## Heiress 761 Chapter 761 "Well, I suppose I should trust you." "Ms. Bella, you're back!" Steven walked in hurriedly, still dressed in a suit, but with quite an amount of flour on the front. "Oh? Steve, you're cooking?" Bella asked curiously. "Yes. Madam Celeste and Ms. Amelia are in the kitchen, so I thought I'd help out." Steven seemed somewhat embarrassed and worried. "What? Celeste is cooking in the kitchen?" Mila stood up in shock. "Why didn't you stop her? She just fainted in the morning!"

Bella's heart skipped a beat. "Aunt Celeste fainted? I'll look for her!"

Amelia stayed by her mother's side in the kitchen. They were cookin

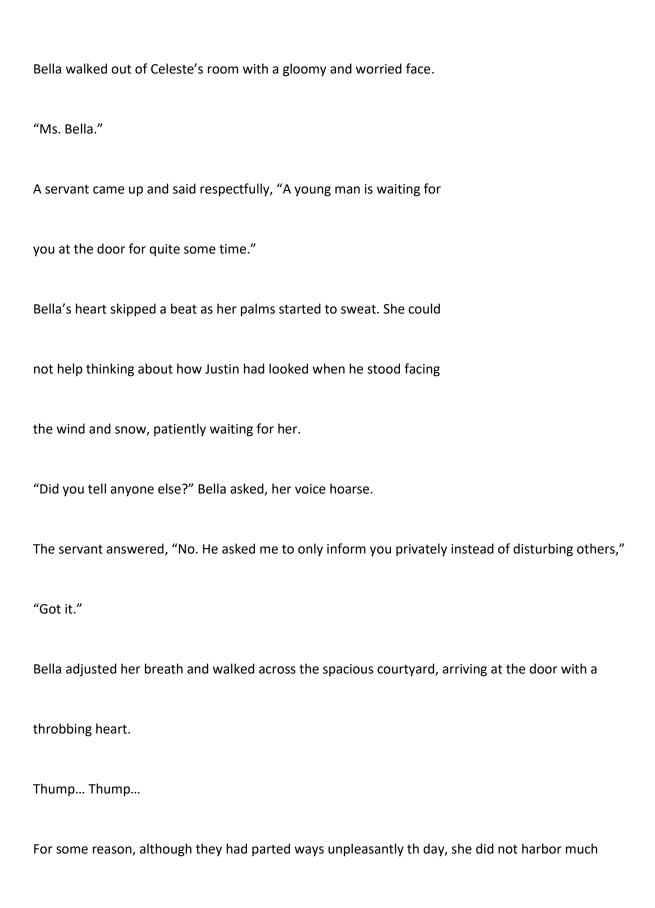
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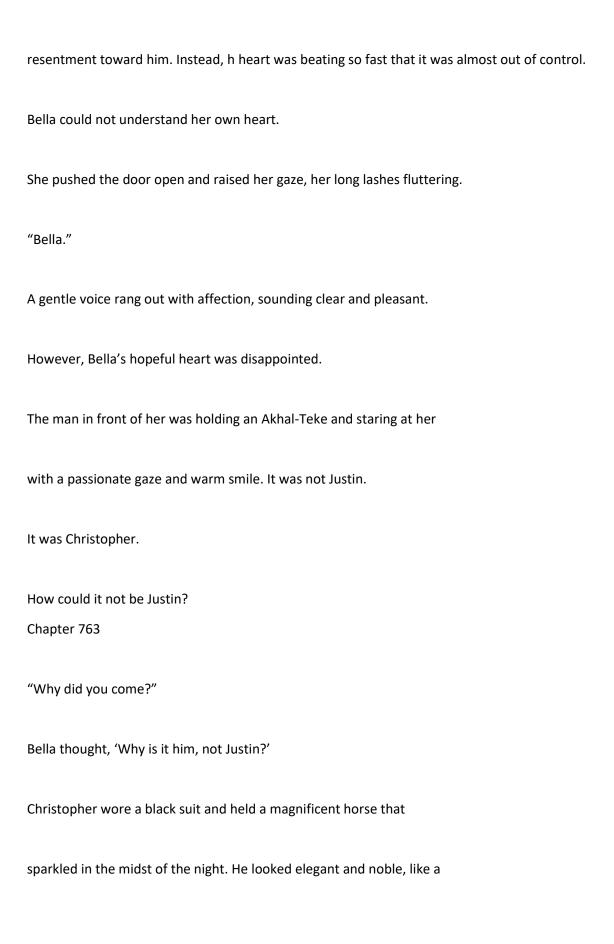


