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Chapter 2221

Tracy glanced absent-mindedly at Shaun, not taking his words to heart.

The official shoot began once Melody recovered and felt a bit more comfortable with being underwater.

"Hailey, I've always been like this. As my longtime friend, you should know better than anyone that I haven't changed."

Athena struggled to explain, but Hailey ruthlessly pushed her into the sea.

Having grown up by the seaside, they both knew how dangerous the rising tide could be. Yet, Hailey still pushed her into the water. Athena felt both shocked and betrayed.

Melody gradually relaxed her body, allowing herself to sink into the seawater. She silently counted numbers in her mind. The scene would be over in 30 seconds.
"Eighteen, nineteen..."

Hailey was not as heartless as she appeared. Athena was her most important friend-how could she just watch her being swept away by the sea?

Frantically, she swam toward where Athena had fallen.

"Athena, I'm coming! Hold on!"

Hailey steadfastly moved in Athena's direction, but the water rose dangerously high.

"Twenty-five, twenty-six... Twenty-nine, thirty!"

Just as Melody was about to joyfully surface, she felt a pair of hands tightly gripping her arm. She was already frightened in this confined seawater, and these hands felt like they

were dragging her into hell. She struggled desperately, but she could not break free from those hands.

"Gah... Help"

Melody could not even manage to surface and call for help.

Although it was three seconds longer than originally planned, Melody's entire body stiffened as she extended her arms and legs, seemingly sinking deeper into the seawater.

"Mister Shaun, where's Miss Melody? Did something happen? I can't find her anywhere!"

Tracy jumped out of the sea and shouted for help in the direction of the safety personnel.

"Quick! Someone, help! Melody is gone! Hurry, someone, help!"

She seemed genuinely panicked.

Seeing this, Shaun hastily pushed the camera aside and rushed toward the sea, knocking some chairs over in the process.

All the crew members immediately jumped into the water, fearful that a delay of just one or two seconds might cost them Melody.

Unfortunately, as if fate was playing against them, Melody's breathing was so shallow that it was almost imperceptible by the time they pulled her up to the shore.

"One, two, three..." The two safety personnel desperately performed chest compressions on Melody.

Everyone held their breath. Many had only a superficial relationship with Melody, but nobody wanted to witness the passing of a life right in front of them.

Even Tracy, who played the supporting actress opposite Melody, stood silently on the side, unusually refraining from making any sarcastic comments. However, when no one was paying attention, a sly smile crossed Tracy's lips.

'Haha! I can't believe it didn't take much to drown her. Well, serve her right! It's good that she's gone. Now I can play the female lead!'

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No one would have thought that the gentle-looking Tracy harbored such malicious thoughts.

She did not show any signs of her true intentions. 'If Melody is gone, I'll be the female lead!' The thought made her feel quite pleased. "Keep trying to resuscitate her! The ambulance is on its way!"

The two safety personnel tirelessly alternated performing CPR. Real chest compressions for effective CPR could be quite exhausting.

Both of them were becoming numb, continuing the motions almost mechanically.

"Again! One, two..."

They felt an intense sense of self-blame. How could they not have noticed something was off when Melody was so close? How could they let a living, breathing life slip away right in front of them? Such a situation never occurred in their entire career. They were overwhelmed with guilt.

"We got it! She's breathing! She's breathing!"

At that moment, the assistant heard Melody's extremely faint breathing. It was barely audible, yet it instantly ignited hope in everyone's heart.

"Oh, thank heavens! I almost got worried to death."

Shaun could not help but clench his fist in a celebratory gesture.

At that moment, the ambulance arrived.

Medical personnel lifted Melody onto the ambulance and put an oxygen mask on her face. The two safety personnel collapsed on the ground, their chests heaving with exhaustion. "Thank you... Thank you for saving Melody!"

Shaun's eyes were also a bit wet. The fragility of life hit him hard after witnessing such a sudden and unexpected accident.

"You've all worked hard! We won't be able to shoot the remaining scenes today. Please go home and rest well. I'll keep everyone in the loop for the remaining details."

Most of the crew members left the set in a daze. There had been a series of unexpected events one after another. Fortunately, Melody was saved. They would not know how to face the public should she end up dead.

