

## Heiress 1221

### Chapter 1221

Wilson was surprised. He blinked and said, "Oh! That's something to celebrate! Congratulations, Chairman Salvador and Justin." "Are you joking, Chairman Salvador?"

Justin clenched his fists, his knuckles turning white. Overwhelming anger and panic crashed down on him. His eyes were bloodshot, and he looked like a beast desperately trying to break free from its iron cage.

"Everyone knows that I love Bella. You want a marriage alliance with the Hoffman family, huh? I don't know what shady deal you've made with them, but even if you threaten me with your own life, I won't marry Zoe!"

The crowd's jaws were about to drop.

Even the Reeds, who had experienced many dramatic fallouts, were stunned by Justin's audacious words.

Wilson Jr. initially looked down on Justin, but seeing how bold Justin was to embarrass his own father in front of so many prominent families, Wilson Jr. started admiring Justin.

He exclaimed, "He's so cool."

"Oh my God! What did Mr. Salvador say? Did I mishear?! This is insane!"

"The war between this father and son is about to begin!"

"If I were Chairman Salvador, my blood pressure would rise, and I'd faint! Don't Justin's words mean that he did not care whether Chairman Salvador would die, but no one could stop him from being together with Bella? So his father's life is nothing compared to Ms. Bella?"

Bella's tearful eyes stared deeply at Justin, as if there was no other man in this world who could make her heart surge with emotion.

The surrounding guests cast side-eyes at the Hoffman family.

"What's going on? It feels like Justin is unaware of this marriage. Did Chairman Salvador sell him off?"

"Yeah, it's not good to tear the couple apart!"

"I think the Hoffman family is worse. They knew Justin loved Bella but still tried to force Zoe to be with Justin, making it awkward for both families. I wouldn't be able to stand it if I were Zoe. Who are they trying to disgust?"

"Zoe could even slap herself. Does she have any shame left? She's probably overwhelmed with joy now!"

Listening to these sarcastic remarks, Zoe's face flushed purple with resentment. Logan was equally embarrassed, his expression darkening.

In fact, he knew there was a certain risk in this marriage alliance. Even if Gregory agreed, Justin's rebellious nature would never surrender.

However, he thought that if they announced it at such an important event where everyone was watching, Justin would have to endure until the banquet ended for his family's image.

At that time, the news of his engagement would have spread, and Justin's reputation would have plummeted if he resisted. They could bribe the media to draw up articles about Justin being a womanizer. To protect Justin's image, even Nigel would have to compromise!

However, they still underestimated Justin's love for Bella.

Justin was truly stubborn and willing to man up.

"Marriage is not child's play. It's not something that you can decide on a whim!"

Gregory suddenly stepped forward. He was half a head shorter than his son, only able to look him in the eyes when he raised his chin, making him appear shorter in stature. "This is not up to you!" Gregory tried his best to lower his voice angrily, glaring at Justin. "Even if you don't want to marry Ms. Hoffman, I will never let Bella enter my door!"

"Apart from Bella, I won't marry anyone else."

Gregory's words were only audible to the two of them. However, everyone present could hear Justin clearly.

A teardrop welled up in the corner of Bella's reddened eyes. She could not hold back anymore and wanted to walk toward Justin.

Suddenly, Wyatt grabbed her thin wrist, pulling her back to his side.

Chapter 1222

"What are you doing, Bella?" Wyatt asked sternly.

"Dad... I hope you can trust him." Bella's voice was extremely hoarse. Her eyes were teary, beautiful, but fragile.

Bella was always an intelligent and wise woman, but at this moment, she could not think of anything other than being by his side.

Wyatt was distressed, saying in a deep voice, "I didn't say I didn't trust him. But in this situation, he's going up against Gregory and getting entangled with the Hoffman Group. If he's a man you want to entrust your life to, then I'd like to see how he would resolve this problem."

The scene was extremely awkward and tense.

Justin's absolute refusal completely disregarded the Hoffman family's pride!

Logan could not endure it anymore. He held his granddaughter, who acted like the victim, and questioned angrily, "Mr. Salvador! It's your freedom to love Ms. Bella, but you refused to take responsibility for my granddaughter. Half a year has passed, but we didn't even get a word of apology or explanation from you! What do you take my granddaughter for?"

Zoe cooperatively started sobbing.

"What's wrong with asking you to marry my granddaughter? If you love Ms. Bella so much, like you said, why did you lead my granddaughter on?"

