### Chapter 112: Let Her Reach Out to Him

His expression turned cold as he replied, "It's inconvenient for you to take care of my mom. I'll send someone over to replace you. Thank you for your hard work."

"You should know Mrs. Park's depression is severe. I just want her to be happy."

Sophia's words brought back memories for Liam of the year his mother tried to commit suicide in the bathroom, blood splattered everywhere, a vivid and shocking scene...

It all started because he refused to follow his family's wishes and get engaged to Sophia.

As his mother's severe depression worsened, her grip on everything tightened with each passing day. Even minor setbacks would prompt thoughts of suicide.

Last time, she had taken half a bottle of sleeping pills just because the maid who had been taking care of her wanted to resign.

The doctor said she was traumatized from being kidnapped and her psyche was fragile. The only treatment was to provide a peaceful environment and comply with her wishes as much as possible.

Liam's hand hovered over the screen for a while before he decided not to reply to Sophia.

Shortly after, Alec knocked on the door. "Mr. Park, did you

need me?"

"Yeah, for the upcoming research and development project, add Suzy's name to the list."

"Got it!"

Alec was genuinely happy for Suzy. Though she was new, she worked diligently without complaints. Her involvement in previous projects had been commendable, with no errors. Adding her name was only fitting.

"In the future, spend more time mentoring her and make sure her resume stays clean."

Liam now had to be ready for the challenges ahead.

Just reaching out to Suzy wasn't enough; he needed her to reach out to him too.

"I understand, Mr. Park."

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During dinner, if it weren't for Alec, who called her three times in a row to come down, Suzy would have just grabbed a piece of bread and continued working.

As soon as she entered the hotel restaurant, she saw Alec approaching with a big smile on his face.

"I have some good news. Do you want to hear it?"

"Of course."

"Mr. Park personally said that you can be credited on this project."

Suzy was a bit confused. She was increasingly puzzled by Liam's actions. He suddenly left earlier, and she thought he was angry! So why had he agreed to give her credit now?

"Make sure you thank Mr. Park properly later."

Alec didn't notice her confusion. He was too busy instructing his apprentice not to get too excited and forget to thank the CEO for the promotion.

Suzy nodded quickly. "Yes, I understand."

Soon, Liam appeared in the restaurant with a few executives.

He was still as conspicuous as ever. From the moment he entered, he attracted countless gazes in his direction.

Liam wasn't dressed in a formal suit; instead, he had opted for a black casual outfit. His hair was neatly groomed, with slightly furrowed brows and tightly pressed lips, giving him an air of aloofness and a cold, dignified presence.

Suzy hadn't managed to shift her gaze away before she bumped into him head-on.

She instinctively looked away, pretending she hadn't seen anything.

"I've already sent the documents for the project credits to the head office. After the legal department's approval, we can use the new contract," Alec deliberately mentioned this matter to Liam while standing next to Suzy.

Suzy knew he was reminding her.

"Um... thank you for the acknowledgment, Mr. Park," she said, feeling she had no choice but to talk to Liam.

He just nodded slightly, indicating that he had heard her.

Throughout the dinner, Suzy kept her head down, eating silently without saying a word.

However, she noticed that none of the dishes served with Liam seemed to have onions...

Was it something he specifically instructed?

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# Chapter 113: Leftover

Liam left first because he needed to attend a video conference with the executives after dinner.

Once they were gone, Suzy returned to her room to tackle the documents.

She had decided not to dwell on things she couldn't understand. She shouldn't be wasting time!

Since Liam was now willing to promote her, and this could be her only chance to climb the ladder quickly in her life, she resolved to work hard and not disappoint his expectations.

With her head down, several more hours passed.

At one in the morning, as Suzy stretched her numb wrists, there came a sudden knock on the door!

Who could it be at this late hour?

She approached cautiously and glanced through the peephole.

... It was Liam.

Suzy hesitated for a few seconds before opening the door, and she could already smell the alcohol on him.

Before she could say anything, Liam had already stepped into the bathroom, clearly unable to tolerate the smell of alcohol on himself. He couldn't avoid drinking at social events.

Suzy understood his intention; he wasn't leaving tonight.

But last night, he had only slept beside her, and nothing had happened.

So, tonight... it probably wouldn't be any different, right?