At home, Beatrice felt her eyelids twitching as she prepared dinner.

"Cedric, I keep feeling like something bad is going to happen. My heart has been racing."

Cedric got up and walked to his wife's side, handing her a cup of honey water to drink. "Calm down, don't scare yourself. The children are all fine. What could possibly happen?"

Beatrice frowned, realizing she might be overthinking things. "Maybe it's because I didn't sleep well last night. My eyelids have been twitching."

"Well then, just go upstairs and rest. Leave dinner to me."

Beatrice nodded. Before going upstairs, she reminded Cedric to make an extra pot of soup for the evening. After a busy day, Melody could use some nourishment.

However, Melody still had not returned from work after another two hours had passed, which was peculiar.

"Is there night filming tonight? Wait, according to Melody's schedule, there's no scene scheduled after six in the evening. Could it be...she has something else going on?"

Both Beatrice and Cedric were puzzled, wondering why Melody was not back yet. Just as they were about to call Shaun, his call came through first.

Shaun had called to apologize. Since Melody was still in the hospital, he felt he should not keep Beatrice and Cedric in the dark.

"What did you say? Say it again!"

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Beatrice gripped her phone so tightly that her knuckles turned white.

"What on earth happened?"

Cedric was also on edge. Judging by his wife's expression, he knew something was seriously wrong. To make matters worse, not knowing exactly what had happened left him even more uneasy. "Let's go! We need to pack up and head to Central Hospital right now." Beatrice hastily packed up her things.

Cedric followed behind, asking, "Why are we going to the hospital? Who had an accident?"

"It's Melody! She had an accident on set. Oh, my poor child!"

Cedric immediately packed up his things when he heard that.

The two of them quickly had the driver take them to the hospital where Melody was being treated. When they arrived at the emergency room entrance, they saw Shaun and the producer waiting for them. "Why are all of you standing here like doormen?" Beatrice's anger was at its peak due to how worried she was for Melody.

Shaun stepped forward to explain, "I'm very sorry. There was an accident during a scene where Melody was underwater. It's all my fault. I should've noticed that she had been underwater for more than thirty seconds."

"Underwater? Don't you consider the risks before shooting? Don't you know how scared Melody is of water? How could you let her go underwater?"

Beatrice's simple rhetorical question left Shaun speechless.

"Actually, it was Melody who chose to do the scene herself. She didn't want to use a stunt double," explained the producer awkwardly.

After all, no one wanted to see this outcome. Melody herself had wished to perform the scene without a body double. How could they solely blame Shaun?

Beatrice remained silent after hearing that. A minute later, she asked everyone to leave while she and Cedric stayed by Melody's side.

"Hey, you shouldn't have spoken up for me just now. Old Missus Rivera is obviously blinded by anger. I mean, I would be too if my granddaughter-in-law went out fine in the morning and found out she's lying in a hospital room."

The producer sighed bitterly. "Did you think I did it for you only? Someone is trying to make us take the fall. No way am I going to let that happen!"

Beatrice remained outraged for a long time since she had no place to vent her anger. To think that their granddaughter-in-law ended up needing an oxygen tank, and yet they dared to question her?

She took a deep breath and walked to the stairwell with her phone in hand. It was obvious from the expression on her face that she was going to call Lucas.

Cedric shook his head, continuing to watch Melody lying there in stillness.

"Hello." The voice on the other end of the phone sounded lively.

"You brat! What are you doing right now?" asked Beatrice with suppressed anger. The angrier she felt, the calmer her tone became.

"I'm negotiating a deal right now. What's up, Grandma?"

"All you do is work, work, work. Do you even know that your wife is lying in the hospital room hooked up to an oxygen tank?"

"What?!" Lucas sat up abruptly. "What happened to Melody?"

Beatrice scoffed. "Oh, so now you're concerned? I'm going only to tell you that she's in a critical condition. Whether you come back to see her or not is up to you!" Lucas held his head. He did not expect Melody to end up in the hospital after he had only been gone for a couple of days.

"I'm going back now!"

He could not sit still as soon as he heard that Melody was lying in the hospital.

