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Love Change Of Heart Chapter 521-At the front doors of the Pearson Family Estate, no matter what the servants said or threatened, the group of people refused to budge.

In the end, Gordon was forced to appear before everyone with his walking stick, mad with fury. "What are you people trying to do?"

A journalist didn't hesitate to say, "Old Mr. Pearson, we heard that McK went missing after attending a cocktail party here. We would like to ask your opinion about this."

"You said that she disappeared after the party. What should I think about it? Should I send someone to protect her round the clock?" he bellowed angrily.

"Miss McK disappeared because she attended your party. Shouldn't the Pearson Family be responsible for this?" an executive from the Crossley Group demanded hotly.

"There were so many guests at the party. How am I supposed to be responsible for everyone?"

Then, another journalist asked sharply, "Earlier, we received a tip-off that Miss McKinney never left the Pearson Family Estate at all. They even said that the Pearsons staged her disappearance. What do you have to say to that, Old Mr. Pearson?"

Gordon huffed in derision, "What do I have to say? I say, get that person who said this here, and we'll talk about this face-to-face!"

After the last words left his lips, a few journalists started throwing questions at him. Soon, it became terribly noisy since they all spoke simultaneously.

Gordon's scowl deepened with every passing second as he berated them harshly, "Enough! If you want to look for her inside, I'll allow you in. But don't blame me for being rude when you can't find her!"

These people didn't answer to that, but they showed no signs of retreating either.

Just when both sides were at a stalemate, all of them seemed to receive news that Leanna had reappeared. Hence, they hastily left after saying their apologies.

Finally, peace returned to the place, and Gordon drew in a deep breath as he watched in the direction they left and slowly tightened his grip around his cane.

This matter was harder to deal with than he had imagined. He didn't expect that Leanna was no longer a humble, young girl that he could control in just one year.

Judging from the situation today, he reckoned that it would be almost impossible to use her to control Aidan in the future.

Back in the house, Sienna was on the couch in the living room with a stoic expression. Nonetheless, he ignored her temper as he approached her, taking a seat opposite her.

"I'm doing this for the big picture. This would tarnish our reputation if they actually barged in and found Leanna here."

She taunted, "Do the Pearsons still have any reputation left to tarnish?"

Gordon furrowed his brows as he became silent and said, after giving it a thought, "Haven't you been looking for Naomi all this while? Do you have news of her yet?"

"What? Are you looking for your old flame to reignite the dead sparks of your old romance?" she sneered.

"What nonsense are you talking about? Is there a point to saying something like this at our age?" he said in disgruntlement. When she ignored him, he added solemnly, "You've seen for yourself that Leanna is no longer the same person she was before, and we can't lay a finger on her. However, if we want to deal with Aidan, this is only the beginning. So, we have to find Naomi. With that bargaining chip in our hands, only then can we negotiate with him." After a short pause, he said, "It's far easier to control Naomi than Leanna. The most important thing now is to find out where she is."

"Do you think it's that easy to find her?" Sienna said indifferently.

“Didn’t you say that you already have a lead on her?”

“Hmph, that’s the fake lead that Aidan tossed at me.”

Previously, her men found out that Naomi was in Weavside, but when they rushed over there, they found out that she was long gone. After that, they searched a few more places but they were all bogus.

It was evident that Aidan was toying with them, and she suspected that Naomi was actually in Highside.

“Well, we have to find her as soon as possible because we can only ensure that everything is within our control once she’s in our hands,” Gordon intoned gravely.

Sienna rose to her feet and headed upstairs, clearly uninterested in continuing this discussion further. Meanwhile, unseen by anyone at the top of the staircase, Justin rolled his wheelchair and returned to his room.

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After Leanna called Oscar into the city, she sat and waited for him there. According to him, Aidan was now on the flight back to the country. Leanna’s heart, which was on tenterhooks, could finally be at

ease.

Soon, a car came to a stop in front of her. When the car door opened, the person who stepped out was Daniel, and he paced toward her. “Miss McKinney, are you alright?”

She nodded lightly. “I’m fine.”

He breathed a sigh of relief. “That’s good. What were they planning to do?”

“They staged my disappearance because they wanted to blackmail Aidan with me. As for Aidan’s situation, I’m still unsure about that.”

“He’s fine. Don’t worry,” Daniel said.

She nodded slowly when she suddenly recalled something and said, “How did you know that I’m here?”

“Oscar told me.”

“I see,” Leanna muttered. It seems like Aidan has been in contact with them all along.

Just then, Oscar arrived at the meeting point as well. “Let’s go. I’ll drop you home,” he offered.

She dusted herself as she rose to her feet and answered, “Okay.”

“Miss McKinney,” Daniel suddenly called out her name.

Leanna tilted her head around. “What’s the matter?”

Daniel grinned. “Nothing. Have a good rest at home.”

“Thanks.”

Leanna ambled her way to Oscar’s car. Yet, she couldn’t help but sense that there was something off. So, she turned to look at Daniel’s car, which was parked nearby.

The car windows were tinted, and nothing could be seen from the outside. After she stared for a few seconds, she looked away and climbed into Oscar’s vehicle.

“Bye,” Oscar bid Daniel farewell and hopped into his car.

After the black Bentley had rolled off for a while, Leanna said, “Please drop me off at the airport.”

“Are you going to meet Aidan?”

“Yeah,” she muttered softly.

“The flight from Lachstein takes more than ten hours. So, he wouldn’t be there even after you return home and take a nap.”

“I won’t be able to sleep even if I do go home,” she refuted.

Oscar hesitated momentarily before silently switching their course to the airport.

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After Daniel sat in his car, he said, "She's gone."

William lifted his hand and massaged the spot between his brows. "Well, we should get going, too," he said, his voice rife with unnamed emotions.

"Why don't you meet her yourself when you're so concerned about her?"

"What can I say when I meet her?"

"Actually, I think she already knows," Daniel carefully voiced his speculation.

A stunned William asked, "When did she find out?"

"I don't know. It's just a guess that I've never verified."

He frowned and didn't say anything for a while.

So, Daniel continued, "If you think that there's a problem with Louis, I can have a little chat with him."

After a few seconds, William finally answered, "I heard that after Jethro passed away, Aidan sent his DNA for tests."

"That's... correct."

"But the results are not out until now. Do you know why?"

Daniel didn't know what to say in response. Eventually, William explained, "This matter, whether for me, Leanna, or even Louis, is a taboo topic. It's better to pretend that it doesn't exist rather than uncovering this wound."

Love Change Of Heart Chapter 522-As Aidan was returning by helicopter, Oscar dropped Leanna off directly at the private hangar.

"You should return to whatever you're doing. I can wait for him here myself," Leanna said.

He gave her a nod in reply; he did have a lot on his plate at the moment. "Call me if you need anything," he said.

"Sure."

After he left, she silently leaned against the car window and watched the scenery outside.

After all the commotion in the night, dawn had started to show in the sky, and it wouldn't be long before the sun would rise.

Leanna stared at the sky dazedly and didn't know when she had fallen asleep. Still, she only realized she had fallen asleep when the vibration of her cell phone woke her up. She groggily rubbed her eyes before squinting at the screen, only to see that it was Louis calling her.

She cleared her throat and picked up the call. "What's up, Louis?"

"Where are you now?" he asked solemnly.

"I..."

She quickly swallowed the words that were about to tumble out of her mouth as she thought, If Louis is calling me so early in the day with this tone, it shows that he probably already knew about what happened last night.

