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Chapter 291 Who's Bella?

The following morning when Larry arrived at Haling Villa, Vania, Hanson, and four babies had just awoken.

Larry was already aware of Hanson's injury. When he saw the thick gauze wrapped around his higher-up's hand, he inquired, "President Luke, is your hand okay now?"

Hearing that, Hanson didn't respond. Instead, he cast a cold glance at Larry and grunted angrily.

Larry immediately shut his mouth; he must have been dazed just now when he inquired about Hanson's injury in front of Vania.

Touching his nose in embarrassment, he quickly changed the subject. "President Luke and Ms. Greyson, I received a call from the police station this morning."

"According to the gang leader's explanation, a woman named Bella Godwin instructed them to wreck Haling Villa."

"I looked into Bella's personal profile before coming here, but I don't believe things are that simple."

When the lot of them heard the name Bella, their expressions changed and they appeared surprised.

They had a hazy idea of who caused the explosion last night, and they suspected Melanie Greyson.

Never in a million years did they think the culprit was Bella.

"Is it Bella Godwin, who was the ambassador of the Luke Corporation's audition advertisement back then?" Vania asked.

"Exactly." Larry nodded.

Vania's pretty brows wrinkled, and she was still a little skeptical as she asked, "Oh? Are you sure it's her?"

Larry responded truthfully, "Yes. As a result of this, I immediately checked Bella's itinerary and the people with whom she had recently communicated. I found nothing unusual, so I avoided dealing with it right away."

Vania nodded, indicating that understood.

The four babies beside her were also frowning tightly, contemplating the intricacies of the situation.

They had heard the name Bella Godwin before, but this was the first time their mother was involved with this woman.

"Does she harbor any ill will toward you, Mommy?" James inquired of Vania.

“We’ve only met a couple of times,” she admitted. Indeed, they had only met a few times. Except for the time Bella paid a quick visit to Vania’s workplace, they probably didn’t speak more than ten sentences to each other.

And after that, Bella didn’t take the initiative to find Vania, and the rest of their meetings were because of Hanson.

Could it be that Bella despised Vania because of Hanson, and thus exacted her vengeance?

Or was it because Hanson humiliated and disgraced Bella on the show yesterday that she decided to vent out her frustrations on Vania?

This, however, made no sense.

Vania’s expression had piqued her babies’ interest. When Jack noticed her thinking, he asked, “Do you recall anything, Mommy?”

“I just had some doubts,” she explained, shaking her head.

Upon hearing that, Jack paused for a moment before returning his gaze to Hanson, as if he had suddenly realized something. Sorting coldly, the child muttered, “Then, is this your emotional debt?”

“You guys have misunderstood me! I don’t even remember what she looks like,” Hanson said, fearful that his image would be tarnished in the four babies’ hearts. He was telling the truth. He might only recognize this woman named Bella if she appeared in front of him.

But now, he couldn’t remember what Bella looked like or what characteristics she possessed; after all, Hanson had never cared about this woman.

Chapter 292 Points Deduction

Jacob, on the other hand, snorted. “That means this woman likes you.”

His words struck a chord with his siblings and they all turned to face Hanson, waiting for his response.

Hanson looked at the eight pairs of eyes staring back at him and raised his hands, thereafter saying, “I only like your mommy.”

Even if other women had feelings for him, he would not spare them a look.

As he watched the battle of the four babies, Larry silently sighed for Hanson. President Luke, you must persevere!

“I’m not referring to you right now. I’m talking about the woman,” James said, crossing his arms. “Tell us whatever you know about her. We will deduct points if you do not comply.”

“Huh?” Hanson had no idea what the point deduction was.

“This is a new solution we came up with,” Jack patiently explained. “I was going to tell you today, but I’m going to tell you now.”

Hanson nodded, but he was complaining internally. Despite knowing their names, I have no idea what their ultimate goal is!

“We decided to start with 100 points, and deduct points based on your performance,” James explained.

“For example, if you fail to explain your relationship with Bella clearly, we will deduct points from your total score of 100.”

“Finally, we will evaluate you based on your score.”

Hearing this, Hanson buried his face in his hands. He didn’t expect these four little smarty-pants to devise a method of deducting points.