Logan was not someone to be trifled with. His words were straight to the point. "Are you so fearless because you have a good relationship with my grandson? Or is it because you think you can do whatever you want to Zoe because she has no one to stand up for her?"

Logan's words stirred up everyone's memories.

Back then, Justin and Zoe's rendezvous at the hotel caused a huge uproar in the city.

At that time, the Hoffmans tried to force the Salvador family, but Justin remained indifferent and carried on with life. Even if Zoe wanted to stir up trouble, she could only stay put temporarily. Justin raised his eyes, his chilling gaze sweeping sharply toward Zoe.

Zoe's heart skipped a beat, and her teeth chattered uncontrollably.

The next second, Justin parted his lips, and his cold voice resounded. "I've never touched your granddaughter or had private contact with her. The hotel incident was a setup to trap me, and I've been secretly investigating the specifics. Even if Ms. Hoffman doesn't care about shame, I must clear my name. I can't disappoint the woman I love."

When Justin said the last sentence, he turned to Bella.

The crowd buzzed with discussion, looking at Zoe with increasingly suspicious gazes.

Zoe's reputation was already on the verge of collapse, having been involved in many scandals. If Justin's words were true and he was set up, could it be that Zoe played some dirty tricks to marry him?

"Grandpa... It has nothing to do with me. I am the victim!" Zoe held Logan's arm tightly, tears streaming down her eyes and smudging her makeup.

Logan naturally did not believe his granddaughter to be such a despicable woman. He only thought it was Justin's excuse to get out of the marriage. "Justin, I'll give you a choice."

Gregory gritted his teeth and threatened him. "If you choose Ms. Hoffman, I'll appoint you as my heir and immediately transfer ten percent of my shares to you. You will become the biggest shareholder in the Salvador Corporation, with the highest decision-making power! If you insist on Bella, you will no

longer be the president. I will announce your dismissal on Monday. Everything about the Salvador Corporation will have nothing to do with you anymore..."

However, before Gregory could finish his words, Justin strode forward without hesitation to the woman standing not far away, silently waiting for him-his Bella, the love of his life. Justin would never trade her for anything.

Chapter 1223

Bella's teary eyes intertwined with Justin's intense and passionate gaze. Their figures were reflected in each other's clear eyes.

She was merely a few meters away, but Justin's steps were heavy and determined, as if he had crossed mountains and seas to reach her. Wyatt was by Bella's side.

Justin was a little dazed at this moment, almost shedding a tear. He was about to welcome his happiness and his bride.

His eyes were teary and red, and the surroundings felt silent. Only his intensely beating heart was heard. Everything before him felt too good to be true.

"Justin..."

Like a falling star, a crystal-clear tear drop trickled down Bella's beautiful face.

He could sacrifice everything for her, and she would do the same.

Whether it was fighting together on Kridor's battlefield or when she disregarded her family's opposition and the cold eyes of the Salvador family to marry him three years ago, they both spared no effort for love.

"Wait!"

Zoe glared at them with bloodshot eyes, her voice sharp and trembling.

She could not endure it anymore.

She obtained hope once and once again but only suffered from disappointment after disappointment. She could not take it anymore.

She thought, 'Bella, Justin, you want to be together, huh? Fine. Let me plunge a bloody knife into your heart so that you'll have a hideous wound in your relationship that will never heal! You will never be able to let go of this!'

The crowd naturally glanced at Zoe with impatient gazes.

At this point, what was she still fighting for?

Justin and Bella were deeply in love. No matter how much Zoe tried to get involved, she only deserved contempt.

Zoe's face was pale, her lips twitching upwards, looking like a vicious ghost from hell, giving off an eerie feeling.

"Chairman Salvador, I know the Hoffman family is not as prestigious and powerful as the Thompson family. You must have felt short-changed when your daughter-in-law became me instead of Ms. Bella. However, I'm afraid you will regret it in the future if you choose Ms. Bella."

Her words put her in a weaker position, attempting to gain sympathy from the crowd. It also aroused the curiosity of everyone, including Gregory.

"Also, Chairman Thompson."

Zoe turned her ambiguous gaze towards Wyatt, acting as if she were worried for him. "I know you have many children, but the one you love and care about the most is Ms. Bella. You can't bear to see her bullied or aggrieved.

"Do you think Justin deserves to be your son-in-law? Is he really the right one for Ms. Bella?"