"I'm at the airport waiting for Aidan to return," she answered softly.

"Send me the location. I'm coming over," he said.

"It's okay," she replied. "I'm fine. You should just attend your classes."

Louis frowned. "It's such a big deal. How could you be fine?"

After Leanna left the Pearson Family Estate, she didn't check her phone besides giving Oscar a call. So, she had no clue that her disappearance had caused a considerable uproar.

Nevertheless, she chuckled and answered, "I'm fine, really. Otherwise, how could I answer your call? The Pearsons are merely bluffing. They didn't even dare to lay a single finger on me."

Louis pursed his lips without saying a word.

"Alright, just attend your classes. I'll look for you at your school in a few days."

"No," he said. "I'm going to the apartment in the evening."

“Oh, that’s okay, too. I’ll be back tonight as well.”

After they ended the call, she scrolled through her phone and saw that Zoe had called her twice and sent her a barrage of texts.

Maybe she missed them because she slept too soundly.

When she noticed that her phone battery was running low, she decided calls but sent her a text to inform her that she was safe and sound.

Then, she opened her browser using her remaining battery power and quickly scrolled through the relevant topics.

There were a few headlines regarding her disappearance after she attended the party, but there was also clarification after that, saying that it was just a careless misunderstanding.

Obviously, the Pearsons had intervened.

Since this matter wasn’t exposed with solid proof, nobody took it to heart; only the people close to her knew that this was not a misunderstanding.

And that was the reason behind Louis and Zoe calling her.

Before she could continue browsing, her phone died closed her eyes again.

A while later, someone knocked on the car window. She was jolted from her thoughts and quickly rolled the window down.

The person outside passed her a bag. “Miss McKinney, there’s food and drinks inside.”

“Thanks.” She took the bag from him and asked after a second, “What’s the time now?”

“9.30 AM.”

“When will Aidan be arriving?”

“He’s probably landing around 3.00 PM.”

She nodded in acknowledgment. “Please get me a power bank.”

“Okay. Please wait a moment, Miss McKinney.”

She placed the bag aside and got out of the car to stretch her body. When the man returned with a power bank, she thanked him and hopped into the driver’s seat.

I might as well make a trip to the Crossley Group rather than waste my time waiting here, she decided, connecting her cell phone to the power bank, and drove off after she informed the man of her plans.

At the Crossley Group, she had just entered the office when Raymond came in. “Are you okay, Miss McKinney?”

She slumped against her chair as she smiled softly. “Yeah, I’m alright. What’s the matter?”

“After news of your disappearance was released last night, Richard, me, and a few others went to the Pearson Family Estate, but Old Mr. Pearson claimed that you were not there. After that, we got wind that you were already home, so we left.”

When she recalled the ruckus last night, she inquired, “Were there a lot of people there last night?”

Raymond nodded in reply. “There were also a few journalists in attendance. Other than that... I don’t know who they were.”

“I got it. Thanks, it’s been hard on you guys,” she said apologetically.

Those are probably the people Daniel hired, she reckoned.

“No, this is nothing. I’m just glad you’re okay. I’m getting back to work,” he said.

“Okay.”

Leanna rubbed her temples after he left. Just as she was about to open her design draft, Freddie entered her office. “Oh, thank God. You’re alive and well! I was almost sent to the crematorium.” She stared at him in disbelief, mouth agape as he made himself comfortable in the seat across from her. “How did it go? Did you find any clues at the tiger’s den last night?”

Leanna snapped her lips shut before muttering in frustration, “They tricked me by using the fact that Justin was hurt. Of course, you guys probably already know about that, too, huh?”

He chuckled awkwardly before saying, “Sorry for our negligence. You wouldn’t be in danger otherwise.”

Nonetheless, Leanna shook her head and dismissed his words. “Actually, I wasn’t in danger during my forced stay there. They merely wanted to use me so they could make Aidan agree to their terms, but if I weren’t there, the one who would be in real danger would be Aidan.”

“What do you mean?”

“Justin told me that they had two plans. One was to use me to blackmail Aidan, and the other one, in case that failed, was... They would do anything to make Aidan stay in Lachstein forever.”

A frown appeared on his face. “Whose plan is this?”

“Justin said ‘they’, which probably means Old Mr. Pearson and Sienna,” she mused.

“When did Justin find out all these, then?”

“Not long ago, I reckon. He said that they only informed him about it after they had made the arrangements,” she replied. “The reason he helped them to keep me there was because of Aidan.”

A short moment of silence passed before Freddie finally said, “Yeah, if Justin knew their plan beforehand, he would definitely put a stop to it.”

“They should have planned this for a very long time. That’s why I was very worried about Aidan the entire time,” she said.

“Aidan went to Lachstein because of an unexpected situation, and we were caught unawares. If they already made all the preparations beforehand, it will be very troublesome indeed. But don’t worry, even

if they’ve made several contingency plans. It’s not easy for them to ensure that Aidan would stay in Lachstein for good.”

“I just want Aidan to be safe.” Leanna paused momentarily and continued, “Then... Is there any way to turn things around after Aidan has agreed to their terms?”

Freddie smirked. “Patience, young padawan. You’ll know once he returns.”

Love Change Of Heart Chapter 523-Leanna left Crossley Group around the afternoon and headed straight to the airport after she saw that it was almost time.

Unexpectedly, as soon as she got downstairs, she saw a man leaning on a Rolls-Royce not far away with a casual posture. His calm eyes were looking in her direction.

She was momentarily stupefied at the sight of him right before her. She didn’t even know what she was doing. By the time she had come to, she had instinctively run to him, thrown herself into his arms, and wrapped her arms tightly around his waist.

Even though everyone had been reassuring her that Aidan was safe since last night, the feeling of uneasiness and fear within her lingered like a fog around the cemetery.

She finally felt a connection to the real world as she held him in a tight embrace, feeling his warmth seeping through her skin.

Aidan also wrapped his arms around her. “You missed me, huh?” he asked with a mirthful yet low voice.

Leanna’s grip only got tighter upon hearing his lighthearted remark. “I almost lost you.” Her voice was somewhat choked up as she couldn’t control her emotions.

He soothed her as he gently patted her back, “I will always show up as long as you want to see me.”

“I... I was going to pick you up...” Even though her voice was muffled as she pressed her face against his chest, he could still hear its nasal quality.

“I arrived early. I knew you would be eager to see me, so I came looking for you the first thing after I left the airport.”

Leanna didn't argue with him, for she indeed yearned to see him. It got to the point that she wanted to see him as soon as he got off the plane.

Aidan ran his fingers through her hair and requested gently, "Seeing as how I'm only back after such a long time, can you do me a favor and get off work early this evening to spend some time with me?"

She immediately nodded. "Okay."

I have Freddie watching over the situation at Crossley Group for me, and I'm not in the mood to do anything right now, either. So, if I stay, I will only be wasting everyone's time, including my own.

He opened the car's side door and tilted his head for her to hop in. "Get in."

On their journey back, Leanna leaned on Aidan's shoulder, completely leaning against him as she gradually felt her frayed nerves receiving respite after such a harrowing time. It didn't take long for her to fall soundly asleep against him.

Aidan slightly tightened his hold around her and inaudibly breathed a sigh of relief. I would have gone insane if something had happened to her when I wasn't around.