Surprisingly, he was in a good mood despite having to battle wits and courage with the babies every day.

He nodded and agreed with their idea before asking, “Is there any way I can gain extra points?”

“No, not yet. This method, however, can be tweaked based on your performance. As you mentioned, we can think about how to increase your points,” Jack answered truthfully.

Hanson gave a nod. It’s fine if they’re willing to consider it. Otherwise, my points will be reduced, and the right to explain will remain in their hands. I may very well soon receive zero points.

“How many points are taken away each time?”

“Of course, it depends on your performance. The number of points deducted varies depending on how well you do, and we will naturally identify it based on the actual situation,” James explained.

“Yes, it all depends on our level of satisfaction,” Jack said, nodding.

If this is what the third child, Jacob, came up with, Hanson might be able to have a say, but he couldn’t handle James and Jack.

At that point, the man felt utterly helpless; he couldn’t believe he would lose to five-year-old children.

When James noticed Hanson struggling with the issue of deducting points, the former added, “If there is a problem, we will explain it later. Don’t change the subject. Let’s get down to business and discuss what happened to you and Bella.”

Hanson was now itching to raise his hand and swear his loyalty. “Everything I said is correct. I’ve always been together with your mother. If you don’t believe me, ask your mommy.” Hanson turned to Vania for help at that point.

He had never been so humble as to have to swear he wasn’t lying.

God must have sent these four little kiddos to test him.

In his heart, Larry lit a small candle in memory of President Luke. Let us pay tribute to President Luke.

Chapter 293 Exposed on Twitter

“It’s true; Hanson has nothing to do with Bella,” Vania explained to her children.

After all, their few meetings ended on bad terms, so Bella couldn't get close to Hanson.

The four of them had complete faith in their mother. Therefore, they stopped questioning Hanson after their mother responded.

After that, Jack pondered for a moment before exclaiming, "Perhaps was she framing you?"

However, Hanson had already considered this while Larry had reported the situation. "How do you want to investigate?" he asked, looking at the four babies.

"We need to begin our investigation with Bella, by enticing the enemy into a trap," James said, his hand on his cheek.

If Melanie was the one behind all these, she must have been insane if she ordered people to throw firecrackers into the room. What if something like this happened again? Perhaps even more terrifying events would occur.

They had to know who the perpetrator was and bring her to light. They had let her go too many times before, so she couldn't be forgiven this time.

When Hanson understood James' thoughts, he patted the child on the shoulder and said, "We'll do as you said."

An hour later, Larry returned to Haling Villa and informed Hanson of his findings, "President Luke, we've thoroughly investigated it. The gangsters in the police station insisted that Bella was the perpetrator. Should we..."

Hanson's expression was icy. "Deal with it, Larry."

"Roger that."

Larry knew exactly how to deal with Bella.

He opened Twitter and posted a brief tweet.

And the tweet went, 'The artist Bella Godwin has been blacklisted by the Luke Corporation.'

A photo of the testimony obtained from the police station was attached below the tweet. The statement clearly explained how Bella bribed the gangsters and ordered them to smash, loot, and burn Vania's house.

After posting the news, Larry immediately got the Luke Corporation's official Twitter account to retweet his tweet.

The companies under the Luke Corporation retweeted it as well.

The Luke Corporation's influence was enormous, and it caused an uproar on Twitter in an instant.

'I'm furious because of Bella!'

'Did she destroy Vania's house? How could she?!'

'Does she have a vendetta against Vania? Please explain.'

'Could it be that Bella likes Hanson and became hateful as a result of unrequited love, which is why she targeted Vania?'

'At this point, she's downright evil! That is frightening.'

'She's been blacklisted? Wow, it appears that President Luke has a soft spot for Vania.'

The Luke Corporation issued a public statement regarding the contract termination of Bella. No one in the entertainment industry dared to stand up to the Luke Corporation at this point, which was why Bella's advertisements and scripts were all canceled one after the other.

At this point, if the companies insist on selecting Bella, it would mean defying the Luke Corporation.

There were no companies in Hillsworth that had the ability to fight against Luke Corporation. It would be equivalent to dooming themselves.

