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Love Change Of Heart Chapter 151-Leanna could guess why the nurse was reluctant. Of course that b*stard told her not to. She said, "Forget it. Thanks." She lay back down and closed her eyes.

Jonathan and Aidan were outside. Jonathan asked, "Are you going in, sir?"

Aidan looked away. "Why should I? So she can mock me again?" he asked coldly.

Jonathan muttered, "She's just angry at you. You can just talk to her again when she's calm and better."

Aidan asked, "Who else came today?"

"Mr. Gordon, Mr. Justin, and Miss Crossley. They couldn't come in though."

Their men had taken over the hospital after Leanna was out of the woods. None of the Pearsons could come in. Gordon was furious when he was denied entry, but he could do nothing in public, so he just went back home.

Aidan sat down on the chair outside the ward and said, "I bet he's dying to know what happened."

"I've handled that, sir. No problemo."

Aidan said, "Tell him about the 'miscarriage'. Dash his hopes."

"Yes, sir." But Mr. Gordon is paranoid. He's not gonna believe it just like that. I gotta be more prepared.

One of Aidan's underlings called after Jonathan left. "Someone got past us, sir."

Aidan was not surprised. "I see."

Sounds of hurried footsteps rang in the corridor, and in came Zayn. When he saw Aidan, Zayn strode up to him and hurled a punch at his face. His eyes were bloodshot. "What the f*ck are you doing, Pearson? How could you let this happen?"

Aidan had a deadpan look. He wiped the blood off the corner of his mouth and looked at Zayn. "Don't yell at me. You didn't do a good job protecting her either."

Zayn laughed mirthlessly. "Yeah, like how you f*cked up your job too! She wouldn't have married you if I just paid more attention to her back then. None of this would have happened!"

Zoe finally caught up with Zayn. She could feel a headache coming on. She muttered, "Do you guys wanna settle this somewhere else? She's right inside. She can hear you."

Zayn calmed down a little when he heard her. He took a deep breath and ignored Aidan. He looked into the ward, but Leanna was still lying in the same position, as if she was asleep.

Zoe opened the door and went inside. "Nana." She stood beside the bed.

Leanna opened her eyes when she heard her friend's voice.

Zoe went around to the window's side and sat beside her bed. She looked at her pale friend for a moment. Zoe wanted to console her, but she could not even say a word, and her eyes glistened with tears.

Leanna smiled at her. "Don't cry. I'm fine. I'll be out of here in no time."

Zoe sniffled and wiped her tears away. "I see. Get some rest. I'm here for you."

"Yeah." Leanna asked, "How did you know where to find me?"

"I couldn't get through to you, and I had no idea what to do, so I met up with Zayn. He took me here."

Leanna was silent for a moment. "What about Louis? Does he know anything about this?"

"I haven't told him anything. Don't worry."

"Tell Zayn I said thanks, Zoe. I want to sleep now."

"Sure."

Zayn was right outside, so he heard what Leanna said. He nodded at Zoe and closed the door for them.

Aidan was still sitting on the chair. He did not seem to be leaving.

Zayn looked at him and hissed, "Stop harassing her. You're about to get married." As he spoke, he let out a bitter laugh. "I should also take my own advice." That was why he only stayed outside of the ward. He knew there was no way they could be a couple ever again. He couldn't go after her, and he didn't dare to hope for anything anymore. He then left without even looking at Aidan.

Aidan pursed his lips, and he slowly clenched his fists.

Zoe sat around for a while. She knew Leanna was awake, so she whispered, "Do you want some water, Nana?"

Leanna only answered a few moments later, "No."

"I see. Are you hungry? Should I talk with the doctor? See what you can eat?"

Leanna slowly opened her eyes. "Zoe."

Zoe approached her. "What do you need?"

Leanna looked ahead calmly. "I'm fine. Just go home."

"No. I can't leave you alone, not when you're in this state."

Leanna smiled, and she looked at her. "I'm fine. I'll be out in a few days." She kept telling Zoe to go home, but her friend refused. Leanna relented in the end. She then said, "Zoe, can you take a look at Ron? He's in the ICU."

"Ron?" She remembered that name, and she was surprised. "You mean the guy who helped Queenie?"

Leanna nodded. "He wanted to kidnap me, but ironically, he's the one who saved me." Sienna wanted me dead. The faulty brake is just one of her traps. She might have more traps lying in wait even after I got out of the mountain.

Zoe thought about it. "Sure. I'll be back in a minute." She wanted to see the doctor anyway to find out how Leanna was doing.

Leanna sat up and put her hand on her belly after Zoe left. She stared out at the window aimlessly. It was starting to cool down, and a drizzle fell upon the city. The room was suffocating. A long while later, someone came inside. Leanna thought it was Zoe, but when she turned around, she realized that it was Aidan. Instead of flying into a rage, she smiled. "So, have you decided to kill me off?"

Aidan stared at her and closed the door silently.

Leanna shifted her gaze to look out the window again.

Aidan stood beside her bed. He said, "Leanna, you have to realize it's not my fault the baby's gone. I told you everyone in my family's a liar."

"I know. You told me that this is the price I have to pay." Leanna was calm. "But I just lost my baby. I really don't need you to shower me with your sass."

Aidan felt like exploding with anger. He took a deep breath. "And I would appreciate it if you don't give me attitude."

Leanna looked at him in amusement. "You can always leave if you're annoyed."

Love Change Of Heart Chapter 152-Gordon had been restless ever since he was denied entry to the hospital in the morning. Even after coming back home, he sent a lot of his men to scout for intel, but still he got no news until it was nighttime. One of his men quickly came in, and he asked, "What's the situation?"

His underling said, "Miss McKinney has woken up, but her baby is..."

Gordon was worried that would happen. He slammed his walking stick against the ground. "What's wrong with the baby? Tell me!"

"It's gone."

"What?"

The underling continued, "Miss McKinney lost too much blood. The doctor could only save one person, and Master Aidan picked Miss MicKinney."

Gordon's face fell, and he roared, "That idiot boy!" He flew into a rage, but then he thought of something and whispered, "Are you sure the baby's gone?"

It's already been seven months, so it should have taken form. Is it really dead?"

The underling nodded. "It was a stillborn. The doctor couldn't do anything."

Gordon slammed his walking stick against the ground again and sighed. He then waved his underling off. "Fine. You may leave."

Sienna came downstairs slowly after the underling left. "She's awake?" she asked coolly.

Gordon looked at her and sat down on the couch. "You did this, didn't you?" He looked upset.

Sienna smiled, but she did not deny it. She sat across from him. "Do you have proof?"

"What do you want? You know how important the baby is, and..." Gordon hissed, "Aidan will know it's you. You didn't have to go this far."

Sienna's smile faded. "Don't blame this on me. Aidan and Georgina are going to get married. There's no need to keep the baby around. What for? So it can grow up and fight for the inheritance like Aidan did?"

Gordon said impatiently, "It's been ages. Let it go! And I've taken Anna in just like you asked. What more do you want? And it's not Aidan's fault Justin got into an accident. I just don't understand why you have to pin all the blame on him!"

"He took what belonged to my son. Why can't I pin all the blame on him?"

"Justin got into the car crash when I needed him most. What choice did I have? I need someone to inherit the family."

Sienna sneered. "Did you f*ck around because you knew Justin would get into that car crash?"

Gordon said nothing, but he had a dark look on his face.

Sienna said, "So what if Aidan knows? He won't do anything to me. He needs to keep the status quo around for a while longer. The scandal was just something to keep him in line."