Leanna slept very deeply. By the time she was blinking the rest of her sleep away from her eyes, she had discovered that she was already in the apartment's bedroom, and the sky outside was completely dark. Oh, there goes my sleeping schedule again, I suppose.

Meanwhile, he was lying next to her, and she could hear his steady breathing in the silent bedroom.

She carefully turned over and drank the sight of him quietly for a while before slowly closing the distance and kissing him. After that, she gently lifted the blanket and maneuvered her way out of the

bed.

Once she made sure to close the bedroom door with a silent click, she decided to make a she entered the kitchen and opened the refrigerator, she saw that there was no food.

Just then, she couldn't help but recall that Aidan hadn't been around these few days. So, she never bothered going to the supermarket to purchase any groceries. Instead, she would always make herself some simple meals that could be done within ten minutes tops.

Leanna checked the time and suddenly remembered that Louis had told her this come over in the evening. It's almost time, so Louis should be here soon.

Since she didn't want to go out, she simply sat on the couch and ordered a takeaway.

The doorbell rang about ten minutes later.

Louis was here.

Leanna opened the door and saw that Louis' clothes were soaked. Therefore, she gasped in worry, "Is it raining outside? Why are you drenched?"

"It's just a drizzle," replied Louis.

"Come in. Quickly now."

As she spoke, she turned around and went into the bathroom. Then, she grabbed a clean towel and handed it to him.

Louis took it and started wiping off the rainwater from his person while looking around the house. "Aidan isn't back yet?"

"He's sleeping," Leanna answered softly.

Louis went silent for a while before he switched topics, "What happened last night?"

"I-It was nothing."

She knew that Louis would be out of his mind with worry if she didn't explain things. So, she tried her best to remember every detail as she recounted the tale to him.

Once he understood what was going on, he furrowed his brows tightly.

During his stony silence, she went to pour him a glass of water. "Okay. Everything is over now, and I'm fine. So, don't worry."

“How about Aidan, then?” Louis asked.

Leanna paused for a moment before answering sheepishly, “I don’t know. I haven’t had time to ask him yet.”

As soon as she said that, Aidan came out of the bedroom. There was a somewhat displeased look in his still sleepy-looking eyes when he laid his gaze at Louis.

Aidan sat on the couch and drawled, “And what are you doing here?”

“Nothing,” Louis replied curtly.

Then, he dismissed Aidan entirely and turned his attention back to Leanna. “I’m glad that you’re fine. Well then, I shall take my leave first.”

“Louis, why don’t you join us for dinner? Isn’t it still raining outside?” Leanna suggested, feeling somewhat surprised at Louis’ oddly eager-to-leave attitude.

“Nah, thanks for the offer. I’ll just take a cab back.”

Leanna chased after him and passed him an umbrella she grabbed from the entrance. “Here, take this. You will catch a cold later if you get wet in the rain again.”

After he left, she closed the door, walked up to Aidan, and complained to him under her breath, “What are you doing? It’s not like Louis is here every day.”

Aidan leaned on the couch with his fingers resting on his temples. When he heard her complaint, he merely raised his eyebrows slightly and stretched out his hand to pull her into his arms. “Won’t he be third wheeling if he stays right now? Not bad. Louis is pretty good at taking hints.”

Leanna was rendered speechless by his brazen and shameless attitude.

As she made herself comfortable on Aidan’s lap, she couldn’t help but notice that his body temperature was rather high. Therefore, she reached out and touched his forehead before she went on to touch hers. “Did you catch a cold?”

“Kind of,” Aidan hummed in a low voice.

“Have you taken any fever medication?”

“No.”

Leanna wanted to get the flu medicine for him right then. Still, when she took into consideration that Aidan hadn't eaten anything yet, she figured it would be better for him to take his medicine after their dinner.

“Did they make things difficult for you last night?” Aidan asked.

She immediately shook her head and answered, “No. Justin... He only did so for the sake of protecting you...”

“I know. Freddie told me about it on the phone.”

So, Leanna asked, “Is there currently any way for us to fix this?”

“They will hold the Pearson Group's board of directors' meeting in two days,” Aidan said flatly.

“What are they trying to exploit from the board meeting this time?”

“Since they have obtained the share of Pearson Group from me, they will undoubtedly let everyone know about this. Therefore, holding a board meeting at this time is the best time for them. I speculate that Old Master Pearson is probably intending to give Justin those shares and officially bring him into Pearson Group by using those shares as a reason behind his appointment. This way, there won't be objections from others as long as I don't oppose the decision.”

Regardless of which aspect, Old Master Pearson proposing Justin take over my position now is undoubtedly the smartest move he has ever made over the years. I couldn't care less about the tactics Gordon and others used to obtain my shares.

However, if Justin truly were forced to take on that position, I would have shown my greatest respect for him and definitely wouldn't treat him ruthlessly as I did Gordon. It was also precisely because of this that Gordon and others had an opportunity that they could exploit to their advantage.

“Will you... oppose, then?” Leanna asked, probing for Aidan's opinion.

Aidan curled the corners of his lips into a smirk and said, "It's truly a stroke of genius. They know that I won't do anything to Justin, so they placed their entire bet on him.."

"But Justin is only their puppet. He's not interested in running Pearson Group. So, if he joins the company, that will just be Old Master Pearson wanting to do what he and others want under the guise of Justin's name."

Aidan wrapped his arms around her waist, rested his chin on her shoulder as he slowly parted his lips, and said, "They won't win."

Leanna was confused and didn't hesitate to voice her query. "What do you mean?"

"They would have to deliver that contract to Old Master Pearson by any means necessary. That is the only way they can use the contract to its full potential. But, then again, Lachstein is so far away. So, how is it possible for them to guarantee that they can deliver the document unscathed?"

Love Change Of Heart Chapter 524-Luckily, the food Leanna ordered was bland dishes. Once they were done eating, she took some medication and poured Aidan a cup of water before placing them before him. "Take some of this first. If your fever still doesn't subside tonight, we'll go to the hospital tomorrow."

He placed the pills in his mouth before picking up the cup and took a drink as his Adam's apple bobbed. Then, he assured her, "I'm fine. I'll feel better after resting for a few days."

She knew he did not have enough rest during the few days he was in Lachstein as he rode a helicopter back overnight. Even the healthiest person could not withstand such exhaustion.

"Have some rest. I'm going to take a shower," she said.

Grabbing her wrist, Aidan raised an eyebrow and asked, "How about together?"

That left Leanna speechless. She slapped his hand away and criticized, "You're already not feeling well. Can't you behave for once?" While saying that, she grabbed her clothes and went straight into the bathroom.

Judging by his change of clothes, he must've already taken a bath after coming home. Since he's such a neat freak, how could he have lied down in bed right after taking such a long helicopter ride?

After taking a bath, Leanna felt a lot of the fatigue she had accumulated these two days had dissipated. When she came out, Aidan was taking a call on the balcony.

Seeing that, she did not disturb him and went into the bedroom. The phone call lasted for half an hour.

When she saw his return, she asked, "Did something happen?"

"It's nothing. Just some unimportant, trivial things." He walked over to her and lay beside her. Then, he turned off the lights and pulled her into his embrace before whispering, "Let's sleep."

She had taken a long nap that afternoon and was no longer tired. While shutting her eyes, she felt more awake the longer she tried to sleep.

After tossing and turning a few times, Aidan asked, "Can't sleep?"

Leanna whispered, "Did I wake you up? Why don't I head outside..."

