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Later that night, Rosalind came to a small and rowdy bar.

She wore a low-key black sports suit and sat in the corner. The women in this bar were all dressed scantily and wore heavy makeup. Rosalind looked so out of place, like a thief.

After some time, Rosalind suddenly felt someone's warm breath that reeked of alcohol next to her.

Rosalind raised her eyes and saw a familiar man sitting close to her. His cologne was extremely pungent.

"Ashley, you're still as beautiful and sexy as before." The man smiled ambiguously at her.

Rosalind ducked to the side. She felt goosebumps all over her body.

In Meridan, she used to hang out with this man every day because she liked to listen to his sweet talk and touch his strong muscles.

At this moment, she just felt disgusted when she saw him again. How desperate was she back then to fall in love with such a scum?

Nothing about this man could compare to Justin.

"When did you come here? What are you doing here?" Rosalind lowered her voice and asked in a cold voice.

"I'm here for you, of course. My home is wherever you are."

As he said that, the man smiled sinisterly and leaned toward her. "Remember to wear a skirt when you see me next time..."

Rosalind gritted her teeth. "Why are you looking for me?"

"I miss you..." The man smiled and continued, "Give me some money."

"I already compensated you when we broke up! Why are you still doing this?!" Rosalind was so angry that her voice cracked.

"Well, I gambled it all away. I know you're getting married to the president of Salvador Corporation. I saw it on the news. I think if you want your wedding to go smoothly, you'll agree to my small request, right?"

The man was blackmailing her.

Rosalind felt like a bomb had exploded in her heart. She said bitterly, "So what if you reveal our past to my fiancé? He loves me. He will never care about my past! Everyone has a few ex-boyfriends in this day and age. Don't even think about threatening me with something like this!"

"You're right. But I don't think everyone will be able to accept the fact that his fiancée gave birth to another man's child out of wedlock, right?" The man picked up Rosalind's wine glass and sipped it

slowly.

"How dare you mention this?!"

Rosalind's scalp tingled when she thought of that baby girl. Her eyes were filled with hatred. "It's all your fault! I wouldn't have given birth to her if the abortion didn't affect my fertility!"

The man bared his teeth and reached out to hug Rosalind's trembling shoulders. "That child is the product of our love. Her existence proves that we've loved each other once. If you didn't give birth to

that child, how could we have the chance to meet again?"

"How much do you want?" Rosalind's face turned pale, and her tone was cold.

"\$5 million." The man demanded.

"My family is no longer what it used to be. How can I give you so much money?!"

"You might not have it, but Mr. Salvador does."

The man sneered disapprovingly. "\$5 million is like \$50 to a rich man like him, right? He loves you so much, so he'll certainly give it to you if you ask."

Rosalind's round eyes were horrifyingly red. Suddenly, she calmed down.

She had a flash of inspiration and quickly cooked up a treacherous plan.

Rosalind suddenly changed her attitude and leaned her soft body against the man, staring at him pitifully. "To be honest, my marriage to Justin is already in jeopardy. He told me a few days ago that he wanted to break up with me. He no longer wants to marry me.'

"What? Why?!" The man seemed more anxious than Rosalind was.

After all, he also found out that the Gold family was on the verge of bankruptcy. The reason he could blackmail Rosalind was because Justin was her backer.

If she broke up with Justin, then his plan to come to Savrow would be for nothing. He would not be able to settle his gambling debt and would not be able to afford the air ticket back to Meridan.

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Rosalind's ex-boyfriend thought to himself, 'I won't risk my life to fight in the underground boxing ring! I must continue to extort Rosalind.'

"That's because Justin moved on and liked someone else..."

Rosalind's eyes turned red as tears streamed down her face. "He doesn't love me anymore, so what can I do? I can't afford to pay you anymore because I can't even afford my own lifestyle. Even if you threaten to kill me, I really have no money to give you."

"Then, is there no other way?" Rosalind's ex-boyfriend looked so anxious, as if he was the one who was supposed to marry Justin.

"If that woman no longer exists, Justin might just give me a second chance." Rosalind cried until her eyes were swollen, but she had a murderous gaze.

"You... You want me to kill her?" The man even made a slicing gesture at his neck.

"She's the only obstacle between me and Justin. If she's gone, Justin will marry me, and I can give you whatever you want."

Rosalind's cold hand touched the man's cheek and rubbed it gently. Her eyes were alluring and seductive. "When the time comes, I can give you however much you want, even \$50 million."

'\$50 million?!' The man's eyes were filled with greed and lust. He pinned Rosalind against the wall and said, "Who is that woman? Tell me her name."

The next day, at the president's office of Salvador Corporation, Justin held a cup of cooled black coffee and looked out the floor-to-ceiling window at the magnificent view of Savrow's CBD. There was a

chill in his eyes.