After such a tiring day and drinking at the social event in the evening, he wouldn't have the energy for anything else.

Suzy snapped back to reality, giving her forehead a light tap. How did she suddenly act like Wendy to be having such horny thoughts?

"Pass me the towel," came Liam's voice from the bathroom unexpectedly.

Suzy quickly handed it over, avoiding eye contact.

She felt the towel taken from her hands, and just as she was about to leave, he spoke again.

"Are there any more leftovers from last time in your bag?"

"What leftovers?" Suzy instinctively asked.

"I remember we didn't finish using them back in West City," Liam replied openly and naturally as if discussing a mundane topic rather than something awkward and embarrassing.

His casual demeanor momentarily threw Suzy off guard, and she didn't immediately catch his drift.

"You mean the SNS project forms?"

"I meant condoms."

Boom.

Suzy's cheeks burned as if exposed to a scorching flame, and the atmosphere grew unbearably awkward.

After a long while, she managed to speak, her voice stiff, "I, I threw them away."

"They should be in the hotel bedside drawer."

With that, he used a towel to dry himself off, then walked out of the bathroom shirtless.

Suzy only heard the sound of a drawer being pulled open, and then his strong arms effortlessly lifted her onto the bed.

For a moment, it felt like the air had frozen solid.

Liam's kisses remained gentle, his body carrying a faint fragrance of just-bathed freshness. His warm hands roamed over her skin.

The light reflecting off the ceiling felt glaring, and Suzy instinctively gripped his shoulders, her voice trembling slightly, "Could you turn off the lights?"

"Sure."

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After a night of tenderness, Liam finally let her go after she eventually succumbed to exhaustion.

Suzy withdrew her previous thoughts. It turned out that even

when men were exhausted from work, they still had energy for such activities.

The next day, she was awoken by the ringing of her phone by her pillow. Groggily, Suzy reached for her phone, only to find it was Desmond calling!

What could he want?

"Hello, Mr. Shaw."

"Suzy, did you leak any information about the Far East project to others?"

Desmond sounded urgent like something significant had happened.

Suzy, now more awake, sat up in bed. "No, I haven't. What's going on?"

"The core technology diagrams for the Far East project have leaked. The CEO of Far East is on his way to FortuneWave

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## Chapter 114: Far East Core Technology Diagrams

The core technology diagrams for the Far East project...

Suzy suddenly remembered that Sophia had asked her for them when she was on a business trip in West City.

However, Sophia was so loyal to Park Group, she wouldn't leak confidential information to a partner company, right?

"You better think hard. Besides you and me, no one else has access to the project. If this blows up, we're both finished!"

As a partner company, leaking core technology data was a huge taboo in the investment industry!

If they found out that they did indeed leak the data, no one in the industry would risk collaborating with this company again.

Despite Fortune Wave being a subsidiary of Park Group, their reputation would be tarnished by such a scandal.

Additionally, Suzy's direct involvement could lead to her being blacklisted by the entire industry.

"I... I sent the technology diagrams to Miss Burns, the Park Group's general counsel. She said she needed them."

"Who? Miss Burns?"

"Yes, the general counsel of Park Group."

Desmond exploded on the other end of the line, "Why didn't

you discuss this with me?! Suzy, are you out of your mind?"

"She's a key member of Park Group, she has contributed a lot to Park Group, and the project contracts were approved by her. I don't think she leaked them."

"You better pray it's not our problem!" Desmond paused, then continued, "Send me the evidence of your conversation with that lawyer.

"If it turns out to be FortuneWave's problem, the headquarters will send someone to investigate. This could be a disaster, and I can't handle it alone."

"Okay, I'll send it to you."

She hung up the phone and hurriedly searched for the email Sophia had previously sent her.

However, no matter how she searched, Suzy couldn't find the email!

She logged into her email account again, hoping to find the record of the email she sent to Sophia, only to discover that the email address appeared to be non-existent, as it had been deactivated.

Soon after, Desmond's call came in again.

"Why haven't I received the evidence yet?! We're short on time!"

"Mr. Shaw... I can't find any record of the email I sent to Miss Burns..."

"What?!"

"Don't worry, I'll call Miss Burns and record the conversation. Wouldn't that also count as evidence?"

Desmond was already quite impatient, clearly not wanting to say much more. "Alright, just hurry up."