“He’s now engaged to the Crossley girl. He’ll be uncontrollable.”

Sienna mocked, “Not like you can keep him under control even without the marriage with Georgina.”

She stopped talking and was about to leave, but then she saw Justin behind her. She was shocked. “Justin when did you—”

Justin smiled. “I heard you guys talking about Leanna, so I came. Good to hear that she’s fine.” He pushed himself away.

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Zoe came back and saw Leanna sitting on the bed, spacing out. She went over to her friend. “Nana.”

Leanna smiled at her. “What is it?”

“The doctor said you’ll be fine if you can get through the night. You’ll be out of the woods.”

Leanna nodded. A while later, she asked, “Is Queenie still under detention?”

“The cops let her go. They don’t have enough evidence to charge her, but they banned her from leaving the country.”

“I need your phone for a minute, Zoe.”

Zoe lent Leanna her phone, but she frowned. “You think she’s gonna come to see Ron? I don’t think so. She denied having anything to do with the case.”

Leanna said, “I still have to tell her about this. After that, it’s on her.” Ron did risk his life for her this time, and she decided to let bygones be bygones.

Leanna called Queenie’s number. It went through, and Queenie said impatiently, “I told you I have nothing to do with it! What do you want, Zoe?”

“It’s me,” Leanna said softly.

Queenie did not expect Leanna to call her. She froze for a moment. “What do you want?” she asked cautiously.

Leanna said, "I just wanted to tell you that Ron's badly hurt. He's in the hospital. You should see him."

Queenie was quiet for a while. "I have no idea what you just said, and I don't know who Ron is."

"Suit yourself. He told me he's the one behind everything, and he got hurt because of me, so I'm putting everything behind me now."

Queenie hung up without saying another word.

Zoe said, "Told you she won't come. That b*tch thinks she's so good just because she studied abroad. All she does is lip service."

Leanna handed the phone back and smiled quietly.

Zoe asked, "Wanna call Louis? He has no idea what happened, but he's worried about you."

"No. I'll call him after I'm discharged." She had no idea what to tell him even if she called.

Zoe sighed and patted Leanna's shoulder. "It's in the past now, Nana." That was all she could say. Everything else was meaningless.

"Yeah, it is." Now that the baby was gone, she lost her only connection to Aidan. She could finally live her life free and happy.

Zoe asked, "So what now? Are you returning to Lux?"

Leanna shook her head. "No." All she wanted was to live quietly in a place where no one knew her. She wanted to stay away from all this drama.

Zoe thought about her little idea for a minute and proposed, "Why don't we travel around and go for some sightseeing. We really need to put all the trash behind us." Zoe got more and more excited as

she spoke. She even started planning the itinerary.

Leanna sat beside her and listened quietly. She had a smile on her lips that masked all her real emotions.

Zoe finally lay down on the couch late at night. "I need to sleep now, Nana. You should get some sleep too. Nighty night."

"Sure." Zoe turned the lights off, plunging the room into darkness.

Love Change Of Heart Chapter 153-Leanna was long gone when Zoe woke up, much to her horror. She shot up and searched the room, but her friend was nowhere to be seen. She barged out of the room and was about to ask the nurses if they saw Leanna, but Aidan was the first thing she saw. She cursed him silently, but this was not the time to argue with him. "Nana's gone, Mr. Pearson!" she quickly said.

Aidan stopped in his tracks, and his face fell. He turned to the nurse behind him. "I need to see the security footage."

The nurse took them to the surveillance room, but the cameras only saw Leanna coming out of her room and wobbling into the emergency exit. After that, it was like she vanished.

Zoe frowned. She muttered, "She can't have gone far. Look at her. She's wobbling. I hope she's not passed out somewhere."

Jonathan said, "Our men have been keeping a close eye on the exit, but they didn't see the madam."

In other words, Leanna must still be in the hospital.

Aidan pursed his lips and took two steps back, then left the room. Zoe called out to him, but when she poked her head out the door, he was already gone.

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He went to the rooftop, and as expected, Leanna was there. She was holding the guardrail, though she was still wobbling from the wind. It was like she would fall the very next moment. Aidan approached her slowly. "What are you doing, Leanna?"

Leanna looked ahead. "What brings you here, Mr. Pearson?" She did not even look back, and the wind distorted her voice.

"I'm asking the questions here."

Leanna chuckled and answered, "What do you think I was going to do? Jump down from the rooftop? You worry too much. I wouldn't have come this far if I'm that weak." She looked up. "I was just trying to get some fresh air."

"Do you have any idea how serious your condition is?"

"Yeah. I'm an inch away from death."

Aidan stood behind her and took his suit off. He draped it over her and purred, "That's enough, Leanna. Get back to your room."

Leanna turned around and smirked at him. "Hey, what if someone saw that, Mr. Pearson? They might take it the wrong way. That'd be bad, don't you think?"

Aidan was not even fazed. He stared straight back at her. "Take what the wrong way?"

"I dunno. They might think that you actually like me."

"I never said I didn't like you."

Leanna laughed. Yeah, but your love is worthless to me.

Aidan said, "I told you I can marry you if you want."

"And stuff me back into that cage? You don't like me, Aidan. You're just used to my servitude. You're used to my submission. You're used to—"

Aidan held her hand and stopped her from talking. "Have a heart, Leanna. I'm not that evil."

"Wrong again, Mr. Pearson. I don't have a heart."

Aidan pursed his lips for a long while. "What do you want?"

"What do I want?" Leanna muttered under her breath, and her eyes glossed over. What do I want? So what if I do have something I want? It's not like I can pick and choose anyway.

Aidan said, "The baby's gone, and you can't change that. How much longer do you want to dwell on that?"

Leanna heard that, and she refocused herself. She stared at him in silence for a long time, and she finally smiled. Ah, I see. He doesn't care about this. He wanted this. He doesn't understand. He will never understand me. She shook his hand away and leaned against the guardrail. "You can't give me what I want, Mr. Pearson. If you have so much time, spend it with your fiancée, not me."

Aidan looked at her, his face deadpan. She forced herself to take two steps, but her body was at its limit. She felt everything turn black, and she fainted. Aidan caught her and carried her in his arms, then ran down the stairs.

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Zoe was the only one around her when Leanna woke up, and she was in tears. When she saw Leanna opening her eyes, she held her hand. "Don't run off on me like that anymore, Nana. The doctor said you're in no state to move. If anything happens to you, you might..."

Leanna said, "Don't worry. I was just trying to clear my head, and now it's squeaky clean."

Zoe nodded, though she was sobbing. She almost had a heart attack when Aidan came back with a bloodstained Leanna.

Leanna looked outside the window. "How long was I out?"

"Three days." Zoe said, "And Ron's awake. He's in a regular ward now. I asked the nurses, and they told me nobody came to see him."

Leanna said, "That's none of our business now." Leanna was slowly healing up over the week. She was looking a lot more energetic, though she was still pale. However, a guest came uninvited today.

Georgina stood outside the ward, smiling. "May I come in, Miss McKinney?"

Leanna was not surprised she came. She nodded.

Georgina placed the flowers on the nightstand. She said, "I talked with the doctors. They said you're healing well. You'll be out in no time." She continued, "I'm sorry I took so long to visit you, Miss McKinney. It's not easy getting into this hospital."

Leanna smiled. She did not engage with her about that. She was not interested in why everyone was finding it hard to get into this hospital, nor was she keen on finding out what Georgina was implying.

Georgina looked at Zoe, who was on high alert. “We’ve met before, haven’t we? At Lux.”

Zoe nodded. “I’m a photographer there,” she said, uncaring and cold.