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Shaun and the producer went to the hospital together with the ambulance, leaving the remaining crew members worried at the set.

"I know Miss Melody can't swim, but we've rehearsed the scene so many times, so she should be able to hold out for at least thirty seconds, right?"

One of the safety personnel felt guilty, afraid that he would be blamed for the incident.

"I'm not sure, but there's something strange about the whole thing... Melody didn't immediately resurface after the thirty seconds was up. I thought it'd be fine for another one or two seconds since she would've surely called for help if she felt uncomfortable. That's why I didn't rush over at first.

"I didn't want to interrupt the filming, and then get lectured by Mister Shaun... But who'd have thought that something like this would happen."

Tracy hid her chuckle.

She was truly a genius. Only she was in the water with Melody at that time, thus she was sure that the rest of the crew members would not be able to find any evidence of what she did.

As Melody was trying to resurface, Tracy firmly grabbed her wrist while she delivered her lines before she eventually shouted for help.

In reality, Tracy had Melody firmly pressed underwater. In just five or six seconds, Melody became deprived of oxygen and eventually lost consciousness in the water.

Tracy would not be afraid at all even if Melody were to wake up. For one, there was no evidence, and secondly, Tracy would be able to dismiss whatever Melody might say against her as a hallucination induced by her fear of the water.

"You guys, don't be too hard on yourselves. I'm sure you didn't want this to happen either. Miss Melody always had luck on her side, so she'll be fine! Don't worry!"

Tracy squeezed out a few tears, feigning shock, and clasped her hands together in a prayer.

The crew members, deceived by Tracy's acting, had no inkling that she was the one who nearly caused Melody to drown.

"Though Miss Tracy went a bit overboard earlier, she still cared when Miss Melody nearly lost her life..."

Many of the crew members were taken in by Tracy's performance and joined in praying for Melody.

Since Melody joined the cast, she had gone through quite a few ups and downs. They might not be close with her, but no one would wish for a colleague they had just started working with to lose their life. Meanwhile, at the hospital...

Seconds ticked away. Beatrice and Cedric sat outside the emergency room with solemn faces.

"What did Lucas say? Is he coming back?" asked Cedric with a frown, thinking that it would be more appropriate for Lucas to be there with them.

"He'd better! I've called him and told him Melody is still in the emergency room being treated. There's no telling if she's going to make it out alive. And if he doesn't come back after all that, I'm going to give him a piece of my mind!" grunted Beatrice.

However, the elderly lady quickly slapped her own mouth. "No! I shouldn't say that. Melody's is going to be fine!"

Both Beatrice and Cedric were getting on in age, so Shaun thought it would be better for them to go home instead of keeping guard in the hospital.

Thus, he went up to them and told them to go home with the assurance that he would inform them if there were any updates about Melody.

"Save your breath. You can't even fend for yourself at a time like this, so why don't you take care of yourself first?" said Beatrice.

Shaun thought Beatrice's words were a subtle jab at the recent news involving the crew. It was not until the producer realized that something was off that he pulled Shaun aside to check the latest news online.

Chapter 2225

As Melody was taken away by an ambulance, onlookers who witnessed the scene posted about the incident, beating the paparazzi to it.

[Guys, is this the film crew involved with the bullying allegations last time? When I was getting ready to go to work, I saw another person being taken away in an ambulance. Did something happen again?] A stone had stirred up a thousand ripples. With so many people witnessing the ambulance, it could not possibly be fake. Shaun's film crew was really experiencing one unfortunate event after another.

Later, a gossip reporter with connections found out through various channels that the person taken to the hospital was Melody.

[Something happened to Melody again? I knew it! I knew just by looking at her face that she isn't the type to bully others...]

Regardless of the reason Melody was taken to the hospital, she managed to clear her name from the scandal involving bullying another actress in the same crew.

[Is Shaun having a run of bad luck? Why does his crew keep getting involved in these negative news stories one after another? Honestly, I'd be afraid to watch a movie produced in this kind of atmosphere.] [Huh, what does this have to do with Shaun? What does it have to do with the atmosphere? Are you saying that if the movie isn't produced under this kind of atmosphere, you'll support the work of a bully? A big portion of the ticket sales goes into Shaun's pocket, you know. Besides, Melody might just be sick. For all we know, the bully allegations are true. After, she didn't speak up during the last incident with Tracy, right?]