After hanging up, Suzy immediately called Sophia, but she couldn't get through! She then logged into the company's internal software to find Sophia's contact number, only to discover it was different from the previous one Sophia used to contact her.

"Hello, this is Sophia Burns."

The voice on the other end was soft, much like how she usually spoke with Liam.

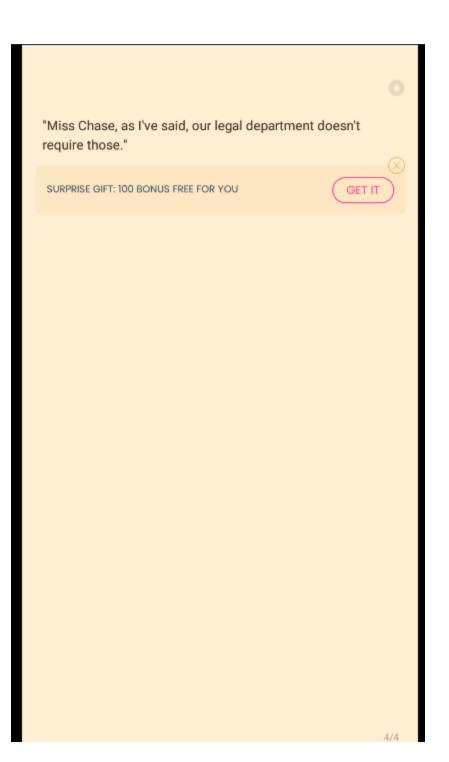
Suzy clicked on the record button before speaking, "Miss Burns, it's me, Suzy Chase! Last time you called me, asking for the core technical drawings of the Far East Corporation project. I wanted to ask, what exactly do you need them for?"

"The core technical drawings of the Far East Corporation project?" Sophia's voice raised slightly, "Miss Chase, are you mistaken? Why do our legal department need those for?"

Suzy was speechless.

"We're only responsible for contract verification and signing. Shouldn't your department be handling the specifics of the project?"

Suzy clenched her fists, her brows furrowing. "But you specifically asked me for those technical drawings!"



# Chapter 115: You Want to Set Me Up

At that moment, Suzy had a sudden realization. This was all a setup; Sophia wanted to force her out of Park Group, maybe even out of the entire investment banking industry!

Furrowing her brows, Suzy stated firmly, "I've made it clear I have no intention of competing with you."

Suzy was well aware of her position. However, even so, Sophia clearly had no intention of letting her off the hook.

"I don't understand what you're talking about," Sophia's voice remained pleasant, almost patient. "If there's nothing else, I have work to attend to."

"You understand perfectly well! You're targeting me because of Mr. Park, aren't you? You're trying to set me up!" Suzy didn't want to play along with her, so she decided to confront her directly.

"Because of Mr. Park? Miss Chase, I suggest you think carefully before speaking," Sophia said, her tone firm, before hanging up.

Suzy considered calling back, but as her fingertip hovered over the screen, she refrained.

Sophia had declared war on her.

Looking back, it seemed Sophia had been planning this since their trip to West City.

There was no way she could extract any valuable

#### information now!

Suzy had never faced such a situation before. One wrong step could ruin all her future prospects.

Not to mention the project signing. Park Group would surely fire her to preserve their reputation, and with such a stain on her record, no other company would hire her.

Her phone rang again, and she glanced down to see it was Wendy.

"Suzy, what's happening with the Far East project? Mr. Shaw is furious over here; he even smashed the office windows! Isn't this under your responsibility? Could you be held accountable?"

Suzy's hands were shaking at this moment, her voice sounding hollow, "I've been set up."

"By who?"

"Sophia Burns. She asked me for the core diagram, then erased our text exchanges with some tech trick. Now I can't find any record of our conversation."

Wendy's voice suddenly raised, "Miss Burns?! What's your history with her? Are you sure you're not mistaken? Everyone knows Miss Burns' loyalty to Park Group. She wouldn't risk damaging the company's reputation like this!"

Even Wendy didn't believe Sophia would do such a thing.

Suzy felt a headache coming on. Without explaining much to Wendy, she hung up the phone.

She looked at her phone, unable to think of anyone who could help her at this critical moment!

Liam was definitely out of the question.