“I see. I’m trying to get some photos done lately—” She realized she should not bring that up around Leanna and reorganized her words. “I’d like you to take the photos if it’s fine.”

Zoe said, “No, it’s not fine. I’m quitting my job. You’ll have to get another photographer for that, Miss Crossley.”

“I see.” Georgina looked a little disappointed. She looked at Leanna. “I need to talk with Miss McKinney alone. Can you leave us for a moment?”

Zoe did not budge. She was about to say no, but Leanna said, “Go ahead, Zoe.”

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“Get me some fruits, will you?”

Love Change Of Heart Chapter 154-Zoe could tell that Leanna wanted to be alone with Georgina, so she reluctantly walked out of the hospital room.

Once Zoe left, Georgina sat down on the couch beside the bed and said, “I was sorry to hear that you lost your child, Miss McKinney.”

“There’s nothing to feel sorry for. There’s no point in trying to hold onto something that doesn’t belong to me. It’d be futile anyway,” Leanna responded flatly, her expression indifferent.

“Miss McKinney—”

“You should get to the point, Miss Crossley.”

Georgina smiled. “It’s nothing. I just wanted to come and give you a word of advice. As for everything else...” She paused for a moment before continuing, “Perhaps you didn’t know, Miss McKinney, but when you left the Pearson

Family Estate that day, my father arranged for someone to pick you up. His intention was to take you to a safer place. None of us could've predicted that this would happen instead. Please don't misunderstand, Miss McKinney. My father does not mean to do you any harm. It's just that Aidan and I will get married soon, so he probably thinks that..."

She left the remaining words unsaid, but Leanna got the message.

Georgina and Aidan were about to get married, so his ex-wife's presence would only be a hindrance to their relationship.

Seeing that Leanna remained silent, Georgina spoke up again. "It goes without saying that I don't doubt you, Miss McKinney, but my father has his concerns. My marriage to Aidan is also an alliance between Pearson Group and Crossley Group, so he has to consider all possibilities."

After a few moments, Leanna finally said, "I know what you want to tell me, Miss Crossley."

Georgina kept her smile and did not respond.

"You have nothing to worry about, Miss Crossley. Now that my child is gone, Aidan and I have nothing to do with one another anymore," Leanna said.

"Will you be staying on in Highside, Miss McKinney?"

When Leanna heard the question, her lips curved into a faint smile that was difficult to read. "Why not?" she asked.

Georgina had not expected such a response from her, and her expression shifted slightly, but she quickly masked her reaction. "I just assume that you would despise staying on here after all that you've gone through."

"The only thing despicable here are those people."

Leanna had tried her hardest to leave because she wanted to protect her child, but had nothing left to lose, and thus nothing to fear anymore.

"You're right, Miss McKinney. It was a lapse of judgment on my part. In that case, if you ever need help, feel free to let me know."

“That’s very kind of you to offer, but it won’t be necessary,” Leanna replied. “I don’t want to have anything to do with the Pearsons anymore, so accept my apologies, Miss Crossley, but I don’t ever wish to see you again.”

Georgina chuckled. “I thought we were friends—”

“Do you truly wish to be friends with your fiancée’s ex-wife, Miss Crossley?” Leanna asked plainly.

Georgina did not try to respond to that. Her expression turned stoic as she got up and said, “You are a strong and independent woman, Miss McKinney. It is a pity that your life has turned out this way.”

“I wish you a happy marriage, Miss Crossley.”

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When Leanna felt well enough to move about, she went over to Ron’s ward, but he was long gone.

“I think that patient must’ve done something illegal. The police came to see him a few days ago, and he fled out the window when they came to his room,” a nurse informed her.

Leanna pursed her lips and thanked the nurse before returning to her room.

She was discharged from the hospital two weeks later.

Zoe brought her back to the apartment she rented, but before that, she asked Zoe to make a detour.

The Pearsons’ men had gotten to her within Lux’s vicinity, so some of her belongings were still at Castor Villa.

When Leanna came in, Alice rushed over to greet her. “You’re back at last, Miss McKinney. You haven’t had your lunch yet, right? I’ll go and prepare something for you...”

Leanna smiled and said, “Thanks, Alice, but I’m heading off soon. I’m just here to pick up a few things.”

“Did you and Master get into a fight again?” Alice asked in concern before sighing. “Master left on a business trip a while ago and he’s not back yet. Why don’t you wait till he comes back first?”

“No need,” Leanna responded calmly. “We didn’t fight, but he’s about to get married, and I...” After a pause, she continued, “I don’t have a reason to stay here any longer.”

Alice had not known about this at all, so her expression was full of disbelief.

Leanna nodded at her and went upstairs to collect her things. She did not have much in the first place, so it only took her a few minutes to pack everything. When she came down, Alice was still rooted to the spot. It seemed like she was conflicted.

“Alice, thank you for all that you’ve done for me during this time. I’ll be leaving now,” Leanna said.

Alice did not know what to say at a time like this. “I’ll see you to the door, Miss McKinney.”

When they got to the door, Alice could not stop herself from saying, “Miss McKinney, I don’t know what happened between you and Master, but his bark is worse than his bite, and he never says what he truly feels. You two...”

Alice had witnessed their relationship throughout the past three years. Even though they quarreled every now and then, anyone who took the time to observe them would know that they were very fond of each other.

Why did it turn out like this?

Leanna’s footsteps halted and she said with a smile, “Thank you, Alice. You don’t need to see me out the door. I’ll come and visit you when I have a chance.”

“Alright, Miss McKinney. Do take good care of yourself.”

Once Leanna climbed back into the car, Zoe asked softly, “Is Aidan going to let you leave like this?”

Leanna fell into a daze for a moment before saying, “He got what he wanted. There’s no reason for him to keep me around any longer. Also...”

She chuckled half-heartedly as she recalled what Alice told her. "Aidan isn't here. He went on a business trip."

"What the f*ck?" Zoe's eyes widened incredulously. "How can he do that? How can he leave on a business trip knowing that you were still hospitalized after that accident?"

Leanna did not share Zoe's indignance as she had not expected otherwise from Aidan.

That child was probably nothing more than a burden to him.

Under the circumstances, it would not be surprising if he threw a party to celebrate, so a business trip was nothing.

Once they arrived at Leanna's apartment, Louis was there waiting for them. During their call earlier on, Leanna had lied to Louis and said that she had gone on vacation.

However, Louis saw that she had lost a significant amount of weight and her complexion was rather sickly.

He glanced down at her abdomen before tightening his lips into a straight line, but he did not ask her anything. He took Leanna's suitcase from her and headed upstairs without saying a word.

"Since Louis is here today, why don't we get some pizza? It's getting a little cold, and I'm in the mood for a warm pizza with soft, gooey cheese," Zoe suggested.

"Sure," Leanna responded with a smile.

Love Change Of Heart Chapter 155-Louis shot that idea down with a stern expression. "She can't be eating such greasy food when she just got out of the hospital."

He exposed their lies without even so much as a blink.

"....."

Leanna and Zoe were dumbfounded.

Zoe turned around and whispered, "Your younger brother was probably a spy in his previous life. It's impossible to keep anything from him."

"I think so too." Leanna nodded in agreement.

Louis ignored them and marched out of the elevator when the doors opened.

It was not that he was angry that they kept this from him. He knew that Leanna was worried that he might go looking for Aidan. That would not be wise of him, considering that he was powerless to do anything right now.

Still, he hated the fact that he was kept out of the loop when something this major occurred.