Just as she was about to get up, he wrapped his hand around her waist and stopped her. "No need for that. I can't sleep either."

Without waiting for him to continue, she urged, "Even if you can't sleep, you should close your eyes and take a rest. Clear your dirty thoughts."

He went silent for a moment before chuckling softly and whispering in her ear, "What dirty thoughts?"

However, Leanna ignored him and stayed silent, so he moved his palm under her clothes and placed it on her waist before asking in a husky voice, "Tell me—what was so dirty about my thoughts?"

Pinning Aidan's hand down, she explained, "Just... don't think about anything. You'll fall asleep once you close your eyes."

A few seconds later, his voice sounded in the dark. "Leanna."

"What do you want?"

“When I was missing, were you afraid you might never see me again?”

Recalling what she said at Crossley Group, she blushed and stammered, “Why are you bringing this up?”

Aidan replied, “No reason. I just want some confirmation.”

“Didn’t I already say that this afternoon?”

“I wanna hear it again.”

She was at a loss for words and whispered, “Why are you so sentimental while you’re sick?”

He asked, “Sentimental?”

“No, that’s not what I meant. It’s just that...” Leanna became serious. “Don’t ever get yourself into danger again. I’ll be worried sick.”

While hugging her, Aidan hummed a reply. Now that he had set the scene, he continued, “This counts as me coming back from the dead, so shouldn’t I get a reward?”

She was confused. What nonsense is he talking about?

His voice echoed again. “For example, when I made you unhappy or angry, you would immediately forgive me.”

“That depends on the situation.”

“What are those situations?”

“If you argued with me for no reason, I would’ve looked past it and forgiven you.”

Feeling unsatisfied, Aidan argued, “When have I ever been unreasonable?”

Leanna replied honestly, “Always.”

While sticking his tongue against his teeth, Aidan was silent for a moment before saying, “What about the other situations?”

Leanna rebuked, "What other situations do you have? Does cheating woman, yet you're still worried I might be mad?"

"What? There's no such thing."

"Then, what are you implying?"

He closed his eyes. "Nothing. Let's sleep. I'm suddenly tired."

That left Leanna speechless. He has learned the essence of being perfunctory.

Since she still could not sleep, she tried to get out of his embrace to head outside and continue her designs. Yet, when she moved, he held onto her tighter. "Didn't you say you'd fall asleep after closing your eyes?"

"I lied."

He did not know how to respond.

After a while, she called out to him. "Aidan, are you asleep?"

"No."

Lightly pursing her lips, she said, "William looked for me last night."

"Did you see him?"

"No. He stayed in his car," Leanna explained. "Also, he was the one who helped me during the Crossley Group's crisis."

"That's what he should've done. You don't need to feel like you owe him anything."

She sighed. "Although you're right, I—"

Knowing what she was thinking, Aidan reasoned, "That wasn't your choice. It was his. In other words, that was the best solution at that moment."

She understood that fact and could only let it be.

If she wanted to protect Louis, she would have to act like she was clueless—even if that person was her biological father.

Leanna did not know when she fell asleep, but Aidan was no longer lying beside her when she awoke.

While rubbing her eyes, she made her way to the living room, where she saw him sitting before a computer working.

Still drowsy, she went over to him and almost entirely relied on her instincts to feel his forehead before sighing in relief. "That's good. You're not running a fever anymore."

Aidan smiled and grabbed her hand. "I told you I'd be fine."

While Leanna stood there, she sobered up a little. "Aren't you going to the company today?"

"No. I'm staying with you today."

She went quiet for a while. "I'm very busy."

Since there was not much to do at Crossley Group, she could take this chance to head back to her studio and check up on Zoe.

Aidan asked, "I know you're busy, but can't you spare some time at night for me?"

Smiling, she teased, "I'll think about it."

He replied, "Are you going to the studio?"

She nodded in response. "What about you? Are you going to stay at home?"

"I'm going to visit the Pearsons."

Hearing that, Leanna was surprised. "What for?"

He explained, "You disappeared at the Pearsons. How can I not go there and demand an explanation?"

"But—"

"Don't worry. It's just a visit. I'll pick you up tonight."

However, Leanna knew it would not be as innocent as a visit. There had to be something else.

She nodded. "Okay." Then, she added, "I'll wash up now. Be careful when you head to the Pearsons, and you better not confront them head-on."

Now that Gordon had thoughts about killing him, Aidan would not be safe if he went to the Pearson Family Estate alone.

Love Change Of Heart Chapter 525-When Leanna arrived at the studio, Zoe was standing at the entrance with an ashen face, seeming like she was about to puke.

Leanna went over and gently patted her back. "Zoe, are you alright?"

Turning to look at Leanna, Zoe replied breathlessly, "Nana, you came. I'm fine. I'm already used to it."

"Let's head inside."

After entering the studio, Leanna poured Zoe a cup of water and asked, "Have you been throwing up a lot these days?"

While Zoe was plopping onto the table, she nodded lightly. "I can't seem to keep food down either. I would throw up after eating." After saying that, she heaved a long sigh. "I finally know how you felt when you were pregnant. This is torturing. I don't want to have any children after this."

Chuckling, Leanna sat opposite her. "It's only difficult during the beginning of your pregnancy. Once your belly starts to grow, your experience will become more astonishing."

Zoe picked up the cup and drank a few sips. "Forget it. I'll never feel anything astonishing about this. My only wish is to get past these six months as quickly as possible. The sooner this ends, the better."

Leanna hesitated for a while before asking, "Have you... told Daniel?"

"Of course, but he says he needs to think about it. Maybe he's too shaken up by this." Zoe continued, "You know. Men don't like to be straightforward. We're all adults, so I know what he means by that. Once the six months are up, this matter will come to an end."

Hearing that, Leanna lightly pursed her lips and did not make any comments. It was a matter between Daniel and Zoe, and she did not know the whole story. It would be better to wait until the last moment before finding out what would happen next.

“Let’s not talk about this anymore.” Zoe asked, “Did you come to the studio cos there’s nothing to do at Crossley Group?”

Nodding, Leanna replied, “The project has been officially launched, and things are currently going smoothly, but I don’t understand much about business matters, so Freddie is helping me.”

When Zoe heard Freddie’s name, she recalled her memory of him. “Is he the unreliable-looking dandy we met at the bar last time?”

Leanna laughed. “Yes, that’s him.”

Zoe sighed. “So, it’s true. Those who look unreliable are excellent people. But I’m different from them because not only do I look unreliable, but I am also unreliable.”

Knowing that pregnant women were more sentimental, Leanna patted Zoe’s head. “What would you like to eat for lunch? It’s on me.”

“Aren’t you going to have lunch with President Pearson?”

“He’s only coming tonight.”

While rubbing her hands together, Zoe joked. “I won’t go lightly on you. Since I haven’t had much of an appetite these days, I must stimulate it by eating a good meal today.”

“Sure.”

Meanwhile, in the Pearson Family Estate, Gordon grimly waved his hand when he received news about Aidan’s return, indicating for the servant to leave. Then, he sat in his study for a few minutes before heading out with his cane.

In the living room, Aidan was sitting on the couch with an emotionless face.

Gordon walked over and sat opposite him before asking, “Don’t you hate this family? Why did you come back?”

Without any changes in his expression, Aidan uttered slowly, "You went through so much effort to invite Leanna over. I thought you must miss me, so I came over uninvited."

