He asked in a hoarse voice, "Why the sudden change? Weren't you used to calling her 'Young Madam'?"

Ian took in a sharp breath, looking a bit flustered. "I call her 'Ms. Thompson' because she's bullying you... 'Young Madam' is reserved for when she's not bullying you."

"It's just a title. Call her what you want."

Justin sighed. His gaze deepened. "Besides, I'm not really upset. Bella has always been like this, hasn't she?"

lan was surprised. Every time Justin faced off with Bella, Justin always gritted his teeth in anger. This time, why was he so calm after such a significant incident?

lan thought, 'Does Mr. Salvador have some hidden masochistic tendency?'

"Every guest needed an invitation to enter the banquet hall, and the hotel had strict security surveillance. How did Bella manage to get in?" Justin could not help but feel curious.

"Um... I heard that just before the Young Madam entered, there was a brief malfunction in the surveillance system. But the hotel's network equipment was serviced a few days ago, so it couldn't have gone bad so quickly. We suspect it might be a hacker attack or some kind of virus."

"A hacker?" Justin frowned.

Justin thought, 'Could Bella have been behind this too? Did she have that capability? Or had her brother, once again, played a part in making things worse?'

"Justin!" A sweet voice disrupted Justin's thoughts. Seeing Zoe rush toward him, he frowned even harder. His mood did not improve, even when he turned to face her.

"Bella is outrageous! How dare she take Ada away in front of you? It's almost like she wants to humiliate you. She clearly doesn't have any regard for you!" Zoe stomped her foot and took the opportunity to vent her frustration about Bella.

She understood that men, especially those with high status like Justin, were sensitive about their reputation. They couldn't tolerate anyone challenging their authority.

However, Justin's response drained the color from her face.

"You just met her yesterday, so you don't understand her. Bella has always been like this. She never really cared about my position."

"Justin, what are you saying...?"

"It doesn't matter to me. I don't mind it at all."

Justin turned to look at Zoe coldly, a hint of displeasure in his eyes. "Ms. Hoffman, I find your actions tonight rather puzzling."

The two words 'Ms. Hoffman' felt like iron rods stabbing her heart, rendering her almost immobile. Justin felt so distant from her.

Was he trying to distance himself from her?!

"This is the Salvadors' banquet, and I am present. Regardless, you shouldn't have been the one standing up for the Salvadors."

"But Justin, I was just trying to help you out!"

Zoe's anxiousness almost made her voice tremble. She clutched Justin's arm. "Are we really going to let that wicked woman run wild at your banquet, let her take away your guest, and turn the Salvadors into a joke in Savrow? She's too arrogant. Why does she think she can act so recklessly? Just because she's your ex-wife?!"

As her words trailed off, Zoe panicked, realizing she might have said too much.

Sure enough, Justin's brow twitched. "I've been married. That's not a secret. But who told you that Bella is my ex-wife?"
"Ryan did!" Zoe lied, her voice sounding strained.
"Bethany told you, right?"
Zoe did not dare answer and bit down on her lips.