

Chapter 20

Ronald rushed in the treatment room when the doctor applied the ointment to Valeria's wound.


He stared at Valeria angrily, "It's you again?"

"Dad, I got hurt as well! It was Ashley! I had nothing to do with the mistress' injury. She fell down and hit the table by herself!"

Valeria regained her senses after being taken to the hospital. She remembered that Julie fell down as soon as she reached out to Julie. Everything was too strange. It must be Julie who wanted to frame her.

She was injured too. Moreover, Ashley tried to hit her with a coffee pot. The whole pot of coffee must have been poured on her face if she hadn't fallen down.

Ashley wanted to disfigure her. Valeria tried to explain to Ronald once she had figured it out.

However, Ronald had been misled by Ashley and refused to listen to Valeria's explanation. He was sure that Valeria was still trying to frame Ashley. So he slapped her. 

Valeria felt numb on her face with the slap. She covered her face and looked at Ronald in disbelief.

He hit her again for the sake of the mistress and her daughter! This was the third time that Ronald had hit her since yesterday.

Valeria choked up but held her tears back sturdily.

She told herself that she couldn't cry. Her father was so cold-hearted that crying wouldn't change anything!

Ronald was disappointed and growled at her, "How could you become like this? Do you really think that no one dares to discipline you?"

"I am not... she insulted my mother first, and I didn't mean to hurt her!" Valeria choked with sobs and tried to explain.

"How could you hurt her so bad? You almost killed her! Do you know how badly your Aunt Julie was hurt?"

"Aunt Julie? She's a shameless mistress! She deserves it!" Valeria retorted angrily.

The more she tried to explain, the angrier Ronald became.

Compared to Julie's considerate, Valeria was too ignorant. Ronald was angry and resentful about her. He felt pity for her when he looked at the fingerprints on Valeria's face. So he tried to control himself.

"Aunt Julie is not going to punish you for what you had done today, but it doesn't mean that you are free to go. You should apologize to her immediately and ask for her forgiveness!"

"She doesn't deserve my apology! Don't even think about it!" How could it be possible for Valeria to make an apology to this mistress who insulted her mother?

"Will you apologize or not?" Ronald glared at Valeria fiercely.

"No way! I won't do it!"

"Well, if you don't apologize to her, then you must get out of my house. You are not my daughter anymore!" 4

"Fine! I don't care!" Valeria retorted straightly.

Seeing her unrepentant look, Ronald became angrier, "Well, listen up! If you don't apologize, you can't get a penny from me from now on!"

After saying this, Ronald left wrathfully. Valeria tried her best to hold her tears back.

Valeria would never apologize to her!

She would never apologize even if Ronald froze her card and did not give her a penny!

She could support herself for she had a job.

Valeria walked out of the treatment room stubbornly. The elevator door opened when she came to the corridor.

William walked out from the elevator gracefully. They were stunned when they met each other.

William noticed that there were five red fingerprints on her fair face.

He frowned and strode over, "Who did this?"

Valeria could not say a word but pursed her lips. William was impatient, "Are you mute?"

Though his tone was austere, he looked at Valeria with concern. Valeria couldn't help but cry bitterly, and tears rolled down her eyes. 5