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Love Change Of Heart Chapter 251-Aidan narrowed his dark eyes. If Lloyd was going to attend Mr. Jackson's birthday party, he would definitely run into Leanna. At that time, any trick that Lloyd was trying to pull would come to light as well. "President Pearson, besides Lloyd and President Parker, Mr. Morris will also be attending," Jonathan said. "Do you think that it's a coincidence or a staged act that Daniel appeared next to Georgina?" Aidan asked calmly. "You mean..." "Oscar recently found out that when Elijah's Constellation Tech was first established abroad, the first funding was from a company named Herz Corp. This company reached a strategic agreement with Complex Group soon afterward, and their owner has a close relationship with William." Regardless of whether it was Daniel, Elijah, William, or even Mr. Jackson, they seemed to be connected in numerous ways somehow. As he kept digging further into their matters, he could see the deep connections between them, and it seemed like these people had gathered for a common goal. It had been years since Mr. Jackson threw a birthday party, and things didn't look as simple as they seemed based on this point. And Aidan was pretty sure that all of the missing puzzle pieces would finally fall into place by tomorrow evening. "Place more men around the hotel tomorrow," Aidan instructed. "Leanna has never been attentive on these matters and will only walk into a trap set by others step by step."

Jonathan muttered, "President Parker probably won't make use of Madam, much less do something to hurt her—" Before he could finish, he felt an icy stare in front of him and quickly stopped himself. "Okay, I'll get to it right away." As the office door closed behind Jonathan as he left, silence befell the room once more. Leaning into the chair, Aidan stared at the framed picture as he pursed his lips lightly, deep in thought. Minutes later, his phone rang, and it was a call from Oscar. "You guessed it right. Your whereabouts in Weavside have been exposed, and Sienna is now looking for your mother." The edges of Aidan's lips turned downward coldly. "She's pretty quick on her feet, huh?" "It appears that she has someone else working for her other than the men from the Zielinski Family. There are some which I can't even find out about their background." "Soon enough, the powerful being behind her will take action," Aidan said composedly. At the same time, Sienna had already walked into the trap he had set up, step by step.

...At 6.00PM sharp, Elijah showed up at Leanna's workshop. "Are you ready, Leanna?" Grabbing the gift on the counter, she flashed him a smile. "Yes. Let's go." She didn't know what to get as a gift, but she recalled the tea set in Mr.

Jackson's place, so she bought some tea leaves for him. In the car, Elijah said after a while, "Leanna, there's something I didn't tell you, actually." "What is it?"

"Aidan will be attending the party tonight as well, and you certainly will run into each other at some point. But it's okay, I'll stay by your side the whole time, and he won't dare to mess around during such an occasion." Nodding softly, she didn't say a thing—she didn't know how to respond to that, anyway.

Twenty minutes later, the car came to a stop at a hotel entrance. As Mr. Jackson was a reputable person in Highside, the guests attending his birthday party were also people of status and influence. Elijah and Leanna had run into a couple of them right after they entered. At the sight of the pair, Georgina sniggered. "I didn't expect that you'll bring Miss McKinney here, President Parker. I thought she would be attending with Aidan, but it looks like I still don't know Miss McKinney very well." Leanna was aware of Georgina's enmity but didn't bother to explain herself at all, not like she knew how to anyway. Elijah then responded coolly, "Leanna is a guest Mr. Jackson had personally invited, so I don't understand what you're saying, Miss Crossley." Georgina didn't seem surprised at that, and she merely said with a smirk, "Looks like you are quite reputable, Miss McKinney. You actually know Mr. Jackson, and he even invited you personally. I guess it's just me being too offensive. My bad." Just then, a deep voice sounded up right beside her.

"Georgina." Georgina twirled her head around. "Oh, right. Dad, let me introduce them to you. This is President Parker from Constellation Tech and this is... Well, she's someone you know as well. She's Aidan's ex-wife." When the last word left her lips, Lloyd's gaze drifted over slowly before finally landing on Leanna's face, and he narrowed his eyes slightly.

"I know Miss Crossley doesn't like me." Leanna began slowly. "But since she already started this, I would like to add on something as well. My name is Leanna McKinney, and not 'Aidan's ex-wife.'" "Would you be happy if I called you the fiancée that Aidan had broken off the engagement with?" Leanna retorted in her mind. If it weren't for Lloyd's presence, she would have said it out loud in Georgina's face.

No matter how Georgina deliberately tried to approach her back then and said that she wanted to be friends with her, Leanna had always kept a distance from her just to avoid getting involved in situations like this. Yet, it still turned out the same in the end. Why do I have to bear the consequences of that b*stard's actions? she wondered. Snickering, Georgina was about to say something when Lloyd said, "You're not a regular person indeed, Miss McKinney. It's no surprise that you would marry into the Pearson Family." With the faintest smile on her face, Leanna kept her silence. No matter what he

meant behind his words, she couldn't be bothered to ponder over it. "Mr. Jackson's birthday party is about to begin. We're going ahead first. Please make yourselves comfortable," Elijah said and left with Leanna. In the event hall, almost all the guests had arrived. Mr. Jackson was wearing a full tuxedo and holding a walking stick while chatting with William when they approached him. The moment he saw them, Mr. Jackson broke into a smile and said, "Oh, you're here, Eli and Miss McKinney. It's rather cold outside, isn't it? Sorry that you have to make this trip." "It's not that cold," Leanna said with a smile.

The few of them chatted for a while until someone came over and whispered something into Mr. Jackson's ear. Then, he glanced at Elijah before turning to Leanna. After acknowledging it a few times, he waved his hand and sent the man away. "Eli, there are some snacks and hot drinks over there. Take Miss McKinney over to have a look," Mr. Jackson said. "Sure," Elijah replied. As Leanna knew that Mr. Jackson wanted to draw her away on purpose, she nodded with a smile and left with Elijah. A few seconds later, Elijah's voice echoed from her side. "Leanna, don't take anything Georgina said to heart. She's not doing that well in love now. That's why she's purposely picking on you." His words struck her by surprise. "Isn't she dating Daniel? What happened?" He smirked and grabbed a glass of champagne from the waiter's hand. "You're probably still unaware that she's going to be engaged to Aidan's brother next month." Widening her eyes in disbelief, she never imagined that this would be the answer. "But wasn't she engaged to Aidan before?"

Love Change Of Heart Chapter 252-Chuckling, Elijah grabbed another glass of champagne and passed it to her. "They only value the benefits of a coalition marriage, so it doesn't matter whether she was previously engaged to Aidan or not."

Besides, it was because of the fact Aidan had annulled the engagement with Georgina that Lloyd and Aidan's father could reach an agreement. Elijah kept his thought to himself.

Leanna pursed her lips and didn't say a word. No wonder Georgina was getting more hostile toward me when I met her the past few times. So, this is the reason, she thought.

This whole time, Aidan was the one Georgina wanted to marry, but she ended up engaged to his elder brother instead. That was why she took out all her anger on Leanna when she ran into Aidan having a meal with her the last time.