The crowd looked at each other, confused by what Zoe meant.

Bella sensed that Zoe was about to play dirty, and a cold light flashed across her eyes.

She was about to speak when Wyatt impatiently interrupted, raising his brows. "Ms. Hoffman, you also come from a prestigious family. Stop beating around the bush and get straight to the point." His domineering presence pressured Zoe. Even the people around them shivered.

At this moment, Asher and Ryan, who were finished dealing with Charles, also arrived at the banquet hall, catching sight of this scene.

The two men halted their footsteps.

Asher felt an inexplicable panic, casting a complicated glance at Ryan, who was beside him.

"Fuck... I took my eyes off her for a second, and this damned brat is stirring up trouble again!"

Chapter 1224

Ryan gritted his teeth furiously, cracking his fists. He was about to rush forward when Asher grabbed him.

"Mr. Hoffman, don't act recklessly. My father and Justin are here, so you don't need to be too worried. Moreover, you're about to be appointed as the Hoffman Group's president. If you side with outsiders now, Logan will be dissatisfied with you. It will affect your future. You can't act on impulse."

Ryan's eyes burned, and he clenched his teeth. "What kind of friend am I if I don't stand by Justin? How can I let my family bully my best friend's wife? How will I face Bella and Justin?"

Asher's expression was a little complicated. He was concerned about Ryan's intelligence. Impulsiveness was not the same as loyalty, so Ryan's words did not make sense. However, he understood Ryan's feelings.

Justin stared at Zoe coldly. His dark gaze was like a gun barrel, waiting to snipe at this evil bitch at any moment.

Zoe was targeted by both Justin's and Wyatt's gazes. She steadied herself and suddenly shouted, "Bring it up!"

She knew that what she had was not a trump card but a nuclear bomb. If she used it, she would destroy both sides, but she couldn't care less as she was blinded by rage.

She only wanted Justin and Bella's relationship to be completely ruined!

After a while, her assistant, who had been waiting under the stage, quickly ran over, handing an envelope to Zoe.

"Mr. Salvador, you were once secretly married to Ms. Bella for three years. During those three years, you had an affair with Madam Shannon's niece. Ms. Bella, who was deeply in love with you, suffered



alone and was neglected, like a mere decoration in the house."

Zoe was not in a hurry to take the envelope. She smiled sinisterly at Justin. "You ignored her love and pain for three years and even forced her to divorce you because you wanted to be with your lover. I didn't say anything wrong, did I?"

In fact, the old issues she brought up were already well-known. Almost everyone present knew about Justin and Bella's ridiculous past marriage.

However, even if the pain Justin caused Bella was in the past, even if he had paid for it with his life, the people still felt indignant for Bella when they heard it again.

How much did she love Justin to endure it for three years?

If it were anyone else, they would not even last a day!

Justin felt as if a cold, hard nail had pierced his throat, causing his voice to turn hoarse from the pain. "Yes, you are right. I admit it."

"Do you think the harm you caused Ms. Bella is only this much?"

Zoe chuckled. "Why don't you try thinking harder?"

Justin's brows furrowed, and the headache that had stopped for a long time returned, making his vision blurry.

Bella's heart suddenly tightened. She seemed to have realized something.

At this moment, Zoe crossed her arms and gestured to her assistant. "Go. Give this to Chairman Thompson. I think Chairman Thompson must be curious as to what his precious daughter experienced more than anyone else."

The assistant walked to Wyatt and handed the envelope to him with both hands.

"Dad! Don't..."

Bella's forehead was covered with a layer of cold sweat. Wyatt frowned as he opened the envelope, taking out a document inside.

After a few seconds, Wyatt felt like his heart was pierced through by a bullet. His lips trembled, and he was in excruciating pain. He almost teared the paper apart.

Bella's ears buzzed, and she choked up. "Dad..... I....."

Chapter 1225

"Bella... Is this true?"

Wyatt's pained eyes turned to his daughter, who had a pale face. Love and hate surged within him, and he threw the paper at Bella, trembling. "Tell me. Is everything on here true?!" Bella's body shook, and she clutched her chest, stiffening as she crouched down and picked up the paper like an elderly person, holding it tightly.

"Bella..."

Justin was confused and flustered. He was about to walk to her when she answered, "Yes. It's true."

Wyatt felt as if something exploded by his ear. His vision went black, his head throbbed, and he felt like the sky was collapsing.