In addition to her firing by the company, many anti-fans took to Twitter to attack Bella.

Videos of her drinking with directors and investors at dinner parties had now gone viral.

There were a couple of videos. Although it was blurry, it could be clearly seen that Bella was hugging them.

In short, those were not typical dinner parties for an actress with directors.

Everyone took advantage of the opportunity to attack Bella. At this time, bloggers claiming to be members of the shooting crews also exposed her misdeeds on Twitter.

Chapter 294 Bella Is Oblivious

There was a tweet from an account named 'Crew Secrets' that wrote, 'Bella has been selling herself to get all of her roles, which is no secret in the entertainment industry. She's a well-known industry sl*t!'

Meanwhile, a tweet from 'I'm An Extra' went, 'She had no control over herself in the hotel; her screams were so loud that the entire floor could hear them every day. If you don't believe me, ask anyone in the crew. I had no idea she had such good stamina.'

Another tweet from 'Breaking News' stated that she was the initial winner on 'The Voice' because she slept with the director for three nights in a row. However, she was probably exhausted, which caused her to sing so poorly live.'

On the other hand, 'Tiny Employee' tweeted, 'It was reported that the Luke Corporation took the initiative to terminate her contract for unspecified reasons. However, Bella was able to keep the contract because she slept with one of the high-level executives.'

There were no impenetrable walls in the world and even if these things were extremely private, they would be leaked at some point.

Such news was especially common in the entertainment industry. When such breaking news circulated, netizens would be skeptical, resulting in heated debate.

Due to the various topics about Bella, her name had appeared on Twitter's trending searches and major news headlines.

At this point, Bella had no idea that the outside world had undergone earth-shattering changes.

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"Lev, this time you must make sure that I win the championship," Bella said delicately, her gaze sensual. Currently, she was sitting on the lap of 'The Voice's director, Director Levin.

"As long as you are obedient and sleep with me, I guarantee that the champion will be yours," the director replied as he patted her on the back and pinched her chin.

"Director, I will be obedient. I will do anything you ask me to," Bella exclaimed, working her charm even harder.

He was amused by her adaptability to the situation. "Haha! You're so sensible and obedient." His eyes were filled with greed and lust as he kissed Bella's face.

Bella was extremely disgusted, but she continued to show her charm without reservation.

At this very moment, Director Levin's phone rang, but he took a long time to answer it because he was out of breath.

He answered the phone with irritation, "What's the issue? Let me know quickly."

After listening to the person on the end of the phone, he suddenly turned pale with shock. He then pushed Bella away, his face covered in cold sweat.

"Are you serious?"

"What?" Director Levin exclaimed and shook his head, apparently receiving an affirmative response to his question.

When he looked at Bella, the greed on his face had vanished, leaving only a terrified expression.

He didn't even have time to straighten his clothes before leaving.

On the other hand, Bella had no idea what was going on, so she took a step forward and grabbed him. "Director, where are you going?" She continued to speak softly while twisting her body.

What would become of her championship title if he left like this?

Bella was still thinking about her champion title, and she had no idea she had lost her standing in the entertainment circle.

The director was irritated by her ostentatious appearance. "Keep your mouth shut! If you dare to expose our affairs, I will not let you off the hook!" he warned.

At that point, Bella became terrified. She had no idea why he said that, so she quickly promised, "I promise I won't say anything. What exactly happened, Director Levin? How can I assist you?"

She pretended to be more considerate as well, but the director slammed the door, shutting out Bella's hypocrisy. With that, he ran out of there.

Chapter 295 Hereward Broke the News to Bella

When the door abruptly closed and almost smashed her face, Bella hit it angrily. "Hmph." Her face had returned to normal, but not in a pleasing way.

What exactly was this old thing doing? Why did he leave so abruptly? Would her title as champion still be secure?

She felt something was off, so she immediately opened the hotel room door, but the director had long since vanished.

So, she could only return to her room, still thinking about what had happened; perhaps she should call Hereward and ask him to assist her in winning this championship.

At that precise moment, her phone rang, and it was Hereward who called.

Bella smiled smugly as she saw his name on the caller ID; his phone call arrived just as she was thinking about him.

