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[Breaking news! Sheila Young's drowning accident had been a scheme!] [Shocking! The beauty seen with Charlie before was actually the culprit behind Sheila Young's accident?]

The next morning, a few articles became the talk of the entire internet.

Vicky's phone had not stopped ringing since then.

There were calls from the directors, the producers, and people like Mindy and Cece. While the crew called on an emergency meeting, another article was released. By the time Vicky learned about it, the article became the top search online, and she clicked inside to find photos of her.

[The long history of affairs of fashion designer, Miss S, whose beauty rivals our star, Sheila Young.]

Underneath the title were a few photos and some descriptions that come along.

[We first started noticing Miss S when the scandal about Charlie surfaced. Someone saw her coming in and out of a hotel with Charlie and suspected that she was his girlfriend. Once public statements were released, it was proven that all crew members and cast stayed in the same hotel and the two were only friends. However, we have received private tips that Charlie had been exceptionally close with Miss S. The two ate together and returned to the hotel together. At Charlie's birthday party, he had even drunk Miss S's beer on her behalf. According to our sources, Charlie seems to be in love with her.]

Below the description were a few other photos of Vicky standing and the photos came with another description.

[Ever since Charlie disappeared, Miss S turned her attention to Tyler Hart. She waited outside his door in the middle of the time and purposefully fell in front of him to capture his attention. However, Mister Hart had not shown her any interest. Seeing how she has no hope with Mister Hart, Miss S then switched her target to another man. I'm sure you all recognize the man beside her, right? That's right. That's the once-famous star, Edward. The two were seen taking a romantic stroll outside and holding hands outside the hotel. According to reliable sources, Edward was even seen coming out of Miss S's room. Sheila Young's sudden accident seemed to be caused by the problem of her costume, which was also made by Miss S.]

The discussion about Vicky soon outgrew the one about Sheila's accident.

All three men that Vicky was seen with were public figures.

The public had fed on the scandals surrounding Charlie some time ago for over half a month, and as for Edward, he was also someone everyone knew as he had been famous for a time. On top of that, Tyler Hart was a man of almost the highest status in the country.

Once the rumors about Vicky spread, all the comments were insults directed at her.

There would always be someone who remained calm whenever the internet erupted into chaos over some news by pointing out that the victims could be the accused, but on this occasion, no one seemed to side with Vicky.

[I study theater, and my friend plays a minor character in the film. She told me that this 'Miss S' is called Vicky Shaw, and she has a really messy private life. She was up all night in bed with some guy a few days ago and arrived at work late!]

[Oh, I know about that! Because of her, the entire crew needed to stop filming and wait for her!]

[Some guy? Who is that? Does anyone know?]

[Darn. Is she that cheap? What a waste of her looks.]

[Oh, come on! One of my plastic surgeon friends told me that her face isn't real...]

[What gives her the courage to seduce Mister Hart? How shameless!]

[I pity Sheila. Not only has this woman tried to steal her man, but she almost got Sheila killed too!]

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[It's attempted murder! Let's contact the police to arrest this murderer!]

[She's disgusting! Vicky Shaw, get out of Zendon!]

Instantly, Vicky became the most hated woman in the entire country.

She glanced through the comments expressionlessly and took a deep breath after shutting off the screen to think of a way out.

Knock, knock!

Just then, she heard knocking on the door, followed by a familiar voice. "Miss Shaw, I'm Harry. Mister Hart has asked me to escort you to the hospital."

She slowly began to regain her composure at the sound of Harry's voice as she remembered that Tyler had ordered her to go to the hospital and apologize to Sheila.

Not bothering to open the door, she said, "I'm not going."

Harry's voice came through the door faintly. "Miss Shaw, Mister Hart said that it's best for you to come."

"And if I refuse to?" She chuckled darkly.

After a brief moment of silence, Harry said, "Mister Hart said you'll come to regret it."

"I will never regret it!"

With that, Vicky ignored Harry.

Harry continued to knock on the door for the next few minutes, but since Vicky had stopped responding altogether, he eventually left.

Shortly after Harry left, Vicky received a call from Jennifer. "Vicky, some people just came and sprayed paint all over our studio and destroyed everything inside, including all the drafts of our designs. Cece went to stop them and got injured in the process..."

After Jennifer recovered, she started going to work with Cece at Vicky's studio.

She was a great artist and had a sharp sense for fashion, and she had even studied relative knowledge in the past out of curiosity but gave up on her passion because she wanted to study at the same university as Anthony.

Since she started living with Cece, she slowly began to pick up what she had given up on, seeing how energetic and cheerful Cece was every day at work.

Jennifer learned quickly, and she was left behind with Cece to work in the studio while Vicky followed the movie crew to Arrowtown.

Vicky tensed at the tone of her voice and tightened her grip on the phone. "How is Cece now?"

"She was injured in the head and has a mild concussion. Those people still won't let her go and follow us all the way to the hospital."

"Alright." Vicky stood. "Jennifer, take Cece home. Don't go outside. I'll travel back now."