Even if this matter didn't affect Park Group, the fact that Sophia was her opponent made it clear which side Liam would take!

If she were to tell him it was Sophia who leaked the core diagram just to sabotage her, he would never believe it.

Should she go find Alec?

She couldn't just sit back and do nothing!

Suzy made up her mind and quickly tidied up before calling Alec. Learning that he was in a meeting with Liam at the subsidiary company, she took a taxi there to wait.

In the meantime, Desmond was blowing up her phone, but Suzy didn't pick up any of his calls.

She figured she'd ask Alec first about what to do in this situation.

Suzy couldn't help but feel pathetic.

At this point, she could only rely on Alec, a friend she hadn't known for long and hadn't built much of a relationship with.

Upon arriving at the hotel, the meeting ended shortly after.

Alec called her upstairs.

Suzy took the elevator to the subsidiary company's

conference room and knocked on the door. As she entered, the first thing she did was check if Liam was there.

Luckily, there was only Alec there.

She quickly explained the situation to him, and his expression grew increasingly serious.

"I always thought you were a cautious person. How could you dare to do something like this?"

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### Chapter 116: Sophia Was Indeed Smart

"It was Miss Burns who asked me for it, and she seemed to need it urgently, so I didn't think much about it."

"Even if it was Mr. Park asking, you still have to follow the proper procedure!" Alec urged himself to remain calm as he pondered, but this situation seemed unsolvable!

Leaking the core diagram required an explanation to Far East Corporation.

"Moreover, you haven't known Miss Burns for long. If you were to tell others that she set you up, you must provide a reason for it."

Even if Alec were to believe her, the public would want to see evidence, not just her testimony alone.

Suzy opened her mouth but couldn't find the words to say anything.

She couldn't tell anyone that Sophia's animosity towards her stemmed from her current relationship with Liam.

"Speak up! It's come to this point, there's no point in hiding anymore! If I'm supposed to help you come up with ideas, you have to tell me everything! Is there any conflict between you and Miss Burns?"

"I... don't know," Suzy replied.

Alec frowned, visibly frustrated, and stood up from his chair. "In that case, there's nothing more I can do. You'll have to

see how the company decides to handle you from here."

He shot Suzy a disappointed look and began to walk away but stopped at the door.

"Listen, once this type of scandal gets verified, your reputation in the industry will be permanently damaged, regardless of whether you face legal consequences. Forget about any chances of success in the future!"

Suzy was well aware of these consequences.

Suzy lowered her head, pondering for a few seconds, then suddenly looked up at him. "Mr. Lincoln, do you believe Miss Burns is framing me?"

"My belief means nothing!" Alec instinctively replied, raising an eyebrow. "Why don't you go talk to Mr. Park? You two were classmates, right..."

"But Miss Burns is his sweetheart."

Alec nodded silently, aware of that fact.

"I'll try to figure out a solution myself, maybe see if I can recover the text messages between me and Miss Burns." Suzy bowed to him. "And thank you for believing in me."

Though he hadn't offered any solutions, she was still grateful.

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"Do you fucking want to die? If you really wanna die, don't drag me down with you!"

"I'm sorry, Mr. Shaw... Give me some time, I'll definitely find evidence that Miss Burns framed me!"

"Give you time? Then who is going to give me time? Besides, Miss Burns is Mr. Park's general counsel. Why would she frame a mere employee like you?!"

Who would believe her anyway?

Suzy frowned, knowing Desmond probably thought she was just making excuses.

"Why did your mother suddenly have the money for surgery? It seems you sold the core technical drawings to another company!"

"I didn't!" she immediately countered. "I didn't sell any information!"

"Then tell me, where did the money for your mother's surgery come from? At the time, Wendy even called me asking if I could lend her some money, which I refused.

"Later, when I asked her again, she said you had already

sorted out the medical expenses. I found it strange how you managed to gather the money in such a short time!"

Desmond's suspicion was reasonable and even coincided perfectly with the events.

With him pointing it out, Suzy realized the connection.

Sophia was indeed smart.

She must have been aware of the agreement between Suzy and Liam, where Suzy couldn't reveal the contractual relationship to others. Doing so would constitute a breach of contract, resulting in a penalty.