Hearing that, Gordon frowned as his expression turned gloomy. "Does that mean without Leanna, you will never come back to this house?"

"That's not entirely true. If you suddenly pass someday, I'll come back to pay my respects."

Gordon was instantly infuriated and bashed his cane on the ground. "How dare you speak such nonsense!"

Aidan retorted, "You're already so old—almost halfway inside your coffin. How can you still not understand that nature has its course? It's time you accept it."

"I think you're hoping that I die early!"

"Aren't you wishing I were dead too?"

Just like that, Aidan easily peeled off the thin layer of disguise between his and the Pearsons' relationship.

Gordon's face was as dark as coal, and he could not find the words to retort.

Meanwhile, Aidan's voice was laced with ice when he said, "I don't have any objections to what you're plotting against me. If you want to kill me, I am always ready to accept the challenge, but if you guys tried to harm Leanna, I don't mind dying together with all of you."

Once he said those words, the living room descended into dead silence.

A while later, Gordon softened his tone and rebuked, "How could you say that? Talking about death in every sentence. Things haven't gotten to that point yet. What's more, isn't she doing just fine?"

Aidan responded, "Yes, she's doing fine now, but if this happens again, I can't promise I wouldn't do anything."

Gordon reprimanded, "Aidan, when I let you take over Pearson Group, I told you to make it your priority, but now, you're saying such things because of a woman. Don't you think that's outrageous?"

“Because of a woman?” Aidan uttered flatly, “Isn’t it because you all know how much she means to me that you planned such a huge scheme to trick her over?”

Frowning, Gordon tried to avert the point. “What do you mean by tricking her over? The Pearson Family Estate’s entrance is right there. She walked in herself. Do you expect me to chase her out the door?”

Aidan scoffed before getting up. “I’ve said what I came to say. It’s up to you whether you take it.”

After Aidan left, Gordon sat on the couch and could not help but scold, “He’s a lunatic. A madman!”

At that moment, Sienna came down the stairs. “It’s not the first time he went berserk. Have you only realized this now?”

Gordon indeed did not expect Aidan to come over and bring that matter to light for Leanna.

The turn of events was beyond his expectations, which meant Leanna was more valuable than he thought. However, if he plotted any ideas against Leanna again, Aidan might truly go insane. Perhaps he might even fight to the death. If that happened, Gordon would not be able to get anything.

After a moment’s silence, he spoke up, “How is it going with Naomi? No clues still?”

Crossing her arms, Sienna answered, “No.”

He furrowed his eyebrows. “You have to pay more attention to this matter. It would be best if you can find her before the board of directors meeting. That way, we will have a token in our hands to deal with any unexpected situations.”

“What unexpected situations are there? Didn’t you say you have it all arranged?”

“Yes, I did, but…”

Something happened in Lachstein. They sent some people over, but they had yet to return. Even with the faxes and a copy, Gordon remained insecure without having the original documents in his hand.

He narrowed his eyes as he pondered whether the people he sent were his in the beginning. On top of that, Aidan had foiled several of his plans, so he was fearful something might happen.

Love Change Of Heart Chapter 526-When Aidan arrived at the garden, he heard a voice in the back. "Aidan."

Turning around, he saw a calm Justin in his wheelchair, quietly sitting not far from him. Aidan approached him and asked, "Did you hear everything?"

Justin nodded lightly. "Yes. You did nothing wrong. If it were me, I would've done the same as well."

Aidan replied, "You could've stayed out of this."

With a resigned smile, Justin replied, "I can only say this isn't something I can control."

He was a member of the Pearson Family, and his mom had also played a part in hurting Leanna, so how could he stay out of it? Even if he knew there was no going back, he wanted to drag this secret for as long as possible.

Aidan sat on a long bench and watched the sun slowly rise in the distance. "If you're willing to leave, I can send you somewhere comfortable after this comes to an end."

"What about my mom?"

In a deep voice, Aidan stated, "She had her hand in it, so she has to pay the price."

Justin sighed silently. "Aidan, I know she had previously done a lot of things she can't make up for, and I feel sorry for Leanna, but what can I do? She's my mother, and she did all that for me. During these twenty-plus years, I could feel her despair and sorrow, but with my condition, I can't even perform the most basic filial piety."

After withdrawing his gaze, Aidan promised, "I won't do anything to her. I just want her to get punished for what she did."

"If possible, I hope I can take on the punishment in her place, no matter what it is."

Aidan did not respond while Justin was gazing somewhere, pondering about something. It took him a while before saying, "Aidan, you can go ahead and do what you've planned. There's no need to care for my feelings because if they fall, I'll also finally be free." He sounded relieved in those last words.

It was as if he had been waiting for this moment for the longest time.

Aidan glanced at Justin and frowned.

On the day he was brought back to the Pearsons twenty years ago, Gordon and Sienna got into a huge fight, and she went mad, screaming degrading words like b*stard, filthy, douchebag, and others.

Helplessness was evident in Gordon's tone. Had that accident not happened and the Pearson Group needed an heir, he would not have cared about his illegitimate son, even if he died.

Back then, Aidan stood at the door and watched them argue.

Justin came over in his wheelchair and held Aidan's hand before greeting him, "You must be Aidan, right? I'm Justin, your older brother."

Aidan turned to look at Justin, his young face filled with disdain and hatred.

Back then, it seemed like Justin had just been discharged from the hospital and was not familiar with how a wheelchair worked, so he would frequently fall from his wheelchair and get bruises all over his body.

He smiled at Aidan with his bruise-filled face. "Don't just stand there. I'll bring you to your room."

Since then, every time Sienna came to make things hard for Aidan, Justin would shield before him. He would also send Aidan food in the middle of the night whenever Sienna forbade the servants from providing Aidan food. When Aidan went to school, Justin would secretly hide a bank card inside Aidan's

bag as he was worried Gordon might not have given Aidan enough pocket money.

It was not until Aidan took over Pearson Group and gradually showed his talents that Sienna stopped her actions.

Among the entire Pearson Family, only Justin thought of Aidan as a person, family, and younger brother.

Unfortunately, his mother was Sienna Zielinski.

Justin could not find a balance between the two sides, so he wanted to be free. Similarly, Aidan was missing that balance as well.

After who knew how long, Justin piped up, "How's Leanna? She must've been scared the other night."

"She's fine. She's not that timid."

Justin smiled. "When I saw her, I thought she seemed better than before. It seems like you've taken very good care of her, which is what you should've done earlier."

Aidan raised his eyebrows. "You said a long time ago that I like her."

"When it comes to things like that, the bystanders see the picture better than the ones involved."

While looking at Justin, Aidan concurred, "That's how it is. Those stuck in the problem find it hard to find a solution, but there are plenty of solutions to crack a problem, so it's still not the time for that."

The smile on Justin's face froze. "Aidan..."

"Death is never a solution. It's just an escape."

Justin lowered his head and did not comment on that.

Then, Aidan got up. "I'm leaving."

Nodding, Justin bade him goodbye. "Drive safely."

He watched Aidan leave with both hands on his senseless knees for a long time before gazing away. He's right. Death is never a solution but an excuse for the weak and useless.

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Leanna accompanied Zoe out for lunch and dealt with some trivial matters at the studio. Once she was done, it was only about 4.00 PM.

There was still plenty of time before dinner.

Hence, Leanna decided to phone Aidan, who did not pick up. This can't be. If Aidan had gone to the Pearson Family Estate in the morning like he said he would, he would've been back long ago because there's no way he would've stayed for lunch.