After a short pause, Leanna asked with a frown, "What about her and Daniel?"

Raising his head, Elijah took a sip of the champagne in his glass and turned to look at a spot not far away. "Don't worry about him. He has a way to solve this."

Following his gaze, Leanna realized that Daniel was here as well, and he was speaking with Mr. Jackson now.

To begin with, Elijah was quite close with Mr. Jackson, and not to mention Daniel was Elijah's friend too. Hence, it wasn't surprising that Daniel was on good terms with Mr. Jackson. However, Leanna couldn't understand what Elijah meant by Daniel having a way to solve the situation.

The engagement between Georgina and Justin was a union of interests between the Pearsons and the Crossleys. Would Lloyd really give that up just because of a few mere words from Daniel?

Unless one party had a better option, there was no reason for the annulment of this marriage.

Right then, a waiter approached Elijah and whispered something to him. He furrowed his brows slightly before turning to Leanna and said, "Wait here for a while for me, Leanna. I'll be back soon."

She gave him a nod. "Okay."

Before walking away, he scanned around for Aidan, and he only left after making sure Aidan wasn't around.

Holding the champagne in her hand, Leanna took a small sip, and when she was about to check out Daniel and Mr. Jackson again, she saw that they were no longer within her eyesight.

All of a sudden, a stoic voice belonging to a man echoed from behind her. "Are you looking for me?"

She felt like rolling her eyes at the narcissistic question. She slowly lowered the glass in her hand, not wanting to look back at all.

However, the next second, the man voiced out again, but this time, he spoke right next to her ear. His warm breath traveled down her fair neck. "Or are you

looking for Elijah? If so, then you should stop. He won't be back for the next few minutes."

Hearing that, Leanna couldn't help but frown and turn around, wanting to say something. She was a second too late to realize that the b*stard's face was just inches away from hers, and her lips brushed past his cheek, leaving behind a faint trail of lipstick.

Aidan's eyes met hers as he raised his brows. "This isn't so appropriate in public. Once we're home, I won't resist anything you want to do to me."

Dumbstruck, she thought, Is he crazy?! Taking a step back, she said in annoyance, "So, you do know that we're still in public, President Pearson. Aren't you afraid of making a joke out of yourself?"

Leisurely, Aidan answered, "I have no control over other people's eyes, and neither can I cover all of them."

Leanna couldn't be bothered to waste her breath on him, but as she was about to leave, he grabbed her by the wrist. "Where are you going?"

"To the ladies' room. Are you coming along?"

"Since you asked, I'll accompany you even though I'm unwilling."

If it weren't for the fact that there were a lot of people here, she would have cursed loudly at him.

She merely jerked off his hand and walked straight forward. However, after taking a few steps, the b*stard spoke up again in a lazy manner. "That's the wrong direction. It's that way."

Stopping in her tracks abruptly, she took a deep breath and went in the direction Aidan mentioned. What's the problem with this b*stard? Why is he following me to the ladies' room?

Not long after she walked out of the event hall, she saw the washroom sign, and she also heard the soft sounds of people chatting. Just then, the man who was behind her the whole time reached out, grabbed her waist, and pulled her into a corner at the side.

Before she could make a sound, Aidan covered her mouth,

They were Daniel and Georgina.

When they had walked far off, Leanna pulled away his hand. “Did you do something against your conscience, President Pearson? Why are you hiding like this?”

Retracting his hand, Aidan stuck his hand into his pocket. “Do you want to say hello to her instead?”

She snorted softly and ignored him before turning into the washroom. By the time she was out, Aidan was smoking while leaning against the balcony on the side with a calm expression on his deep-set features.

At the sight of her, he put out his cigarette and tilted his head. “They’re gone.”

A few seconds later, she couldn’t help but ask, “What excuse did you use to trick Elijah away?”

“Do you really want to know?”

She paused for a moment before responding, “Never mind.”

Without even the need to think, she knew that nothing good would come out of his mouth.

At the event hall entrance, they happened to run into William, who was about to leave. With a smile, he greeted them, “Hello, President Pearson and Miss McKinney.”

“The party has barely started, and you’re going to leave now, Mr. Morris?” Aidan asked flatly.

“I need to attend to something, so I’ll have to leave first,” he answered.

“The show of the day has yet to begin. It’d be such a shame if you just left like this without seeing it.”

Despite Aidan’s aggressiveness, William kept a polite smile on his face. “I don’t know what you mean, President Pearson.”

He already knew for a long time that Aidan was checking up on him, and he had been on his guard in every way, yet Aidan still managed to find a chance to make a dig at him.

“If there’s nothing else, I’m going first,” William added.

Aidan didn’t say anything and merely watched him as he walked away, wearing a cold sneer on his lips. Meanwhile, Leanna stared at him, wondering, Why is this b*stard being so enigmatic?

Meeting her eyes, Aidan flicked his finger on her forehead. “What are you thinking about?”

Pouting her lips, she looked away and strode into the event hall. Since she had already given the present, it was about time for her to leave, and she was going to inform Mr. Jackson of this now.

When she found him, Lloyd and Georgina were standing opposite him. And so was Daniel.

After a short moment of hesitation, she still decided to go over. “Mr. Jackson, I’ll be taking my leave first. I wish you a happy birthday.”

Mr. Jackson turned around. “You’re leaving so soon? Where’s Eli?”

The second he asked the question, he saw Aidan, who was following behind Leanna, and he immediately understood something. This youngster is quite capable, huh? he thought.

Right then, Georgina smiled and said, “Miss McKinney, not only are you invited by President Parker to attend Mr. Jackson’s birthday party, you also have Aidan to accompany you. I bet many guests here are envious of you right now.”

Leanna smiled but didn’t respond to her. Instead, she said to Mr. Jackson, “I’m taking my leave first, then.”

With that, she turned around and walked away, but she had barely taken a couple of steps when Georgina’s voice came from behind her again. “Miss McKinney.”

Love Change Of Heart Chapter 253-Slowly, Leanna twirled around with an emotionless face. “Is anything the matter, Miss Crossley?”

Georgina first took a glance at Aidan before turning to her. "Don't you find it a pity to leave just like this when you rarely have the chance to attend such a party?"

Before she could open her mouth, Aidan said in a stoic voice, "Why would it be a pity?"

Smirking, Georgina answered, "Nothing much, but I just feel that it seems a little unreasonable that Miss McKinney is leaving early when she was personally invited by Mr. Jackson. Anyone with a little manners and know some etiquette wouldn't leave before the party is over."

Seeing that the atmosphere was getting tense, Mr. Jackson cleared his throat. "You're making it sound too serious, Miss Crossley. It's just a birthday, not a life-and-death situation."

"You're a generous man for not taking it to heart with Miss McKinney, but some things are just brought out because it's coming from the bones. Don't you think so, Aidan?"

Not only did she mock Leanna with these words, but she was also dragging Aidan into the quarrel.