In that case, from the perspective of others, Suzy had a clear motive. She leaked the core technical drawings to cover her mother's medical expenses! Who else would believe her?

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# Chapter 117: Abbreviation for the Email

"The money for my mother's surgery definitely didn't come from this! You can ask someone in the company to investigate!"

"You don't have to yell at me like I'm in the wrong here. The company will definitely send someone to investigate. When that happens, you can't get away with your lies!" Desmond cursed loudly, "I'm really unlucky to have you on my team!"

Suzy could even imagine the expression on Desmond's face at this moment as if he wanted to tear her apart.

There was a busy tone on the other end, indicating that he might have already smashed his phone.

Suzy dug her nails into the flesh of her palm, forcing herself to calm down! The more challenging the situation, the less one could afford to panic.

Moreover, she was not the one who leaked the information.

She carefully considered that if she wanted to prove her innocence in this matter, she would first have to find the records of Sophia asking her for the core drawings!

In that case, Sophia would also be part of the investigation when the company sends someone to look into the matter.

If Sophia stayed completely uninvolved, Suzy would have to

take all the blame in the end.

However...

Since Sophia had resorted to this method, she must have planned it meticulously!

She switched on her computer, attempting to find something from that deactivated account. However, when Suzy finally deciphered the abbreviation for the email address, she was completely dumbfounded.

The company that received the core technical drawings from Far East Corporation was called Great Wealth Corporation, and the abbreviation for the deactivated email was GWC...

If anyone from the company investigating saw it, it would further confirm that Suzy had directly leaked the core technical drawings to a rival company!

Suddenly, there was a knock on the door from outside the hotel room.

Suzy was startled and walked over to check the peephole.

With his tall figure, she knew exactly who it was.

She hesitated for a moment before opening the door.

Liam strode in with his laptop still in hand and without even setting it down, his first words were, "Did you send Far East's technical drawings to someone else?" "...Yes."

"Suzy!" His tone was rarely this severe when speaking to her.

"Do you understand the consequences of this?"

Of course, she understood!

But who had brought about this disaster?

Before Liam entered her life, she didn't even know who Sophia was!

For a brief moment, Suzy felt the urge to confront Liam, but her rationality told her it wasn't wise.

Unless she could find concrete evidence to prove that Sophia did indeed solicit the core technical drawings from her, otherwise challenging Sophia's position in Liam's heart as his beloved, wouldn't that just be asking for trouble?

Angering Liam would only lead to trouble for herself.

Moreover, she was the one who initially approached him, starting from the night of the business trip, and later actively seeking him out to agree to their marriage agreement.

It wouldn't be accurate to place all the blame on Liam.

"I accept any investigation by the company. I haven't had any contact with anyone from Great Wealth Corporation, nor have I received any benefits from them."

"Investigations take time. You'll miss out on the credit for

this development project."

"I know."

Liam rubbed his temples, his handsome face growing even more stern. "Who did you send the technical drawings to?"

Suzy's lips moved slightly, and after a moment's pause, she replied softly, "Miss Burns."

"Anyone else?" It was almost an instinctive question from him.

She smiled suddenly, looking into his dark eyes. "You also don't believe that Miss Burns would be willing to ruin the company's reputation just to frame me, do you?"

Liam didn't need to respond. His words had already conveyed his stance!

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# Chapter 118: Can You Believe Me Just Once

"I'm asking you a question."

"Yes, I haven't sent it to anyone else! Only Mr. Shaw and I have access to the core technical drawings for this project."

"Understood."

With a cold frown, Liam tossed out these words and headed to the bedroom with his phone in hand.

Watching his retreating figure, Suzy's lips curled slightly.

Counting on Liam to uphold justice in this matter was futile. She would have to rely on herself.

She sat back at the computer, tirelessly searching for ways to recover the vanished messages. However, every method she tried seemed futile!

Suzy called the service provider again, only to be told that recovery was impossible.

Would Sophia easily destroy her future and all her previous efforts?

Suddenly, her phone, lying nearby, lit up.

It was a message from Jeffrey.

However, Suzy couldn't focus. She decided to pack her bags

instead, preparing to return to the company overnight to confront Sophia!

This matter involved her reputation and future; she couldn't just let it go.

When Liam emerged, he found Suzy in the midst of packing her luggage.