Then, she called again but to no avail.

A bad feeling arose inside Leanna as she quickly packed her things and left her studio. Yet, when she saw the Rolls Royce parked beside the road, her anxious heart instantly calmed down. I was almost scared to death. I thought something might've happened to him while he was at the Pearsons.

Following that, she approached the Rolls Royce and stood before Aidan.

There was a cigarette between his lips, and his eyes were staring aimlessly in front. He seemed to be thinking about something so intently that he did not even notice Leanna.

She had never seen him dazing off like this before. Waving her hand before his eyes, she asked tentatively, "Hey, handsome. Got your heart broken?"

Aidan did not know how to respond and turned to look at the person speaking to him. When he saw it was Leanna, he removed his cigarette and asked in a husky voice, "Are you done?"

She hummed in response. "I finished a while ago and called you, but you didn't pick up."

Instinctively reaching for his phone, he apologized. "I'm sorry. I had it on silent, so I didn't hear you call."

While leaning against the car's window, Leanna stared into his jet-black eyes. "What's the matter? Are you feeling down?"

Aidan tugged his lips into a smile. "No, I'm fine."

"It's written all over your face, yet you say you're fine." Her gaze lowered onto the ashtray inside the car, and she frowned. "How many have you smoked?"

"Not many," he replied.

"Be truthful. I'm not blind, you know." She pulled the door open and ordered, "Get out. We'll take my car. Yours reek with smoke."

As such, Aidan descended the car and pulled her into his embrace after closing the door.

Before Leanna could speak, he hushed. "Don't move. Let's just stay like this for a while."

Placing her hands on his waist, she could speculate why he was acting this way. "Did you meet Justin?"

Love Change Of Heart Chapter 527-Aidan grunted, "Yeah, I did."

Leanna didn't say anything further. Seeing the gloomy look on his face, she figured something bad must have happened. She patted his back, comforting him silently. A long while later, she whispered, "Let's go. I'll make something for you. What would you like to eat?"

He cheekily asked, "You'd make anything?"

I knew I shouldn't have comforted him. She pulled her hand back. "Time to go."

They got into the car, and Aidan looked at her. "I don't feel like going home."

Leanna started the engine and drove the car. "So, where would you like to go?"

"Where would you like to go?"

"Home. I want to sleep," she answered seriously.

“Well, that can be arranged.”

I don't like where this is going. She didn't bother to entertain him further.

A few moments later, he entered an address into the GPS. “I'd like to go to this place.”

She glanced at the screen and said, “Sure.”

The place they were heading was in the old area. Highside was a big place. Even though Leanna had been around for a long time, she couldn't recall ever setting foot in this area. It took her an hour just to get to the place Aidan had told her.

Eventually, she stopped the car and got out. Everywhere she looked, only dilapidated houses and broken walls stood. This was a desolate place abandoned by its people a long time ago. As if sealed by time, the city had forgotten of this place.

She wondered why Aidan led her here. He stopped beside her and stared ahead. “This was where I lived before I was taken back into the family.”

Leanna stared ahead in shock. “Really?”

“Yes.”

“So, why...” Did it become like this? She wasn't sure if she should ask this.

“A developer bought this place a few years ago, and everyone moved.”

“Was it you?”

Aidan looked at her and smiled. “No.”

“Huh?”

“The developer bought this place because he caught wind of the government's decision to develop this wing. But after the change of mayors, the project had been called off, and this became a no man's land.”

A while of silence later, Leanna whispered, “I can never understand this place only to abandon it in the end?”

Aidan patted her shoulder. "If the investment can't make any money, cutting your loss is always a good idea."

She thought he had a point. This was the old area, and the location of this place had been the worst in this area. If the government didn't help it out, these slums would have no future to speak of. Any investment would fail.

The sun was setting in the distance, and Leanna rested her head on Aidan's shoulder, staring at the houses before them.

The place held some resemblance with Underwood Lane. Houses were built near one another, and alleyways riddled the streets. It was a quiet place. Nobody would think this was part of Highside if they didn't know better. A while later, Leanna thought she should ask some questions, and she looked up at Aidan. "So, you and Ms. Fletcher lived here for a while?"

"Yes."

"Nobody else was with you?"

"No."

Ever since she saw Naomi, Leanna had a feeling she was different from most people. Naomi might look simple, but her air spoke of a sense of regality that not even Sienna could compare. A moment of silence later, Leanna asked, "Do you know about her family, then?"

"Never asked. Ever since I was born, this was where I lived," Aidan answered, not showing any trace of emotions.

Leanna still thought Naomi would never wreck anyone's home, and she had a feeling that these slums weren't Naomi's real home either. There must be something more to that story.

The sun had fully set, and dusk descended. Aidan said, "Let's go."

"Alright." Aidan took the wheels on the way back. It was a long journey, and traffic wasn't the best, so Leanna leaned on the seat and fell asleep. When she woke up, she realized Aidan wasn't driving them home. She moved her arms and neck around. Groggily, she asked, "So, where are we going?"

Softly, he said, "Home."

“Is that so? I don’t recall this road, though.”

A smile curled his lips. “This is the road that will lead us to our home.”

Aidan took a right turn, and Leanna realized they were heading to Castor Villa. Oh, right. He did say we’d move to Castor Villa once he’s back from Lachstein. I totally forgot about it. A few minutes later, they stopped before the villa, and Leanna got out of the car. She saw lights hanging around the garden. There were swings, vines, and a whole garden of flowers in the yard.

The place was designed according to her vision, and something else was included as well. It felt like home now. Castor Villa used to be a cold place, but now it wasn’t anymore. She turned around and met Aidan’s gaze.

Aidan cocked his eyebrow. “Let’s go in, shall we?” He held her hand and took her inside.

She could imagine what it looked like inside, but when she saw the real deal, she couldn’t help but feel amazed for a moment. It’s exactly what I had in mind, but comfier, warmer, and brighter. House plants decorated the inside, lending a sense of life to the house.

Smiling, Aidan led her upstairs and opened the door to the bedroom. Once the lights were turned on, Leanna smiled. Even this place looks like a home now. However, when she saw the nursery, all delight was snuffed out.

Noticing the look on her face, he asked, “What’s the matter?”

A while later, she looked at him. “I have something to tell you.”

“What is it?”

She pursed her lips, her eyelashes fluttering. There was a lump in her throat, and she couldn’t bring herself to speak even after several attempts.

Aidan stood before her, stroking her head. “What’s wrong, Honey?”

She hung her head low. Hoarsely, she said, “When I went for a checkup last time, the doctor told me I might never have a baby.”

“Is that all?”

She nodded. Leanna had gotten over the fact, but when she saw the nursery, she realized that Zoe was right. Aidan does want a child.

Right then, he pulled her into his arms. "I have something to say as well."

Love Change Of Heart Chapter 528-Leanna looked up at him, her eyes glistening, and tears hung from her eyelashes. She sniffled a little and whispered, "What is it?"

Aidan's heart melted at the sight of her. After staring at her for a short while, he snapped out of his reverie. He licked his lips and wiped her tears away. At first, he was going to tell her that the child was alive, but then he said, "If you want a baby, we can always adopt one."

Not the right time to tell her. She just forgave me. And now, we're finally moving in. If I tell her that the child is still alive and that I'd been lying to her, she'd probably leave with the kid and hide from me forever. Then, she'll never forgive me again.