Not having the time to pack, she bought the flight ticket back to Stoneford City and strode out of her room.

As soon as she stepped foot out of the hotel, something was thrown in her direction.

"Vicky Shaw, you're a vixen and a murderer! You don't deserve to live!"

Vicky had her mind full of concern about Cece that she was caught offguard.

The egg slammed into her head, and the liquid inside scrolled down her forehead.

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A group of young women charged toward Vicky, each holding eggs, tomatoes, or water bottles. They started throwing whatever they had in hand at Vicky once they spotted her.

"You b*tch! How dare you try to drown Sheila?! Die!"

"You disgusting plastic b*tch! If men see what you really look like, they might just all run away!"

"You should be sentenced to death!"

The young women were hysterical. Their features were twisted with rage and resentment, and those who did not know what happened would think that Vicky had murdered their families.

Vicky came to an assumption that the young women had to be Sheila's fans.

There was no point in reasoning with fanatics, so she immediately backed away into the hotel.

Seeing how she was running away, the fans ran after her.

"Hurry! Catch that b*tch! Don't let her get away!"

"Karma will get her! If justice isn't served, we'll give her the punishment she deserves!"

"Avenge Sheila!"

The security in the five-star hotel was strict, and the guards immediately hurried over.

"Miss, what is happening?"

Vicky looked at the fanatics running

The guards were shocked when

They had also seen the news and had even discussed it in private, but since it was their duty to stop the fans, they proceeded to chase them out of the hotel.

The hotel manager came to talk to Vicky. "Miss Shaw, we don't know who leaked the information of your stay here, but not only are there fans outside, but even the reporters have gathered. Out of consideration for your safety, we suggest that you stay in the hotel for the time being."

Worried about Cece, Vicky said, "But I have

"If you insist on going out, we aren't responsible for any attack aimed at you outside the door."

When Vicky fell into silence, the manager suggested, "If you truly need to leave, I suggest that you put on a disguise."

Half an hour later, Vicky successfully left the hotel in her disguise and arrived at the airport.

However, she needed to remove her hat and face mask at the security checkpoint and the crowd instantly recognized her.

In the end, the airport staff advised Vicky to turn around.

“Miss Shaw, we can make sure that you board the flight safely, but...if there are Sheila Young’s fans on board, we can’t guarantee your safety. Besides, if there is chaos on board, it’ll affect other passengers as well.”

Rendered powerless, Vicky returned to her hotel and made a call to Cece.” Cece, I’m sorry, but I don’t think I can come back anytime soon.”

Cece, at this point, had seen the news and said angrily, “Vicky, you are the legal wife of Mister Hart. Sheila Young is the third wheel, not you! Those brainless fans of hers dare to call you the woman who seduced Sheila’s man when their idol is the shameless one!”

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At first, the people who came were only destroying the studio, but when Cece called Sheila the ‘shameless homewrecker’, they were provoked into violence.

Since Cece was outnumbered, she soon ended up in the hospital and was still livid when she talked about it. “Vicky, all you need to do is post your marriage certificate and those people will shut up!”

Cece might be reckless, but she was not a fool.

The marriage between Vicky and Tyler had not been announced, and she dared not to mention it even in a fit of rage when she was arguing with those people.

Vicky stood by the window and gazed down at the guards patrolling around the hotel and the people outside.

There were Sheila’s fans, reporters, and a crowd that gathered for the drama.

“It won’t work,” Vicky said bitterly. “Even Charlie and Edward.”

The people on the internet did not care about what was right and what was true.

“Besides, this has to be the work of someone who knows me. Otherwise, those people would’ve never found out where my studio is so quickly.”

Shocked, Cece muttered, “Vicky, are you saying that...”

Vicky was about to say something when she received another call. She glanced at her screen and said, “Cece, I need to do something. Let’s end the call here. Avoid going outside in the next few days and forget about the studio. I’ll handle it once I get home.”

Once she ended the call

She remained silent,

After a few moments, he said,

“No,” she said emotionlessly as she closed the

“Vicky Shaw,” he gritted out coldly. “Had you left with Harry

As she turned on the television, she saw the video of her being thrown with raw eggs and how she was ambushed in the airport before being escorted away by the security guards.

She looked incredibly pathetic, and as she studied the video, she said, “Are you going to say that if I agree to apologize, my studio wouldn’t have been destroyed and Cece wouldn’t get injured as well? That Cece wouldn’t be confined to her own apartment as well?”

He paused for a while and said, “You think that...I sent people to destroy your studio?”

“Did you not?” She chuckled. “As hard as the fans might try, they can’t possibly find out where my studio is located that quickly. Who else could be so efficient in destroying my

studio? Didn't you get Harry to give me your message, saying that I'll come to regret not coming?"

Her studio was destroyed shortly after Harry left, and she could not think of anyone else capable of such a thing.

"Tyler, if you really can't stand seeing Sheila hurt, why won't you divorce me?" she continued.

"Vicky Shaw, I don't want to hear that word again."