“This is unreasonable! What on earth is the chairman doing?!”

Ian picked up the drafted appointment letter for the deputy chairman of the board of directors with Shannon’s name on it and crumpled it in anger. “Shannon is an actress who relies on men to get her position. What leadership skills does she have? What outstanding contributions does she have? Why should she be the deputy chairman?! If she can be the deputy chairman, then I can walk on water!”

“Gregory assigned her to work on the Baxim project to pave the way for her to join the board of directors.” Justin’s eyes were gloomy as he raised his hand to take a sip of coffee.

There was a tightness in his chest that made it difficult for him to swallow.

“Does the chairman not trust you?”

Ian was infuriated. “Everyone knows about your eldest brother’s physical health. How can he inherit the family business even if he has to rely on a caregiver? It’s useless, no matter how much the

chairman loves him. You’re also his biological son, so why is he hindering you at every step? He supports Shannon just so he can check on you. How can a father be so calculating with his son?!”

“That’s enough, Ian.”

Justin lowered his eyelids and frowned. “I know you’re feeling sorry for me, but don’t talk about this when you leave this room.”

“Mr. Salvador, what should we do now?” Ian pursed his lips in frustration.

“There are some things that I don’t plan on revealing so quickly. But since Gregory wants to do this, I

have no choice but to retaliate.”

At this time, his phone vibrated. Justin turned around and saw Ryan on the caller ID.

Justin was in a bad mood and did not want to answer the call, but the vibrating phone annoyed him

even more. Thus, Justin picked up the phone.

“What?”

“Justin... I’m heartbroken... Can you stay with me tonight?” Ryan’s voice was soft and weak.

“Get lost.”

Justin uttered it coldly. Just as he was about to hang up, Ryan shouted anxiously, “Bella dumped me! She’s serious this time. She even put a knife on my neck! It’s over... My love... My heart... She’s completely gone...”

Justin heard this and smiled slightly.

“Serves you right!”

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In order to promote the Baxim project, Gregory invited the mayor and his wife to play golf at the western suburbs golf course.

The golf course was a venue for expensive entertainment, so it only had a few customers on a normal day. Today, it seemed like it was closed off for a private event because only the Salvadors and the Solloways were there.

Shannon was a bad golfer. Although she was not skilled, she was well-equipped. She looked good in a pure white golf suit and light makeup, Standing next to Bethany, Shannon looked like Bethany's

sister instead of her mother.

The reason they brought Bethany there was to introduce Bethany to the mayor and his wife.

After all, Bethany was already 25 years old and of marriageable age. Thus, Shannon did not let go of

any opportunity to promote Bethany. Even if she knew that her daughter was hung up on Ryan Hoffman, Shannon would not allow Bethany to forgo the entire ocean because of one fish.

"Hello, Mayor Solloway and Mrs. Solloway." Bethany bowed gracefully and showed a gentle smile.

"Oh, this must be your daughter, right? She looks even more beautiful in person than on TV!" Mrs. Solloway looked at Bethany with a smile.

Shannon and Bethany's expressions instantly stiffened.

Mrs. Solloway did not mean anything by it, but the Salvadors felt that this was a reference to

Bethany's public apology at a press conference last time.

Although the "apology scandal" had lost traction, there were still some memes of Bethany embarrassing herself on the internet with all kinds of sarcastic comments. Bethany felt humiliated.

The mayor coughed hurriedly and shot a glance at his wife.

Only then did Mrs. Solloway react and say with a wry smile, "Haha... Mrs. Salvador, your daughter is beautiful. In my opinion, it's not an exaggeration to call her the best-looking girl among the elite families in Savrow."

"Thank you very much, Mrs. Solloway."

Shannon hugged Bethany and said, "Why didn't your son come today? I heard that your son is a young talent. He and Bethany are schoolmates."

"Oh, my son has to attend to some official business today," Mrs. Solloway replied.

"Oh, that's such a pity. I will make arrangements for our families to meet again then." Shannon was very considerate.

"Haha... Sure, when the time comes..."

Mrs. Solloway was being perfunctory. She suddenly asked, "By the way, I heard that you have a younger daughter. Why didn't she come with you?"

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The fake smile on Bethany's face was about to collapse because this implied that Mrs. Solloway did not like her.

Bethany thought, 'So what if she doesn't like me? I don't care about the mayor's son! But she's bringing that little bitch to slap me in the face!'

Shannon said politely, "My youngest daughter is frail and sick. She usually stays at home on medication. She's also an introvert who doesn't like socializing, so she didn't come with us."

“Oh, my! What illness did she get at such a young age? Is she alright?”

“She’s fine as long as she’s on medication.”

Shannon knew what Mrs. Solloway was thinking. Mrs. Solloway did not like Bethany, but she still wanted a marriage alliance with the Salvador family, so she set her sights on Carrie.