Even now, he was afraid of asking Leanna about the baby she was carrying, and the baby's whereabouts now.

Zoe relied on ordering takeout most of the time, so the apartment was not stocked with any type of fresh ingredients. Louis took one look at the fridge and headed out the door.

When the door closed behind him, Zoe sighed in relief. It felt like she could finally breathe again. "Louis has got a temper just like yours. It's so scary."

All Leanna thought of was, Huh?

She was a pretty gentle person, if she did say so herself.

After a while, Zoe asked out of curiosity, "He looked pretty fierce when he stormed off. Do you think he's going to go after Aidan for revenge?"

"No," Leanna replied.

She understood Louis. He was not the kind of person who would behave so recklessly.

Zoe patted her chest and said, "Thank goodness."

Soon enough, Louis came back with two humongous bags of fruits and vegetables and headed straight for the kitchen.

Zoe cut up an orange and passed half to Leanna as she lamented wistfully, "It's so great to have a younger brother. I want a handsome and caring brother

too. In my next life, give me a brother instead of a husband. Do you know if Louis prefers a woman who's older or younger than him? Do you think I have... Mmph!"

Leanna stuffed a slice of orange into her mouth and snorted. "Cut How can you even joke about that?"

After swallowing the orange, Zoe piped up, "I won't act on it, but it doesn't mean I can't think about it."

Leanna was speechless.

A short while later, Zoe asked, "By the way, I sold off that house of mine, and I don't plan on buying another one anytime soon. I feel like starting a company and setting up a studio. Why don't we do it

together?"

"Me?" Leanna was taken aback.

"Yeah, you. We can run a studio together. You'll be in charge of jewelry design and I'll be in charge of marketing and photography. If we manage to get a VIP customer, we can even offer a free photoshoot. It'll be perfect."

Leanna mulled it over for quite some time before saying, "Let me think it over."

"Sure. Take all the time you need."

Zoe could deduce the reason for Leanna's hesitation. It probably had to do with Lux Magazine, as the company was the one who gave her the platform and the opportunity to resume her career.

Time continued flying by, and by the time Louis was done preparing a pot of minestrone, the smell had wafted all over the living room.

Zoe walked over with a bag of chips in hand. She stood at the kitchen door and exclaimed, "Louis, when you get a girlfriend in the future, remember to come home and visit your sister and me."

Louis was rendered speechless.

During dinner, Louis forbade Leanna to touch even a single drop of alcohol, so Zoe drank Leanna's share. They were halfway through their meal when

Zoe planted one foot on the chair and hollered about how unreliable men were.

Leanna rubbed her temples and chuckled before turning to Louis. "You can head back now. I'll take care of everything else."

Louis glanced at Zoe, who was singing into her fork, and asked, "Are you sure you can handle it?"

"Yeah, I'll be fine. It's not the first time she's gotten this drunk," Leanna said. "If you don't head back to your dorm now, you might miss curfew."

Louis checked his watch and confirmed that Leanna was right. "I'll come and see you this weekend. Remember to rest as much as you can."

"I will. Be careful on your way back."

Once Louis left, Leanna helped Zoe over to the bed and tucked her in before she started clearing the table.

After putting everything away, Leanna began unpacking her suitcase.

When she got the baby clothes, she stared at them in a daze.

The sound of Zoe retching startled Leanna out of her reverie. She "I told you not to drink so much."

Zoe continued to hug the toilet bowl as she took several deep breaths before she turned around. "Couldn't help it since I was in such a good mood."

She fought to keep her eyes open as she waved her hand in the air. "Nana, I'm telling you. You should have a fresh start. We both should have a fresh start. I'll forget all about Anthony, that b*stard, and you should forget all about Aidan. He's a b*stard too! From now on, we should enjoy ourselves, find a playboy or two, and date as many men as we want! They won't be able to say we're heartless since they do it too!"

Leanna was floored.

She never knew that Zoe had such wit in her drunken stupor.

"Enough about that. You should go back to bed now."

Zoe hugged Leanna and began to cry all of a sudden. “I mean it, Nana. You should find a man and start dating again. The b*stard is not worth your time and heartache. You and Zayn made such a good couple. I was banking on the fact that you guys would end up together, but who knew that things would turn out this way? What a terrible ending!”

Leanna was both amused and exasperated, but all she could do was pat Zoe on the back and promise, “Alright, alright. I’ll take your advice. I’ll go out and find a man tomorrow.”

“It’s a promise! You’re not allowed to back out of it,” Zoe declared with a teary expression. “The best way to get over a relationship is to start a new one. I should move on too!”

It was late at night when Leanna finally managed to drag Zoe back to bed.

As Leanna sat by the bed, she thought to herself, Zoe’s right. It’s always good to have a fresh start. There’s no point in dwelling on the past.

In any case, it was hardly a surprise that things turned out this way.

She was simply being delusional by hoping for a miracle that was not hers to receive.

Leanna sighed and slapped her cheeks gently to gain some color on them.

Since she weathered the storm and came out alive, she should look the part, at least.

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Meanwhile, at Weavside.

When the meeting ended, Jonathan came over with a phone in hand. “It’s a call from Miss Crossley, President Pearson.”

“It’s the twenty-third call today,” he added in a low voice.

Aidan pinched his nose before taking the phone from Jonathan impassively.

Once the call connected, he heard Georgina asking at once, “Where are you, Aidan?”

“Do I need to report my whereabouts to you?”

Georgina was struck dumb by his retort. She remained silent for a while before saying, “I just wanted to tell you that it’s only a week before our wedding. Your father and other family members couldn’t get in touch with you, so they asked me—”

“Let’s call the wedding off,” Aidan cut her off indifferently.

“Why?”

Love Change Of Heart Chapter 156-“No particular reason. I just don’t want to get married.”

Georgina snorted in contempt. “Aidan, do you think marriage is some kind of game that you can just jump in and out of whenever you want? Everyone knows that we’re getting married now! You—”

“You’re the one who wanted to announce it to the world.”

“You agreed to it!”

“Georgina, you know very well the reason why I agreed to it.”

Georgina bit her lip until it almost bled before saying, “It’s because of Miss McKinney, isn’t it?”

“Our marriage was merely a win-win deal for both our families. It has nothing to do with anyone else. Crossley Group shares have increased by 3% in the past month, so you’re not losing out on anything,” Aidan stated coolly.

His voice was void of any emotion as if the marriage was nothing more than a business transaction. Georgina took a deep breath and declared indignantly, “Whatever the case, everyone knows that we’re getting married, so what am I supposed to do if you break it off now? How are you going to explain this to my father?”

“You don’t need to concern yourself with that, Miss Crossley. The marriage will be called off because an illegitimate son like me isn’t fit to marry you.”

Georgina’s expression changed at once. “Aidan, what—”

“I’m busy. Have a good day, Miss Crossley.”

Aidan hung up on her without letting her finish her sentence.

Jonathan held his breath as he stood beside Aidan.

President Pearson is willing to take a hit for a Pyrrhic victory. He got what he wanted, but at what cost?

The reality now was that the Pearsons could no longer use Leanna's unborn child to achieve their goals, so they turned all their attention to the marriage alliance with the Crossleys.

While they were not impressed by the marriage at first, it had to be said that the Crossley family did have a sizable business and family fortune without an appointed heir. It was quite enticing all the same.

Now that Aidan decided to call off the wedding, Gordon would most likely have a conniption.

After getting into the elevator, Aidan instructed Jonathan, "Make the announcement before midnight tonight."

Jonathan thought for a bit and asked, "What should I include in the announcement, President Pearson?"