A few seconds later, Leanna said with a smile, "You're right, Miss Crossley. Some things are really brought out naturally. A person can't change their birth, but the arrogance and rudeness hidden in the bones would surface from under the skin one fine day no matter how hard they tried to hide it."

After she said that, Georgina's face turned into a hideous scowl.

Mr. Jackson said slowly in agreement, "You have a point, Miss McKinney. No matter how a person tries to hide it, what's hidden in the bones would be revealed in a matter of time."

While speaking, he cast a nonchalant look at Lloyd.

Compared to the embarrassment on Georgina's face, there weren't many emotions to be read from Lloyd's face, and he merely chided in his deep voice, "Georgina, you were a little rude earlier. Apologize to Miss McKinney."

"Never mind." The smile on Leanna's face remained as she looked at Georgina and said, "I know that you have some opinions about me, Miss

Crossley. I just hope that you can be clear that I'm not the one that caused all of this, so you don't have to keep picking on me."

After saying her piece, she nodded slightly to Mr. Jackson as a gesture, spun around, and left.

Standing in the same spot, Aidan raised his brows almost unnoticeably and said to Mr. Jackson, "I'm leaving as well."

Mr. Jackson nodded while Georgina pressed her

When they were all gone, Mr. Jackson peered at Lloyd and sighed deeply. "I don't want to interfere in this initially, but both kids have spoken to me about this. You should reconsider the marriage of convenience with the Pearson Family."

"I'm doing this for Georgina's happinesses," Lloyd said.

Clutching his walking stick, Mr. Jackson said slowly, "Setting the issue of happiness aside, just the fact that she was once engaged to Aidan alone, she'll be in an awkward position even if she's married into the Pearson Family, and embarrassment will be inevitable."

When Lloyd was silent, he added, "Although Daniel isn't as influential as the Pearson Family, he's true to Georgina, at least, and she also thinks that he's a nice chap. Compared to forcing two people who have no feelings for each other to be together, why don't you let them give it a shot?"

"The engagement is decided. If we go back on our word now, I can't explain it to the Pearson Family."

"If you find it too embarrassing to bring this up, I can speak to them on your behalf."

It didn't occur to Lloyd that Daniel would get Mr. Jackson to speak up for him. Even though the Crossleys and Jacksons hadn't been in much contact over the years, they were on good terms in their earlier years after all, and due to certain reasons, Lloyd couldn't refute Mr. Jackson no matter what.

However... Lloyd thought, narrowing his eyes as he looked in the direction that Leanna had left with an unfathomable look on his face.

A while later, Lloyd said, "I know that it's not the best choice to have her marry into the Pearson Family, but the engagement has already been decided. If we cancel it now, she would have canceled two engagements within a short period of three months. I'm sure you know how hurtful the words of others could be, and I don't want her to be hurt in any way because of this."

Mr. Jackson pondered over his words and didn't speak for a while. What Lloyd had just brought up was a huge problem indeed. It was one thing to have the engagement annulled, but the more important thing was Georgina's reputation.

Lloyd's reasoning was indisputable as well.

Mr. Jackson was about to speak when Lloyd said, "I know you've doted on Georgina ever since she was young and you're concerned about her happiness as well, but looking at the situation now, it might not be a bad thing for her to be married into the Pearson Family."

Hearing that, Mr. Jackson couldn't continue to persuade him anymore and could only let it go.

Outside the hotel, Leanna was leaving when Elijah came in from outside. He walked over and was about to say something but saw Aidan following after her. He could already tell what was happening

then.

"Leanna, I'll drop you home," Elijah offered.

Leanna took a look at her phone. "It's okay. The cab I ordered is already here. I'll be leaving now," she said as a small white car rolled to a stop at the hotel entrance.

After giving him a smile, she trotted over to the car, and when Aidan wanted to go after her, Elijah blocked his path out of reflex, saying calmly, "Please make way, President Pearson. You know that Leanna doesn't want to see you. Why are you still clinging on to her?"

"Did she tell you this herself?"

"Why do you ask when you know the answer in your heart?"

Aidan sniggered. "If you had just a little self-awareness, you wouldn't have said something like this, President Parker. Don't you have any idea at all who she really likes?"

Slowly, Elijah's face fell, but he didn't say a thing.

"Since it's you, I would like to remind you about something. I don't know what you're plotting in the background, and neither am I interested in it, but I would like to remind you not to get Leanna involved in any of it."

"You don't have to worry, President Pearson. I've never thought to place Leanna into any jeopardy."

"But you still brought her here even though you knew that Georgina would be here tonight."

Elijah flinched. "I planned to stay by her side the whole time. It was you who—"

"Save your excuses," Aidan interjected calmly. "If you were really being considerate of her, you wouldn't have brought her here knowing that she would be in an awkward position."

Knowing that he was in the wrong, Elijah lowered his head and didn't argue anymore.

Aidan was right; he knew that Georgina would definitely show up at the party, and he was aware that she would make things difficult for her. However, in order to get ahead of Aidan and have Leanna attend the party together with him, he had invited her almost without thinking about the consequences and even used Mr. Jackson's name.

"I believe you can tell by now that Leanna doesn't plan to be more than friends with you," Aidan added. "My advice for you is, better cut your losses in time and stop thinking about destroying a man's family all the time."

Then, he brushed past him and left in big strides.

Love Change Of Heart Chapter 254-Half an hour later, the car stopped at the apartment entrance and Leanna hopped out. When she wanted to walk in, she saw the b*stard's car parked by the side of the street.

How did he manage to get here before me? she wondered, pouting her lips unwittingly as the door of the Rolls-Royce swung open and the tall, well-built figure of a man appeared before her eyes.

Nonchalantly, Aidan cast her a look. "Why did you leave so fast?"

"To have dinner at home," she answered with a straight face.

"Well, I haven't eaten as well. Let's have dinner together."

Dumbstruck, she said in annoyance, "Don't you have a home for yourself?"

Aidan turned around and he paced forward leisurely. "It's only a home when the place has your family. Otherwise, it's just a cold house."

"Are you studying kinship recently, President Pearson?"

Ignoring her, he stood at the entrance to the building and stuck his hand into his pocket. Then, he tilted his head, gesturing for her to open the door.

Taking a deep breath, she took out the access card from her purse, and after the door was opened, he held the door open to let her in first.

"I didn't know that you had a gentlemanly side to you," Leanna said.

His eyebrow shot up. "That depends on the recipient."

A soft snort escaped her mouth, and she walked past him to go in. After stepping out of the elevator, she keyed in the password for the lock and Zoe's voice boomed from inside when she pushed the door open. "Nana, how was your date with Elijah tonight? Did you—"

Zoe stopped mid sentence when she caught sight of the man behind Leanna.

She chuckled dryly a couple of times and turned around. "Why am I sleepy all of a sudden? I'm going to bed now!"

Then, she dashed into the bedroom without looking back.

In the living room, Louis also kept away his laptop silently, picked up his bag, and said, "I'm leaving now."

Holding her forehead, Leanna let out a long sigh. When both of them had left, she said, "Now you know how unwelcomed you are, don't you?"