The above comment received widespread support from the online community.

Several of Melody's supporters were labeled as her extreme fans and were thus considered irrational.

Shaun impatiently tapped his head, feeling like the troubles plaguing his movie were never-ending.

"I thought that with Tracy still working with our crew, these absurd news stories would fade over time. I didn't expect these online folks to take it so seriously. After all, why would Tracy still want to work with us if she has been bullied?"

The producer would have lit up a cigarette and taken a deep drag if they were not at the hospital.

"Let it be. Giving them attention will just add fuel to the fire. The urgent matter at hand is to wait for Melody to wake up."

They took prompt emergency measures, and the ambulance arrived quickly, so it was puzzling why Melody was still in the emergency room.

Lucas returned from Molomia at a speed beyond everyone's imagination. He abandoned all work matters and immediately boarded a private plane. However, the plane was still too slow for him. That was how worried he was, so much so that he wished he could personally pilot the aircraft. Edmund, out of concern for Lucas, also set aside unfinished business and returned with him.

Although Lucas did not show it, his concern for Melody surpassed everyone else's. With Melody's life hanging in the balance, Lucas must be very anxious.

Edmund, having spent so many years working for Lucas, had long realized that Melody held a special place for his employer. Unfortunately, Lucas was still in denial.

After getting off the plane, Lucas swiftly took the highway without wasting a second and rushed to the hospital where Melody was. Upon arriving, he hastily exited the car and ran to Beatrice and Cedric. "Grandpa, Grandma, how's Melody doing?" he asked, panting.

Seeing his grandson in such a state, Cedric felt a pang of heartache. He motioned for someone to bring a glass of water for Lucas.

"Catch your breath first. She hasn't woken up yet, and the doctors haven't provided a definite answer..."

Lucas lifted his head, his eyes already bloodshot. He composed himself and walked over to Shaun.

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A heavy, oppressive shadow fell over Shaun.

"Have you forgotten what I told you before I left? Is this how you take care of Melody for me?" questioned Lucas from a position of superiority.

Shaun lowered his head, feeling immense pressure. Indeed, Lucas instructed him to take good care of Melody with an emphasis on her safety before going abroad. Any issues that arose were to be dealt with upon Lucas' return.

However, Shaun himself had not expected the string of incidents that occurred the moment Lucas boarded the plane. He found himself overwhelmed, wanting to protect Melody but unable to prevent these unexpected events.

"Mister Lucas, I apologize sincerely. But she did rehearse many times before shooting the underwater scene, and... She insisted on doing it..."

"You know she can be quite stubborn sometimes. She'll never use a stunt double if she thinks she can handle the scene herself. You should've ordered her to use a stunt double! Don't you know she can't swim?"

Shaun fell silent under Lucas' pressure.

In the end, it was the producer who came to his defense, despite the immense pressure he was also feeling.

"Mister Lucas, you know how Melody can be as well. Even if Shaun had chosen to use a stunt double, she would've fought to try it herself. That was why she went through all the rehearsals. She was determined to do the scene herself! We couldn't stop her at all...given how willful she was being."

"Couldn't stop her? Is that how you all plan to absolve yourselves from the responsibility? So it has nothing to do with you two that Melody ended up in the state she is in now?"

The hospital corridor fell into a hushed silence since both Shaun and the producer did not know how to respond.

Just then, the light in the emergency room went out, and a doctor walked out.

Lucas swiftly turned around and walked over.

"Are you the patient's family? The patient is awake."

Before Shaun could thank the heavens, he hurriedly walked up to the doctor.

"How is she now? Is she out of critical condition?" Lucas struggled to keep his emotions steady, but his cold, firm tone betrayed his angst.

"Miss Melody is out of immediate danger. The rescue took longer because we were clearing the water she accidentally inhaled. Why did you allow her to go into the water if she can't swim? What happened exactly? If necessary, the family members should look into the matter."