After all, he could not go ahead and announce... what Aidan said over the phone, right?

Aidan glanced at him. "If your hearing is a little off, go and get your ears checked."

Jonathan did not know how to react.

Aidan withdrew his gaze and snorted. "Sienna did go through all that effort to plot everything. The least I could do is return the favor."

"What do you mean, President Pearson?"

"All these years, she seemed to have accepted my existence simply for the sake of maintaining her and the Zielinski family's dignity. Why else do you think she would've allowed me into the family?"

Jonathan kept quiet. He dared not comment on this.

Aidan continued indifferently, “She dared to plot against Leanna because she fear that she’ll come out and say I’m an illegitimate son.”

“I’ll get it done at once, President Pearson,” Jonathan said.

Having heard all this, he got the message. Aidan was making his move against the Zielinski family.

The first thing was to openly admit that he was an illegitimate son.

Half an hour later, the car pulled up at Underwood Lane.

The demolition permit had already been approved and they would start tearing down everything next year, so half of the street’s residents had moved away by now.

The once lively street was now cold and gloomy.

Aidan got out of the car and walked toward the house.

Naomi heard the commotion and came over to see who it was.

Aidan stood in the garden with his hands in his pockets as his gaze fell on the newly-formed flower buds poking out of the flowerbed.

It seemed like it was able to endure all obstacles as it fought to survive.

Naomi sat down by the table and asked, “Don’t you want to come in and have a look?”

“Not interested. Too ugly.”

“You looked about the same when you were born,” Naomi chuckled.

“ ... ”

After a while, Naomi sighed. “Are you really not going to tell Leanna about this? No matter what, she has the right—”

Aidan cut her off and said plainly, “After that accident, it was a miracle that they were able to save the baby, but he was born prematurely so the doctor said there’s a high chance something might go wrong for the next few months, and he might not survive. There’s no point in letting her find out about this.”

Rather than letting her grieve over her loss once more, it was better to let her confront the worst outcome from the start.

Naomi scoffed. “Why did you bring him to me then? If... Won’t I be upset as well?”

“It’s not the same.”

“How is it not the same?”

“You already have a wonderful son. She doesn’t.”

Naomi was speechless.

A few moments later, Aidan continued, “Being here with you is the safest place for him. I’ll bring him back once I’ve dealt with everything over there.” After a short bout of silence, he added, “If he’s still alive.”

Naomi sighed again. “Aidan, don’t sound so pessimistic. He looks quite healthy to me, eating and crying like a normal baby. Everything will be fine.”

“I’m just being realistic. If I don’t get my hopes up, I won’t be disappointed either way.”

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That night, Pearson Group made a formal announcement declaring that the wedding between Aidan and Georgina was called off.

It was clear and concise. Although it did not state outright that Aidan was an illegitimate son, it did say that Georgina, as the daughter of the Crossley family, was a distinguished and respectable woman, and Aidan did not deserve to marry her.

The netizens swarmed over to enjoy the juicy gossip.

‘He doesn’t deserve her? Is that for real? I’m pretty sure that Pearson Group is a bigger and far more profitable company than Crossley Group.’

‘What the hell? I’m getting chills from this announcement! Didn’t someone disclose that the president of Pearson Group was... that? Could that be related to the marriage being called off?’

'The commenter above me has a point, but does this mean President Pearson is admitting it personally? I can't believe he'd be this vicious even to himself.'

'If he wasn't this vicious, would he be able to become Pearson Group's president? These wealthy families are all a mess. There's always news about illegitimate children everywhere, but for the sake of the family's dignity, they're still able to pretend like nothing's wrong.'

Meanwhile, when Gordon saw the announcement, he shook with fury and snarled, "Fool! That b*stard!"

What Aidan did not only confirmed that he was an illegitimate child, but it also dragged the Pearsons and the entire Pearson Group into this mess with him.

Throughout Gordon's life, what he cared the most about was the family name and reputation. He thought that the marriage alliance with the Crossleys was a done deal, but he never thought that in a blink of an eye, Aidan would ruin everything!

Sienna tsked icily when she saw the news, but her expression did not change much.

I expect nothing more from an illegitimate b*stard.

Gordon took some time to calm down before asking the butler, "What did the Crossleys say?"

"The Crossleys haven't responded to this yet."

Gordon's hand tightened around his walking stick. His frown grew deeper as he said gravely, "Now that it has come to do this, with the kind of person Lloyd is, there's no way we can turn things around anymore."

Love Change Of Heart Chapter 157-Gordon contemplated for a moment before turning to the butler. "Prepare a gift this instant. I'll head to Crossley Residence and apologize first thing in the morning."

Now that it had come to this, it was inevitable that the Corssleys and their family would fall foul of each other. However, Aidan was the one who caused this mess. If he used this chance to butter up to the Crossleys and win them over, the result might multiply.

Once Lloyd was willing to side with him, it would only be a matter of time before Pearson Group returned to him.

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The following day, after a whole night of deliberation, Leanna still decided to quit Lux.

There had been many outside controversies between her and Lux Magazine in the first place anyway. Plus, it had been a long while since she returned to her post. She would only continue to affect Lux negatively if she stayed.

With that, she handed Harvey her resignation letter, to which he sighed like he had already foreseen it. However, he only said, "Lux will welcome you back with open arms anytime."

Leanna nodded with a smile. "Thank you for all the care and help you've given me, Mr. Mancini."

"Let's be honest; what help have I provided you?" said Harvey. "Zoe also handed in her resignation letter last week. What are you girls planning to do next?"

"We might open our own studio, but it's all still in talks," Leanna answered.

"Alright, cool. I consider myself somewhat connected in the fashion world. Let me know if you girls do decide to start your own studio. I'll introduce you girls to some clients."

"Thank you, Mr. Mancini."

As Leanna was about to leave, Harvey mentioned, "Queenie has been suspended, and Lux is dealing with it as we speak. We just have to wait for the results of the investigation. I promise I will still give you a justifiable answer even if you've decided to leave."

"I don't plan on pursuing this matter anymore," said Leanna after a pause. "She had done so simply because she perceived me as an enemy. It'll all be over once I leave Lux."

"McK—"

“It’s not that I’m being magnanimous.” Leanna smiled and cut off Harvey, knowing what he wanted to say. “I just owed someone a favor.”

At that, he nodded and no longer tried to persuade her. “Since you’ve decided to put it down, there’s no reason for Lux to continue the investigation.”

However, it was impossible for Lux to retain someone like Queenie.

After exiting Harvey’s office, Leanna heard a group discussing something in the break room right when she was about to leave.

“Say, have you guys heard? The Pearson Family and Crossley Family are calling off the engagement. Rumor has it that it’s because President Pearson is an illegitimate son.”

“Sh*t, really? I thought they’d already dispelled that rumor, no?”

“Do you think it could be fake news when Pearson Group was the one who released the official statement? It’s written in black and white that they’re unworthy of the young lady of the Crossley Family. Only someone with a death wish would dare to release such a statement without President Pearson’s authorization.”

“F*ck, this is crazy. But if President Pearson really is an illegitimate son, then who could his mother be? I’ve never heard there had ever been any missus and mistress drama in the Pearson Family all these years.”

“Well, who would know... But you know what I’m more curious about? Who in the Pearson Family does McK have relations with?”

Leanna stayed to hear what the group had to say.

“Yeah, I wanted to ask about that. This revelation still has questions left unanswered, but there aren’t any more relevant follow-ups.”

