Master Odell 1151

Chapter 1151 Haytham took two more steps to the side.

Sylvia did not even need to look at their phones to know what happened.

She glared at Haytham. "Haytham, you helped Madam Springsteen set me up before, and now this. Wh at is wrong with you? Did I do something to you?"

She had no contact or exchange with the man; there was not even a word that was spoken.

Haytham got nervous and avoided Sylvia's gaze. He looked around nervously and quickly fled.

The students quickly gave chase.

Isabel and Liam went after him as well. Together with the students, they surrounded Haytham.

students, "Do you all want

at him without

to remove them from the competition. If you keep threatening them, I'll tell the president that you instigated

He

Sylvia frowned. Before he could continue, the students said, "Mr. Lunder, we saw Ms. Ross painting live today. You are also a well known painter yourself. Don't you think Ms. Springsteen's painting is

me

nervous when he saw Odell behind Sylvia and

students stopped him from leaving. "Apologize to

and bawled, "Say sorry to my

in fear. The little commotion started to

gather a crowd. Despite knowing some people in the crowd, none of

was nowhere to

Chapter 1152 Odell peered down at Haytham emotionlessly.

"So, did you instigate them?" he asked.

Haytham instinctively tried to deny it, but when he met the

man's frosty gaze, he got nervous. He was at a loss for action and unconsciously said, "Yes, yes, I did it. I didn't know what I was doing. I just thought of ending Sylvia's career..."

Odell's expression remained frosty. "Did

you also help Madam Springsteen set Sylvia up?" "Yes. Madam Springsteen forced me to. I just did what she told me."

Odell's furrowed brows added a layer of ferocity to his handsome face. "What did she tell you to do?"

Haytham guivered.

Sylvia's expression shifted. She said in a small voice," Odell, that's a long time ago. Just forget it."

and they were in front of a crowd, so it was inappropriate to reveal the schemes that would

to stare at Haytham.

at Master Springsteen's event and you were still engaged

to us after the event and told us to spread the news of her shoddy painting, forcing her to leave the art scene. We learned that Sylvia was eating at a restaurant, so we went there, said something to her, and made her leave.

"Master Carter, I swear that's all I did. Nothing else!

quiet as only Haytham's anxious gasps

disbelief, including Simon, Christopher, Master Springsteen, and Lily who had just arrived. Master Springsteen wore a grim expression while

the man

continued to stare at him coldly.

"You have two options: leave Westchester and never come back, or stay here and live

expression changed. "I'll leave! I'll leave

glanced at the

opened up

Chapter 1153 The family of five soon left the crowd's sight. The crowd soon regained their composure and dispersed while talking aboutwhat just happened.

"I didn't know Haytham was such a dick." "Who would have thought? We assumed she wasjust Ms.

Springsteen's simp.

No one knew he would do something like this." "Don't you think Madam Springsteen is the bitch here? Sylvia paintedpoorly due to her condition, and the woman used it to force her out of the art scene.

She even wanted to destroy Sylvia after that.

That's really bitchy." "I bet she's doing this for Lily." "Don't you know that the engagement was a fake? Lily and Master Carter never really gotengaged.

Lily said it herself that they pretended to be engaged for the sake of their project, so how would Madam Springsteen not know about it?" "Then, why did she setSylvia up like that? Does she really think Lily and Master Carter would be together?" "I guess Lily likes Master Carter as well." The discussion slowly faded as the crowd scattered.

Simon and Christopher exchanged a quick gaze before they left with a heavy look on their faces.

Lily clenched her fists and said to her grandfather," Grandfather, I don't know what they are talking about.

wouldn't do something like that." Master

"We are alone now.

lies out of that mouth of yours, I

her lips and kept

flushed and almost got a heart attack because of what

and took multiple deep breaths

you were young, and I thought you became theperfect lady

you to conspire to do something like this with

"I don't think we

association given her level of painting back then." "That's herproblem! It is up to Christopher and the other members to decide if she's fit to stay, not you!

the future? No! How could you andyour grandmother set up a poor lady who was pregnant

You

Lily's expression changed.

she was suffering from depression back then? Did she tell you?" "She

with

Chapter 1154 Confused, Lily looked at her grandfather. "Grandfather, what's wrong with me being the competition judge?" Master Springsteen looked at her seriously.

"Your painting has improved a lot since last time." Lily's eyes gleamed with delight, but before she could smile, her grandfather said, "But it's not enough to make you a good judge yet.

Others might not say anything about your painting, but as your grandfather, it is my duty to tell you the truth." Lily's expression froze.

She frowned and argued, "Are you saying that my painting is mediocre?" "That's right.

You might look good while you paint, but you are not there in terms of skills yet.

You lack the idealization and experience, so you need to practice more." Master Springsteen was reluctant to hither with the proverbial pail of cold water, but it was a fact.

He pursed his lips and sighed.

"Compared to Simon and the other two veterans, your painting is too far behind." Lily clenched her fists and askedreluctantly, "What about compared to Sylvia's?" Master Springsteen looked at her.