"She's an actress, and there was a scene where she had to portray drowning. She worked hard to overcome her fear and insisted on going into the water," explained the producer.

The doctor gave a nod of understanding. "However, it's best that she does things within her capabilities in the future. For someone who's already afraid of water, this incident might make Miss Melody even more fearful of it. It's probably worth considering taking an alternative route for the scene.

"It shouldn't be a problem if a stunt double is used for a movie that lasts a few hours. Nothing is more important than a person's safety, understand?" advised the doctor.

The men exchanged glances; the doctor was right. They should not have agreed to let Melody do the scene herself. In fact, it made them seem downright cruel.

At that moment, Lucas just wanted to see Melody as soon as possible.

Shaun and the producer wanted to smooth things out by explaining themselves, but Beatrice and Cedric walked over with stern expressions.

"Shaun, come back next time if you have anything else to say. For now, only Melody's family is allowed here. The rest of you, leave."

Beatrice's intention to see them off was crystal clear. Shaun and the producer had no choice but to make a tactful exit.

Back at the film set, they were greeted with another mess, and they were already exhausted.

Sigh!

Chapter 2227

Melody fell into a deep sleep again after she was transferred to a regular ward. She looked pale, and she did not wake up for a long time.

The elderly Beatrice and Cedric felt even more distressed seeing Melody lying peacefully in the hospital bed.

"Our dear granddaughter-in-law has suffered so much. How did she end up in such a situation? She has always been diligent in her acting career. Why does it look like everything is out to get here?" Beatrice genuinely cared for Melody and treated her like her own granddaughter. Witnessing the scene before was even more distressing for her, and she grew tearful.

Cedric hugged her, patted her shoulder gently, and wiped away her tears. "There, there. There's no need to be so sad. We're getting older, and our bodies can't handle too much."

Hearing that, Lucas also stood up to comfort Beatrice. "Grandma, you and Grandpa go home and rest. I'll stay here with Melody."

Beatrice and Cedric could not stay in the hospital for long since the place was not ideal for elderly people. Lucas always subconsciously avoided keeping the elderly couple in the hospital for too long. The events of that day were truly unexpected, and Lucas would have been kept in the dark if not for Beatrice telling him about what happened.

Beatrice freed herself from her husband's arm, walked to the bedside, and took Melody's pale hands. She suppressed her sadness and turned to Lucas solemnly. "Look, Melody's hands are still so cold. She was fine this morning. Who would've thought she'd end up like this? Lucas, do you really think this is just an accident?" "Grandma, what do you mean?"

"So many unsettling things have happened in her crew recently. I can't help but think what happened to Melody isn't just an accident."

Beatrice's implication was quite clear.

However, due to her age, it was not suitable for her to run around anymore. Otherwise, she would have dragged Cedric straight to the film set.

She wanted nothing more than to confront the crew members and find out who was responsible for Melody's suffering.

"Don't worry, Grandma. I'm going to get to the bottom of this. You and Grandpa go home and rest. I can handle things here."

Lucas showed a bit more patience when it came to his grandparents. He truly believed that the older people became, the more they resembled children, and it was important not to rush when talking to them. Cedric also advised Beatrice. In the end, she nodded in agreement to go back. After being in the hospital for so long, Beatrice felt a chill permeating her body, and a cold wind seemed to blow through her bones.

When Lucas arranged for their car to take them home, he plopped down by Melody's bedside.

"Are you still angry at me?" Holding Melody's hand, he murmured to himself, staring at her. "I know that you've been angry at me even though you don't say it. Honestly, I'm angry too. I'm angry that you don't trust me. Wake up, and we'll talk it through. I'm willing to let bygones be bygones and pretend you've never said those hurtful things to me."

At that moment, Lucas regretted not sitting down with Melody to have a proper conversation about their relationship before leaving hastily for Molomia. He never expected that the next time he saw Melody would be her lying unconscious on the hospital bed.

He sighed deeply. If possible, he would rather be the one lying there. At least that way, Melody would not have to suffer.

Chapter 2228

Melody was very skinny, but at least she was always vibrant and healthy. Every time Lucas called her name, she would respond crisply while leisurely going about her activities.