Shannon thought, ‘What the hell! Are my daughters vegetables from the market that you can pick and choose as you please?!’

Gregory and Justin had already played a few games with the mayor. The three of them were chatting and taking a leisurely walk on the turf.

“Mayor Solloway, our company is able to win the Baxim project thanks to your strong support.” Gregory smiled and shook hands with the mayor.

“Oh, what are you talking about? This is not the first time that we have cooperated. I have a good project on my hands, so of course, I’ll think about you.” The mayor was very friendly with Gregory because they had known each other for more than ten years.

“I’ll make the arrangements tonight. We ought to have a drink to celebrate!”

“It’s my father-in-law’s birthday tonight. So I have to attend no matter what.”

The mayor smiled and said, “There’s no rush to celebrate until we officially sign the contract on Friday. We’ll get properly drunk then!”

Justin listened to the two chatting and laughing with an expressionless face. However, he felt like a huge stone was pressing on his chest, making it hard to breathe.

He had until Friday to secure the project.

Justin had to act fast before the deal was signed.

Even if he exposed what Shannon did, Gregory would dismiss it and cover it up to keep his family's scandal from the public eye.

Thus, Justin had to make a fuss that was too big to cover up to kick Shannon out of the company. At this moment, a golf cart came to a stop in front of them.

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"Hello, Mayor Solloway and Chairman Salvador!"

A clear and sweet voice that sounded like a wind chime floated into Justin's ears.

Justin suddenly opened his eyes and saw Bella sitting in the golf cart.

His heartstrings trembled, and his blood surged.

Even though this woman had just humiliated him yesterday, he did not seem to care about it, as if he had lost his memory of what happened.

Everyone was stunned. Bethany could not hold back and shouted, "How did you get in here?!"

"I'm a VIP here, so I came in through the main entrance." Bella glanced sideways at Bethany and spoke calmly.

Bethany's eyes were on fire. Her cheeks felt a burning pain.

After Bella beat Bethany up that day, Bethany became traumatized by slippers.

Shannon was surprised to see Bella.

On the other hand, Mrs. Solloway's eyes widened when she saw this beautiful young lady. 'Where did this highborn girl come from? She's so gorgeous! She's exactly my ideal future daughter-in-law!'

Steven got out of the golf cart first and helped Bella off.

Bella was wearing a light blue golf suit and a white sun hat, which made her look cuter. Her beautiful slender legs were exposed under her short, flowy skirt. She looked bright and youthful.

Unexpectedly, Justin was wearing a polo shirt of the same color, which made it seem like they were wearing matching outfits.

Justin's charming eyes narrowed slightly. That burning desire arose in his heart again.

Bella was indeed impeccably beautiful.

"What a coincidence to see you here, Ms. Thompson." Gregory was also surprised by Bella's presence, but he still greeted her with a smile.

"It's not a coincidence, Chairman Salvador."

Bella put her hands behind her back and narrowed her beautiful eyes. "I came here specifically to see Mayor Solloway."

"What?" Gregory suddenly frowned.

Justin's heart clenched. His stern and strong features were covered in a layer of frost.

After several encounters, Justin finally understood Bella's style of doing things. It was most

appropriate to describe her as cunning and shrewd.

Bella would not make an appearance for no reason. Something big was bound to happen when she did.

Justin thought, 'Could it be...?!'

"Mayor Solloway, I heard that you're in charge of the development of the new Baxim area and that you're now looking for a suitable developer to cooperate with you."

Bella smiled. Her beautiful eyes shone with confidence, as if she were bound to win. "I am very interested in this project, so I hope to cooperate with you to build Baxim into a developed township."

Everyone was shocked.

Gregory and Shannon did not know how to react for a while.

Mayor Solloway also looked confused. He turned to look at Gregory and Justin blankly.

Justin stared at Bella for a moment. His tongue felt dry and bitter, as if he had swallowed a fireball.

However, Bella did not bother to glance in his direction.

"Miss, you are...?" Mayor Solloway was confused.

Bella smiled slightly and stretched out her fair and slender hand. "Hello, Mayor Solloway. My name is Bella Thompson."

Mayor Solloway had a somewhat contemptuous expression when he heard this unfamiliar name. However, Bella added, "My father is Wyatt Thompson, the Chairman of KS Group from Hatchbay."

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These few words were like lightning that struck Mayor Solloway and his wife.

'She is the richest man in Hatchbay, Wyatt Thompson's daughter?'

"Are you really Chairman Thompson's daughter?!" Mayor Solloway was surprised and kept looking at Bella.

Steven coughed lightly and thought, 'Wow, most people show off their wealth with jewelry, but Ms. Bella uses her father.'

"Yes. You can ask the Salvadors to confirm this."