She quickly calmed her emotions and answered, "Hereward, I miss you so much. I was about to call you, and you—"

Before Bella could finish speaking, she heard his furious voice over the phone, "Bella Godwin, are you looking for death? What in the world did you do?"

Hereward's roaring voice was about to tear her apart.

She was already dizzy from Director Levin's abrupt departure, and she was even more perplexed when Hereward yelled at her.

Since she didn't know what had happened, she was extremely worried but couldn't do anything except to give a polite laugh due to Hereward's identity. "Hereward, what are you talking about? Why are you being so mean? I'm terrified. Moreover, I wouldn't act arbitrarily without your instructions. I was just getting in touch with 'The Voice's director. If I win this competition, my worth will be greater than what I currently have."

Hereward was upset because of Bella's termination and her viral rumors on Twitter.

Hearing her arrogant voice made him even more enraged and dizzy. He wanted to choke her to death in order to avoid being associated with her. He clenched his teeth and threatened, "I see that you're not aware of what's happening. I told you a long time ago that if you implicated me in anything, I would never let you off the hook."

Learning that something terrible had happened, Bella instantly stopped smiling and asked uncomfortably, "What are you talking about, Hereward? How can I implicate you when I have always done as you have said?"

It must have been a spectacular event to enrage him. Whatever had happened, it could have been related to Director Levin's sudden departure.

"If you can't handle the rumors going around on the Internet, don't blame me for being rude," Hereward said in his refusal to listen to her explanation.

After he finished speaking, he hung up the phone. It wouldn't be a bad thing for her to be fired, but if Hanson were to conduct a thorough investigation, Hereward would find himself in serious trouble.

Bella's only purpose at this point was to help him clear his name. However, he now regretted his decision. Furthermore, she lacked self-awareness and dared to hopelessly covet Hanson. What wishful thinking.

On the other hand, Bella, who had been hung up on, unlocked her phone in panic.

She didn't even need to check the news. The moment she unlocked her phone, she saw more than a dozen advertisements with her name, Bella Godwin, as the protagonist.

She was stunned. How the hell did this happen? As a result of the stress, her body, especially her hands, began to tremble.

Chapter 296 Bella's Detention

When Bella eventually got around to checking Twitter, she saw that she was mentioned in almost half of the trending searches.

Almost all the tweets were about her being terminated, as well as her viral scandals.

Of course, more than 90% of those stories were true, with only a small percentage made up by netizens to bash her.

Bella took several steps back, her head shaking. She was fired just as her career in the entertainment industry was taking off. She stumbled and fell to the ground because she couldn't accept it.

Her eyes were watering, and the words on the phone were blurry.

How could such a thing happen? Why was she fired?

She couldn't accept both the sudden blow and the fact that she had been fired. "Ah..." she exclaimed, as if she had lost half of her soul, turning her into a different person.

Her eyes were empty, and tears streamed down her cheeks.

When she clicked into Luke Corporation's Twitter profile and saw the pictures, her entire person became extremely agitated.

How did this happen? She didn't order anyone to persecute Vania. Someone had to have set her up.

As this was the first time Bella had encountered such a problem, she couldn't remain calm. Furthermore, she had no one with whom she could discuss this, so she devoted her entire attention to Twitter.

She posted a tweet without thinking after seeing the frantic scolding on Twitter.

Bella Godwin: That's not me. All of this is fake news. I didn't do it.

Such a meaningless and empty explanation obviously had no effect.

'Where's the proof? Didn't you persecute Vania? Or does it have something to do with the crew?'

'I am a crew member, and everything you did is true. Why do you want to deny it?'

'Why is she not arrested for endangering public safety?'

None of the netizens believed her. Bella, who was clutching her phone, was desperately trying to explain everything.

At that moment, the locked hotel door was suddenly unlocked, which startled her.

"No, it's not me. It's really not me. You can't arrest me," Bella begged as she saw the approaching visitors, shaking her head and hiding behind the bed.

"Come with us," said the policeman, holding an arrest warrant.

"No... It's not me."

Regardless of how loudly Bella screamed, her fate of being taken away was unavoidable.