She chuckled. "I can apologize to Sheila right now until you two are satisfied with it if you agree to divorce me. How about that?" "Vicky Shaw!" Tyler roared.

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"Tyler Hart," Vicky enunciated, "unless you agree to the divorce, I'll never apologize."

He chuckled darkly. "Vicky Shaw, do you really think that I can't do anything to you?"

"Why would I think that? You sent people to destroy my studio and injured Cece as a warning to me, right?"

He sneered. "So, you'd rather see your studio destroyed and your assistant injured, and would rather be forced to stay in the hotel while everyone condemns you on the internet than apologize?"

Vicky knew that as long as she caved, Tyler could resolve everything considering what he was capable of. However, she would rather tolerate all the contempt and be attacked by hysterical fans than admit to doing something she was never involved in.

"Yeah. I won't apologize."

"Very well," he snarled. "Let's hope that you won't come running back to beg for mercy."

He then hung up, leaving Vicky to stare at her phone blankly.

A day and a night passed, but the rumors about Vicky had not ceased circulating.

Since the crew had yet to announce the cause of Sheila's accident, they had fallen victim to all the talk online as well.

[I've received information that says

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[Ugh! Is the crew trying to protect Vicky? She must be someone important, then!]

[Forget it! All the news about

[Maybe she is some director's lover...]

The directors of the film had not anticipated that the situation would escalate to such an extent.

Vicky had not been able to resolve the situation, and the pressure of public opinion was weighing down on the crew.

A day later, Director Lumber called Vicky to his office. "Vicky, we've worked together in the past and I know that you aren't this kind of a person. There might be a misunderstanding about the costume, but... The public opinion is leaning toward one side, and if we don't make a public announcement soon, I'm afraid..."

Director Lumber was exhausted as the

It was first Charlie, then Vicky, and none of these scandals would do the movie any good.

Vicky stared at him and said, "Director Lumber, the accident about the costume is abnormal."

She ignored all the talk outside and focused on investigating the accident as it all started with Sheila drowning.

“Director Lumber, I recalled something. Before Sheila changed into that costume, Maria Sparks had been inside the costume room as well,” she deadpanned.

After recalling the day repeatedly, she remembered checking the costume over and over again to make sure that there was no damage to it.

However, she was called away a few minutes before Sheila was supposed to put on the costume, and when she returned to the room, she found Maria changing inside.

Maria played one of the characters in the movie and would often change in the room. Since Vicky had only been gone for a few minutes at the time, she had not paid much mind to it.

Coming to think of it, Maria might be the one who destroyed Sheila’s costume.

Director Lumber shot Vicky a pointed look. “Vicky, you can’t make claims without evidence. We haven’t announced what caused Sheila to drown because we weren’t certain as to how the costume was destroyed. Do you understand what I’m trying to say?”

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“Director Lumber, there are surveillance cameras outside the room, and before Sheila changed into her costume, Maria Sparks was the only one who had been inside—”

Director Lumber interrupted her. “Vicky, you’ve been in the costume room for most of the day as well. Whether it’s you, Maria, or someone else...

Regardless, we have no proof whatsoever.”

There could not be surveillance cameras inside the changing rooms, so how the outfit was destroyed would always remain a mystery.

“We’ll continue to use the designs you produced for us, and you’ve been with us long enough that you should get some rest now. As for the payment...” he said thoughtfully before his phone started ringing.

He answered the call, and soon, his expression darkened.

After hanging up, he turned to Vicky apologetically. “Vicky, about the remaining payment...”

She interrupted him. “Director Lumber, we’ve known each other long enough. You can cut to the chase.”

He sighed heavily. “Alright. I’ve discussed with Director Fallon and a few producers that we’ll pay you everything we promised but in exchange, we’ll need to announce that we’ve terminated our contract with you. However...”

He shot her a look of sympathy. “You know that Mister Hart is the biggest investor of this movie, and he thinks that there’s a big issue with the costumes you designed if they had caused such an accident... Not only does he want to hold your payment, but he wants you to pay for any losses as well.”

“Tyler said that?” She clenched her fists.

Director Lumber nodded.

Vicky got up. “Alright. I understand.”

She stumbled out of the meeting room and

“Oh, my,” a sarcastic voice rose. “Vicky, what’s wrong? You the reporters captured you just now, you’ll be further humiliated.”

She looked up and saw the evil sneer

Maria smiled and whispered into Vicky's ear. "It was me, but so what? Why would you believe you now? You told Director Lumber about me just now, didn't you? Look what happened? Are you the one being chased out, or me?"

Vicky shoved Maria aside.

Maria was not at all frustrated and continued to smile at Vicky. "Besides, I'm not afraid even if others find out, because I have people who'll clean up after me no matter what I do. As for Sheila, she has Tyler to do that for her, whereas you... How pitiful." 1

Maria seemed to have only come to mock her and immediately left, giggling the entire way.

Before Vicky could return to her room, a few police officers approached her.

"Miss Shaw, you are suspected of attempted murder. Please come with us."

Despite all the accusations directed at her, the police had never approached her, so she assumed that it was yet again Tyler's doing.