“The Pearsons’ business is family-owned. There are so many people tied to them; there isn’t definite proof pointing her to any one of them, even if she appeared in Pearson Residence. Even if she is related to the Pearson Family, she can possibly just be a distant relative.”

“Then again, I think she’s quite something. To think she actually got pregnant. Looks to me; she’s probably turning from mistress to missus soon.”

“Tell me about it. It’s also a skill to be able to hook up with one of the Pearsons.”

“Remember that middle-aged woman who came looking for her last time? Anyone could tell that woman was here to catch Mck, but she still shamelessly said that woman was her ex-husband’s mother. Was she not afraid—”

Just as everyone was deep in the gossip, the door to the break room suddenly opened to reveal Leanna standing indifferently behind it.

Everyone instantly fell silent, unable to speak, like strangled chickens.

“If you guys are so curious about my relationship with the Pearsons, why didn’t you come and ask me instead?” asked Leanna after sweeping her gaze across them.

Those present smiled wryly in response, not sure how to answer her question.

After all, none of them had ever imagined the person in question would overhear their gossip.

Besides, it had been a long time since Leanna returned to her post. They were all beginning to think she wouldn’t return anymore.

Seeing that none of them said a word, Leanna clarified monotonously, “I’ve said it before; the woman who had come looking for me was my ex-husband’s mother. I can also now tell you guys she’s the wife of Pearson Group’s chairman.”

Everyone was rendered stumped. The wife of Pearson Group’s chairman... Doesn’t that mean...

Meanwhile, Leanna strode away, having no intention of waiting for them to come to themselves.

She never disclosed the fact because she didn’t want her and Aidan to become the topic of everyone’s gossip, but she regretted the decision now. She had gotten honestly married this once, and this marriage was already sh*tty enough. Yet she had still become the subject of other people’s brazen speculation as to which wealthy businessman she was a mistress to.

Anyhow, she had already resigned, and she didn't care what else they would say after knowing she was Aidan's ex-wife.

Leanna exhaled a murky breath after exiting Lux.

After taking a couple of steps, she turned around, looked at the office she had worked for for the last half a year, and smiled with relief.

This was her fresh start half a year ago, and this place was also where she closed the chapter after all that had happened lately.

With that, she tucked her gaze and strode away without ever looking back.

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Two months later...

Zoe stretched as she snuggled on the couch. "It's finally done. These last two months sure have been good."

"Alright, let's grab some food after a breather," suggested Leanna with a smile.

Zoe instantly felt alive upon hearing food. "A friend recommended a Mexican restaurant to me. Let's give it a try. Wait, Louis is on his winter break, isn't he? Why don't you ask him to join us?"

"He is, but I think he's doing part-time in a cafe. Let me check with him."

With that, Leanna grabbed her bag and texted Louis while grabbing the key to lock the door. "C'mon."

She and Zoe had been working on their studio for the last two months, and when they finally decided on their rented location, they had to start worrying about the renovation.

Fortunately, they managed to get everything done before their grand opening.

Evidently, one could only enrich themselves and not think about nonsense when they kept themselves busy.

After ordering their food in the Mexican restaurant, Zoe asked, "So? Is Louis joining?"

“He said he took the day shift today, so he’ll come over in a bit,” said Leanna after putting her phone down.

Zoe couldn’t help getting nosy at the mention of Louis. “Say, it’s been half a year since Louis entered college. Has he not gotten himself a girlfriend?”

Love Change Of Heart Chapter 158-Leanna quirked a brow upon hearing so. “Don’t think so.”

“Oh, I want to go back to college again. The dating scene in the student days was the best. It’s been a long time since I last felt that kind of infatuation.”

“It’ll have to be his call. I’ve asked him once, and he...” Leanna couldn’t help shaking her head as she chuckled to herself when she recollected their conversation.

Sometime later, during their chat, a knock came on the door to their private room. It was the server bringing their dishes over.

Just then, someone passed by and happened to take an unconscious glance inside. A second after registering what they saw, they turned into the private room. “What a surprise to see you guys here.”

Zoe and Leanna reflexively looked up upon hearing the voice to find it was Daphne standing at the entrance.

Daphne had been on set for the past few months, and she had also called to check up on Leanna when she heard about the incident. But who’d have thought she would bump into them right as she came back?

“Are you also eating here?” Leanna asked.

“Yeah, with A—” Daphne quickly swallowed her words and chuckled hollowly. “My boss has a lunch meeting about some film investment here, so he asked me to join.”

Zoe didn’t register who this ‘boss’ was. “How long until you guys finish the meeting? We’ll wait for you. We’re waiting for Nana’s brother in the meantime anyway.”

Daphne did a quick shift with her eyes before saying with a smile, "We're almost done. I'll come right over after saying bye. You guys can go ahead and eat. No need to wait for me; I've already eaten plenty."

"Sure, go ahead."

After Daphne left, Zoe grabbed an appetizer, and it wasn't until mid-eating that something hit her.

Daphne is signed under Pearson Group. Doesn't that make her boss...

Zoe lost her appetite in an instant, and her fork slipped, landing on her plate with a clink.

Just what sort of f*cking bad luck do we have?! Who'd have thought that b*stard is so coincidentally here when we've decided on a whim to eat in this place my friend recommended after working our a*s off for two months?!

With that, she snuck a peak at Leanna, wanting to see her reaction. The latter was drinking, and she asked with a smile when she caught Zoe looking at her, "What?"

"Hahaha, nothing. Nothing. Nana, don't just drink. Here, eat something. It'll be a while before Louis gets here."

While speaking, Zoe kept scooping food into Leanna's plate, piling it up very quickly, rendering Leanna at a loss for words.

Meanwhile, inside the next private room, Daphne took a tactical sip of water after sitting down. While the cup covered up her facial expression, she peeked from the corner of her eye at the man sitting beside her.

Aidan took an indifferent glance at her in exchange. Even when he said nothing, Daphne still felt inexplicably conscience-stricken.

A while later, Daphne thought it had arrived at the right time, and she put her cup down while clearing her throat. "President Pearson, everyone, I just got a call saying there's an emergency at home. I'll have to make a move; you guys enjoy yourselves."

But little did she expect to hear Aidan's distant voice right as she grabbed her bag. "What emergency?"

“It’s... some personal stuff. I appreciate your concern, President Pearson.”

Aidan raised his eyes and bore into Daphne as though to say, ‘The way you were looking at me just now didn’t scream emergency.’

I knew it! This b*stard isn’t easy to fool. At that, Daphne pulled a spot-on smile, a couple of friends while I was outside. It’s been a while since I saw them. So...”

“Who’s the lead in this movie? You or me?” Aidan retorted icily.

Daphne knew he was insinuating her attitude toward her job and being irresponsible.

With that, she deflected his retort with ease. “Well, I thought we’d already gotten most of the details down just now. As for everything else, I’ll just follow your call. I know what I’m doing isn’t the most appropriate, but I’m really sorry. That friend of mine had a bad breakup some time ago. She was dating a s*mbag, you see, so she was hurt pretty badly. I have to go and comfort her.”

Aidan stared at her for a couple of seconds before rebutting bluntly, “Sounds to me like you have nothing better to do.”

The others in the room laughed in response and alleviated the tension. “Daphne’s right. We’ve gotten most of the details down. In that case, we’ll discuss the rest of the details and let Daphne go to her friend, President Pearson. She should comfort her friend when something like this has happened.”

“You can say that again,” Daphne echoed. “My friend’s pretty lovely, and she’s pretty and capable too. Who knows which b*stard had to go and hurt her.”

Aidan’s temples throbbed in response, and his handsome face turned grimmer by the second.