Leanna stayed silent.

Aidan pinched her ear softly. "Don't cry. It's nothing. Besides, it's just a probability. I'll try even harder. What do you think?"

She muttered, "It's not something that can be resolved by one's effort alone."

"Well, why don't you work with me, then?"

She didn't know what kind of response she should give.

He chuckled and pulled her back into his embrace. "Don't think too much about it. Let's just go with the flow. If we can have a baby, we'll take it. It's fine if we can't."

She rested her head on his shoulder for a while before calling out to him, "Aidan."

"What?"

"Never mind. It's nothing."

Huh? Aidan was slightly confused at her response.

Leanna pushed him away. "It's getting late. We should go back now. We'll move our stuff here when we have time." With that, she went downstairs.

He followed her and asked, "Were you going to ask me something?"

"It's nothing."

"You're not telling?"

"You wouldn't want to hear it."

"And how would you know that?"

She stopped in her tracks and looked at him calmly. "You've been acting weird lately."

Aidan cocked his eyebrow at that. "How?"

"You said something weird last night. You told me that I should forgive you no matter what you did. And the tone you used just now when you told me you had something to say was different than usual—it sounded serious. I didn't want to think that you were going to say the very thing I was thinking, or I might go insane. I've made it clear, and I've given you a lot of chances to come clean. If everything was my paranoid acting up, then fine, I'm sorry. But if my suspicion had been right, I'd feel like a fool. A fool you've been playing with."

Aidan knew what she was thinking, but he was unfazed. He gently held her hand and led her downstairs. "If you want to know what real play looks like, I'll teach you. Once we get home, that is."

Speechless, Leanna gritted her teeth. "Not the time to joke around." He something pervy again. Before they left, she looked back at the house, seemingly reluctant to leave.

Aidan plopped into the driver's seat. "I'll get my men to move our stuff here tomorrow. You can come here whenever you like."

She looked away for a moment. "Maybe sometime later. The condo's closer to Crossley Group and just about everywhere else. It's easier to go around."

A moment of silence later, he said, "Sure." As long as she's willing to move back here.

Once they were home, Leanna entered the kitchen and made two bowls of ramen with whatever she had in the fridge.

Aidan was leaning on the wall outside the kitchen, staring at her in silence. Now, I really can't tell her that the child is alive.

When Leanna came out of the kitchen with the ramen, he was nowhere to be found. Where is he? A moment later, she heard sounds coming from the bathroom. He could've taken the shower when we came back. Why now?

She sat down and scrolled through the photos of designs on her phone. Some of them she had already sent to Lewis, and he said they were good to go for the fashion show. However, she needed more items to make the show presentable. I need more time. Fortunately, I have a few more months. I just wish nothing else happens during then, but it's impossible.

Crossley Group alone would be hard to handle. Aside from a few of the top management she rehired, Jimmy's men had been trying to trip her up as hard as they could. Fortunately, she had Richard and his men on her side. She kept an eye on them, and they performed excellently, not to mention they were decent men. I can delegate some of the more important work to them.

However, there was something else she had to worry about—Raymond.

When Maya first introduced Raymond to her, she didn't like how he was staring at her. However, aside from that, he didn't overstep his boundaries. Back when she ran into him at the mall, he was nice to her, too.

Though, she had no idea whose side he was on. At first, he and Jimmy met her at her workshop. She thought he was working for Jimmy, but after she returned to Crossley Group, he had been helping her with many problems. Some of the hurdles Jimmy had set for her were settled, thanks to Raymond. He even managed to stay away from the disaster that befell the top management back then. He's smart and related to Jimmy somehow. I can use him, but I can't trust him.

Just then, Aidan broke her train of thought. "What's on your mind?"

Leanna tucked her phone away. "Nothing. You should eat. It's getting soggy."

He took the seat beside her. "So, will you head to Crossley Group tomorrow?"

She nodded in affirmative. “Yeah.”

“Tell me if Freddie’s slacking off.”

She smiled. “He’s not. He’s been helping out the company. All I have to do is sign the papers. A lot of the documents go over my head. If it weren’t for him, I couldn’t have gotten this far. I should thank him.”

“No need. It’s his job.”

“I know you guys are friends, but—”

Aidan gently interrupted, “I paid for his services.”

Freddie charged a high price even for ten minutes worth of consultation. And now, he’s working at Crossley Group all day. He must be charging a crazy price. “Send the bill to me. I’ll pay you. He is Crossley’s legal consultant. The bill should be on me.”

Aidan quoted the bill, and Leanna immediately changed her mind. Quickly, she said, “I think you might need a bit more food to go with the ramen. Care for an extra egg?”

Love Change Of Heart Chapter 529-Two days later, it was the Pearson Group’s board of directors meeting.

Jonathan entered the president’s office. “President Pearson, Mr. Justin and Old Mr. Pearson have arrived.”

Aidan was seated behind his desk. He grunted and tapped the surface of his desk lightly, seemingly deep in thought.

Jonathan continued, “And I’ve told those at the airport what to do. Everything is done.”

A few minutes later, Aidan stood up. “Let’s go.”

Gordon took up the main seat in the conference hall. Sitting beside him was the calm, wheelchair-bound Justin. On his right was an empty seat belonging to Aidan. Everyone else was present and accounted for.

The moment Aidan came in, Gordon said, “Everyone’s here. Let’s move on to our main agenda.” Aidan took his seat, and the old man continued, “As you all

know, Aidan is not my only son. Justin had to take a break due to his health, but now that he's almost fully healed, he should come out for a bit."

"I know Aidan has handled the company well, but it's a big corporation, and he can't handle everything. As his brother, Justin is also the legal heir to this company. He, too, should help out." Gordon paused for a moment after that to let his words sink in among the board of directors. Then, he carried on, "And so, Justin shall be working with the company from now on. As a general manager."

The board of directors broke into a discussion. Gordon was just a chairman by name. He couldn't decide most of the company's matters, and he barely had any shares at all.

Nobody would complain if he gave Justin a minor position, but the general manager was a powerful spot. It was second to Aidan's position, in fact. In other words, the company would undergo a lot of change. Gordon would take back control. Will President Pearson agree to it? Everyone was discussing the matter, but Aidan remained silent.

Gordon raised his hand. "Silence, everyone."

Everyone fell silent, and the old man continued, "I know it's hard to accept this sudden change, but Justin now owns forty percent of the company's shares. He is capable enough to be the general manager."

The board of directors shot Aidan a look of surprise.

They couldn't believe Justin had forty percent of the company's shares. Before this, Aidan held eighty- five percent of the total shares and had total control of the company. What happened?

Knowing that the board of directors wouldn't believe him easily, Gordon raised his hand, and his assistant turned the projector on. The screen should have shown the contract John had sent him two days ago, but all they saw was a blurry image. Sternly, the old man asked, "What's going on?"

"But it was fine before this. I made sure of it," the assistant said.

Slowly, Aidan interjected, "Sorry, but the machine

Gordon shot him a look.

The assistant said, "I'll call someone to fix it, sir."

Gordon stopped his assistant. With a frown on his face, he asked, "Is he still not here?" Without the document, the fax is useless. If Aidan insists that it's fake, I can't do anything about it.

The assistant whispered, "He's already disembarked, but something happened..."

"What?!"

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Meanwhile, John was detained by the customs charges of possessing contraband. They wanted him to go with them.