"Are you sure that they left because they didn't welcome me?" he asked.

Catching the meaning behind his words, she gritted her teeth, but she couldn't be bothered to argue with him. So, she took off her jacket and headed straight for the kitchen.

Checking the fridge, she saw that there was only some cheese left. Since and carbonara spaghetti came out of the kitchen ten minutes later.

When she came out, Aidan was already seated at the dining table.

Placing the plate in front of him, she warned him seriously, "Don't get the wrong idea. I'm allowing you to have dinner here because I've been a free-loader at Ms. Fletcher's place for quite a few days. There's no other meaning behind this."

Smirking, Aidan said, "Yeah, I know."

Hearing the extremely perfunctory few words from the b*stard, Leanna suddenly had the feeling that she shouldn't have explained herself because it didn't save her from anything at all.

She went into the kitchen again and came out with her own pasta before taking a seat diagonally across from him.

"Is that all you're eating?" he asked while looking at her.

Without lifting her head, Leanna simply answered, "I'm on a diet."

"Why are you having pasta when you're on a diet?"

Expressionless, she met his eyes. "You can leave if you don't want to eat. You're affecting my appetite."

"I'm just worried that you'll be hungry later in the night," he said.

Leanna's temples throbbed. How many times have I told him that I ate a lot that time because I was pregnant? Why does that b*stard make it seem like I'm a pig that's always hungry?

Seeing that she was about to lose her temper, Aidan said gently, "Bon appetit. I won't speak anymore."

The whole night, Leanna didn't eat a bite and even drank a little, so her stomach was feeling uneasy, but she immediately felt much better after having a plate of warm pasta.

The second she placed down her fork, Aidan said, "Why did you start a fight with Georgina today?"

Leanna probably didn't expect him to ask this out of the blue, and she only spoke after keeping mum for a few seconds. "She mocked me. Am I not allowed to talk back?"

"You used to be able to tolerate it quite well, didn't you?"

"I can tolerate it once, twice, and even thrice, but I'm not Saint Mary."

Aidan was quiet for a few seconds before bursting into laughter.

Initially, she had said it as the words just rolled out of her tongue smoothly, but she didn't expect that he would actually laugh, making her so embarrassed that her ears burned. "W-What's so funny? I'm just telling it like it is."

With one hand, he covered his mouth and cleared his throat as he wiped the smile off his face. "Yes, you're right," he said in a husky voice.

His laughing threw her off guard, and she hurriedly got up and gathered the dishes before entering the kitchen. While doing the dishes, she gradually calmed down.

In all honesty, she didn't plan to have an argument with Georgina. When she was trapped in the Pearson Family, she had already seen it clearly; she was no match for these ruthlessly exploitative capitalists no matter what, and they could easily crush her to death with just the lift of a finger.

So, even though she knew that Georgina was mocking her with every word she said, she didn't take it to heart. However, after Georgina said those things, she felt a little hot in the head before she involuntarily snapped back at her sarcastically.

Looking back now, she realized that it was really not a smart move. In addition, Lloyd was there as well when she embarrassed Georgina. She knew very well how they would take revenge on her.

At the thought of this, Leanna sighed silently. It seemed that all types of accidents would happen whenever her life was starting to get peaceful.

After doing the dishes, Leanna cleaned up the kitchen and went out to see Aidan deep in thought while standing on the balcony.

“Why are you still here?” she asked.

“It’s rude to leave right away after eating,” he said calmly.

He made himself sound as if he’s such a polite person, she thought sarcastically.

Checking the time, she reminded him, “I’m going to bed soon.”

Aidan turned his head around. “Aren’t you on a diet? You shouldn’t sleep after eating.”

Closing her eyes, Leanna took a deep breath. If this b*stard claims to be the best at nitpicking, nobody dares to claim the second spot. Can’t he tell that I’m chasing him away?

Just as Leanna wanted to make it even clearer, he walked back into the house and sat on the couch. “There’s something I want to tell you.”

“I don’t want to hear it.”

Aidan lifted his head and gave her a disgruntled look. Pursing her lips, she succumbed to the pressure and sat across from him. “Please do tell, President Pearson.”

And leave quickly after that, she added silently.

The man crossed his long legs and said casually, “When did you find out that Jethro isn’t your real father?”

His question caught her by surprise. “How did you know about this?”

Love Change Of Heart Chapter 255-“Answer my question first,” Aidan said.

Leanna frowned and answered after a few seconds, "When Jethro died, I found something in the box under his bed."

"What's there?"

"Some pictures, a pocket watch, and his diary."

"What kind of pocket watch?"

"It's just a regular pocket watch," she said. "Does it make a difference?"

"Of course it does," Aidan said. "The manufacturer and the production batch are useful leads."

Hearing that, Leanna opened her mouth but no words came out.

He stared at her for a few seconds and pursed his lips. "Don't you want to look for him?"

After a while, she hung her head and said, "I just feel that it's meaningless."

"Leanna McKinney, it's not about whether it's meaningful or not, but the truth about what happened back then."

"What's the use of knowing the truth? I just want a peaceful life."

Ever since she could remember, this was her biggest wish.

In the past, the family was in chaos because of Jethro. Time to time, the debtors would appear at their door, shouting and cursing loudly from the outside, and all she could do was bolt the door shut and hold

the pillow tight, not daring to make a sound.

Later, she met Aidan, and it just worsened her already messed up life.

To her, that man was a stranger whom she had no memories with. Compared to pursuing the reason why her mother married Jethro more than two decades ago, she would rather live a peaceful life now.

However, Aidan said, "This isn't the excuse for you to avoid this. Although the truth is sometimes more cruel than reality, I'll always stay by your side."

Startled, she wondered, Could this b*stard not change the tone so suddenly?

“Even if you don’t care what the truth is, a series of events have already started to sprout because of this. As the person involved, how could you just stay out of it?” he added.

“I don’t know what you mean.”

“You met Lloyd Crossley today, didn’t you?”

As Leanna didn’t know why he suddenly brought up this topic, she replied after a short pause. “I did.”

“Did you ever think about why there’s been no news ever since your brother started posting the search notices?” he asked again.

Leanna knitted her brows together in confusion. Previously when Louis wanted to do this, she didn’t know what kind of information they would receive, but now that Aidan had brought it up, the whole matter did seem a little odd.

After giving it a thought, she asked instead of answering him, “You still haven’t told me how you knew about this.”

Aidan tapped his slender finger gently on his knee. “Didn’t I already tell you before that anything is possible with money?”

“Then, there’s nothing I can say to you. Please make your way out.”

Leanna rose to her feet, but he grabbed her hand and chuckled. “Okay, I’ll stop messing with you. I found out about this when I was investigating Lloyd Crossley.” Seeing the confused look on her face, he added, “Maybe the truth is meaningless to you, but you have to know what happened in the past so you can prepare for all the unknowns in the future.”

“Can you please speak in a way that I can understand?”

All she wanted now was to find out how this matter was related to Lloyd.