Seeing Wyatt's reaction, Asher and Ryan were stunned in place.

Especially Asher. He had never seen Wyatt lose his temper at Bella in the past thirty years.

Even when he found out about Bella and Justin's secret marriage and divorce, Wyatt mostly blamed Justin for betraying his daughter. He did not shift his anger toward Bella. What on earth was going on?

Just as the crowd was puzzled, Wyatt strode forward, grabbed Bella's arms, and almost dragged her out.

"Come. You will return to Hatchbay with me immediately!"

Bella's eyes were filled with tears, blurring her vision. Her heart was wrenched in pain. "Dad..."

"Also, I forbid you to have any contact with Justin Salvador! If you don't listen to me, don't ever think of stepping out of Yara Park for the rest of your life."

Wyatt did not elaborate further. His attitude was brutally determined.

Justin felt as if he were struck by thunder. His breath hitched, and his blood went cold.

If the short walk toward Bella just now was a beautiful dream, Wyatt's cold words now were a cruel nightmare.

"Chairman Salvador, even if you lock up Ms. Bella forever, it's useless. You can't solve any problems by avoiding them. You have to face it proactively."

Zoe frowned and shook her head, acting worried on the surface but gloating in secret. She would not conceal her excitement. "It's too late now to fix things. Ms. Bella is barren because of that miscarriage. She's still so young, yet she's been stripped of her right to become a mother. Sigh... Which woman could endure such pain? If it were me, I'd rather die. Ms. Bella is such a strong woman."

'Miscarriage? Bella was pregnant with his child? We once had a child?!' Justin's tall figure shook, his soul torn apart, and his body in pain.

He panted heavily, and his handsome face was drained of color. Indescribable agony mercilessly gripped his throat.

"Bella... When?"

Could it be the only time they slept together during their marriage? He slept with her in a daze because he was drugged that night. Did she get pregnant at that time? But how did they lose the child?

Why did she not tell him?

Why... Why did she not say anything?!

Bella closed her eyes in sorrow, allowing tears to stream down her face and stain her pale cheeks.

Chapter 1226

At this point, Bella could not say anything, as if she had become mute.

The crowd was stunned, unable to believe their ears.

Bella was the daughter of Hatchbay's richest man. She lost her fertility because of Justin. What kind of hellish life did she lead when she was staying with the Salvador family? What kind of cruel torture did Justin bring her?

Although being unable to conceive was not necessarily the end of the world in a wealthy family, every woman had the right to be a mother.

Not wanting a child was completely different from being unable to bear a child.

Ryan's expression turned stiff, shocked to the point of losing his senses.

Beside him, Asher's heart was torn when he heard about his sister's ordeal. He almost fell, but Ryan held him up in time.

As Bella's brothers, they thought they understood her well and knew all her secrets.

However, the truth before them gave Asher a fierce and resounding slap.

What kind of brother was he? They were all incompetent trash who could not protect their sister.

Seeing that Chairman Thompson was disgusted with Justin, Zoe turned her attack on Gregory. "Uncle Gregory, you've seen how much your son has harmed Ms. Bella. I think you could not let them be together anymore, right? How unfair would it be to Ms. Bella? You couldn't bear it too, right?"

Her words had another layer of meaning for Gregory.

Since Bella was infertile, how could she be the Salvador family's daughter-in-law? Gregory did not want his bloodline to end.

"Justin, at this point, do you think you deserve to be with Ms. Bella?"

Gregory's mind spun, and he switched tactics, directing his words at Justin. "Ms. Bella's heart was probably suffering from torment whenever she faced you. She might be thinking about the child she lost. If you love her, you should let her go. Move on and wish each other well."

Move on and wish each other well?

Justin's reddened eyes brimmed with tears. He shook his head in a daze, feeling so much agony as if every bone in his body was broken.

Their child was gone, but he only knew about it at this moment.

He was not a good husband or father.

He would never be able to pay for his sins!

"Zoe Hoffman."

A cold and harsh voice sounded. Ryan strode over with a dark expression, standing before Zoe like a mountain of ice.

"Ryan, what do you want to say? At this point, I'm afraid whatever you say is useless." Zoe provoked him fearlessly, relying on the fact that they were in public, and she had Logan supporting her. Unexpectedly, she felt a gust of strong wind the next second!

Smack! Smack! Smack!

"Ah!"

With a scream, Zoe spun in the air and fell to the ground heavily, bleeding from her nose and mouth.