She continued to scream as she was dragged away, but even if she broke her throat, no one would pay attention to her.

When they arrived at the police station, the chief of police interrogated her. She eventually confessed to everything about the gangsters.

However, the police lacked sufficient evidence to make the next decision.

Since the police chief was powerless, he was forced to hold Bella in custody in accordance with the regulations.

He then informed Larry about the entire situation at the police station in the hopes of receiving instructions from Hanson. After all, Vania and Hanson were involved in this situation.

The police chief was afraid of being blamed if he didn't handle it well. Fortunately, Larry responded quickly, and everything could be handled according to normal procedures, which relieved him.

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Melanie had been paying attention to Bella's situation, and Melanie smiled knowingly at her phone, knowing that the latter had been taken away. Everything was going exactly as she had planned.

When she looked in the mirror, she noticed that her skin had returned to its natural radiance, exuding a charming aura.

Chapter 297 A Surprise Appearance

Melanie looked in the mirror at herself, hooked her lips diagonally, and smiled fiercely. She then proceeded to the police station.

In the police station, Bella was staring blankly at the ceiling, as if she had lost her soul.

Since she was a recent graduate and was blessed with opportunities in the entertainment industry, she had never had to deal with the police. Furthermore, she had recently been fired, so all of her self-proclaimed supporters had deserted her. She was completely helpless at the time, and the police apprehended her for unknown reasons. She was both terrified and disoriented.

She was leaning against the wall, shaking all over with tears streaming down her face. She kept muttering, "It wasn't me. I really didn't do it."

She had never intended to frame Vania in the past, so how did this happen? She did not want to stay in jail because she was afraid; she just wanted to be released.

However, who was capable of rescuing her? Bella sobbed even harder as she thought of her helplessness.

After a while, a police officer yelled angrily, "Bella Godwin, someone has come to pick you up. You are free to go."

Someone came to pick her up? She was stunned for a brief moment before looking at the officer with teary eyes. When she saw that he had opened the door, she dashed over, delighted and surprised, asking, "Who? Who is here to pick me up?"

It was impossible for her family to come and pick her up, so the first person who came to mind was Larry. He had most likely not given up on her.

However, the police officer clearly didn't want to tell her, so he said impatiently, "Stop asking. You'll find out once you get out. Hurry up and don't waste my time."

Bella was initially terrified, but after being reprimanded by the police officer, she became even more nervous. She feared that he would become enraged and wouldn't let her leave, so she nodded quickly, saying, "I'm sorry. I'm at fault. I'll follow you immediately."

She didn't care about anything once she found out she could leave; she simply followed the man and left without questioning whether the police officer had lied to her or if it was a ruse to get her out of prison. Her greatest temptation was to escape from prison. She might not even notice if the police betrayed her right now.

Bella became terrified and confused when she didn't see the person she was looking for when she arrived at the police station's entrance. "Why isn't there anyone?"

Didn't the police officer say someone had come to get her? Why wasn't there anyone? Bella looked around for a while, becoming a little scared as she stared at the police officer with caution.

“They’re outside the door. Go out on your own,” the police officer said with a cold expression.

She looked at the door, then at the police officer. When she was about to speak, she saw the man turn around and leave with a mocking expression on his face. He snarled, “I’ve never seen such a dawdling prisoner.”

Bella’s brow furrowed tightly as she heard his words. She had no choice but to walk out of the police station carefully. As soon as she exited the station, she saw an extremely luxurious car she had never seen before.

Who was in the vehicle?

She made an attempt to walk toward the car. Before she could see who was in the car, the window rolled down, revealing a very familiar face that brought her to a halt in surprise. “Why are you here?” she asked. What brought Melanie here?

Melanie, who was in the car, turned to face Bella before responding arrogantly, “Of course it’s me. Who else do you think it is?”

Chapter 298 Falling Into Melanie’s Trap

Bella was baffled. She had crossed paths with Melanie on several occasions, but they never interacted. Why did she suddenly come to see her? What was her intention?

“You’re the one who bailed me out of jail.”

“Is there anybody else here?” Melanie asked, sneering again as she looked at Bella’s tearful expression. “It appears that Vania caused you significant harm.”