Bella smiled brighter. "I've had some dealings with Salvador Corporation, so they can verify my identity."

Justin's eyes darkened as he stared at her.

Bella did not even want to mention that they were "familiar " with each other, as if they were mere business rivals.

"Chairman Salvador, Justin, you're acquainted with Ms. Thompson?"

Mayor Solloway dabbled in politics, so when he heard that Bella was Wyatt Thompson's daughter, his tone became more earnest. "I'm sorry that I didn't recognize you.

Then he immediately shook hands with Bella.

"Mayor Solloway, am I qualified to discuss this project with you in my current capacity?" Bella still had a smile on her face, but she had an oppressive gaze.

Mayor Solloway was stunned.

He felt that, although Bella was young, she was just as powerful as Wyatt. Thus, he dared not look down on her.

Justin took a deep breath and secretly clenched his fists. “This woman is now taking advantage of the fact that she is Wyatt Thompson’s daughter so that she can act recklessly, huh? Does she think that business is child’s play and she can just step in anytime she pleases?”

“Ms. Thompson, we are very happy to see you here. But Mayor Solloway and I have to talk about something important today. This information is not something an outsider like you is privy to. You can’t participate in it either, so will you please give us some privacy?” Gregory maintained a kind smile on his face, but his eyes were cold and hostile.

Bethany was furious. She wanted to step forward, but Shannon grabbed her.

Shannon thought, ‘Bella is overestimating herself. My husband will get rid of her without needing me to step in.’

“Mr. Salvador, I know that you want to talk about business. If it weren’t for the Baxim project, I wouldn’t be here either.”

Bella raised her eyebrows without changing her expression. “Also, why can’t I participate? In terms of resources and financial strength, KS Group is not at all inferior to Salvador Corporation. We can handle any projects that you can, too. It’s always better to have more choices. Don’t you think that Mayor Solloway deserves to have another option?”

Mayor Solloway was startled. “This girl came prepared!”

Gregory and Shannon looked gloomy at the moment.

“Ms. Thompson.”

Justin, who had been silent all this time, took two steps forward and towered over Bella. “Salvador Corporation has already reached a consensus with Mayor Solloway. We have discussed all aspects of the project and met the standards for Baxim’s development. Don’t you think you’re violating the rules of the business and causing unnecessary trouble if you step in to steal our project at this time?”

Bella raised her beautiful face and blinked her bright eyes with a smile. “Steal your project? You’re right. That is exactly what I’m doing.”

“Bella!” Justin’s pupils shrank, and his teeth clenched.

“But I don’t think that I’m violating the rules or causing unnecessary trouble.”

Bella took a step back, away from the shadow he cast over her, and distanced herself from him. “The rules are always made by the winners. If you have already signed the contract, then I am indeed making unnecessary trouble. But right now, you haven’t signed a contract with Mayor Solloway, so who makes the rules this time is still up in the air.”

Justin narrowed his eyes. He was rendered speechless.

Bella was right. Before signing the contract, everything was subject to change. Over the years, Justin believed in this unspoken rule and had destroyed countless opponents in the market without fail.

However, he never imagined that he would be the one encountering such a hurdle this time.

His opponent was also his ex-wife.

“Ms. Thompson, I don’t think Mayor Solloway will cooperate with
you.”

Shannon could not stand Bella's arrogant attitude and said with a smile, "Mayor Solloway and our family have been friends for many years. We have always maintained a good cooperative relationship as well, so this isn't something that can be easily overridden by most people."

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Shannon said, "Ms. Thompson, you said you wanted to discuss a collaboration, but you just rushed over alone without an appointment. You disregarded formalities just to meet Mayor Solloway. This is too much. It's insincere and rude."

"That's right!" Bethany muttered.

"Oh, I know I came unannounced, but I can't help it. I'm afraid if I come any later, it'll be a step too late for Mayor Solloway, and he may regret his decision." Bella let out a long, helpless sigh.

"Regret? What do you mean by that?" Shannon asked sternly.

Bella ignored her completely and only spoke to the mayor. "Mayor Solloway, are you really not considering collaborating with KS Group? Is it because I am a woman and, therefore, you think I have no power or status within the corporation? My visit today is at the behest of my older brother, Asher, who is the CEO of KS Group. He has left this matter of importance entirely to me. If you don't believe it, I can immediately arrange for him to meet with you."

"Ms. Thompson, it's not that I don't believe you. It's just that Gregory and I have known each other for a long time. We have worked together many times before, so it's easy to trust Salvador Corporation. Besides, this project is in Savrow, and Salvador Corporation is a well-known conglomerate here, so..." Mayor Solloway tried to reject Bella politely. "We will cooperate another time."

At this moment, a look of pride appeared on Gregory and Shannon's faces.