“I don’t know yet why Lloyd is doing this, but one thing is for sure—he knows the man in the picture, who is your father, and he has been trying to stop the spread of this news because he doesn’t want you to find him. “

The frown on her face deepened as she thought about this.

Although she didn't have a deep impression of Georgina's father, he looked like a friendly and calm person, and Leanna really couldn't imagine how he could possibly be related to her real father.

"Don't overthink. I'm only telling you this so that you can be mentally prepared and not fall into other people's trap," he said.

His words made her mad. "When did I fall into someone's trap?"

"Did you know the situation tonight before you agreed to go with Elijah?"

"Nothing happened to me, right? Moreover, even if I didn't go with Elijah, you would have asked me to attend the party with you anyway. Is there any difference between the two?"

"Of course there is," he answered.

Leanna snorted in laughter. "And what is that?"

A smirk appeared on his face suddenly. "Leanna, do you know why Lloyd is only stopping you from looking for your father instead of taking any actions against you?"

"I..."

"That's because I'm behind you, so he doesn't dare to lay a finger on you."

Since when did this b*stard become my backer? she thought.

Before she could say a thing, Aidan continued, "Think about it. In all these years, why didn't Lloyd come to the idea to marry Georgina to Justin, but just right now, he suddenly asked for this marriage of convenience with the Pearsons? Make a guess. What is he afraid of?"

Leanna had yet to figure out the issue from before, and she had no idea why he diverted the topic to Georgina and Justin's engagement now. A few seconds later, she said, "Maybe they don't like you."

"I'm being serious with you now," he said.

"Go straight to the point, then! Why are you beating around the bush?"

How could she guess it correctly?

Aidan pressed his lips into a thin line and said, "I'll tell you a more precise timing. After your brother put up notices looking for your father, Lloyd asked for the marriage of convenience with the Pearsons."

"You're saying that this matter is connected to me?"

"Or maybe, you could say that he's afraid of you."

As for the reason why he was afraid, only Lloyd knew what he had actually done.

Leanna's heart sank gradually. She understood what he was telling her.

Not only did Lloyd know her father, but it was very likely that something had happened between them, and he had recalled a past memory when Louis went searching for her father with the picture.

The one he was afraid of probably wasn't her, but her real father. Or rather, the truth from twenty years ago.

That was why he asked for help from the Pearson Family—it was so that he could bind the Crossleys with the Pearsons.

Aidan's gaze fell on her hand which he was holding, and he rubbed it gently. "Are you still uninterested in the truth now?"

She slowly kept away her thoughts and looked at him before drawing out her hand in one swift move. "Thanks for telling me this, President Pearson. I'm interested now. So interested that I can't wait to run to Georgina's house and ask her father exactly what kind of crazy things he did back then."

Aidan was speechless.

Love Change Of Heart Chapter 256-Of course, Leanna was just being sarcastic. How could she really be so dumb as to go to the Crossleys and ask about this? Wasn't that just as good as digging her own grave?

"When you run into Georgina in the future, just do as you always did in the past and don't argue with her directly no matter what she says," Aidan said.

"Okay."

Rising to his feet, he flicked his finger on her forehead and chuckled. "Don't just say it without doing it. Remember it."

Given Leanna's sharp tongue, Georgina was definitely not a match for her if she opened her mouth, but the more she did this, the bigger the mess would get.

Unhappily, she swatted his hand away. "I got it. Have you ever thought about why she's always picking on me?" It's because of you.

He raised his brows and tucked his hand into the pocket of his trousers. "I'm leaving. You don't have to see me out."

"Don't worry. I wasn't planning to."

I wonder where this b*stard gets his confidence?

After Aidan left, Leanna cleaned up the living room. Zoe opened her door silently when Leanna was about to return to her room. Sticking her head out, she asked softly, "Is President Pearson gone?"

"Yeah."

Only then did Zoe breathe a sigh of relief and come out of the bedroom. Then, she nestled on the couch and said pitifully, "My life is really losing its value. Nana, if I made President Pearson very mad one day, you have to plead on my behalf that he will leave my body whole."

Speechless, Leanna sat next to her and said with a giggle, "You're exaggerating."

"I swear that I won't try to match you up with Elijah anymore," Zoe said in a serious tone. "I always get caught red-handed. Maybe this is all fated." She sighed and added, "What did you speak about earlier? That took quite a while and I couldn't hear a single word from my room."

At the mention of this, Leanna was quiet for a few seconds before saying, "He said that maybe my real father knows Lloyd Crossley."

Zoe's eyes widened at that. "Really?"

Leanna nodded, then briefly told her the things that Aidan had said earlier.

A look of utter disbelief washed over Zoe's face after hearing everything, and she only spoke after a while. "The moment I saw Georgina, I just knew that she's a meanie, and she finally showed her true colors now. Like father, like daughter. Both of them are mean!" A short pause later, she asked, "Nana, what are you going to do now?"

A soft sigh escaped her lips, and she looked forward listlessly. "I don't know either. I'll take it one step at a time."

If what Aidan said was true, then Lloyd must be watching her every move now. In addition, after what happened at Mr. Jackson's party tonight, the Crossleys now had a proper reason to deal with her.

Zoe sighed. "No wonder you didn't want to look for your real father before this. Looks like it was the right choice. Otherwise, Georgina and Lloyd would never have targeted you."

In reply, Leanna shook her head. "Even if I didn't, I have

"That's true. The cat will be out of the bag sooner or later. Seems like everything is destined."

"Don't mention any of this to Louis," Leanna reminded.

Hearing that, Zoe slapped her own head. "You're right. My brains are no good. Rest assured, I'll keep my mouth shut and promise you that I won't breathe a word about it."

Louis wanted to help her find her real father with good intentions in his heart. If he knew that all this started because he began the search and Leanna was placed in jeopardy, that would only cause him to be in deep guilt.

Earlier, Zoe was only saying it casually, and she didn't consider this point at all.

Standing up, Leanna said, "Alright, it's getting late. Wash up and go to bed early."

Zoe nodded. "You go on ahead. I want to watch the TV for a while."

"Sure."

After that, Leanna returned to her room, grabbed her clothes, and went to the bathroom. A few minutes later, Zoe heard their doorbell ringing. At first, she thought that it was Aidan who had turned back, and she walked over on tenterhooks. However, she saw that it was Daniel standing outside when she checked the monitor.

She couldn't help but purse her lips and only opened the door after some hesitation.

When the door swung open and Daniel saw that it was her, he was clearly a little stunned before saying, "Is Miss McKinney home yet? I'm looking for her."

"Yeah, she's home but in the shower now," Zoe said.

"Okay, I'll come back afterward."

Zoe didn't plan to invite him inside either, and when she was about cakes on the way home and I remember you like cakes. Would you like some?"

Giving him a perfunctory laugh, she said, "Thanks, but I can't have sugar because I'm on a diet."

Without saying anything else, Daniel nodded and left.

Meanwhile, Zoe closed the door and returned to the couch. The bathroom door opened and drying her hair with a towel. "Zoe, who were you talking to?"