"Can I make a call, then?"

The officer shot him a look that said, Isn't it obvious?

John handed his phone and worked with the officer, holding the document. I can't believe this. Ever since I got on Aidan's bad side, it's been bad luck after bad luck. I made the mafia angry back in Lachstein for some reason. And just when I finally thought I could escape them, this happened.

He knew Aidan was behind this whole thing, but he couldn't understand how he could make the arrangements so quickly. As far as he was concerned, Aidan had no allies in Lachstein. He could barely keep an eye on the city, which was why they met up in Lachstein back then. However, that almost cost John his life.

Oscar was outside the airport, texting Jonathan, 'Mission's accomplished.'

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Once Jonathan got the message, he whispered something to Aidan.

"I see," said Aidan.

Gordon looked at Aidan, his face black as thunder. It's him. He thought Aidan would at least hold back if Justin came with him, but things were getting out of hand. If he couldn't get the document, then everything he did would have been for naught.

However, he had a backup plan. If worse came to worst, he could still use the fax to convince everyone he had control of the company. He was just worried Aidan might deny it.

Though, before the old man could say anything, Aidan announced, “I signed the papers. The contract is legally binding.” With that, he left the conference room.

Everyone was shocked, including the old man. He didn’t expect Aidan to admit the truth so suddenly. At the very least, he thought Aidan would put up a fight.

Justin, who had been quiet all this time, frowned and followed Aidan out.

Aidan had just entered his office when someone called out to him, “Aidan.”

Jonathan quietly backed out of the office and closed the door.

A moment of silence later, Justin said, “You shouldn’t have done that.”

Aidan took a seat on the couch. “The company’s yours to begin with. If you want it, I can give it to you.”

“You know I’m not the one who wants this company.”

“Doesn’t matter. You’d still feel conflicted, anyway. So, let’s just get everything out of the way.”

“But Aidan—”

Aidan interjected, “I won’t regret the choice I made. Even if I were to give him half of my shares, I could still take it back someday.”

Justin didn’t know what to say, and all he could do was sigh.

Love Change Of Heart Chapter 530-Leanna was at Crossley Group. When Raymond told her of the thing that happened in Pearson Group, she stayed silent for a moment. Then, she told Raymond to leave her. In all honesty, she wasn’t surprised about the results.

Freddie clicked his tongue and leaned on the couch. “Guess he’s not as cold-blooded as everyone claims him to be.”

So, they expected this as well. Leanna stayed silent for a moment before she asked, "Is he going to be in trouble? I mean, work is going to be a lot more hostile from now on."

"Nah. Back when he was handed the company, the old git had eyes and ears all over the place. He was kept under tight surveillance, but the guy still got rid of those pesky insects. If he could build up his empire from zero and take control of the company, he could do anything. Besides, he's in a better situation than he used to."

She heaved a sigh when she heard that. I don't know what to say.

A while later, Freddie added, "But..."

"But what?" She looked at him.

He cocked his eyebrow as he continued, "It's nothing. Anyway, I've done my work for the day. I've got to go to the firm now. Call me if you need anything."

Leanna nodded. "Okay."

Freddie made his way to Pearson Group. He made a beeline for Aidan's office, and Oscar was there as well. "So, what are you guys talking about? Too late for regrets, don't you think?"

Oscar said, "Found out who John is. He's just a Dellshore local. No criminal records or anything. Nothing special. He hasn't been back home for ten years. I can't figure out how Old Mr. Pearson contacted him."

"Probably through Sienna," Aidan guessed.

Freddie piped in, "Who is Sienna's helper, anyway? Still have no idea?"

Oscar answered, "They've been hiding well. Sienna probably doesn't know who they are, either. Probably only helps them because they're in a partnership."

"What should we do now?"

They looked at Aidan, and he looked back at them. "Don't look at me. The plan remains unchanged."

Oscar said, "You won't go after Sienna, will you? He is Justin's mother, after all."

Aidan leaned on his couch and said in a nonchalant tone, "They're two different people."

"I wonder if Justin thinks that way."

A long silence ensued, and Aidan said, "It's different."

"How so?" asked Freddie.

"The company belongs to him. I don't mind giving him everything I have."
Aidan then added coldly, "But Sienna's different. She almost killed Leanna."

Freddie said, "If Justin thinks that way, then all will be well. But if he doesn't, then we have a problem."

Oscar sighed. "Justin has had a harder life than all of us. He's a reasonable man, but no matter how reasonable he is, Sienna is still his mother. You can't expect him to give you a free pass just like that."

Justin was a kind soul, but he could be fearsome if provoked.

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Since she promised to go shopping with Zoe, Leanna texted Aidan about it after she got off work. She then headed for the workshop. The BOD meeting just ended. He probably has something to do. Maybe he'd still be at work even after I'm done shopping. Halfway through, Daphne called. She just finished her roadshow and was back in town.

"Cool. Zoe and I are going shopping. Want to come along?"

"Sure. Where are you at?"

Leanna hung up and sent her the address. However, when the ladies met, they kept sighing since each of them had something on their minds.

They were in a coffee shop. Zoe bit her straw, complaining, "I can't believe it. It's a gathering, girls. Lighten up, alright? Besides, I bet none of your problems are worse than mine."

Daphne had no idea what had happened to Zoe. She looked at her friend, asking, "What happened?"

Zoe said calmly, "Nothing much. Had a one-night stand and got knocked up."

What in the world?! The shock on Daphne's face was unmistakable. "Who's the father?"

The corners of Zoe's lips twitched slightly. She was reluctant to answer.

I think I know who it is now. "It's Daniel, isn't it?" Daphne took a guess.

Zoe choked on her juice. She coughed a bit and stayed silent, but that was an answer in and of itself.

"So, what now?" asked Daphne.

"The doctor said it's not the time for the surgery yet. I was told to wait, but it won't be long now. A few more days, and it should be A-OK."

"Does Daniel know?"

"I told him. He said he'd consider the matter. I know what he was trying to say, though."

Daphne had nothing to say to that. She stayed silent for a few moments before she looked at Leanna, who was spacing out. "What about her?" She nudged Zoe with her elbow. "What happened?"

"Oh, you just came back. You haven't gone to your company yet, huh?" whispered Zoe.

"I rarely go to the company unless it involves important contract matters."

"I expected as much. Things have changed a lot."

Zoe told her the gist of the matter, but what surprised Daphne the most was the existence of Justin. "President Pearson has a brother?"

Zoe nodded. "I've seen him twice. It's a pity he's wheelchair-bound."

A long while later, Leanna finally snapped out of her reverie. "So, what were you two talking about?"

She wasn't listening at all. Daphne wanted to roll her eyes.

She missed all that even though we were holding the conversation right in front of her. Zoe let out a silent sigh.

Leanna didn't think it was too much of a problem that Justin was working at Pearson Group, nor was his ownership of forty percent of the company shares. However, after this event, she could see that the

feud between Aidan and the Pearsons was finally surfacing.

And now, the center of that feud was the company. She used to think Justin could stay out of the matter, but now, he was in the eye of the storm.

Sienna was her nemesis, but she owed Justin a lot, and Aidan shared a bond with him. Even though Justin was only dragged into this mess by force, he would still be affected, no matter what Aidan would do. And to make things worse, Sienna was his mother. Leanna could never let go of her hatred, no matter what. Yet, the time for her to make a choice was inching closer. And when the moment came, none of them would come out unscathed.