Chapter 86: Remote Video Conference

Approaching noon, Suzy finally had a moment to relax and let out a sigh.

She subconsciously glanced at the phone beside her, then picked it up, unlocked it, and opened WhatsApp.

There were no new messages.

Liam's WhatsApp was the third on the screen, with the last message being the one she had sent to him.

Suzy suddenly wished that she could see him online on WhatsApp.

But even if she were to see him come online, what could she possibly say to him?

There was a knock on the office door.

Suzy looked up, and it was Alec.

*Lately, keep an eye on the GrowthTech Company in New Valley. They've been making frequent moves in terms of asset acquisitions this year, mainly focusing on new technology development assets.

"Mr. Park's business trip this time is also to gather information about this situation. We at Park Group are considering injecting promising publicly listed companies

through targeted issuance."

"Alright." Suzy immediately opened her computer and started to get a basic understanding of the recent developments at GrowthTech.

Seeing her speed, Alec couldn't help but smile.

"You don't need to be in such a rush. The collaboration with Far East has been signed, and the project is entering its operational phase. Your contributions to the SNS project have been noted. You don't need to worry about your bonus this year."

"Mr. Park is willing to promote me to the headquarters for further training, and it's my duty to do more for the company.

Moreover, she believed that keeping busy with work would help her avoid overthinking things.

"It's good to have this spirit, but you should also take care of your health. In our industry, the most challenging times are still ahead."

Just as Alec finished speaking, his phone rang suddenly.

Without avoiding Suzy, he directly answered the call.

"Mr. Park."

As soon as Suzy heard those two words, she instinctively held her breath.

Unfortunately, the voice on the other end was too faint, and she could hardly hear anything. All she could discern was Alec responding a few times, seemingly receiving instructions from Liam.

The call ended quickly.

Alec had a visible look of delight on his face.

"Mr. Park is indeed remarkable. He successfully negotiated a multinational joint investment cooperation as soon as he got involved. Import and export trade has always been a lucrative field."

Suzy was naturally happy too. She had long recognized Liam's expertise in business, which was why Park Group had reached its current status.

"You also have to work hard and strive to stay at the headquarters after your training period." Alec had high hopes for his apprentice.

The work progress indeed became faster with her help during this period. Her strong execution skills were highly satisfactory.

"My qualifications might not be enough."

"As long as nothing unexpected happens during the Far East project cooperation and considering your achievements in SNS, even if Mr. Park doesn't say anything, you can apply to transfer to the headquarters by yourself.

"Don't worry, when the time comes, I'll arrange a meeting for you with the HR department."

Upon hearing this, Suzy's determination grew even stronger. Previously, she had worried that if she angered Liam, he might cut off her opportunity to work at the headquarters because he didn't want to see her again.

"Thank you in advance! Also, the toast was delicious. I will check the price on their official website and send the money to you later."

"...I was going to throw it away anyway, why are you giving me money?"

"Consider it a purchase I made through you. Isn't that better than throwing it away?" She smiled, maintaining her polite demeanor.

However, this time, Alec refused to accept the money no matter what.

So, in the end, Suzy decided to purchase more toasts for Alec and planned to give them to him the next day.

As she was about to leave, Alec suddenly stopped at the doorway. "By the way, Mr. Park has a remote video conference at eight o'clock tonight. You should join as well."

Chapter 87: The Current Relationship with Liam

Was she about to meet Liam?

Suzy found it hard to put her current mood into words; she felt like she was in a state of uncertainty, neither here nor there.

She wanted to find an excuse to avoid it, but then, why was she trying to escape?

After all, there had to be a conclusion between her and Liam, whether it was terminating the contract or whatever it might be, sooner or later, they had to meet.

Alec had left right after giving instructions, leaving Suzy to spend the entire afternoon thinking about the evening's meeting.

After finishing work, she walked out of the company and saw Jeffrey's car parked in the distance, with Wendy standing next to it.

Suzy walked briskly over. "Why did you both come?"

"Well, I thought the headquarters was far from my place, and my cousin had some free time, so I asked him to pick me up.

"No need, I can just take the subway."

Wendy affectionately linked her arm with Suzy's and giggled.

"I just wanted to see you more! Back when we worked at FortuneWave, we used to see each other every day. Now that you're here, I have no one to chat with!"

Suzy couldn't help but smile at her enthusiasm.