At this moment, no matter how he called her, she would not open her eyes. His heart ached to see his once-vibrant wife lying there motionlessly on the hospital bed.

"Don't worry. I'll be here whenever you wake up," he said with a sigh.

Shaun and the producer returned to the film set, exhausted. When the two of them left the crew earlier, the set lost its central figure, and everyone felt at a loss. They eventually started tidying up under Tracy's persuasion.

"At least when Mister Shaun comes back, we won't be scrambling around because of these props, right?"

The producer finally had a chance to smoke. He took a deep drag and loudly exclaimed, "Jordan, gather all the crew. We need to discuss something."

Tracy suppressed her triumphant expression and walked over to Shaun and the producer anxiously.

Shaun thanked her first, privately saying, "I'm the type of person who can keep my business and personal matters separate. Thank you for supervising the crew while I'm gone. Otherwise, I might come back to an even more chaotic situation."

Tracy pretended to feel guilty and said, "If I had acted faster, maybe Melody wouldn't have drowned. In a way, I should bear some responsibility for the accident."

Both Shaun and the producer were surprised to see her acting genuinely remorseful.

'Does she have a split personality or something? Isn't she usually arrogant and doesn't care about the crew or cast? The only reason she stayed was merely to prove her acting skills. She was determined not to be outshone by Melody.'

Shaun thought that Tracy would be celebrating once Melody was in the hospital. However, it seemed that the relationship between women was more complex since Tracy did not appear particularly happy.

"It's not your fault. It was just an accident. Even so, we need to figure out what happened at that time. Only then can we address it from another angle and prevent the same thing from happening again in the future."

Tracy nodded understandingly. "That makes sense."

The other crew members looked puzzled and were quickly gathered together.

"I want to share some news with you all. Melody received timely rescue efforts in the hospital, but she remained unconscious when we came back."

One of the safety personnel asked, "That can't be. We felt her breath coming back that time! How come she hasn't woken up by now?"

He was afraid that Shaun and the others might blame this incident on him, and he could not afford such consequences.

On the other hand, the other safety personnel seemed more composed. He did not believe he was the main cause of this accident. "To eliminate any suspicions, I'll need you all to go and take a look with me."

Suspicious?

Everyone looked at each other. Why would there be any suspicions? What happened to Melody was just an accident, was it not?

One of the crew members exclaimed, "Why is Mister Shaun doing this? We all saw what happened. If something happened to Melody, it's her own problem. What does it have to do with us? We are not suspects!"

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Shaun nodded. "That's right. Not all of you are suspects, but due to the recent events, we have no choice but to treat everyone as such. I ask for everyone's cooperation with the investigation." "Why? That's not fair! Melody was the one who insisted on not using a stunt double even though she couldn't swim! Isn't that asking for trouble on her own? Why should we be treated as suspects for the consequences she chose for herself?"

All the crew members were furious at Shaun's announcement. They were not in the best of moods either. They had been working hard all day, then their work was interrupted by the accident. To make matters worse, they were being treated as suspects!

How could the high, mighty Shaun understand the terrible mood they were experiencing?

Suddenly, Tracy stepped forward. "Let's all calm down. If you all don't mind, I'd like to share my thoughts."

Despite standing at 1.65 meters tall, Tracy's delicate facial features and deliberately gentle expression made her seem more approachable than the men.

Also, she was the one who calmed everyone when Shaun was away at the hospital, so they were more willing to listen to what she had to say.

"Tracy, you were on our side before. You can't switch sides just because Mister Shaun is back."

Someone warned her before she could speak.

Tracy did not get angry at the remark. Instead, she just smiled and said, "Don't worry, everyone. You've seen how things were between Mister Shaun and me before, so what I'm going to say won't favor either side."

Her words struck a chord with everyone. Equality between Shaun and the other staff members was impossible.

Although Tracy was in a similar position, she had fallen out with everyone before. How could she favor Shaun?

"Alright, Tracy, go ahead. We're all ears."

"Well, since you insist."

The producer scoffed at her reply.

"I didn't believe it was an accident, but I'm starting to believe it to some extent."