“Vania? What does it have to do with her?”

Bella’s thoughts became even more clouded when she heard Vania’s name.

“It appears that you are still unaware of why you are incarcerated.” Melanie raised her head, as if she knew everything.

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“Why?” Bella had no idea, and when Melanie said that, she became very curious.

“Did you know that a group of people smashed Vania’s house last night?”

“What does this have to do with me?” Bella shook her head as she asked.

“Of course it does. Those gangsters claimed you bribed them to destroy Vania’s house. If you don’t believe me, you can go back to the police station and inquire about it. They’re the ones who locked you up.” Melanie cast a glance in the direction of the police station. She pretended to be telling the truth.

Hearing her words, Bella returned her gaze, fearful of the police station. How could she possibly go back to the station? Not wanting to be wronged, she yelled angrily, "I didn't do this. I've never met these people. Why did they want to hurt me?"

"Are you certain you did not do it? Nobody believes you. Unless you have evidence, Vania's house will always be associated with you." Melanie continued to irritate her.

After the show ended that night, Bella went to accompany Director Levin. However, would he testify against her?

"I wonder if you have seen the things on the Internet," Melanie said, while Bella was still thinking about how to prove her innocence.

Bella took a breather to collect her thoughts before asking, "What exactly are you trying to say?"

"It's nothing. I just wanted to remind you. Isn't it strange how everything happened so quickly?" Melanie, who appeared to understand what was going on, added, "Not everything is as simple as you think."

"How much do you know?" Bella knew Melanie understood what was going on.

"Do you really want to know?" Melanie persisted in defeating Bella's inner defenses in order to gain her trust as quickly as possible.

"I want to know everything," Bella replied, clearly falling right into Melanie's trap. She had now calmed down and decided to trust Melanie.

Despite Melanie's poor reputation online, she appeared to be someone she could rely on at the moment.

Melanie felt a surge of pride as she observed Bella's expression. She didn't intend to tell her everything on the spot, so she told her, "Get in the car. This isn't the place to talk."

Hearing that, Bella was convinced that some things shouldn't be discussed near the police station. Therefore, she opened the door and got into the car without hesitation.

Melanie sneered in her heart as she watched Bella get into the car, her face expressionless. She inquired, pretentiously concerned, "Where do you live? I'll take you home."

Bella immediately gave Melanie her apartment's address and then impatiently inquired, "Tell me right now. What is the reason for this?"

Chapter 299 Melanie's Explanation

Melanie responded with a nod, saying, "Sure. However, I believe you are currently overly nervous and anxious. If I told you everything in this state, I'm afraid you wouldn't be able to figure it out."

"I hope you can reflect on what happened during this period of time on the way back."

"You should think about why you were fired unknowingly, and why you were linked to the harming of Vania."

“I think you’ll have it figured out by the time you get to your apartment. By then, I’ll tell you everything, so you’ll understand the situation better.”

As Bella listened to Melanie’s words, she fell deeply into thought.

She didn’t do much during this time, except film with the crew and communicate with Director Levin on a regular basis due to her participation in ‘The Voice’.

Did she enrage anyone by contacting Director Levin? Or did she offend someone on set inadvertently?

However, after careful consideration, it appeared that she had no quarrels or grudges with anyone, and even if she did provoke someone, how could it be associated with Vania?

When Vania’s house was smashed, everyone assumed she was to blame, but that made no sense at all. Vania’s address couldn’t possibly be revealed to anyone.

Bella couldn’t figure out why she was always associated with Vania when she was in trouble.

She didn’t mind Vania seeing her humiliated state when she went looking for Hanson, but now she had lost everything since being framed and imprisoned, and it was all because of Vania. The more Bella thought about it, the more she despised Vania.

Melanie, on the other hand, had been watching Bella’s expression, and seeing the rage on her face had made her even more complacent. This was exactly what she wanted.

The car accelerated toward Bella’s house.

After they got out of the car, Bella walked in front of her and led her to her house.

When Melanie entered Bella’s room, she looked around, sat on the sofa, and carefully observed Bella’s expression before inquiring, “Did you figure it out?”

In response, Bella shook her head, expressing her inability to figure it out.