Daphne, on the other hand, scurried away before he exploded.

When she arrived at the girl’s private room, she deliberately looked behind her shoulder to make sure Aidan hadn’t found her actions questionable before entering.

Louis was already seated in the private room at this point.

“What’s cookin’, good lookin’?” Daphne greeted with a smile, to which Louis gave no response.

After Daphne took her seat, Zoe whispered, “Did your boss not say anything when you’ve come over just like this?”

“No. I’ve even rebuked him, but I’m sure he couldn’t tell I was doing so.”

In response, Zoe pulled a like-minded smile and clinked glasses with her.

Meanwhile, Louis asked Leanna with a frown, “What are they talking about?”

“That’s their business. Eat your food.” Leanna scooped some fish onto his plate, looking unfazed.

With that, the group went on about their lunch.

Halfway, Leanna took a trip to the washroom, but she didn’t expect to find Aidan taking a drag not far away when she came out.

However, as unexpected as it was, she wasn’t surprised to see him.

At that, she shifted her gaze and pretended not to see him. Just as she was about to walk away, his deep, indifferent voice traveled to her ears. “Leanna.”

She closed her eyes and took a deep breath before turning around to look at him, pulling an especially half-hearted smile. “Well, if it isn’t President Pearson. Fancy seeing you here. Have you come to have lunch as well?”

Her voice was laced with a hint of politeness, a degree of distance, and a whole lot of indifference.

“Of course.” Aiden looked plainly toward her.

“Is that so... Judging by how you’re looking, I thought you’re here to flatten this place.”

Aiden stubbed his cigarette as frustration laced his face. “Do you have to be sarcastic?”

“I’m sure you know I always talk like this, President Pearson.” Leanna’s countenance gradually turned calm. “If you have a problem with it, you can—”

“Shut up.”

“Okay.” Leanna strode away at that, having no intention of wasting any more time with him.

Aidan scraped his tongue against his teeth as he watched her retreating figure, then lit another cigarette, which he dangled from his lips, and smiled.

As sharp-tongued as ever.

“What took you so long, Nana?” asked Zoe when Leanna finally returned to the private room.

Love Change Of Heart Chapter 159-Leanna replied, “Oh, nothing. I just ran into a crazy person.”

Zoe frowned when she heard her friend’s answer. “What’s wrong with the security here? How could they let someone like that into this place? What if something bad happened...” Before Zoe could finish her words, she felt someone stepping on her toe under the table.

Daphne smiled and said casually, “By the way, we were talking about the opening of your studio. It’s tomorrow, isn’t it? Well, I’m going to be your first customer, just like we agreed.”

Leanna curled her lips and nodded. “I look forward to our cooperation.”

After their meal, Leanna and Zoe left just as Daphne was about to call her driver. At that moment, she suddenly sensed a cold and sinister presence behind her. Unnerved, she turned around in a rigid manner and reacted with a brittle smile. “Mr. Pearson, you’re still here...”

Aidan gave her a cold stare and said, “I’m going to give you two choices. It’s either you start working twenty-four seven from today on, or...”

“Alright, say no more, Mr. Pearson. I’m going to go with the second choice.”

He then adjusted his sleeves and calmly asked, “What were you ladies talking about?”

She was tongue-tied to hear the man’s question. At the same time, she was annoyed that she didn’t do anything about it even though she had a feeling that Aidan was still around earlier. Nonetheless, she went on to tell the man

what he wanted to know in a concise manner while omitting the part that they spoke ill of him. “Leanna and Zoe are opening a studio together. The opening is tomorrow, so would you like to show your support by being there, Mr. Pearson?”

Aidan sniggered and replied, “I’m a busy man with important things to do, unlike you who are idle.”

Daphne pursed her lips, understanding what he meant behind his words. Fine, let’s see if you’re going to regret it tomorrow. She then let out a sigh and answered, “Actually, they are starting a business by themselves, and I can tell that it’s going to be quite challenging. So, I’ve been thinking of inviting some friends to come with me and show some support, but at the same time... I’m also afraid that I won’t have enough time to rest if I go there. So, I treated them to a meal instead.”

He glanced at her with a nonchalant look. “After all this time, your acting still sucks.”

While she was speechless, he took his eyes off her and said, “There is no way you’re going to have any days off, but I can turn a blind eye to the mean things you just said about me.”

Once again, Daphne was helplessly speechless upon hearing the man’s words. What a petty guy! No wonder he can’t win Leanna’s heart, no matter how hard he tries.

Moments later, Aidan was sitting in his black Rolls-Royce, rubbing the bridge of his nose while asking, “Has Leanna left Lux Magazine?”

Jonathan nodded in response. “A little bird there told me that Mrs. Pearson intends to put the matter with Queenie behind her and move on, so I told them to stop as well.”

Although he didn’t elaborate much, Aidan knew why Leanna did that. He then spoke with an ambiguous tone, “She never ceases to surprise me with her strange ways of showing her conscientiousness.”

“After all, if it weren’t for Ron, Mrs. Pearson would likely...”

In their subsequent investigation, they discovered that the pathway had been intentionally altered by someone. Therefore, even if Leanna managed to fool the people whom Sienna had ordered to send

her away by escaping through another path, she was still bound to run into trouble.

“Fine.” He paused and added, “Leanna’s studio is opening tomorrow. So, deliver some flowers to her for me.”

“Is... Is that all?” Jonathan probingly asked.

“What else are you thinking?”

He faked a cough and replied, “Well, Mr. Pearson, you have an annual general meeting tomorrow morning, but after that, you should be free in the afternoon.”

Aidan responded with silence. He then took a deep breath and rolled down the car window, pausing for a second before he said, “Well, since I have nothing else to do at that time, I’d like to do some inspection around our stores.”

He understood his boss and said, “Sure, Mr. Pearson. I shall make the necessary arrangements then.”

In fact, Aidan had stayed in Weavside for more than a month, but when he returned, he was forced to take care of the mess after ending his engagement with Georgina. In the blink of an eye, two months had passed just as the moment had come for him to rack his brain and think of a way to get out of his difficult position.

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In the meantime, Louis left as soon as he took the ladies back to their apartment. Although he was in the middle of his semester break, he still stayed in the dormitory in his school because it was more convenient for him due to his job at a café nearby. When Zoe arrived home, she collapsed onto the couch and said, “Finally! I can get some good night’s rest tonight.”

Leanna replied, “Rest early tonight. We need to wake up early tomorrow.” The next second, Zoe looked at her, rolling her eyes as if she wanted to say

something, only to swallow her words that were forming at the tip of her tongue. At the same time, she sensed her strange reaction and asked with a smile, "What's wrong?"

"N-Nothing..." Previously, Zoe didn't catch on to what was going on during their dinner until the kick from Daphne instantly gave her a hint of who Leanna ran into earlier that night. Thus, she asked with a soft voice upon a brief hesitation. "Nana, did you run into that b*stard, Aidan, when we were in the restaurant back then?"

"Yeah." She seemed emotionless and spoke in a calm voice.

"What did he say to you then?"

Leanna froze for a while and answered, "Nothing. He was just trying to mess with me."

Zoe clicked her tongue twice and said, "What's that b*stard thinking? When you both were together, he didn't cherish it, but now that it's over between you two..."

"I'm going to take a shower now," she interrupted her.

"Okay. Sure."