The crowd staggered back in fear, sucking in a breath.

Who could have expected Ryan to slap his sister heavily three times under everyone's gaze and in the presence of his elders?

Ryan's eyes were ruthless and vicious. He took a napkin from the front pocket of his coat and gracefully wiped his reddened hand.

"Yeah, it's useless. So, I could only use action to resolve your sins. Zoe Hoffman, it's my greatest humiliation that an evil woman like you is my sister. They say karma will come around. If God doesn't do anything, I will!"

Chapter 1227

Zoe's head spun from being hit, her vision turning black. She could only taste the metallic pang of blood in her mouth. Her ears hurt so much that she twitched, and she bared her teeth in pain. In front of such excruciating pain, Zoe could not care less about managing her expression or maintaining her grace as a noble lady.

"Ah! My ears... My ears hurt so much!"

Zoe's right face was slapped two times, a piercing buzzing ringing in her ear, causing her to yell out in pain!

"Zoe! My Zoe!"

Logan's eyes widened in shock, shouting as he rushed to Zoe's side tremblingly, not even bothering to take his crutches. He clumsily tried to help her up.

But how could Zoe have the strength? One could imagine how strong a slap from a big and muscular man like Ryan was.

Zoe collapsed on the ground and sobbed. "Grandpa... My ears hurt so much... Why can't I hear in my right ear?"

"Zoe! What did you say?!" Logan's face turned pale.

However, even with his loud voice and at such a close distance, only a faint, buzzing sound reached Zoe's ears.

Zoe tremblingly stopped covering her right ear and opened her palm.

A few drops of blood appeared before her, scaring her. She sobbed. "My ear... I'm deaf!"

The secretaries and bodyguards rushed forward, shouting for doctors and ambulances. The scene was a total mess.

Ryan watched the Hoffman family members scrambling around, his eyes emotionless and calm, as if an invisible wall of ice stood between him and the Hoffmans.

Once upon a time, he took pride in being the eldest grandson of the Hoffman family.

Now, he only felt humiliation and shame.

"Ryan Hoffman! You... Are you insane?!"

Logan glared at Ryan in disbelief, catching his breath as darkness clouded his vision for a second. "Zoe is your sister! Your parents' only daughter! How can you lay such cruel hands on your sister?!" Ryan's lips curled into a chilling smile. "I am her eldest brother. Since our father is not around, I will take over and discipline her. Do you think it's inappropriate?"

The crowd was shocked. Ryan's words were tough and appeared ridiculous, but they made sense.

"You... You're an ungrateful brat!"

Logan's face twisted in anger, spouting, "Zoe is my granddaughter! I am in charge of the Hoffman Group! You dare hit your blood relative in front of me... Do you still have any respect for me?!"

"Of course."

Ryan narrowed his eyes, which gleamed with a chilling crimson. "I only slapped her worthless mouth out of respect for you. Otherwise, I'd really want to kill her."

The guests were all stunned. The vast banquet hall fell into complete silence!

Asher stared at Ryan in a daze. He always thought that Ryan was only a cocky, righteous, and wealthy playboy, but Ryan was willing to risk power that was within his reach. Ryan risked being alienated from his own family to teach his wicked sister a lesson and seek justice for Bella.

A strong sense of gratitude surged in his mind, and Asher felt guilty for underestimating him in the past.



Zoe trembled violently after hearing Ryan's words, desperately squeezing into Logan's arms.

"You... You!" Logan was so mad that he choked, unable to utter a coherent sentence.

"Ryan, Zoe is your sister after all. Saying such harsh words would only harm yourself and the relationship between your family. It's not worth it."

Everything was moving in the direction Gregory wanted, but Ryan suddenly jumped out, messing up the situation. He could only step forward and advise him like an elder.

Chapter 1228

It seemed like advice, but Gregory was actually warning Ryan. "Ultimately, this matter is between my son and Ms. Bella. It's a grudge between our two families. Therefore, you should bring Mr. Logan and Ms.

Zoe home. You don't need to intervene in this."

"Ha... Zoe exposed Ms. Bella's personal information in front of so many people and revealed Bella's health condition and pain just for revenge. Do you mean that Zoe does not have to take responsibility in this matter?"

Ryan's words were straight to the point, tearing Zoe's last cover apart.