"Daniel. He was looking for you." Then, she added, "He also bought some cakes and asked if I would like some. Say, this guy is weird, isn't he? The minute you ignore him, that's when he becomes interested instead."

For two seconds, Leanna stood rooted in the same spot before returning to the bathroom. "I'll dry my hair first before going to look for him."

Actually, she didn't even need to think to know the reason Daniel came to look for her; it had to be related to Georgina.

It wasn't a problem if this happened in the past because Leanna didn't care about any of that at all, but things were different now. She had to know what was the connection between Daniel, Georgina and Lloyd. Only by knowing the enemy could she prevent the unexpected.

After blow-drying her hair, she put on a jacket and pressed the doorbell next door.

Soon, Daniel appeared before her eyes, and she smiled gently.

“Zoe told me that you were looking for me.”

He nodded. “I think I owe you an apology for what happened today.”

“Are you saying this on Georgina’s behalf?”

“No.”

Surprised, she uttered, “So…”

“I’m not apologizing for anyone. I just want to apologize to you.”

The plan tonight was targeted at Lloyd, but because of the feud between Georgina and Leanna, Leanna was dragged into this matter. Hence, he felt bad about this.

Leanna chuckled. “If that’s the case, all the more reason for you not to apologize because I don’t see why you should.”

Pursing his lips, Daniel didn’t say anything, and she asked, “If you don’t mind, may I ask you a private question, Mr. Daniel?”

“Go ahead.”

“Why did you do what you did even though you clearly know about the marriage arrangement between Georgina and the Pearson Family?”

Love Change Of Heart Chapter 257-Hearing that, Daniel smiled. “Miss McKinney, are you asking about my motive for approaching Georgina? Is that right?”

Even though Leanna tried to phrase it in a nice way, it wasn’t hard to guess what she meant, and when she didn’t say anything, he took it that she had admitted it.

“What if I told you that I like her?” he asked.

Leanna smiled. "Of course I'm going to believe anything you say. Furthermore, this is a question that concerns your privacy, so it doesn't matter even if you don't answer me."

"Well, it's not to that extent, but Miss McKinney, even if I have any motive, I think we should be on the same side. What do you think?"

The smile on Leanna's face fell bit by bit. The meaning behind his words was very clear to her as well. He expected her to be on the opposite side of Georgina, so even if she guessed that he approached Georgina out of some motive, she wouldn't use this as a hold on him.

After a while, she said, "For something so obvious, if I can see it, I'm sure Georgina could see it as well."

"That depends on what her ultimate goal is. Only when there is a common goal can we stand on the same line."

Now, Georgina merely wanted to use him as a tool to annul the engagement with the Pearson Family. Therefore, she didn't care for the reason he approached her.

On the other hand, even though Lloyd knew this very well, he didn't have any concrete evidence in addition to the fact that he had no idea about Daniel's background, so he wouldn't act recklessly either.

The smile reappeared on Leanna's face. "I got it."

Just when she wanted to turn around and return, Daniel spoke again, "You can probably tell that Georgina hates you very much, Miss McKinney. Throwing in what happened today, she would make things even more difficult for you. No matter what happens after this, you shouldn't do what you did today and quarrel with her in her face. After all, although some means are unimaginable, it isn't something that those people aren't capable of."

Softly, she nodded. "Thanks."

"You're welcome. Just as I said earlier, I'm on the same side as you."

When Leanna returned home, Zoe was still on the couch, clutching the pillow the TV, as though she didn't care about what they had spoken about.

Hearing the sounds from the door, she sat up and said, "Nana, I'm going to shower. You should go to bed."

"Okay, good night."

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In the bedroom, Leanna sat at the desk and took out the pictures and pocket watch from the storage box. As she looked at it carefully, her thoughts couldn't help but drift away.

Using her best effort, she tried to recall all that was left in her memory, but there was nothing else besides the raging fire.

Minutes later, her head started to throb, and when she wanted to put the pocket watch away, Aidan's words suddenly popped up in her mind. Flipping the pocket watch over, she saw a string of numbers at the most bottom part.

That's probably the production number, she thought. But this is something from more than twenty years ago, will it really bring up any leads?

After a short moment of silence, she whipped out her phone and took detailed pictures of the pocket watch to see what she could find out once she had the chance.

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As it turned out, Aidan and Daniel were right; Georgina started to take action on her side because of what Leanna did during Mr. Jackson's birthday.

Within two days, a B-list actress named Carlile Mayer showed up at the studio, claiming that she had custom-made a bracelet here before but realized at home that the diamond that was used on the bracelet was a fake, and it was just a glass product that couldn't be any more ordinary.

When she came over, she even brought the media and demanded for her rights.

In a whisper, Zoe asked Leanna, "Look at this scene now. Doesn't it look just like that time when that tigress came here to make a scene?"

By now, it was clear who the one who staged those people back then was.

Leanna pursed her lips and explained, “She’s really a customer from our shop, and she has been here more than once.”

Judging from this, they reckoned that that girl had never been to the studio before, but she probably obtained from Carlile the items sold from the workshop.

“What should we do now?” Zoe asked.

Leanna considered it. “We’ll ignore her and let her make a scene.”

If this matter didn’t blow up, how could she involve Georgina into it?

Obviously, Carlile came with a purpose. Not only did she go around the store, she also spent money to buy a spot on the hot topic search as well as a huge amount of paid supporters to lead the public opinion.

Back when Leanna was still working in Lux Jewelry, she once had a spot on the hot topic search and everyone knew her name because of this.

In a long post, Carlile complained that she decided to be Leanna’s client because of a friend’s recommendation, but she didn’t expect to suffer such a huge loss in the end. This time, she was making this issue public not for the sake of compensation, but to share the lesson with everyone so they wouldn’t fall for the scam again.

The minute this became a trending topic, two more people posted to echo the sentiment, claiming that they checked their own jewelry after reading Carlile’s post. In the end, they found out that the jewels on their jewelry were all fakes.

After these posts, topics about Leanna’s studio making fakes and scamming consumers dashed to the top of trending topics straight away with the words ‘HOT NEWS’ in the beginning of the headlines.

‘Isn’t she the designer of ‘First Love’ that is under Lux Jewelry? Did I just discover the Internet? When did she start her own studio?’

‘That’s the designer that was previously rumored to be a sugar baby, right? I followed the gossip for a few days back then, but I didn’t expect that she’s not only immoral but also has personality issues.’

'Luckily I've never bought anything related to her. The customers at her store have made a big loss. After spending the money, they got a piece of glass instead.'

'This makes me so sick. My dear Carlile must be really down on her luck to run into such a bloodsucker. I'm throwing up!'

Right then, someone else told the story of a highschool girl stealing money from her parents to buy the jewelry from Leanna's studio. All of a sudden, the public anger soared higher than before, and all sorts of mean things were said.

When evening came, the studio leisurely released a statement.

Regarding the accusations brought forward by Carlile and the two other customers, the studio didn't accept it and had entrusted their lawyers with full representation in this matter. As for the said forged jewelry, they had evidence in their hands to prove that the jewelry sold from their store at that time were certified and tested by authoritative institutions.