Leanna blow-dried her hair after she finished showering and reflected on her previous interaction with Aidan. In reality, she had spent the previous two months attempting not to think about the man and what had just happened so that she could finally forget the past and move on. When she ran into him earlier that day, she learned that it was easier said than done because she couldn't forget anything. When she realized she had been lying to herself the entire time, she couldn't help but agree with one thing he said. Even though he said he wasn't to blame for her miscarriage, he believed it was her fault

since her innocence led her to trust Sienna's words and underestimated human nature's malice. As a result, she was confronted by her conscience about why she put the blame for everything on him.

Halfway through drying her hair, Leanna left the bathroom and went to the study to look through the files on the desk, which were about her car accident. She knew in her heart that she could do nothing to Sienna since she was no match for the Pearson Family in terms of power and influence. She did,

however, feel that she would one day have enough evidence to seek justice for her unborn child.

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The next morning, Leanna received flowers and gifts from many of her friends, including Harvey, Zayn, and Daphne. When they were finally free, Zoe began to go through the flowers they received and was bewildered, noticing a few of them to be anonymous.

When Leanna saw her friend's reaction, she asked, "What's wrong?"

She replied, "This is strange, Leanna. We have an extra six flower baskets that are anonymous. No names on them..." She paused to think and added, "Could they be from Louis?"

"I don't think so. I told him not to do that yesterday."

Her answer made Zoe feel even more puzzled. After all, there were only a handful of them who knew about their studio's opening among both of their friends combined. Therefore, she believed the anonymous flower baskets were from the same person. Soon, their studio was visited by a customer as she decided to forget about it. "Fine, let's not dwell on that now. We'll see if there is anyone who comes and claims them back later. If not, they will be ours."

Love Change Of Heart Chapter 160-The majority of the customers that arrived today were introduced by Harvey and Daphne; most of them were celebrities and celebrities' fans. Therefore, the place looked especially crowded despite its limited size. Later that afternoon, they decided to sit down and take a break just when they heard a man's gentle voice from the door. "I'm sorry. Did I come at the wrong time?"

Zoe naturally stood up and greeted the visitor. "No, of course not. Please come in..." As she was speaking, she suddenly found the man in the wheelchair rather familiar. Wait a second! This man came to Lux Magazine earlier. He must be Aidan's brother, according to Leanna.

When she snapped out of her trance, Leanna responded with a soft voice, "Mr. Pearson."

Justin smiled and raised his hand up, telling his subordinates behind him with his gesture to present his gift. "I heard you and your friend just opened a studio, so I came here to show my support and have a look at the place." In the meantime, Zoe was staring at the gift, unsure whether she should accept the gift or not. Nevertheless, he reacted by shooting a gaze at his men who immediately understood his message. His men then set the items on the table, turned around, and went out the door.

At the same time, Zoe, who appeared hesitant in facing the man, said with a soft voice, "Nana, I'm going to get myself something to eat."

Leanna nodded in response. As soon as she left, she asked, "How can I help you, Mr. Pearson?"

Justin sighed and replied, "I'm so sorry, Leanna."

She smiled faintly and asked, "Why are you apologizing, Mr. Pearson? You didn't do anything wrong, so there is no need for you to apologize to me."

"Actually, I'm apologizing to you on my mother's behalf." He added, "I know what she did was unacceptable, and I don't dare to beg for your forgiveness, but I thought I should apologize anyway, no matter what you think."

She pursed her lips for a while and said, "I really appreciate the care and love that you showed me when I was still a part of the Pearson Family, Mr. Pearson, but I'm afraid I can't just forget about everything that happened."

"I understand how you feel, which is why I had been struggling to meet you for the past two months, but I can assure you that no one else in the Pearson Family will ever cause you any harm again. At the same time, please let me know if you require anything."

She kept her head slightly down and her face expressionless. Since the Pearson Family had never treated her with respect, she believed they thought little of her even more now that she had outlived her usefulness. Soon, she asked, "Anything?"

"Yes, anything." He nodded in response.

"Tell Anna to call off her engagement with Zayn, but the Pearson Family must give the Barnett Family exactly what they have pledged, not a cent less." Her

words were met with a change of expression on his face and she said, "If that's too much to ask, Mr. Pearson, forget about it."

"No, it's not that." Justin smiled in embarrassment. "I was just a little surprised to hear that. I didn't think that was what you'd ask for."

"Zayn is my friend, and he's helped me a lot, so I can't allow him to marry a lady he doesn't love at all, not to mention the fact that she is a madwoman just because of his family..." Leanna smiled mid-sentence and said, "I've also thought about the rest, but I'm aware of the reason that you swung by to visit, Mr. Pearson. You're just trying to soften me up so that I would concede. After all, she is your mother, and I know you're counting on that fact to make me go easy on her."

He nodded gently. "Don't worry. I'm a man of my word, and I'll keep my promise."

"Thank you, Mr. Pearson."

On the other hand, Zoe was leaning against the wall, wishing she could just conjure up a portal for her to enter. After all, she sensed a cold and sinister presence right behind her as she had a bad feeling about their studio. Damn! What's Aidan doing here? Did he hear everything his brother and Leanna are talking about? Oh my gosh! Don't tell me he is going to tear down our studio. As she thought something terrible was going to happen, he turned around and walked away before Justin came out. It was only when she saw the man entering his car that she heaved a sigh of relief. Phew! I guess our store is safe. Not long after Justin left, she entered the studio and was greeted by the sight of Leanna busy tidying up the place. She then approached Leanna and said in a soft voice, "Leanna, Aidan came by just now."

Leanna was shocked, but Zoe ept saying, "He came when you were asking Mr. Pearson to make Anna call off her engagement with Zayn. So... I bet he must have misunderstood you again."

Speechless, she turned around with a calm look on her face. "Whatever. He can think whatever he wants."

Zoe replied with a frown, "But if Anna knows you're behind the cancellation of is going to come after you. What are you going to do by then?"

“That’s even better. I’ve been waiting for an opportunity to settle my score with that lady.” In fact, she had never feared Anna before, but because she was pregnant at the time, she had no choice and avoided Anna. However, now that things were no longer the same as they were, she had nothing to fear anymore.

Zoe then changed the subject and went through their purchase orders. “By the way, we have a lot of custom-made orders, so I bet we’re going to be really busy throughout the entire month. Let’s get down

to work, then!” Besides custom-made jewelry and photographs, they also sold jewelry directly. Their handcrafts were given out as free gifts, while the others were practically sold out, well beyond their expectations.

Leanna nodded, and after a few seconds she said, “Let’s hire two more people.”

Zoe said, “That’s what I thought as well. In any case, none of the other jewelry needs to be custom- made, so they need to adhere to the template when performing their job. As a result, you can work on your designs with some peace of mind.” She then began to type a recruitment notice with her computer.

Soon after that, more customers began showing up at their studio. When the two of them were starting to get a little bit busy, Louis arrived. Leanna noticed him and asked, “Are you not working part-time?”

“It’s the school holiday now, and I’ve just applied for a leave from my boss.”

Zoe soon leaned closer and asked, “Did you guys realize something? Our studio appears to be crowded with more ladies now as soon as he comes to the studio.”

While Leanna and Louis were both rendered speechless, Georgina was sitting in a black car outside the studio, watching them interact with a glacial look on her face. “You said Aidan came here earlier this afternoon, right?”

Her subordinate nodded in response. “Yes, he did. In fact, his older brother, Mr. Justin, was here too, but on the other hand, Mr. Pearson only stood outside before he left.”

“Justin came here too?” she asked, “What were they talking to each other about?”

“I... I’m not sure. I’ll find out now.”

She rolled up the car window and replied, “No need for that. No one in the Pearson Family cares about her now. Knowing Justin, I bet he probably came here to apologize to her.”