It was laughable that this immature and inexperienced girl brazenly came over to discuss collaboration and tried to snatch Salvador Corporation's project.

"Alright... I know having a pre-established relationship puts you in an awkward position. I dare not speak of other things, but if I may add, by cooperating with KS Group, one thing is for sure."

Bella smiled deviously and added, "You won't regret it."

Suddenly, Justin felt his heart tremble.

This expression, this tone, this look-Justin knew that she was going to cause trouble!

"Ms. Thompson, what do you mean by this? Why does it sound like you are insinuating that it's trouble or bad luck to cooperate with Salvador Corporation?" Shannon scowled.

"Steven, what time is it?" Bella asked confusedly.

"Miss, it's 3:00 p.m.," Steven replied.

"Well, take out your phone. Please show Mayor Solloway the three o'clock news."

"Yes, Miss."

Steven took out his mobile and played the broadcast aloud.

"Welcome to the 'Three O'clock News'. In today's headline, Zephyr Quarry, deputy general manager of Salvador Corporation, was prosecuted by the Public Prosecutor's Office of Savrow at 1:00 pm today on suspicion of bribery. The reason he was taken away was that he was

involved in W Group's IT equipment bidding and illegal bidding operations for Salvador Corporation's projects, thereby seeking improper benefits. It is understood that Zephyr Quarry is the cousin of Shannon Quarry, wife of the Salvador Corporation's chairman. Zephyr Quarry has cooperated with Shannon Quarry on many projects before. The prosecutors are still investigating how many people are

involved in this case. Our news channel will continue to pay close attention to further developments of this case...

Gregory's face turned pale with shock while Shannon staggered in her steps. Her eyes turned dark.

"Mom! What the hell is going on?! Why is your cousin suddenly arrested?!" Bethany spoke in a panic.

Justin stared at Bella's leisurely face and raised his eyebrows.

Shannon's cousin was taken away two hours ago, but the news has not leaked until now.

Come to think of it, Bella's second brother, Axel the prosecutor, must have contributed a lot to keeping this under wraps.

"Shannon... What's going on?" Gregory questioned Shannon in a low voice and with a look of shock.

"I... I don't know! I really have no idea. Mayor Solloway, Mrs. Solloway, there must be a misunderstanding! This is all fake news! You can't believe it!" Shannon did not expect this incident to blow up so quickly and was left with no other choice but to resort to crocodile tears and innocent cries to overshadow the incident.

However, Mayor Solloway's and his wife's expressions turned gloomy.

Mrs. Solloway said sternly, "Mrs. Salvador, is it true that Zephyr is your cousin? The news also said that you were also involved in his previous projects involving bribery. Is that true?"

"But... I really don't know anything!" Apart from pretending to be confused, Shannon was at her wit's end.

Just then, there was a commotion on the golf course.

A group of men with badges on their chests and suits walked up to them in a hurry.

They were from the prosecutor's office.

"Ms. Shannon, your cousin is suspected of multiple commercial crimes. Please come back with us to assist in the investigation."

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Shannon was flustered.

From when Zephyr was arrested, to Salvador Corporation's negative coverage on the news, to when the prosecutors took Shannon away, this series of events left the Salvadors with no time

to react.

"Why? Why are you arresting me? What evidence do you have?!" Shannon was so stunned that the noble composure she had worked so hard to maintain suddenly fell apart.

Even Bethany looked pale and petrified. She could only watch silently as her mother was taken

away.

"Greg! Help me! You must save me!" Shannon stretched her neck and shouted at Gregory, tears spilling on the green grass below.

Gregory was so anxious that his face turned red. He wanted to stop them, but he also did not want to lose his composure as a chairman in public. Thus, he could only displace his anger on Bella. "Ms. Thompson! What is the meaning of this?"

"Chairman Salvador, what are you yelling at me for? The people who took your wife away are from the prosecutor's office." Bella smiled back innocently.

“How did you know what would be broadcasted on the three o’clock news today? Why did you dare make insinuations from all the nonsense you spoke of earlier? Aren’t you the one who created all this?”

“KS Group is a large conglomerate. We have eyes and ears everywhere. If the media knew about this matter, why wouldn’t my company receive this news? Chairman Salvador, you are thinking too much.” Bella’s eyes flashed with contempt.

Gregory became so angry that his eyelids twitched. “Ms. Thompson, just because your marriage to Justin ended in a divorce, you don’t have to take revenge on our family. No one is to blame for this! You two just aren’t fated to be together!”

Mayor Solloway and his wife looked dumbfounded.

The Thompsons and the Salvadors actually had a marriage alliance? When did this happen? This seemed unbelievable.

“Because you are still harboring resentment from the divorce, you took your anger out on Salvador Corporation and plotted against them. Don’t you think you are being petty and unscrupulous?”