After this post was on social media, Daphne was the first to share it. Immediately after that, Harvey from Lux Jewelry and a few other celebrities shared and liked the post.

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"Miss Crossley, this is different from what you said," Carlile said anxiously. "Why do they have evidence in their hands?"

"They're just scaring you. If you really believe what they said, then you're falling right into their trap," Georgine answered composedly.

Despite what she said, Carlile was still a little worried. "What if she really has the evidence?"

"That's easy. You're just asking for your basic consumer rights. Even if she comes up with the evidence, all you have to do at that time is make a public apology. No matter what, the item came from her studio, so she has the responsibility to bear any of the consequences."

Hearing that, Carlile breathed a sigh of relief. Even if the tables turned at that time, the problem still lay with Leanne's studio. For her part, she just needed to insist that the jewelry was already that way when she brought it home.

After a while, she asked again, "Miss Crossley, when are we signing the contract for the dress which you promised me?"

"We can sign the contract any time," Georgine said. "But I think it's better to discuss the details after this matter is done. What do you think?"

Carlile knew what she meant; once the matter was completed, she would give her what she promised, but if the plan failed, she would receive nothing.

"Don't worry, Miss Crossley," she assured. "I've reported this case to the consumer group and her studio will close down soon for the investigation. When the time comes, my team will lead the public opinion again and everyone will think that she's closing because of forgery."

"Okay, you take care of this, then."

After hanging up, Georgine gradually buried the sneer on her face and stared ahead emotionlessly.

Just then, she heard the muffled voice of a servant from outside the door. "Welcome home, master."

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Gently, she pushed the door open. “Dad, I would like to speak with you.”

Seated at the desk, Lloyd placed a pocket watch into the drawer. "You want to speak with me about the engagement with the Pearson Family, don't you?"

She gave him a nod and began slowly, "The power of the Pearson Family still lies in Aidan's hands. Even if I'm really engaged to Justin, it won't change anything."

"You're wrong, Gina. The influence of the Pearson Family is deeply rooted in Highside. Even without Aidan, the Pearson Family is not a presence that should be underestimated. Furthermore, Sienna isn't as simple as she seems, and Justin is a gentle and polite man. You won't suffer if you marry him."

"But I—"

"Gina, if you have a baby within a year after marrying Justin, I can assure you that the entire Pearsons and Crossleys will belong to that child."

Whether it was the Pearsons or him, Aidan's existence was too dangerous for them. That was why an agreement with Gordon. In addition, the Pearsons would give anything to wrench the power out of Aidan's hands.

"But what if this doesn't happen?" Georgina asked with a frown.

Lloyd stared at her. "Gina, there's nothing in this world that cannot be done if you wish to do it."

"But I don't want to marry Justin. You know his situation as well. Isn't this the reason I didn't marry him all these years?"

"Times are different now."

Puzzled, she asked, "Dad, I don't understand why you made this sudden decision, and neither can I accept it."

Ever since she was young, Lloyd wouldn't force her to do anything. In addition, Georgina couldn't leave it because she believed that Aidan would definitely get back together with Leanna. How could she watch with wide eyes as they patch things back while she was not well off?

A short while later, Lloyd said suddenly, "Gina, there's something I've been hiding from you. Now that you're an adult, it's time that I tell you the truth."

Hearing that, Georgina furrowed her brows, wondering what he was going to tell her.

Slowly, he rose to his feet, took out a box from the hidden compartment in the bookshelf and passed it to her. In the box was a picture of two people.

A confused look washed over Georgina's face. "This is..."

One of the men in the picture looked like the younger Lloyd, but she had never seen the other man before.

Pacing to the window, he slowly said, "The other man in the picture is my younger brother."

Startled, she asked, "Why have I never met him before?"

"That's because he passed away twenty years ago in an explosion." With his back facing her, he wore an unfathomable expression. "He wasn't the only one that passed away in that explosion, but also his wife and daughter."

"Why did such a serious explosion happen?"

Lloyd sniggered. "Because he wanted to kill me."

Shocked, she didn't imagine that she would hear an answer like that. "So, the burn scar on your neck is also from this incident?"

He nodded. "I thought that this had ended twenty years ago until I recently found out that his wife and daughter didn't die, and they even returned."

"She—"

Narrowing his eyes, he twirled around. "That person is Aidan's ex-wife."

Hearing that, Georgina's eyes widened as disbelief were written all over her face. "Isn't Leanna's father a gambler? Back then, he even..." Sold her to Patheon Club, otherwise she would have never met Aidan, she finished in her head.

"After that, I investigated and found out that her mother didn't die at all. She merely took her away and married another man under a different name in order to avoid responsibility after the explosion," Lloyd continued.

“In other words, she was also involved in the explosion that was targeted at you back then?”

“At the very least, she knew about it,” Llyod said. “At that time, I’d already taken over the Crossley Group, but he was coveting the shares in my hands and came up with that plan, but he didn’t think that he would harm his own family instead.”

“Are you worried that Leanna will approach us with a motive just like her father? That’s the reason for the marriage with the Pearsons?” she asked.

“I’m still not sure at this point, but I can’t let my guard down looking at the situation now. My life isn’t important; I merely survived from twenty years ago, but I’m worried about you. That’s why I decided on the engagement to Justin for you.”

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Leanna was speechless, and just as Zoe finished speaking, the man she just mentioned showed up at the studio.

Clearing her throat, Zoe then came up with an excuse and slipped into the lounge.

Although the studio didn’t close down for investigation, it was especially quiet today because of the comments on the Internet in addition to some other external factors. Hence, there was not a single customer at the moment.

The moment Aidan stepped into the studio, it was as though he had returned to his own home— plopping himself into the couch in a familiar and natural manner. With a frown, he said, “Make me a cup of coffee.”

A dumbstruck Leanna thought, This b*stard actually has the cheeks to say this. Does he think that this is his company?

Setting aside the papers she was sorting in her hands, she then turned into the pantry and made a cup of instant coffee.

After placing the coffee in front of him, she said unhappily, “You really make yourself at home, don’t you?”

“You’re making me self-conscious by saying that,” he said, picking up the cup.

He took a sip of the coffee as his handsome brows knitted together. However, he didn’t say anything and simply placed the cup back on the coffee table.

“What brought you here, President Pearson? Please go back if there’s nothing. I’m busy and can’t attend to you,” Leanna said.

Aidan lifted his gaze and swept his eyes across the empty room at that. “Are you busy?”

“Just go straight to the point, President Pearson,” she snapped, gritting her teeth.

Crossing his long legs, he said leisurely, “Yes, I asked you not to confront Georgina in person, but you shouldn’t allow her to pick on you like you’re a soft tomato.”

“So, you mean—”

“Why didn’t you come and look for me immediately after this happened?”

Leanna couldn’t help but laugh out loud. “So, you’re saying that I shouldn’t have a head-on argument with Georgina after she provoked me but complain to you afterward?”