"Then work hard. Mr. Shaw hasn't had the time to trouble you lately. But when the year-end comes, he'll definitely scrutinize your performance."

"Do you think I fear him?"

Wendy rolled her eyes.

"If he were to criticize me again, I would quit! I never liked his management style anyway. He always takes all the credit and blames others when things go wrong."

Since Wendy's family didn't rely on her earnings, she had no pressure in that regard.

However, Suzy couldn't afford to do the same.

Jeffrey, who had remained silent, chimed in, "This is how the workplace is nowadays. It's not just in your company; even in the education sector, there are similar issues between faculty members and principals."

"Do you get hassled by the principal too?"

"No, he wouldn't dare," Jeffrey replied confidently.

His reputation and status at the school made the principal think twice before directing any anger towards him.

Wendy couldn't help but make a sound of amusement. " Enough chatting here. Let's go eat; I'm starving!"

She tried to pull Suzy along.

"I have a meeting at eight o'clock. I need to go back and prepare some documents, so I won't join you guys."

She had a genuine reason, and she also didn't want to have too much personal interaction with Jeffrey.

While she knew he was a good person and had a vague sense of his intentions, at least for now, Suzy didn't want to think about matters of the heart.

Especially given the current status of her relationship with Liam, which had no clear resolution. She couldn't afford to complicate things further.

"Oh? You're working overtime even after finishing work!" Wendy exclaimed in disappointment.

She had hoped to strengthen the relationship between her best friend and her cousin.

"Yes, I have a lot of projects on hand, which is a good thing. I want to earn more money so that I can have a stable place to live once my mom gets out of the hospital."

While Suzy was fine with renting a place for herself, she was

concerned about her mother's personality. If her mother had any problems with the landlord, she might struggle to deal with it.

Wendy wanted to insist, but Jeffrey beat her to it. "Then let me take you back, and I'll bring Wendy for dinner afterward."

"No, no, I can take the subway."

"Don't refuse again! My cousin will be so embarrassed."

With Wendy's remark, if Suzy were to refuse again, it would indeed put everyone in an awkward position.

"Well then, thank you, Mr. Palmer."

Chapter 88: Seeing Liam

After returning to Wendy's house, Suzy didn't even have time to drink water. She immediately started organizing the materials she would need for the meeting.

Since the task from GrowthTech had just been assigned to her today, and it was a major move for the company, she needed to pay full attention during the meeting because her understanding of this project was still at a basic level.

After preparing everything she could think of, Suzy sat in her chair, on her computer, and entered the company's meeting interface.

It displayed – 8 P.M. Channel One Technology Development Project Meeting Main Host: Liam Park."

As she gazed at the name on the screen, a sudden wave of anxiety washed over Suzy, as though her concerns had just sprung to life.

Would she get to witness his injuries during the meeting? Would his face be permanently scarred?

She lowered her gaze to the bottom right corner of the computer. There was still nearly an hour before the meeting started.

Normally, she should go find something to eat to fill her

stomach because the duration of the meeting was uncertain.

However, Suzy didn't want to leave the computer screen. She just wanted to watch the clock and wait for the meeting to begin.

The last time she felt time passing so slowly was when... when was it?

It seemed like it was when Desmond took her to meet Liam, during that dinner when every second felt like an eternity.

Suzy continued to watch the clock, counting down the minutes. As it got closer, her inexplicable nervousness grew.

At last, with only ten minutes left until eight o'clock, she noticed that Channel One had been activated, and the server informed the appropriate individuals that they could join the meeting.

Subconsciously, Suzy was about to click but hesitated for a moment.

What if it turned out to be just her and Liam in the meeting room? That would be awkward, wouldn't it?

However, her worries were unfounded.

Upon entering the meeting room, she saw that even Alec was present, and Liam hadn't turned on his camera.

Ding, ding.

Suzy received a private message from Alec.

"My internet signal isn't great today. Could you please record the meeting and send me a copy tomorrow?"

She replied with an OK emoji and switched back to the main interface, where she saw Liam's handsome face appear on the screen!

He appeared... thinner.

Even the way he looked at the materials with lowered eyes revealed a hint of fatigue.

His exquisitely handsome face remained deep and captivating, but there was a piece of gauze taped to his forehead, which looked somewhat out of place – probably covering the injury he sustained in the car accident.

This was the first time she had seen him since the incident. Liam had already returned to his usual aloof and serious demeanor, devoid of any trace of tenderness.