Amelia felt weak and useless when she compared herself to Bella. Her mother was bullied and almost
gravely hurt, but there was nothing she could do about it. Amelia had to hold back her tears in
desperation.
"Ms. Amelia, please rest assured with Ms. Bella here."
Steven leaned down, putting his warm hands on Amelia's tremblin shoulders. He felt her heartache.
"Madam Celeste prepared a few dishes. Let's set the table."
Amelia sensed that Bella wanted to talk to Celeste, so she wiped off her tears and obediently followed
Steven out of the kitchen.
"Aunt Celeste, don't worry. You've suffered so many grievances. We won't let this slide." Bella lowered
her gaze as she bandaged
Celeste's finger with gauze.
"Bella, thanks for the thought, but don't do anything for me. I'm fine!" Celeste panicked, her gaze
becoming unfocused and messy.
"Perhaps someone dared to target you twenty years ago, and now

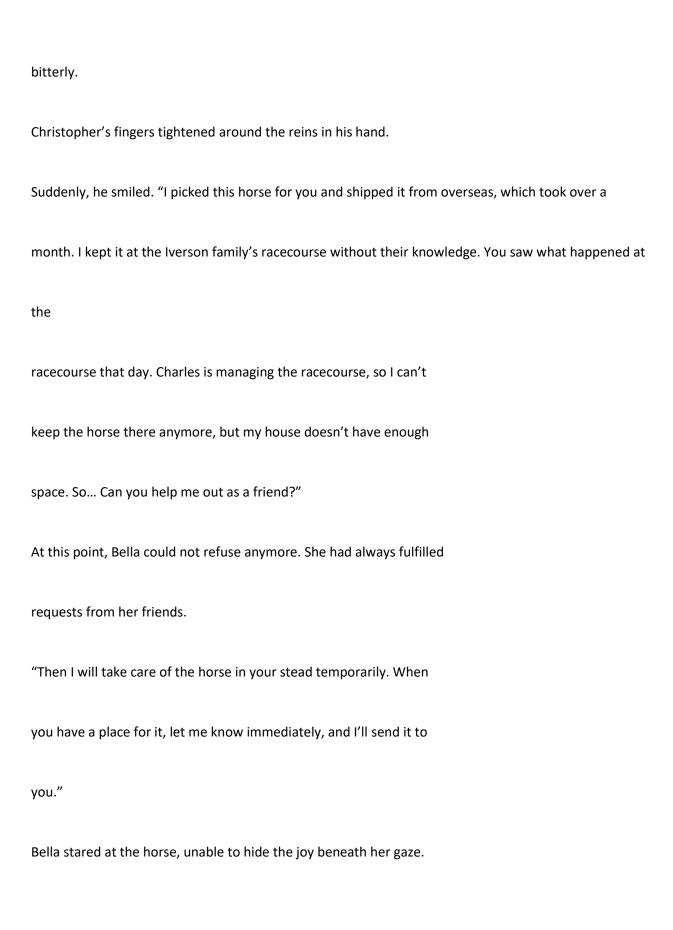
she wants to repeat the same trick. She just has a death wish!"
Bella took a deep breath and suppressed the rising anger in her chest. "Since she wants to die so
badly, I'll make sure to fulfill her wish."
Celeste suddenly returned to her senses and grabbed Bella's hand, panting. "Bella Do you know who
did it?!"
"Yeah. I'm sure you can guess who it is too."
Bella's eyes flashed with pain. "You should have told Wyatt. How can
he sit idly by when his wife is being bullied?!"
"Bella, I don't want any revenge I only want our family to live in peace." A tear fell from Celeste's
eyes.
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Bella sighed softly.
They understood Wyatt well. If Wyatt knew that Shannon was the
mastermind, he might have sent someone to assassinate her.
Bella thought it was not an elegant solution. Killing someone meant you had to pay the price for it, so