"Did you have evidence that Sophia asked for the technical drawings from you?"

"No."

Upon hearing this, his thick eyebrows furrowed, and he stepped forward to grip her wrist. "Let me handle this."

"No need, I can handle it myself!" Suzy withdrew her hand from his grasp. "There must be a way to prove I didn't do it!"

"Suzy, I've said it, let me handle this."

She stopped what she was doing and looked at him. "And then what? Am I supposed to just wait for the company to fire me and carry this accusation for the rest of my life?"

"If you haven't done anything, no one can wrong you."

"Words aside, the truth is Miss Burns deliberately asked me for the drawings and then erased the evidence to frame me. If the truth were to come out, it's her, the general counsel of Park Group, who will suffer." Suzy met his deep gaze. "Will you bear to see her suffer?"

Was he willing to sacrifice the dividends Sophia brings to the company, ruin her future, and jeopardize his love?

While it may appear as a corporate conflict, in truth, Sophia was daring enough to thrust the issue into the limelight, testing Liam's resolve to choose between a chief legal officer and a mere employee.

The choice was clear. There was no need for any hesitation.

Seconds passed without a word from Liam.

Suzy didn't actually expect an answer. She knew that clearing her name was something only she could do.

With her luggage packed, she picked it up and prepared to leave.

Liam took a few steps forward, blocking the doorway, his voice tinged with a hint of resignation. "Give me some time, this situation... it's a bit complicated."

Grace was currently in the country, with Sophia by her side. If she found out about the trouble, she would undoubtedly demand Liam's unconditional support for Sophia.

She might even insist on firing Suzy altogether, considering her previous emotional breakdown and suicide attempt just because Liam refused an arranged marriage. The consequences of defying her wishes now were unpredictable.

So, if he wanted to help Suzy, he couldn't directly intervene.

"Mr. Park, I understand your dilemma, and I truly appreciate you being willing to talk to me and giving me a chance to explain.

"But I also know that I need to find the evidence myself. I just hope that when the truth comes to light, Mr. Park, you'll treat me fairly."

"Can you trust me this once?"

He wanted her to trust him to handle the situation.

However, he could clearly see the answer through Suzy's expression.

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# Chapter 119: I'm Be Right Here Waiting for You

She truly couldn't bring herself to trust him.

If it were someone else framing her, perhaps she could choose to trust Liam.

However, the one who was framing her was Sophia!

Someone who held great influence in Liam's heart, and someone who had made significant contributions to Park Group.

Regardless of who weighed the pros and cons, it was clear who they would choose to side with.

Would the truth still matter then?

Would anyone care?

Suzy even suspected that Liam, as the CEO, insisted on getting involved in this matter precisely to destroy the evidence and protect Sophia.

Yes, at this moment, she trusted no one.

Once the accusation of leaking confidential documents and betraying the company was established, she would carry the accusation for a lifetime.

"I'm sorry."

Suzy left the room after uttering those two words, dragging her suitcase behind her.

She bought a plane ticket for the next flight back to Northorn City.

While waiting at the airport lounge, she finally took out her phone and checked WhatsApp.

Suzy hadn't even opened the messages sent by Jeffrey yet.

There was an indicator of an unread message.

"Wendy has roughly informed me about your situation. If you need help, you can look for me. I have some research in the field of computer hacking as well."

This was the first time Jeffrey had sent her a message since the last time Suzy had confronted him.

Hesitating for a moment, she replied, "Can you recover text messages that suddenly disappeared from my phone?"

It was as if he had been waiting for her message all along, replying almost instantly, "I can try! When will you be back in Northorn City?"

"I'll arrive at Northorn Airport around midnight tonight. I don't want to disturb your rest; I'll come find you tomorrow if you're free."

"You're coming alone?"

"Yes."

"Then I'll pick you up!" As if afraid she would refuse, Jeffrey quickly added, "I'm worried the longer time passes, the harder it will be to recover the data."

Suzy looked down and thought for a moment, feeling her current behavior was quite despicable.

It seemed like she only called on Jeffrey for help when she needed him. Despite knowing his feelings for her, she hadn't reciprocated.

After replying to the WhatsApp messages, she set her phone aside, feeling waves of headache and frustration.

Though primarily due to being caught off guard by her "rival" Sophia setting her up, she couldn't have ended up in this situation if she hadn't been careless!