These words were really unpleasant to hear. Even Steven felt a stab in his chest.

Just as Steven was about to defend Bella, Justin took a step forward.

Justin stood tall in front of Bella and confronted his father with a cold glare.

“Chairman Salvador, I know you’re really angry right now, but you can’t just blame all this on Ms. Thompson without any evidence.”

“Justin! You are actually defending her?”

Gregory’s anger rose. His eyes were bloodshot. “You are both divorced now. Not only is she

irresponsible and shameful, she has now betrayed our family. Why are you protecting such a woman?"

Justin frowned slightly. He then turned around to look at Bella. There was depth in his gaze, but it was hard to read his emotion.

Bella's eyes met his deep gaze. Then she turned away in disgust and curled her lips into a sneer.

Sure enough, this refined and self-serving man always sided with his family.

After all, Gregory's blood was flowing through Justin's body. He was no different from his father. They were both idiots who were deceived by women.

"I believe she didn't do this." Justin looked at her as he said it.

Bella was stunned and slowly turned to look at him. At this moment, he turned back and said, "Even if we are divorced, I will stand by her side as long as she is wrongly accused."

Justin smiled and added sternly, "Even if we hadn't gotten divorced, it wouldn't be your place to teach my wife a lesson."

Bella rolled her eyes. She pursed her red lips and plugged her ears.

What nonsense! No one should even be listening to this.

Gregory was furious. His head buzzed, and his blood pressure rose.

If there were no outsiders present, he would have definitely rushed up and slapped his traitorous son in the face.

Seeing Justin and Gregory quarreling like this, Bella felt an inexplicable warmth within her, so she did not bother to continue arguing with Gregory.

Anyway, she had achieved her goal. There was only one thing left.

“I reckon you will both be very busy today, so I won’t bother you any longer and will take my leave.”

Bella and Steven turned around and walked toward the golf cart.

“Ms. Thompson! Ms. Thompson! Please wait for a moment!”

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Mayor Solloway wiped his sweat and hurriedly caught up to her. “I think we should have an in- depth discussion about Baxim!”

“I think we should have a chat too.”

Bella smiled slightly, but her attitude was obviously that of someone with the upper hand. “I will arrange to meet with you in the next two days. Please wait for the arrangements.”

“I will most certainly wait for you. You’re welcome anytime!” Mayor Solloway was so enthusiastic that he almost seemed like a completely different person.

“Ms. Thompson, if you don’t mind, can I bring my son with me? It would be an honor if my son could meet someone like you.” Mrs. Solloway was all smiles as she tried to get to know Bella.

Who wouldn’t want to be acquainted with the daughter of the richest man in Hatchbay?

Justin suddenly felt suffocated. His expression turned as dark as a total solar eclipse.

He thought, 'This woman should be hidden away somewhere and be well taken care of. As soon as she is out in public, she attracts too much unnecessary attention because of her beauty!'

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"Mrs. Solloway, I appreciate your kindness."

Bella smiled and said, "But I am a divorcee, my current status is a little awkward. Besides, I have no plans to be married for a while, so I'd better not string along your son."

"What are you talking about? What's wrong with a divorcee? Even if you're divorced, you are still a thousand times better than other young ladies out there who only have a superficial appearance!"

After hearing this, Bethany's cheeks flushed. She gritted her teeth angrily and resented Bella. Bella was like the bright sun in the sky. With her presence, everything else was overshadowed.

The golf cart left, and Bella managed to escape successfully whilst leaving a huge mess for the Salvadors to clean.

"Chairman Salvador, I think it's better to forget about the cooperation on the Baxim project this time. We will cooperate with you on future projects if there is a suitable one."

Mayor Solloway and his wife left in a hurry.

If something went wrong with any of the projects he was overseeing, he would be in serious trouble.

Just as Gregory was in a state of shock, he discovered that Justin had disappeared entirely too.

Bella changed out of her youthful and beautiful golf attire in the locker room and turned back into a noble and glamorous young lady. She flipped her black hair and strutted out of the locker room with her high heels.

As soon as she turned the corner, she ran into a towering figure that sent chills up her spine.

Bella felt her heart flutter slightly as she calmly looked up to meet Justin's cold gaze, without showing any fear.

"Mr. Salvador, when did you get into the habit of squatting around women's locker rooms?"

"Bella, I will not give you the Baxim project."

Justin felt a lump in his throat as he stared at her soft and alluring lips, which aroused a secret desire in his heart. "This project belongs to the Salvador family. I won't let you interfere with it."

"Well, but what can you do? Salvador Corporation's negative reputation is the talk of the town. Because of the Quarries' case, the prosecutor will definitely start investigating Salvador Corporation. You can't sign a contract during the investigation, right? Even if you want to keep this project, there is nothing you can do about it." Bella smiled contemptuously.