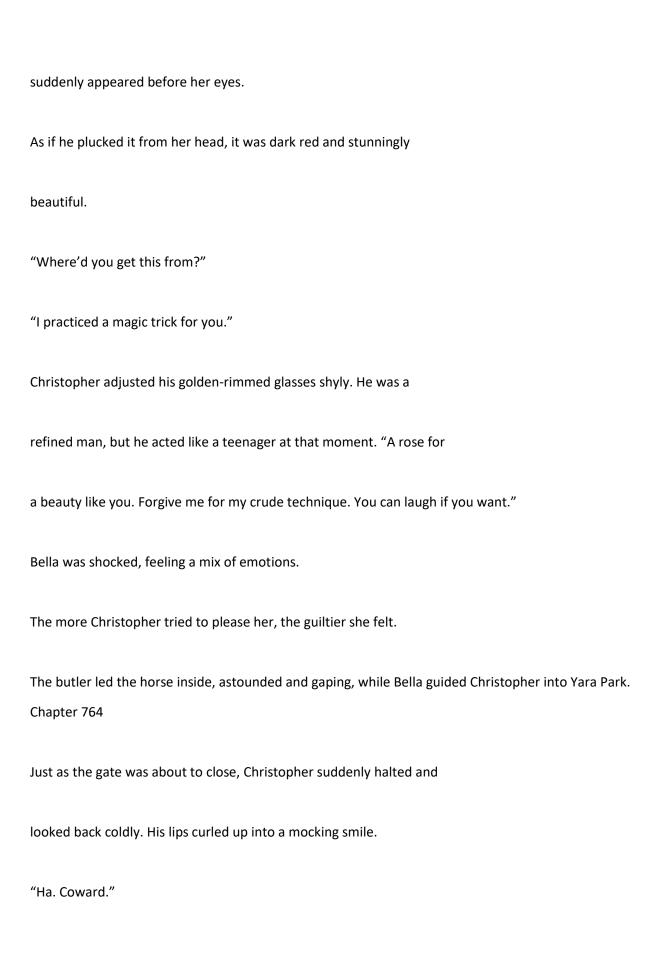




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prince walking out of a palace.
"I came to see you."
"How's your injury? You broke your ribs, so you need to rest for at
least two months. What about the cast on your arm?" Bella recalled
the horrible accident that night and asked about his injuries.
"I'm not even scared of shattering my bones because of your concern
for me." Christopher stared at her with an affectionate gaze.
Bella's breath hitched. She was unsure how to respond.
"Aside from visiting you, I also wanted to bring this horse to you. Y
left in a hurry last time and couldn't take it with you."
"Chris, this horse is beautiful. Thank you, but it's too precious. I ca
accept it." Bella gently declined.
"Bella, did I make you angry? Are you still upset about that day..."
"No. It's in the past now. Even if I didn't block Justin, the relationship
between me and him is not much different from that." Bella smiled
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At this moment, Justin stood alone by the window, staring outside in
a daze.
He smoked cigarette after cigarette, creating a pile of ash in the crystal ashtray. Smoke filled the room,
blurring his handsome but lonely face.
Justin coughed a few times, feeling like his chest was hollowed out.
He recalled the day he threw the divorce papers in front of Bella, forcing her to sign them. He was
standing in the same place as when Bella left Tideview Manor in Asher's car. She did not take a penny
with
her.
At that time, Justin was furious, but he did not understand where the
anger came from.
Now, he finally understood it. He was reluctant to let Bella leave.
For a long time after that, he and Bella hurt each other with words and confronted each other, only to
prove a ridiculous point-that he did not love her.