"Don't you know your own level? Her painting is there.

Need I elaborate more?" Lily pursed her lips tightly and her fists remained clenched.

She refused to accept the fact that she was sub par.

She was the eldest daughter of the Springsteens, a musical prodigy idolized by many.

a woman with no background? "Lily, Sylvia

are not something

talents are much better than hers,

the top in every field, even

partners, so don't

time

Christopher and tell him that you are

elderly then walked outside with his walking stick after saying what heneeded

stunned on the

and her

stiff, and she remained still

The black MPV shuttled through

in the rear seat while playing with Flint; Odell

a talker, but the grim

but his giant

held her tightly, and his

wrong?" Sylvia asked in a

"Nothing," he said gruffly.

what he

"It happened a

I'm fine now."

Chapter 1155 After a satisfying meal, the family went home. The kids fell asleep on the way home. When they arrived home and got out ofthe car, Sylvia and Odell carried them back to their room.

Aunt Tonya and Sebastian were in the living room.

Sylvia tugged on Odell's sleeve after putting the kids to bed and whispered, "Let's go back to our room." He hummed a reply before turning around and stridingaway without waiting for her.

Sylvia furrowed her brows.

She carefully closed the door before she strode to her and Odell's room.

The door was left open, so she went in without knocking.

"Why didn't you tell me about what happened?" the man asked gruffly.

Startled, Sylvia looked at him with surprise.

His towering figure leaned beside the door and his stern expression shadowed his handsome features.

He peered down at her, waiting for her answer.

Sylvia looked into his eyes.

"It's history.

have remembered."

Sylvia frowned.

with Lily back then, and after we

remembered it

He pursed his lips.

her courage and

Madam Springsteen and Haytham did to you." "It's in the

want to know," he said

Sylvia pursed her lips.

walked closer to her, lifted her

promise I won't get

"Okay." As husband and wife, they should always understand what each other had done or hadbeen

set him up, she would want to know as well Sylvia tried her best to recall all the details

also ran into them

sneered and mocked me, and filmed me while I was running away

for the money, so Haytham caught it on his phone and triedto make

paid the

the street, I was

down and told me she was the mastermind behind

me a lesson and ruin my reputation so that I

Chapter 1156 Sylvia was suffocating from the hug. "Odell, I can't breathe." The man's grim expression softened and loosened his hug. Ittook him a while to hide his frosty look, and only then he released her.

He stroked her face and said, "I'll go make a call.

Rest if you are tired.

I'll be back soon." Sylvia asked, "Why are you making a call at this hour? Who are you calling?" His face was emotionless.

"It's a work-related call."

Sylvia was worried.

"Odell, I've gotten over it already, so please don't do this.

Don't start a war with the Springsteens, or whatever you're going to do." The Springsteen Corporationmight not be as big as Carter Corporation, but the family was still one of the biggest families in Westchester, and they were Carter Corporation's business partner.

Odell smiled.

"Don't worry.

to differentiate private and work matters."

closet

his

moment he stepped outside, a layer of severity shadowed his handsome

He called Cliff.

through in less

is it?" "How's the progress on the project with the Springsteen Corporation?"

the final phase of the project." "Put it on hold

we will resume." "Huh? Why, sir? We are

now, it will kill the project in the cradle, and we will suffer a huge financial loss."

have invested a huge amount of manpower and funds into this

this project dies, they will probably end up in a huge financial crisis." "How huge?" Cliffwas

"Uh...

don't have the cash to continue operations, they won't beable to invest in another project and their

whole company will

they might even face bankruptcy." "What about our losses?" "A large sum of money."

tell you when I have the mood to continue." Cliff

"Alright, sir.

Chapter 1157 She sat in front of her piano

by the window with furrowed brows. Her eyes stared out of the window blankly. Her grandfather had rightfully scolded her, and it made sense, but she refused to accept it. She refused to accept defeat from Sylvia, not in this terrible way. Ding.

Her phone rang

Her assistant from the company called her. Annoyed, she answered the call and put the phone next to her ear. "What is it?"

"Ms. Springsteen, something has happened to the project with Carter Corporation. They just informed us that

they have some problem at their side and are taking back their workers. They said they wanted to pause the project."

Lily bolted up. "Pause? What happened? Why are they taking back their workers?"

While the Springsteen Corporation might

have proposed and become the major stakeholder of the project, the core personnel and workers were mostly supplied by Carter Corporation. Carter Corporation was needed to s olve many of the critical problems, and the project could not be paused even for a day as it entered the f

The assistant said, "Ms. Springsteen, I asked Cliff about it, but he only revealed that there's something i mportant that is holding them back. He didn't reveal any more. The workers that were summoned back don't know what happened either."

Lily's face turned pale. "They were summoned back on short notice?"