"Bella, you keep saying that we have nothing to do with each other after the divorce, but what are you doing now?"

Justin suddenly turned around and put his long arms on the wall, directly trapping Bella under his heaving chest. "Are you only satisfied and happy if you keep fighting me? Do you just want

to defeat me? Is this how you want to vent your grievances?"

"Oh, so that's what you think too."

Bella's red lips curled up, and the cold light from her eyes made his heart flutter. "Since you think so, why did you pretend to be a good person and defend me earlier? Don't you know that this sanctimonious appearance of yours is disgusting?"

'Disgusting?' Justin gritted his teeth. He felt the anger swelling inside him, but he could not control it.

In addition to anger, there was also frustration.

No matter what he did, this woman's razor-sharp words never failed to stab him in the heart. "Bella, don't force me to retaliate."

Justin held her gaze and closed in on her charming and beautiful face. "Don't think for a second that just because we have been married for three years, I will show mercy to you when it comes to business. I will treat you the same as everyone else!"

Bella blinked and did not seem flustered at all. Instead, she was a little excited. "That's right, Mr. Salvador. If I make a move, you should too. Otherwise, this game of chess will be boring. Oh! By the way, let me tell you a secret.

She tiptoed up to his ear and chuckled.

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Justin was filled with resentment and anger, but the moment he heard her chuckle, his cheeks and ears flushed, making it difficult to shake off the heat.

"I submitted the evidence of Zephyr's crime to the prosecutor. I also released the information to the media. To be honest, you should actually thank me. This way, your arrogant stepmother's attempt to join the board of directors will be in vain."

Justin's mind was spinning. He felt like his heart had been stabbed by a dull knife.

"Business is like a battlefield, Mr. Salvador. If you don't put your best foot forward, you will lose miserably. To show you the same respect, the next time I take action, I assure you, it will definitely be even more ruthless than this time."

As soon as Bella stopped speaking, she also stopped smiling. She pushed him away and turned to walk away victoriously, leaving behind a dumbfounded Justin.

Justin stood there as his eyes turned red.

He felt suffocated.

Chapter 239

In just a few hours, negative news about the Salvador Corporation spread rapidly, quickly occupying the top spot in the trending news.

Shannon's humiliating arrest from the golf course was also posted online, and it spread like wildfire.

A large conglomerate like the Salvador Corporation could put pressure on the media and completely suppress the news.

However, Bella took action first. By the time the Salvadors reacted, it was already too late.

Even if they put pressure on the media, it would be useless.

The major shareholder behind the "Three O'Clock News Channel" was KS Group. Thus, they could broadcast the news of Shannon's arrest 24 hours a day, as long as Bella wanted them to. Some talented netizens made some memes of Shannon and Bethany's embarrassing moments and posted them online for everyone to download. Their actions were edited and merged into a zumba dance.

To calm public opinion, Gregory was busy trying to bail Shannon out.

Bella won the first battle and returned to the KS World Hotel happily.

She had a luxurious afternoon tea and sat in the office playing games while video-calling Asher to report on her achievements that day.

"I have already booked a VIP room in our hotel's restaurant. Let's meet with Mayor Solloway the day after tomorrow and aim to nail down the Baxim project within this week!"

Bella was in great spirits, enjoying her time slashing people in the game.

"Axel is interrogating Shannon. Although your second brother is usually a jokester, he's quite serious when it comes to work. He won't let Shannon go without getting some valuable clues from her."

In the video call, Asher was sitting in the CEO's office. He was wearing a suit and leather shoes, looking meticulous. Although he had a warm smile, he looked naturally intimidating.

"Actually, it's useless. Shannon will still be released in the end." Bella was confident.

"Do you want her to be released?" Asher's tone was doubtful.

"So what if I don't want to? We may not be able to prove her crimes."

Bella narrowed her cunning eyes. Her character in the game raised a bloody chainsaw and slashed a zombie. "Shannon has come to this point not only because Gregory favors her but also because of her smarts and cunning. She and her cousin, Zephyr, colluded to fill their own pockets. Zephyr was her scapegoat, while she hid in the dark and gave orders, reaping the benefits without getting her hands dirty. She's really good at planning."

Asher nodded thoughtfully. "What you said makes sense. What a pity."

"It's not a pity."

Bella curled her red lips and smiled beautifully. "It doesn't matter as long as we make a profit."

Besides, I never planned to beat Shannon to death with one move. What I want is for her to lose her position as the deputy chairman of the board of directors and lose Gregory's trust. I want Gregory to

think that Salvador Corporation lost this project because of Shannon, causing them to suffer huge losses.”

This would become a thorn between Shannon and Gregory.

Defeating the enemy was pleasurable. Since Bella could not defeat Shannon with one blow, she wanted to make Shannon feel despair.