Justin's phone rang with notifications. lan sent the photos through WhatsApp to Justin.
Justin lowered his gaze and loaded the photos.
In the photo, Christopher leaned against Bella's neck. From this angle,
it looked as if Christopher was kissing her smooth cheek.
The two stood close together, and their intimacy was undeniable!
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Bella only ever showed her resistance and repulsion toward Justin. Each time, Justin shamelessly
approached her, despite her cold
treatment, and every time, Bella crushed his pride.
Justin got angrier the more he thought about it. His eyes reddened.
Shatter!
He punched the glass window. The deafening sound frightened lan
on the other end of the phone.
"Calm down, Mr. Salvador. If you can't endure this, please come over

to meet her. Mr. Iverson is at Young Madam's house now. You can't just stand by and watch! Isn't that equivalent to admitting defeat?" "Meet her? What's the point?" Justin trembled with anger as his chest heaved. His eyes were moist, and he looked disappointed and dejected. "Didn't she say that she doesn't want to see me anymore? I'll fulfill her wish." He thought, 'Bella, you should have a limit on torturing me.' Chapter 765 Bella's brothers and Wyatt were not home tonight. They went on a business trip, so it was mostly the women at home. Strictly speaking, Christopher was not a stranger. At this late hour, everyone was watching Celeste due to her incident. Bella did not want to disturb her family, so she brought Christopher to the guest hall. Unexpectedly, Camilla was drinking coffee in the guest hall. "Camilla, you haven't rested yet?"

Bella was a little surprised. Then, she introduced Christopher. "Oh, this is my friend, Chris-" "Christopher Iverson, the fourth son of the Iverson family. I met him at Aunt Celeste's birthday banquet, and he left an impression." Camilla gracefully put down her coffee cup and smiled faintly at Christopher. "Apart from Bella's brothers, I've never seen any mal friends around her. You are the first." "It is my honor that Bella chose me as her friend." Christopher smiled sincerely. "It is also my honor to meet the future First Lady of Sentania in private." Bella was taken aback. She did not expect him to say so. Camilla remained calm. "I'm just Bella's sister, and my husband is an ordinary senator in Sentania. You're flattering me." Christopher curled his lips and said nothing.

"Bella, entertain your guest. I won't disturb you." Camilla slowly stood

Although Bella maintained a smile, she could sense that something was off between her sister and Christopher, but she did not know what it was.

Camilla left the guest hall, and her expression fell once she closed the door. She took out her phone from her pocket and called her assistant.

"Is there any progress on the matter I asked you to investigate?"  $\ \ \,$ 

"Yes, Madam. The background check on Christopher Iverson has

been sent to your personal email."

"Got it."

As it was late, Christopher did not want to impose. He stayed for a

short while and then left.

In the car, Taylor immediately beamed. "Mr. Christopher, Ms.

attitude toward you is getting better. She accepted your gift and



As he spoke, Christopher glanced outside the car window with a dark
gaze.
"Mr. Christopher, I have some results from the investigation," Taylor
said with a gloomy expression.
"Speak."
"Someone did something to the horse at the racecourse that day.
ran blood tests on the horse and found narcotics."  Chapter 766
"Not only that. Our men secretly searched inside and outside the racecourse. In the end, we found this
in the trash bin."
Taylor took out a plastic bag that contained a syringe from his bag."
After we checked the surveillance footage, we found out that the mastermind was indeed Mr. Charles."
Christopher narrowed his eyes, full of mockery. "Charles and James
are the same. They are born evil. Charles doesn't even have his brother's cunning brains. He uses
dirty tricks that can't be taken seriously. This idiot doesn't deserve my attention."



