

Chapter 95 A Stormy Divorce

Michaela had no idea of the uproar concerning her family. The following morning, someone called her into the conference room immediately after she reached the foundation.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss Michaela's "A Helping Hand" project. Since the sponsor company suddenly changed its person in charge, they were having this meeting to meet him.

As Michaela was working on this project, she needed to meet the new person in charge and maintain close communication with the sponsor company.

However, Michaela did not expect to see Liam, the man she met while accompanying Lorelei on a blind date previously.

Unlike during the blind date when he wore a casual white shirt and jeans, Liam was dressed formally this time and wore a navy suit. It made him seem invigorated and professional.

Furthermore, Michaela had found out during the meeting that Liam was the heir to Horace Group.

She found it unbelievable and could not understand why a pampered and wealthy heir like Liam would work on a small project with no profit.

Although she was puzzled, she chose not to dwell on it.

Previously, Michaela heard from Lorelei that Jayden was a scumbag. Since Liam was good friends with Jayden, Michaela naturally did not have a good impression of the man.

After introducing themselves, Michaela obtained contact details from Liam. They then discussed the implementation of the project before ending the meeting.

Michaela cleared her things and was about to follow the others out of the conference room when someone called out behind her. "Ms. Lingard, please wait a moment!"

She paused in her steps and turned around as Liam approached her with his assistant.

Although Michaela was confused, she remained calm and collected as she greeted, "Yes, Mr. Yale?"

"Ms. Lingard, please allow me to apologize to your good friend about what happened during the blind date on behalf of Jayden," Liam said.

He's apologizing on behalf of Jayden? Who does he think he is?

Michaela grumbled in her mind but continued to appear calm as she smiled and replied, "Sure, I will relay your apology to her."

Based on his experience, Liam expected Michaela to exchange pleasantries with him. He did not expect her to leave it at that.

He was stunned, but he responded quickly. He did not hesitate to throw his friend under the bus as he said, "Jayden is a playboy, but he is not a bad person. I've tried to advise him before, but I guess he didn't really take what I said to heart. I apologize that you had to witness something embarrassing that night."

"Don't worry about it." Michaela shook her head. Having no desire to continue with the conversation, she said, "Mr. Yale, I'm sure you're a busy man. So I won't delay you further."

"Ms. Lingard," Liam called out to stop her from leaving. He extended his hand and said, "I hope we will have a good collaboration."

"Of course." Michaela did not take his hand but replied with a polite smile. Then, she turned around and left immediately.

Liam watched as Michaela walked away. He did not look angry despite being refused a handshake publicly. Instead, he raised his brows and smiled cryptically.

He had called Lucille after leaving the restaurant that night.

Thus, he discovered the relationship between the Xander family and the Simmons family. Furthermore, Lucille had misled Liam and caused him to stop worrying.

Upon realizing that he had misunderstood, he put all his worries behind him and went to his father to ask to be in charge of the donation project, which his father approved promptly.

Figuring that the project had no profit, Liam's father thought it would be good for his son to get involved in charity work. Thus, it led to Liam appearing in the meeting that day.

Liam smiled devilishly in the face of Michaela's cold attitude.

Women always like to appear proud until one manages to woo them to bed. Then, they would turn submissive and let men have their way. Besides, with my experience, there is no way Michaela wouldn't fall for my charm.

After leaving Liam, Michaela did not return to the office straightaway but went to the restroom.

She had just walked in when she heard the conversation on the other side of the partition.

"Hey, did you read the article? It's no wonder that I haven't seen Mdm. Simmons for a long time. If that were to happen to me, I wouldn't be in the mood to go to work either."

"The article is trending right now. So it's impossible not to see it. Argh! Why is the universe so unfair? Mdm. Simmons is such a good person. Yet, that scoundrel still cheated on her with another woman. It makes me so angry just thinking about it!"

"To be honest, I saw Jacob getting a room with another woman long ago. Alas, there is no smoke without fire. I believe Mdm. Simmons knew about it for a long time but kept silent for the sake of reputation and maintaining peace."

"Poor Mdm. Simmons. She already had enough on her plate when Mr. Zack of the Xander family canceled his engagement with her daughter. And now, she had to deal with her marriage being in trouble. Furthermore, everyone in the city knows about it. What are she and her daughter going to do?"

"In my opinion, she must get a divorce. It's obvious that Jacob is using the public's opinion to pressure her. What a shameless man! Attempted adultery is still adultery, and no excuses are acceptable. One should never forgive that kind of man!"

Michaela heard their every word and wanted to leave the restroom. However, her legs felt stuck to the floor. She could not move them and could only stand rooted there, trembling all over.

For a moment, it felt like she had fallen into an icy cave. She shivered uncontrollably.

Then, she took out her phone to check the trending headlines and saw an article titled, Should A Man Be Forgiven For Attempted Cheating?

However, before Michaela could read the article, someone snatched her phone from her hand.

She looked up immediately and was stunned to see Hannah standing before her. Michaela's eyes welled up with tears. She tried her best to calm down but could not stop her voice from trembling. "Mom!"

Hannah did not say anything but pulled Michaela out of the restroom.

The article had caused quite an uproar on the internet. Naturally, Hannah immediately rushed to find Michaela when she saw the article. She arrived at the office and was relieved to hear that her daughter was in a meeting as soon as she arrived at work.

Initially, she planned to use the restroom and consider how she should break the matter to Michaela. However, Michaela still found out before she could say anything.

Hannah had considered the matter extensively while traveling to the office. If Michaela disagreed, Hannah would still maintain this broken marriage.

Unexpectedly, after Hannah closed the door, Michaela suddenly looked at her and said hoarsely, "Mom, I support you in divorcing Dad!"

Michaela had experienced a similar betrayal, so she could understand how her mother felt. It pained her to see her mother look worn down.

Besides, Michaela had always sensed her mother was unhappy all these years.

Her parents would quarrel all the time because her father was always away from home to attend social events. One day, their quarreling stopped, but from then on, they looked at each other with disdain and no longer desired to speak to each other.

Previously, Michaela thought there was a misunderstanding between her parents. However, she did not expect it was due to her father's infidelity.

What those women said in the restroom was not unfounded. Looking back at what happened in the past, it seems Mom knew about Dad's infidelity for a long time but deliberately avoided facing it. If I am not mistaken, Mom probably made this sacrifice for me. She wanted me to have a complete family. But what she didn't know was that rather than a complete family, I wish more for her to find happiness.

Hannah looked at Michaela and swallowed what she had prepared to say. It pained her to see the tears in her daughter's eyes. "Mich..."

"Mom, I'm all grown up now, so you don't have to sacrifice yourself for me. We can still live well without Dad. All I wish is that you'll allow me to remain by your side during such trying times, okay?" Michaela said.

"Okay." Hannah could not help but cry as she looked at Michaela forcing herself to smile.