

## Chapter 15: Men Are Unreliable

Throughout the journey, Clive kept chattering about their childhood anecdotes, but not a single word made its way into Liam's ears.

Upon arriving at the company, he didn't even bid Clive goodbye; he simply took the CEO's private elevator straight up to his office.

"Mr. Park, regarding the copyright infringement lawsuit against Golden State Corporation, do you need to hire a few more lawyers to deal with it?" His secretary knocked on the door and came in with some documents. "It's said that they've hired internationally renowned attorneys."

Liam raised his hand to adjust his golden-edged glasses, completely unaffected, and signed his name at the bottom of the document with a pen. "No need. Leave the legal matters to Miss Burns when she returns. She will have full responsibility."

"Is Miss Burns coming back to the head office?" The secretary's tone, which had just been somewhat worried, immediately lightened. "That's great. Golden State Corporation will sure lose this case with her handling it!"

He wasn't making an overstatement. Over the past few years, whenever Sophia Burns served as the defense attorney in significant lawsuits for Park Group, they hadn't

experienced a single loss.

The secretary was feeling relieved and was about to leave when Liam called him back.

"Buy some fruits and supplements and send them to the V1 ward at Mount Central Hospital."

"Of course, Mr. Park."

After he left, Liam took out the newly acquired marriage certificate and a picture they had taken together during the registration. In the photo, Suzy leaned gently against his left shoulder, her smile looking somewhat forced.

Liam's fingers gently brushed over the photograph, studying it for a while before he got up and opened the safe, carefully placing the certificate inside.

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Inside the hospital, the scent of disinfectant still permeated the air. Suzy waited in the V1 ward for nearly two hours until Melissa woke up from her deep coma.


This time, Melissa's condition was somewhat better, as she had the strength to raise her hand.

"Mom, you're finally awake! The doctor came by earlier, and I've already signed all the consent forms for the surgery. In a few days, you'll be able to have the operation!" Suzy exclaimed with excitement, nearly losing her grip on the pen when signing.

Compared to Suzy's joy, Melissa only furrowed her brow. "Suzy, where did you get the money for the surgery?"

"...I borrowed it," Suzy replied, choosing not to reveal the whole truth to her mother.

But saying she borrowed it wasn't entirely untrue because the money for the surgery was currently provided by Liam. However, she planned to pay him back once she saved enough.

"It's probably in the millions, right? Who would lend you that much?" Melissa questioned, getting up and becoming increasingly agitated. "Tell me the truth! Did you get this money through some shady means?" 

"No!" Suzy had no other choice but to explain, "I have a boyfriend, and he's the one who lent me the money."

Hearing this, Melissa couldn't accept it.

"No, we're not going through with the surgery, and you're going to pay him back!"

Suzy furrowed her delicate brows, feeling helpless. "Mom! Not having the surgery could be life-threatening!"

"I won't allow you to use a man's money, even if it costs me my life! I have taught you since young that men are unreliable. Stay away from them, especially the wealthy ones!"

Melissa was deceived in the same way years ago. The man she was with made promises of love before marriage, but within two years, he cheated and even had an illegitimate child.

"So, what do you expect me to do?"

Suzy was exhausted, and her voice unintentionally grew louder. "My father is as good as dead, and if anything happens to you, I'll be an orphan!"

Melissa fell silent, and Suzy took a deep breath, gently massaging her mother's hand. "Mom, I promise I'll repay him this money, okay?"

During the one-year contract, she would make it a priority to repay Liam even before their divorce.

## Chapter 16: It's Here

Seeing the exhaustion on her daughter's face, Melissa sighed deeply. "I'm sorry, it's my fault for burdening you!"

She realized she shouldn't have constantly nurtured her daughter's fear of men. After all, Suzy would eventually find someone to marry. But she couldn't help it. She was anxious, worried that her daughter might make another wrong choice and end up getting hurt.

"No need to apologize, Mom. After your successful surgery, the doctor said you might even start walking again. Then you have to make me some shortcakes. I've been craving them."

"Alright." Melissa nodded, and then she thought of something. "Please ask your boyfriend to come over. I want to meet him."

Suzy hesitated, turned her face away, and started peeling an apple. "He's very busy with work and has lots of things to handle at the company."

"Your father was busy back then too..."

"Mom!" Suzy gently interrupted, "Not everyone is like him."

At least Suzy's intuition told her that Liam wasn't that kind of person. To Melissa, her daughter's words sounded like a

defense of her boyfriend. Melissa didn't say anything more, but she didn't accept the apple Suzy offered either.

Outside, the sky was slowly getting darker. With her mother now receiving care, and considering her early morning work commitment at the company, Suzy decided to leave the hospital once her mother had fallen asleep.

As she walked out, she took a deep breath and hailed a taxi, heading to Liam's place as he had suggested.

Just as she got out of the car, the phone inside her bag started ringing. She glanced down and saw an unfamiliar number.

"Have you arrived?" It was Liam's deep, magnetic voice, unmistakable even to her.

"Yes, I'm here,"

"There's a last-minute engagement on my end, so I'll be back later. You can go in first." He paused.

"The door password is LS0825."

Hearing these numbers, she instinctively froze for a moment before confirming her understanding.

Inside the house, as she changed her shoes, she couldn't help but ponder the significance behind "0825." It seemed to hold a deeper meaning than she had originally thought. He hadn't removed the tattoo or changed the password, suggesting that Liam still held a special place in his heart.

So, when he mentioned needing a marriage partner, it was probably a way to provoke someone — the chief attorney mentioned by Wendy, the one called Sophia.

Looking at the code for the door lock, where "L" represented Liam and "S" likely stood for Sophia, it seemed her replacement had been perfectly deciphered. Suzy couldn't quite put into words the emotions swirling inside her at that moment.

She had initially intended to take off her coat and go straight to her computer to work. However, as she lifted her gaze, her attention was immediately captured by the large bag in the foyer, filled with the successfully tailored suits sent by John.

Describing it as a 'large bag' was not an exaggeration at all; there were at least a dozen colorful boxes inside. When Suzy saw them, she involuntarily cleared her throat a few times, her face momentarily turning red like she had encountered a virus. She quickly left the area, trying to escape the situation.

Within the company's internal system, as soon as Wendy noticed Suzy online, she immediately sent a message.

"Who was the man with you the last time we spoke on the phone?"

"The doctor at the hospital." Suzy chose not to disclose this matter to her; it wasn't something to be proud of, and the

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contract was only for a year. She believed she could keep it a secret.

After replying to that message, she opened the project files for the Far East project and began to check them one by one. She lost track of time until she suddenly heard the sound of the door unlocking at the front entrance.

Suzy got up and walked over. Before she could speak, Liam's tall and lean figure pressed her against the living room wall, and then a passionate kiss, accompanied by the scent of alcohol, enveloped her.

"Mmm... Mr. Park, please not here, I beg you..."



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