Bella patted her face while looking back. Camilla wore a light blue silk nightgown. Her eyes arched in a smile. With her fair skin, she looked like an ethereal fairy. "Oh! The most beautiful First Lady is here!" "Bella, where did you get the horse? It's so shiny-even brighter than the lights in the yard. It almost blinded me!" Camilla was curious. "It's Christopher's horse." Bella continued massaging her face. "Is it his horse, or did he give it to you?" "His horse. He wanted to give it to me as a gift, but I didn't accept." "Horses are your favorite animal. That's an Akhal-Teke, but you could even resist such a big temptation. It looks like you want to maintain a clear boundary with him." Camilla nodded thoughtfully, murmuring, "If so, I can rest assured..." Unexpectedly, Bella had sharp ears and heard it. "Camilla, what did you say? Rest assured? Why?" "I can see that Christopher likes you. The way he looks at you is so obvious." At the mention of this, Bella felt a headache. "I know. He confessed to me. What should I do? Is there a

book in the world that could teach me how to stop emitting charisma or stop men from being interested



"Camilla, you must have something to tell me if you came over so late."

Bella walked over and sat next to her, holding her arm intimately. S asked in a low voice, "Is it related to

Christopher?"

"I remember that he used to come over to our house when you wer kids. You seem to be close to him,"

Camilla asked.

contact for 15 years."

"Yeah. We were classmates in elementary school."

Bella narrowed her eyes and recalled, "At that time, he was bullied in class, so I helped him. He was grateful and always clung to me like a little follower. Because of my family background, nobody in class played with me. They avoided me. I could only pair up with Christopher, so we were playmates. To be honest, I was quite happy during our childhood. Later, he went to Sentania with his mother, and we lost

"Fifteen years? That means when he reappeared, he was basically a stranger to you." Camilla looked deep in thought.

"Yeah. When I first saw him, I didn't even recognize him. He was so small and cute back then, like a

little girl. But now, he's an ideal man-tall and handsome." "Do you think he's handsome? Between Christopher and Justin, who do you think is better looking?" Camilla playfully winked at her. "Camilla, did Justin secretly bribe you? Why do you keep mentioning his name? Ugh!" Bella's heart twitched, and she pouted. "Bella, I am not against you befriending Christopher. Chairman. Iverson is good friends with Dad, so his son won't mistreat you. But..." Thinking about the investigation results about Christopher, Camilla darkened her expression. "Christopher is not as simple as he looks. I did a background investigation on him in private. He has a wide ra of businesses in Sentania that cover many fields. He has a comp network. Sentania's situation is complicated. Gangs and drugs a everywhere. The politicians and businessmen collude brazenly. Afte my husband takes office, the first thing he needs to tackle is drug trafficking." Bella could not help but feel worried for her sister. "Camilla, it sounds like you guys will have a tough road ahead." "Don't change the subject."

Camilla's expression was serious. "In Sentania, the scale of Christopher's business meant that he
could not avoid being in the drug trade. I heard he was even summoned by the police due to his
involvement in the drug trade. However, he was released because of insufficient evidence."
"What did you say?" Bella's pupils shrank.

"Although there's no evidence, and he went back safely, not being convicted doesn't mean he's innocent. Since he was investigated, there was a high possibility of him being involved. Furthermore, he was investigated by my husband's student. That man was righteous and impartial. He wouldn't be bought off, and he wouldn't slander someone without a reason."

Camilla held Bella's hand tightly, concern showing in her eyes. "Bella, it's fine for you to be friends. But don't get too close to a dangerous man like Christopher."

Bella's eyelashes fluttered as she pondered. Then, she nodded. "Camilla, I'm an adult who has been through many things. I've seen through the darkest side of humanity. I'll keep words in mind."