“It’s just the rational use of allocating effective resources to reach the maximum benefit.”

Seconds later, Leanna responded, “You don’t have to worry about this, President Pearson. I’ll take care of it well.”

The look on Aidan’s face turned cold. “I almost forgot that you still have Elijah. It’s true that I don’t have to worry.”

Silently, she cursed, This b*stard must be crazy. He can change topics so easily, huh? Just a second ago we’re speaking about Georgina, and all of a sudden he switched to Elijah.

In a serious tone, she reminded him, “I think, if you have the time to care about this, why don’t you reflect on your own actions and why Georgina has her eyes on me?”

“Shouldn’t you be the one to reflect on this?” His slender fingers tapped his knee gently as he said casually, “Maybe you don’t know that Georgina already wanted to marry me three years ago. If it wasn’t because you pulled my sleeves and begged me to marry you, she might have already become Mrs. Pearson.”

She sniggered, “In conclusion, I was the one who spoiled your plans, huh?”

“It’s not wrong for you to see it that way.”

If Leanna had a broom in her hands, she would really want to chase him out.

Barely a few seconds had passed when Elijah's voice echoed from behind, "Hey, Leanna."

Turning around, she then smiled gently at him. Meanwhile, Aidan's eyes fell on his face, and his eyes narrowed, feeling that the smile was hurting his eyes very much.

Elijah's eyes swept past Aidan, and he said nonchalantly, "Oh, you're here, too."

"Looks like Constellation Tech doesn't have much to do at the end of the year," Aidan said. "You're quite free, President Parker."

"I'm alright compared to you, President Pearson."

Seeing that the air between the men was getting more tense, Leanna cleared her throat. "Would you guys like something to eat? I'll order some snacks."

Almost simultaneously, both of them answered, "Yes."

Leanna's eyelid twitched and she quickly fished out her phone. After placing her order, she said, "Take a seat. I'm going to use the bathroom."

Then, she hurriedly escaped, and when she was out of the bathroom, she forcibly dragged Zoe out. However, by the time they came out, Elijah was no longer in the studio.

Taking a look around, Leanna asked, "Where's Elijah?"

In a laid-back manner, Aidan drank his cup of instant coffee. "He left because of work."

Leanna frowned at him. "What did you do again?"

An unhappy look washed over his face. "What do you mean by that?"

"Before this, weren't you the one who did something so that the annual meeting of Constellation Tech ended up at the resort?"

Pressing his lips together, he then queried in a stoic voice, "Did Elijah tell you this?"

"That doesn't matter. Isn't this the truth?" she asked.

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"That's it. Don't be so mean and make yourself out to be so innocent. You've done no less of stuff like that."

While Aiden was speechless, Leenne sat on the couch with still eyes, thinking, Now that the bastard has mentioned it, that reminds me. Daniel is Elijah's

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At the thought of this, she stole a few looks at Aiden, but the words would always stop at the tip of her tongue.

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“President Pearson.”

Hearing that Leanne’s tone had suddenly turned serious, Aiden looked at her from the corner of his eyes and raised his brows, gesturing for her to continue.

She pressed her lips gently together and said, “Does it affect you greatly if Georgine marries your brother?”

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Ignoring part of his answer, she said, "I think there won't be any outcome from this coalition marriage in the end."

At the end of the day, Leanna reckoned that Daniel and Elijah came with a purpose, and since their target was the Crossley Family, how could they allow Georgina to be engaged to Justin and expand the Crossley Family's influence?

Smirking, Aidan didn't argue.

She gave it a thought before saying, "President Pearson, you should know as well that Daniel doesn't have a simple background, and he should have the same purpose as you."

"Are you saying that I should cooperate with him?"

"It's just the rational use of allocating effective resources to reach the maximum benefit."

As the saying went, the enemy of my enemy was my friend, and if they had the same target, why shouldn't they work together?

The smirk on Aidan's face widened. "Not bad. You're applying what you learned right away."

Embarrassed by his compliment, she coughed unnaturally. "I've always been one to take the best to make up for the worst." Then, she added, "Take the best and leave the worst."

A few seconds later, Aidan said, "Whether it was Elijah or Daniel, both of them aren't trustworthy. You should stay away from them."

"Okay."

Minutes later, Zoe came in with the snacks that Leanna had ordered earlier. "Nana, this... P-President Pearson, have something to eat first."

Rising to his feet, he said calmly, "I'm busy, so I'm going now."

“Didn’t you say that you want to eat some earlier?” Leanna complained.

“Not all of a man’s words can be trusted. Take this as a free lesson for you.”

After he was gone, Leanna and Zoe stared at the big pile of food, wondering how they could finish it.

None of the two men who aggressively said that they wanted to eat ended up eating anything.

Massaging the spot between her brows, Leanna then gave the snacks to the shopkeepers next door after she had given some to her own employees.

At the same time, the discussions on the Internet continued to churn. With Georgina backing her up, Carlile merely wanted to complete this task well so she could get what she was promised, and she went all out to pay ghostwriters and official business accounts to fill up the page. Not only that, she even reposted the story about Leanna being a sugar baby with her own embellishments, making the story sound as realistic as it could be.

Just when Leanna’s sugar baby scandal was gradually overpowering the forgery case, an employee from Lux Jewelry posted a tweet.

‘You people should have some sense as onlookers. Although I’m not too sure about the forgery case and neither am I going to comment on it, you guys are simply ridiculous toward the rumor about McK being a sugar baby. If you know who her ex-husband is, you’ll probably want to bite your own tongue off.’

‘You don’t have to do this and just call this a reverse PR as it is. Furthermore, who knew if the ex- husband she claimed really existed or not? Nobody would admit that they had been a mistress before.’

‘What? Why don’t you tell us who her ex-husband is? Will the name scare me out of my wits?’

‘That’s right. Didn’t someone mention before that she was a sugar baby of the Pearson Family? According to your reverse PR post, are you going to say that her ex-husband is the president of Pearson Group? What a joke! Who are you trying to kid?’

After the last comment, some business accounts made a screenshot and reposted it, implying in their caption that Leanna was delusional and wanted to

be a swan when she was in fact the ugly duckling, which generated another wave of ridicule from the netizens.

While the topic was at its peak, the official Twitter of Pearson Group commented on the thread posted by a user who was chiding Leanna the most. 'What's your problem?'

The second this comment was sent, the users who had been the most aggressive started to be collectively abusive again.

'Look how popular Leanna McKinney's name is. Even the Pearson Group has to stand out to clarify the situation.'

'Ha-ha. Leanna McKinney probably never guessed that she would have such an honor in her life. This is an epic case of getting framed. I wonder how the people at Pearson Group would laugh when they see all these.'

'Well done, admin! Don't leave any way out for shameless people like that. I think it won't take long for Leanna McKinney to be blacklisted in the industry now that she has offended the Pearson Group. She totally deserves it!'

Just when everyone thought that the official account had made the move to teach Leanna a lesson, the next comments by the account had everyone falling off their seats in shock.