In the future, Shannon would probably be as bored sitting in the office as she would be in jail.

“Bella, do you know what I want to do most right now?” Asher leaned forward and asked with a smile.

“Huh? What?”

“I want to retire immediately to make room for you.”

Asher sighed and clapped his hands. “There is really no one more suitable to be the CEO of KS Group than you.”

At the mention of this, Bella pulled a long face.

The list of blind dates was like a mountain weighing on her head. She felt that even if she died, Wyatt would bury this list with her.

At this time, Bella received a call from Amelia.

Bella picked up the phone and said with joy, “Ash, let’s talk later. Amelia is calling me.”

“Okay, since Amelia has returned to Savrow, you can meet her more often and take care of her.” Asher gently reminded Bella.

“Yes, I know. She’s the baby of the family, so who else can I give my love to?”

In fact, Bella felt a little guilty about Amelia. Logically speaking, as the youngest child, Amelia should be cared for and loved more than Bella was at home.

However, the fact was that Bella’s charisma had made her Wyatt’s favorite child since the day she was born. She was also the apple of his eye, and everyone pampered her.

Bella took away too much of the love that should have belonged to Amelia. Although she did not mean to do it, she still felt sorry for Amelia.

Thus, Bella always wanted to compensate Amelia by caring about her as much as possible.

Chapter 240

Amelia would only share good news and keep her troubles to herself. Thus, Bella did not know how she could help her.

“Amelia, are you back in Savrow?” Bella asked with a smile.

“Yes, I’m already at school.”

Amelia paused and asked shyly, “Um... Bella, are you busy today? Do you have plans tonight?”

“Do you want to hang out with me?” Bella saw through her mind.

“Yeah!”

Amelia said, "We haven't spent much time together since you returned home. If you're free tonight, can I treat you to a meal?"

"Just a meal? Don't you want to go for a drink?" Bella raised her eyebrows.

"In that case, let's go for karaoke! We haven't sung a duet in such a long time. I wonder if you can still sing," Amelia said in a teasing tone.

"Hahaha! I'm a natural-born singer! Even Mariah Carey can't compare to me!" Bella cleared her throat and continued, "It looks like I'll just have to show you my skills!"

A high-level meeting in the Salvador Corporation ended. Gregory issued three important orders.

The first one was to eliminate the negative impact that the Quarries had on the company as soon as possible, control public opinion, restore the company's image, and prevent the stocks from plummeting.

The second order was to remove Zephyr Quarry from all duties within the company. All personnel related to him must be thoroughly investigated and vetted.

The third order was to put Shannon's appointment as the deputy chairman of the board of directors on hold for the time being. Further arrangements would be made after the case was fully investigated.

After the meeting, all the senior executives left the meeting room with sighs, feeling pressured.

"Justin, stay back. I have something to tell you." Gregory stopped Justin with a solemn look.

Justin, who had already reached the door, turned around with an expressionless face and sat down gracefully.

The father and son each sat at each end of the conference table. The air around them seemed cold.

“As the president of the company, how do you plan to handle this matter?” Gregory cleared his throat and asked sternly.

“By the book”

Justin lowered his eyelids and showed no emotion. His thin lips parted slightly. “Aunt Shannon is being investigated now, so she can only confess to everything she knows and cooperate with the investigation. There is no other way to solve this.”

“I will find a way to deal with Shannon’s predicament.” Gregory’s chest was tight and stuffy. He felt his throat burning, and his voice became hoarse.

“Do you think you can help her?”

Justin’s face was dark and still, and his eyes were bottomless. “I have already found out that the prosecutor who is handling Zephyr’s case is Axel Thompson.”

“Axel Thompson?”

“Wyatt Thompson’s second son and Bella’s second brother.”

Gregory gasped. His eyes trembled.

“From the very beginning, Bella has planned every step forward. But this is also because the Quarrys gave her this opportunity. Now that things have come to this point, I think that as the chairman of Salvador Corporation, you should look at the bigger picture. The more pressing matter is to think about how to deal with the plummeting stocks when the market opens tomorrow morning.”

Justin did not want to talk about Shannon anymore. He moved his body slightly, indicating that he wanted to end the conversation.

“Wait!”

Gregory leaned forward. His eyes were blazing. "I remember that you had close contact with Dr. Faraday from Inalia. If we can hire Dr. Faraday as the technical consultant for Salvador Biotech at this time and get his patent, it will be a huge gain for us. That will save our stocks! Contact Faraday immediately and try to bring him to Savrow within this week to discuss cooperation in detail."

Justin frowned and said lightly, "Okay."

Gregory breathed a sigh of relief. At least Justin was not entirely useless.

"But I have a condition."

"What?"

"I want to be Salvador Corporation's deputy chairman." Justin narrowed his starry eyes and smiled faintly.