His words also reopened Bella's festering wounds. She gritted her teeth and closed her eyes, eyelashes fluttering, but her tears still streamed down helplessly. Every tear struck Justin in the heart and crushed him.

He thought, 'Bella, how I wish to walk to you and kiss you like before. But do I still deserve your love? Do I still deserve to embrace you?'

"Ryan, are you insulting me?!" Gregory tried to maintain his composure, his jaw tense, but he was on the verge of faltering.

"You always beat around the bush, speaking in riddles, but I am simple-minded. At least, this is how I understood it. I wonder what everyone else thinks."

Ryan put on his bored and cocky playboy demeanor, scratching his ear. "Also, I'm familiar with your son, but not so much with you. I'd feel more comfortable if you called me Mr. Hoffman in the future." Gregory's expression fell, looking as if he had eaten a fly.

Ryan was really something!

He took upon Gregory's usual sarcastic remarks, leaving him with no way out.

The crowd looked at Gregory, who was furious. They shook their heads, unable to conceal the disappointment and disdain in their gazes.

"To stop Ms. Bella from marrying Mr. Justin, Zoe could resort to all sorts of despicable means!"

"Yeah! A diagnostic report from the gynecological department should be confidential, even for an ordinary person, let alone a wealthy lady like her. Zoe exposed Ms. Bella's information to the public just for revenge. How immoral!"

"Zoe knew it was hopeless for her to marry Justin, so she decided to drag Bella down with her. She wants to ruin it for Bella too!"

"Even a dog would shake its head seeing this woman. Who would marry her?"

"Chairman Salvador is also something else. He still wants Mr. Salvador to marry Zoe! Is the Salvador family a public toilet? He tries to get all the dirty and smelly stuff in. Is he interested in Zoe himself?" The mocking words pressed down on Gregory, suffocating him.

He realized at this moment that even if he wanted to tear Justin and Bella apart by forcing a woman onto Justin, choosing Zoe was a huge mistake!

"Grandpa... My ears hurt... Am I going deaf? I don't want to be deaf... Send me to the hospital now!" Zoe cried and begged, panicking.

"Go! Send Zoe to the hospital!"

Logan had just shouted his order when Asher suddenly growled, his gaze icy. "Who dares to leave?!"

The Hoffman family was startled, especially Zoe, who was so frightened that she wished to find a hole to hide in.

Asher strode to Bella's side, forcefully prying Wyatt's tightly clutched hand away from her wrist. "Dad, what can you achieve by throwing a tantrum at Bella now? You would only fall into the trap of some schemer. Also, you will hurt Bella like this. She's not only your precious daughter; she's also my beloved sister. Bella is already in tremendous pain. Please don't upset her further."

Wyatt shook, finally realizing that his daughter's wrist had turned red from his tight grip—a sight that pierced his heart.

Chapter 1229

"Asher... I'm sorry..." Bella leaned against her brother, whispering.

Asher's heart was filled with guilt and bitterness. He shook his head, hugging Bella tightly. "My princess, what are you saying? You did nothing wrong, and you did not let anyone down. It's me who has been neglectful... I've let you down."

Bella could only smile wryly, feeling helpless.

She was too naive.

She thought everything would be fine if she hid all the pain she endured. The man she loved would not need to bear the burden of guilt, and her family would not need to worry.

However, the moment the truth was exposed, everything she had worked for was in vain.

Asher hugged her tightly, his cold and sharp gaze pausing on Justin's ashen face for a second before looking away. "I've mobilized all the bodyguards in our family to surround this place. Before we resolve this matter, nobody from the Hoffman family will be able to leave."

His gaze was enough to shatter Justin's last glimmer of hope.

Justin's sins were unforgivable. Justin thought he loved Bella the most but never expected to hurt her to this extent.

Justin did not deserve Bella, nor did he deserve to have hope...

The crowd did not think much of it, wanting to stay to watch the show.

Only Logan panicked, pointing at Asher while shouting, "Asher! This is illegal detention! I can sue you!"

"Do as you will! But Zoe invaded Ms. Bella's privacy, obtaining her personal information through illegal means and revealing it to the public, causing an extremely negative impact! For these despicable and evil actions, the Thompson family can also sue her!"

Steven changed into a proper suit outside the door and walked in quickly, showing no signs of fatigue, as if he had not been injured at all.

Afraid of frightening the others, he simply covered his injured left eye with a piece of gauze. When he heard of what happened to Bella, he immediately rushed over without regard for his injuries.