Shaun glanced at the producer and turned his attention back to Tracy.

"After Melody was urgently taken away, all of you must've been in a state of panic. Regardless of how bad your relationship was with Miss Melody before, no one wants their colleague to be taken to the hospital. Am I right?"

She raised her hand high. "Even I feel the same way. Sure, I had a few fights with her, but I don't wish to be suspected as the culprit either. None of us did it, so no one has the right to accuse any of us of any wrongdoing!"

She turned. "Mister Shaun, we all know you've been facing difficulties lately. After all, the movie has been constantly making headlines for the wrong reasons... Maybe it's time you consider changing the script of the movie?"

Shaun remained silent, and the screenwriter even lowered her head, thinking, 'What does this have to do with changing the script? It's already bad enough that an accident like that happened, but now they want to add to my workload as well?'

Some crew members suspected Tracy's intentions.

"What does this have to do with the current concerns we have? It sounds more like you're trying to steal Melody's role while she's in the hospital."

Tracy shook her head. "How could you think of me that way? Besides, after what happened before, my screen time has surpassed Melody's. I don't have to try and gain more scenes through such underhanded tactics!"

Seeing Tracy acting as if she did not care, it did seem somewhat believable.

However, when Shaun thought about Tracy's arrogance before, he became extremely impatient.

"Tracy, just shut up if you don't have something specific to say about what happened this time. The most important thing now is to address Melody's accident quickly. We don't have time to listen to your nonsense."

"Calm down, Mister Shaun. I'll get to the main point right now."

Chapter 2230

"What I want to say is that none of us should be responsible for Miss Melody's accident."

"What are you saying?"

Not only was Shaun shocked by her words, but even the producer dropped the cigarette from his hand.

"What?"

Tracy did not think there was anything wrong with her logic. "Think about it. Who insisted on not using a stunt double? Didn't you, Mister Shaun, try to talk her into using a stunt double before the shoot? Didn't the safety personnel advise her as well? Miss Melody might say it's for the sake of the movie effect, but we all know she did it out of her own ego.

"Although it's heartbreaking that Miss Melody had such an accident, it was her choice to dedicate herself to art. None of us should be responsible for someone else's choices, right?"

"If Miss Melody had listened to Mister Shaun's advice in the first place, she'd still be here with us instead of lying in the hospital. Although using a stunt double wouldn't be as effective as her doing the scene herself, our crew has always adhered to the principle of safety first, and Miss Melody is well aware of that.

"Considering all these factors, I believe we don't need to feel too guilty about Miss Melody's accident. Besides, Miss Melody has good luck, so she'll be fine. What do you all think? All the things I've said make sense, right?"

Shaun found what Tracy said so absurd that it was somewhat amusing, but surprisingly, many people in the room seemed to feel justified by her words. Her opening remark about 'none of them should be responsible for Melody's accident' injected a sense of confidence back into them.

Indeed, everyone was on edge after Melody's accident, but Tracy's words acted as a morale booster. After all, Melody had chosen to go into the water herself, despite knowing she could not swim. Why should they be held accountable for something she insisted on doing?

They were all adults there. As adults, everyone needed to take responsibility for their own choices.

Shaun did not even have to say anything yet for Monica—who could not stand it anymore—scoffed and said, "According to what you're saying, we shouldn't take responsibility if anything happens to any of the cast or crew members in the future?"

"Meaning to say, we shouldn't claim compensation from the production company if any of us gets into an accident? How can our safety be guaranteed if we don't look out for each other?"

Monica's words snapped the other crew members out of their daze. They only echoed Tracy's words because Melody's accident did not involve them directly.

In fact, all they needed to do was to think about what it would be like if they were in Melody's situation and someone came along to tell them the crew had nothing to do with it.

Tracy remained silent and stared at Monica from head to toe. 'How dare she speak up for Melody when she's only a side character in the movie?'

"Sorry, but who are you? I've never seen you on the set before," asked Tracy rudely.

Although Monica only played a minor supporting role in the movie, the truth was she had been working in the entertainment industry for many years. Thus, she had built up a strong mental resilience. She could remain composed even when confronting someone like Tracy, whose popularity was on the rise.