She also regretted being too trusting, clearly recognizing Sophia's hostility towards her earlier but failing to guard against her.

Wasn't this just what she deserved?

Suzy glanced outside the airport at the red letters spelling " New Valley."

When she arrived, she had felt ecstatic about potentially signing on to the core project, but now she was faced with this predicament.

Sophia had undeniably shattered her dreams, telling her that achieving success so quickly was impossible!

As she was about to board, Suzy noticed two missed calls from Liam on her phone.

She hesitated for a moment, deciding not to call back, and instead turned off her phone before heading to the boarding gate.

Along the silent journey, Suzy's delicate face showed evident signs of weariness.

Well, who could remain optimistic in such a situation?

At two in the morning, the plane landed punctually at Northorn City Airport.

She carried her luggage down and was almost at the pickup area when she turned her phone back on.

The first message that popped up was from Jeffrey.

"I'm waiting for you at the airport! Contact me when you disembark, or else I'll just wait right here for you."

The timestamp indicated it was sent three hours ago.

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# Chapter 120: I'm Attached

Jeffrey had no idea what time Suzy's plane would land, only knowing it was in the early morning, so he came to wait at eleven at night.

Before Suzy could even reply to his message, she heard Jeffrey's voice.

Looking up, she saw him standing at the pickup area, dressed in a dark coat, looking weary.

"Suzy, over here!"

Without a word, she walked over with her luggage, and Jeffrey naturally took it from her.

"You must be tired. Get in the car quickly; I'll take you to Wendy's place for a good rest! Tomorrow morning, some friends of mine will come to help you out. They're experts in this field. I've contacted them for help because I'm afraid I won't be enough on my own."

Jeffrey's rapid-fire speech at the moment really resembled Wendy's.

Yet, in the late night, it gave off a warmth and kindness akin to that of family.

"What's wrong?"

Seeing her hesitation, Jeffrey raised an eyebrow.

"I... I can't accept your kindness, Mr. Palmer. I can't just accept your help without feeling guilty."

He paused, then smiled helplessly.

"Why are you overthinking this matter? Forget about that. Aren't you Wendy's good friend? Besides, my project is associated with Park Group because of you. If something happens to you, it'll inevitably affect me too. Helping you is only natural."

Even though Jeffrey expressed himself in that manner, Suzy wasn't naive. How could she fail to grasp the implications?

She got into the car with him, and throughout the journey, she remained silent.

As they neared Wendy's residential area, Suzy suddenly spoke up.

"I haven't been completely honest with Wendy. The truth is, I'm not single."

Even though her marriage to Liam was a contractual one, she was, in the end, married.

Jeffrey was surprised at first, but soon he smiled faintly. " Well, your boyfriend must be a lucky guy. It's not easy to win someone like you."

"If I say I'm already attached, will you still help me?"

"I've already said, I'm doing this because I see you as a friend."

He glanced at Suzy through the rearview mirror.

"Suzy, I'm not the kind of guy you think I am. I'm not someone who has ulterior motives. I admit that I admire you and would like you to be my girlfriend, but setting aside that aspect, I'm still Wendy's cousin. You can say, I'm like your cousin too."

Suzy kept quiet.

\*Don't dwell on those thoughts for now. The priority is to resolve your current predicament. Although I'm not involved in corporate matters, based on what Wendy told me, I understand the importance of this situation.

"Let's first find evidence to clear your name. As for matters of the heart, let's just pretend they never happened. I won't pursue you any further."

With a gentle smile, Jeffrey parked the car at the entrance of the residential area, his words echoing softly.

"Get a good night's sleep. You'll have to face it eventually. Staying up all night won't help. Trust me."

Suzy nodded, accepting his well-intended advice.

Wendy, who had been upstairs waiting and was nearly dozing off, hurried downstairs upon hearing the voices.

"Suzy, I finally get to see you! Don't worry, my cousin and I will always stand by your side!"

Suzy's most genuine smile of the day was elicited by her simple and direct words.

"Okay."

Jeffrey helped her with her luggage and even made her a bowl of soup before leaving.

After a satisfying meal, Suzy finished her nightly routine and lay down on the bed, only then noticing a message from Liam on WhatsApp.

"Have you arrived?"

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