He knew Justin would protect her, but he still wanted to do what was within his abilities.

Of course, Amelia fully supported his actions.

"Steve..." Bella's eyes flickered, choking up.

"Tsk, I didn't expect the Hoffman family's precious daughter to be so ignorant of the laws."

Another crisp voice sounded. Arnold slowly walked to Steven's side, curling his lips in disdain while looking at Zoe. "However, instead of calling you ignorant, it's more accurate to say that you're an idiot whose brain is full of shit. You thought you were in control of the situation, but you used the stupidest way to expose others' privacy. You not only revealed your despicable personality but also set yourself up. You're fucking dumb."

Asher frowned slightly, his pursed lips curling up.

Arnold had only returned to the country for a short time, but he's learned to speak quite vulgarly.

"In my opinion, we don't need to go through the trouble of a lawsuit. The surveillance cameras here must have recorded everything that happened, right? Someone must have taken a video of that scene

as well. Once we post it online, Ms. Hoffman's reputation will be ruined. At that time, she's probably better off burying herself in a hole because the whole society will be looking down on her."

Wyatt was stunned. He did not expect Mila's nephew to be here, much less siding with the Thompson family.

Also, why was he so good at speaking? He had such a sharp tongue!

"You... Do you guys think the Hoffman family is an easy target you can toss around however you like?!"

Logan's eyes widened, and he slammed his crutch fiercely on the ground. "I want all the security members here! Even if we have to fight a way out, we must leave tonight!"

"Grandfather, are you getting old and confused, or are you too mad to remember?"

Ryan yawned lazily. "Have you forgotten? The Hoffman family's security team is under my command. Who would dare to move without my word?"

Chapter 1230

Logan suddenly remembered that Ryan had been taking charge of the Hoffman family's security team for many years.

He handed over the security team to Ryan because he thought it was not a key department in the company and wanted Ryan to have something to do.

However, this move has now restrained Logan.

"I've cooperated with Mr. Asher to surround this place completely."

Ryan narrowed his eyes, his gaze like frost. "Grandfather, I don't want to make things difficult for you. As long as Zoe pays the price for her actions, confesses her wrongdoings, and reflects on them, you all will be able to leave."

"Ryan! How dare you!" Logan was so mad that veins bulged on his neck!

"Who's the one being daring?!"

Justin suddenly glared at Logan viciously with his bloodshot eyes, like a lion waking up from its slumber, with murderous intent flashing in his eyes. A dangerous and bloodthirsty chill came from him.

"Who couldn't differentiate between right and wrong, aiding this evil woman? Who's the one repeatedly scheming against and harming my woman because of someone backing them up?! It's you! Your granddaughter is worse than an animal!"

The crowd was intimidated by Justin's oppressive vibe. They panicked and dared not to breathe loudly.

Tears welled up in Bella's eyes, and she stared at him passionately.

She still loved Justin so much, and she was delighted to hear him stand up for her.

Anger burned in Justin's chest, so much so that he could only taste blood in his mouth. His expression was cold and stern, the muscles hiding beneath his suit bulging into a terrifying shape, spreading to his iron-like fists.

Anger and pain filled his body with destructive power.

Everything indestructible felt like it would be destroyed with one punch from him.

"Anyone who dares to protect Zoe Hoffman will become my enemy from now on. I will do everything within my power to torture them, making sure they live a life worse than death. If you don't believe it, try me!" Logan had roamed the streets since he was a teenager, experiencing blood and violence and fighting turf wars with other gangs. He had seen all kinds of battles.

However, in front of this youngster, he panicked. Fear rose within him.

"Grandpa... Bring me away... Grandpa!" Zoe shook Logan madly, who went stiff. She was so frightened that she could not even cry.

She thought, 'Was this old geezer really scared of Justin? Did he back down because of a few threats?! He was becoming more useless as he got old!' "Zoe Hoffman..."

Bella endured the intense pain in her heart, steadied her mind, left Asher's arms, and walked closer to Zoe.

Zoe was on her own now. No matter how much she hated Bella or how much she wanted Bella dead, she could not act arrogantly now. She merely wanted to hide. "I only have one question."

Bella closed her eyes, and when she reopened them, a chilling air emanated from her body. "Where did you get my medical report?"

The crowd's sharp gazes gathered on Zoe's red and swollen face.

Bella's casual question hit the nail on the head.

"Yes. I'm curious about Ms. Bella's question."