Springsteen, did we do something wrong, or did we make

especially about how Odell had questioned Haytham

try

inal phase.

hung up the phone and immediately gave Odell

long message and texted him. Unfortunately, the system informed her that she was no longer on his frie nd

Lily's expression froze.

contact list. The anger and disbelief made her eyes teary. She smashed the phone on the

was the eldest daughter of the Springsteens! She lived like a princess who was adored by many, and she

never taken her seriously? She was the eldest daughter, the heir

her phone on the ground caught the attention of

came to

happened in there?" "Are you crying? Open the

Chapter 1158

Both Madam Springsteen and Mrs. Springsteen stuck their ears to the door to listen to the noises inside.

Their eyes widened in disbelief when they thought they heard Lily say sorry.

Madam Springsteen got nervous. "Lily, what are you talking about? Open the door now. Don't scare me."

Given her understanding of Lily, the girl would never say something like this. Something must have happ ened.

Just before Madam Springsteen left to find the spare key, the door opened. With teary eyes, Lily appeared behind the door.

Both Madam Springsteen and Mrs. Springsteen looked at her in shock.

Madam Springsteen said, "Lily, don't be sad. She's just better than you at painting. You don't need to be mad about someone of her status."

"She's better than me at drawing, she's better looking than me, and she's better than me at almost everything," Lily said as she looked at her grandmother calmly. "Grandmother, you don't need to cheer me up anymore. Please don't look down on Sylvia either. Grandfather is right. Acknowledging my own shortcomings is not

that I should

Madam Springsteen was stunned.

happily. "Lily, I'm glad that you finally understand. But don't you deny your own talents as well. You are a beautiful girl, and you can play the piano well. You're good at a lot of things as

her mother. "What is it, Mom? Just

me."

life." Lily smiled bitterly. "Mm-hmm. I've thought it through. The feelings were one—sided from the start, and he agreed to work with us purely out of profit and only agreed to fake

Springsteen asked, "What

Springsteen looked at her. "Lily, don't cry. Tell us what happened. I'll

another project coming next month, so we can't pause or stop the project at all. If we stop the project f or more than three days, the Springsteen Corporation

a huge financial

Mrs. Springsteen was shocked.

Springsteen cried. She bellowed, "It must be that woman who instigated him to stop the project! I'll go and reason with her!" Lily frowned, but before she could say a word, Mrs. Springsteen shouted, "Stop it,

Chapter 1159 "What should we do now?" A thought rushed into Madam Springsteen's mind and made her say, "Why don't you go to your grandfather and ask him to contact Odell?"

Lily pursed her lips. She debated the idea for a moment and said, "Grandfather is not young anymore. He's upset after learning what I have done today. I'll go to Sylvia and apologize to her."

Madam Springsteen said, "No! How could you lower yourself and apologize to that woman?" "Stop it!" Mrs. Springsteen said, "I came from a lesser family too. Are you going to be prejudiced against me as wel I?"

Shocked, Madam Springsteen was rendered speechless.

"Enough, you two. Don't worry. I know what I am doing." Lily then went back into the room and locked it.

Mrs. Springsteen glared at her mother–in–law, and the annoyance drove her to walk away.

"Alison, I didn't mean..."

Madam Springsteen was left alone without having the chance to explain herself. Grievance caused her to stomp her feet before she left in the other direction.

shadowy corner stood Master Springsteen, who had overheard the conversation.

the latest drama

she answered it nevertheless. As

"Ms. Ross?"

she replied, "Ms.

and Liam immediately looked

with his toy, crawled over to his siblings and then made his way to

"Yeah, it's me. Is this

unusual

to meet you in person. I wonder if you'll be free in a day

the request baffling.

frowned. "Have you

what?" Sylvia continued

what I have done to you in the past." Sylvia was even more confused. She switched to

Chapter 1160 As soon Sylvia hung up the phone, Isabel asked," Mommy, what did that bad lady say to y ou?" Liam and Flint also looked at their mother in confusion.

Sylvia patted their heads. "She's just trying to apologize in person."

Shock widened Isabel's eyes.

Liam was baffled as well. He asked, "Why is she apologizing all of a sudden?"

Sylvia pondered. "Maybe her family scolded her?"

There was a crowd when they had confronted Haytham earlier, and Master Springsteen might have witn essed it himself. Even if he was not present, the news would have reached his ears soon enough.

Sylvia might have only seen the man a few times, but she could tell he was unlike Lily or Madam Springst een. If he found out about what they had done to her, he would be unhappy.

She wondered what Lily wanted to talk to her about other than apologizing

Sylvia left the kids' room after putting them to sleep and

returned to her room.

study and had washed up for bed. He lay on the bed in a dark green sleeping robe. He looked at her.

nodded and went straight to

a pair of long arms hugged her from

to her shoulder and tickled her ear with his

blushed and tapped his

and silenced her

her body and rendered her defenseless. She mustered her remaining strength and said,

mouth and ravaged her with his lips.

was not given the chance to speak and was lifted onto the

lovemaking lasted until

sweat, Odell carried Sylvia into the shower and bathed

When

eyes, the thought of tomorrow's meeting gushed into her

gaze turned frosty. "What did she say

am going to meet her tomorrow at