Five days later, a row of black luxury cars entered Tideview Manor in the evening, lining up at the



"Why are you so useless?" Zoe pouted, seemingly expressing her dissatisfaction as well. "Father, you've heard about Justin Salvador's personality. Even Chairman Salvador could not force him to do something he was unwilling to do. Shannon is his stepmother and can't influence him at all." Claire explained with a trembling heart. Since her husband passed away, Ryan has been their family's sole support. If Ryan was not present, Logan would never take Claire seriously. "You are Zoe's mother. Your daughter was bullied, yet you could not do anything other than be angry and helpless." Logan was furious and tapped his cane on the ground. "The Hoffman family is also an elite family in Savrow. Nobody dares to offend us. Now, because of a young brat, I need to intervene to settle matters. Is this what you mean when you say you guys will take care of me in my old age?" "Father, it's all my fault. I was too useless." Claire lowered her head and repeatedly admitted her mistake.

"Grandpa, Mom tried her best. Don't blame her." Zoe held Logan's arm and spoke up for her mother.

"That brat, Justin, is too arrogant! He looks down on us!" Anger burned in Logan's eyes. "His recent actions show that he doesn't take the Hoffman family seriously at all. He'd better com his senses and marry Zoe. Otherwise, the Hoffman Group will be Salvador Corporation's nemesis!" It was rowdy in a nightclub's private room, with debauchery in the air. Bethany was partying with a group of friends. The crowd chanted and roared while Bethany laughed madly and moved her body to the music. After an exciting and promiscuous game, Bethany grabbed a bottle of beer and collapsed on the sofa. She downed the beer while laughing uncontrollably. "Ms. Bethany? Ms. Bethany?" At this time, her assistant walked to her and got down on one knee. "There's a situation at Tideview Manor." "What is it?" Bethany asked lazily. "The Hoffmans came. I suppose they came to propose marriage."

"Tsk, what situation is this? Didn't Zoe's widowed mother come a few days ago? They didn't even get to
meet Justin before they were sent away. How embarrassing."
"It's not the same this time. Chairman Hoffman came as well!"
Bethany's eyes flipped open, and she sat up immediately. "Who?"
"Chairman Logan Hoffman! I heard they made a big scene, probably to demand an explanation for
Justin's behavior."
"Hahaha! This is interesting!"
Bethany patted the sofa, her eyes gleaming with excitement. "Prep my car! Let's go home and watch
the show!"
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Gregory and Shannon were home at the moment.
Gregory sat on the sofa, reading the news on his phone with a solemn expression.
Although he had hired a top-notch PR team to deal with the scandal regarding Justin and Zoe, the
gossip and speculation online had never stopped.
As the president of the Salvador Corporation, Justin did not show his face or publish a public statement

to clarify the situation. It would only fuel more speculation, causing him to tarnish his image. Shannon sat at her dressing table, meticulously taking care of the hair she had invested over a million dollars annually to maintain. In the past, she offered up her own body to Gregory to seduce him. "Greg, come here." Shannon turned around and hooked her fing at Gregory. "What?" Gregory's eyes did not leave his phone screen. "Just come, Greg. Touch my hair. I've always taken good care of it you." Shannon's voice was sweet and coy as she flirted. "Come and feel it. Is it the same as before?" "Shannon." Gregory halted. He had been pondering if Celeste's incident had something to do with Shannon for a long time, but he still did not ask the question in the end. He mentioned something else instead. "Ryan confessed to Carrie in front of me and Dad." "What? When did it happen!?" Shannon immediately stood up, unable to control her expression from being overjoyed. "Some time ago, when Justin was hospitalized, he brought Carrie to visit Justin."

"That's wonderful news! Oh my!"

Shannon was so happy that she clapped her hands. "What's Dad's attitude? He watched Ryan grow up, and our families are close to each other with similar backgrounds. He must agree to this marriage, right?"

"You've always tried to match Bethany with Ryan and didn't give Carrie a thought. Why did you suddenly change your mind now?" Gregory asked calmly. Shannon rolled her eyes. "Greg, you make it sound as if I don't about Carrie. After all, she is also my daughter. How can I not w the best for her?