Melanie didn’t expect her to figure anything out either. She said these words to simply tantalize Bella.

The more puzzled Bella was now, the more enraged she would be when she discovered the truth. She would despise Vania to the core. Thus, as long as she despised Vania, she would do anything for Melanie, and this was Melanie’s biggest goal.

“You should be clear about the cause-and-effect of this matter,” Melanie, who was sitting on the sofa, said analytically.

“It all started when someone smashed Vania’s house, and the cops apprehended the gangsters. Following the interrogation, it was discovered that you were the one behind the scenes.”

“As a result, Hanson was infuriated and immediately tweeted your termination announcement publicly.”

“Hanson did this solely to assist Vania in exacting revenge on the perpetrators of her home’s destruction. It was not because of you. If it were someone else, he would have done the same.”

“If Vania’s house hadn’t been smashed in the first place, you wouldn’t have been fired and imprisoned. Think about this. Is this making sense?”

Bella frowned as she processed Melanie’s explanation. She hadn’t reached a conclusion yet.

Before she could respond, Melanie added, “My guess is that the person who did this is directly targeting you.”

“Why would they target me?”

“It’s because you’ll jeopardize the benefit of that person.”

Chapter 300 A Secret Mastermind

Bella frowned. In the entertainment industry, when it came to benefits, that could only mean selection of casting, so she denied the claim by saying, “I earned all my casting rights by my own hard work and not by taking them from other people.”

Smirking, Melanie shook her head. “You’re too naive. Who’s talking about the benefits in the entertainment industry? Do you still not know after looking at me?”

“You?” Bella started observing Melanie. Bella only saw certain rumors on the Internet about Melanie, so she did not know the whole story. Her reputation is already rock bottom anyway, so why would anyone pay any attention to her?

If not for Melanie sending her home after she was released from prison, Bella would never have contacted Melanie since the woman was somewhat mocking her at the start.

Then, she asked, “What do you want?”

“I was once by Hanson’s side. I was once his woman.” In reality, not many knew about Melanie being Hanson’s woman as this was kept under wraps.

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However, Bella, who was not a part of the wealthy families, would not know what the truth was, so Melanie intentionally stated this just to deceive her.

As expected, Melanie’s words made Bella stiffen.

Melanie was actually Hanson’s woman. She had always thought that this was a mere rumor, but she never thought that it was true.

A shocked Bella gave Melanie a suspicious look.

Melanie was not angered by her condescending gaze; instead she only smirked again, looking like it was meant for herself. “I’ve left Hanson and he hates me now, though. I’m treated as an evil woman with no good intentions. Just like you, I didn’t do anything from start to finish. It’s all thanks to Vania that I’m in this state.”

“Vania?” Bella said the name out of doubt.

“That’s right. It was Vania. She used all kinds of tricks to frame me and lead Hanson into believing that I was the mastermind behind all those plots. In the end, I lost Hanson and his trust.” Melanie recalled this painfully.

Noticing that Bella was frowning while listening to her, Melanie thought that Bella might not understand her point, so she continued, “Because Vania wanted Hanson too, she used all kinds of lowly means to seduce him. You should know that men are weak to such temptations. Finally, Hanson was seduced by her. But, Vania, a cruel woman, was afraid that someone else might take him away from her, so she got rid of all the women around Hanson by any means possible. Hanson, on the other hand, had been wrapped around her finger.”

Seeing Melanie’s pained expression, Bella felt sympathetic toward her. Nevertheless, she still cared more about her own affairs, and so she asked, “So?”

Melanie answered, “You were once the brand ambassador for Luke Corporation, right? As an ambassador, you must have had a lot of chances to contact Hanson, but why would Vania allow you to get close to him? She will, naturally, think of a plot to chase you out. In the end, you lost your status as a brand ambassador, and Vania successfully got the shoot with Hanson. I think that you, of all people, should know about this.”

As expected, Bella frowned even deeper upon hearing her words. After she recalled something, she seemed to have seen Vania sitting inside when Hanson chased her out of the ward at the hospital.

After that, Bella lost the chance to become the brand ambassador. Besides that, she also bumped into Hanson at the shoot, and it was also Vania who was in his room back then.