Bethany's personality doesn't match Ryan's. They are just not destined for each other. If Ryan likes

Carrie, I'd definitely support this perfect match. As a mother, I want my daughter to marry well."

"Although Carrie and Ryan are dating, it hasn't been made public yet. We can still turn back." Gregory's brows furrowed. "Once the relationship is public, things will not be so easy."

"Greg... What do you mean? Don't you want Carrie to marry Ryan?" Shannon questioned him anxiously.

"When Claire Hoffman came to discuss Justin's marriage, she left without even seeing Justin's face.

Didn't you see her expression as she left? It was full of resentment. Ryan is her only son. How could
she accept Carrie as her daughter-in-law?" Gregory frowned, feeling frustrated.
Shannon was stunned.
Thinking about how Claire's face was red with anger, she thought that her daughter's path to a wealthy
and influential family was completely blocked.
No. It was not over yet!
That dumbass Ryan was willing to take Carrie off her hands, so she must do everything in her power to
marry off Carrie!
Shannon sighed with a worried expression and walked over to Gregory, massaging his shoulders as
she said gently, "Greg, you seem to be in a bad mood these days. Are you troubled by this matter?
There's a way to resolve everything and solve all our problems."
"What is it?"
"Let Justin marry Zoe, Everyone will be happy. If we take Zoe, Mrs. Hoffman will accept Carrie."

"Don't you know who Justin likes? He only has eyes for Bella. There's no way he could tolerate any

Shannon got excited as she spoke, her eyes shining with greed.



Shannon crossed her arms, curling her lips in a smile. "As long a Justin and Zoe's marriage remains
uncertain, our family will not a day of peace. We've even alarmed Chairman Hoffman. If this continues,
it won't end well."
Logan clasped his hands on top of his eagle-head cane and sat in the middle of the sofa with a
commanding presence. He looked so intimidating that the servants present dared not breathe heavily.
"Old Master Logan, why didn't you inform me of your visit? I'd come out to welcome you."
Gregory smiled and walked over with Shannon.
In the living room, members of the Hoffman family stood behind Logan, looking unfriendly. The air felt
dense.
Gregory swept his gaze across the crowd, his expression unchanging.
"Old Master Logan, you came with such a grand lineup. Are you unhappy because I didn't greet you
properly?"
"I'm indeed unhappy, but I'm sure you're aware of the reason behind it."

Logan said in a cold and forceful tone, "Your family is so arrogant. Your son didn't even show himself

when my daughter-in-law personally came to visit. Must I pay a visit for your son to show his face?" Zoe hid in Claire's arms, sniffling softly. She had an aggrieved and pitiful expression. Gregory was about to speak when Shannon stepped in. "Justin an impolite child. He was away that day. If he had been here, he would certainly greet you." "I'm asking your husband, not you." Logan did not spare Shannon glance, radiating disdain for her from head to toe. Shannon was humiliated, and her face reddened. However, Logan was a man who stood equal to Nigel in Savrow, both legends in the corporate world. How could she afford to provoke him? Claire curled her lips, secretly feeling pleased. Shannon was merely a low-born bitch who had no money or influence. She had already lucked out to be able to seduce a man like Gregory, who was in a completely different tax bracket. However, she still did not know her place. Claire thought, 'Shannon has a troublemaker and a retard for daughters, yet she still harbors delusions

of climbing the social hierarchy by seducing my precious son! Such wishful thinking!'

"Chairman Salvador, you said Justin was not around last time to brush us off. Now that I'm here, I won't
leave without seeing him."
Logan waved to Zoe, and Zoe ran into his arms while crying. "Your son bullied my daughter. Is he
planning to hide like a loser and refuse to take responsibility?" A loser?!
Although Gregory did not dote on Justin, Justin was still his flesh and blood. Insulting Justin was akin to
insulting him!
"I'm not hiding. There should be no other person clearer about th situation than Zoe."
A cold and calm voice spoke.
The crowd was stunned and looked up.