Suzy instinctively covered her heart with her hand, as if she had lost something, leaving an empty feeling.

"Today's briefing materials for the conference have already been uploaded by my assistant. Please take a look," Liam spoke, and all the participants in the meeting immediately started to review the materials.

Suzy opened the document a little slowly.

It contained the latest developments in technology

exchange, complete with occasional images. She had keen eyes and immediately spotted Liam's figure in one of the pictures.

He was wearing a black suit, holding a highball glass while conversing with foreign business partners, his face adorned with his usual polite smile.

Adjacent to him, she could see Sophia, who had also attended the exchange meeting. Perhaps due to her recent surgery, she was sitting in a chair, but her high-end red dress still made her stand out.

It seemed that her outfit complemented Liam's attire quite well.

Chapter 89: Suzy's Stomachache

Alec provided a detailed report on the due diligence of the GrowthTech project, covering various aspects such as finance, future prospects, changes in shareholders, and a thorough analysis of the current state of technology development.

Suddenly, Suzy heard someone mention her name.

"Miss Chase from the Investment Department recently proposed a technology project related to new automobiles to FortuneWave, and it has been submitted to the headquarters for review.

"I took a look, and if the information is accurate, it aligns well with our current development needs."

The speaker was the Director of Investments, Gary Clinton, holding a significant position within Park Group.

Behind the camera, Liam nodded slightly without lifting his eyelids and said, "Alec, please focus on it."

"I've already looked into it. It was developed by several university professors, with a certain Professor Jeffrey Palmer leading the project. He holds a number of patents and is indeed a talented individual."

Whether it was Suzy's imagination or not, when Alec

mentioned Jeffrey, she felt a momentary stiffness in Liam's posture behind the camera, but it quickly returned to normal.

The meeting continued, and Suzy had little opportunity to speak in such an important meeting, so she remained silent and focused on taking notes.

As it approached 10 o'clock in the evening, there was no sign of the meeting ending, but Suzy had already begun to feel her stomach acting up.

If only she had eaten something earlier!

Now, with the camera on, she couldn't exactly start eating.

Suzy clenched her fists, attempting to endure the discomfort, but it not only didn't alleviate but seemed to worsen. She even began to break a thin layer of sweat on her forehead.

But now, Wendy, who had gone out for dinner, hadn't returned yet. She was probably on a date with a handsome guy, leaving Suzy alone at home. There was no one else around, and not even someone to pass her stomach medicine.

As time passed, she began to sweat more profusely, and the gnawing pain in her stomach was nearly overwhelming.

Suddenly, Liam's voice came through, "I'll pause the meeting for thirty minutes."

Suzy felt an immense relief. She didn't even have time to

turn off the camera; she quickly got up to search for her qastric medicine.

Coincidentally, at that moment, Wendy returned home with Jeffrey in tow.

Seeing Suzy holding stomach medicine and a glass of water, Jeffrey approached her with the takeaway pastries in his hand.

"Are you experiencing gastric pain because you didn't eat? Taking medicine on an empty stomach will make you feel even worse. Have something to eat first, then take your medicine. I'll get you some warm water."

Wendy chimed in immediately, "My cousin is quite considerate. Suzy, go back to the bedroom for now, and he'll bring it to you later."

Due to the intense pain in her stomach, Suzy didn't hesitate and obediently went back to the bedroom.

On the meeting interface, it seemed that everyone had left, and Liam's camera was turned off.

Suzy took a few bites of the pastries and before long, Jeffrey knocked on the door with a cup of warm water. " Suzy, can I come in?"

"Sure." Suzy looked up, took the warm water from him, and expressed her gratitude, "Thank you so much for this, and for buying me food."

"Don't mention it. I thought even during overtime work, you need to eat something! If it weren't for Wendy insisting on buying a few pieces of clothing, we could have come back earlier.

"Tomorrow, I'll ask her to prepare some ready-to-eat food at home, so you won't have to worry about overtime."

Jeffrey's voice remained gentle and warm as if he were naturally devoid of the emotion of anger.

Suzy drank the warm water, ate some food, took her medicine, and soon her stomachache began to subside.

Half an hour passed, and the meeting resumed.

Liam's camera once again displayed his handsome face. He furrowed his brows, appearing displeased.

"In the future, for evening meetings, make sure all of you've had dinner before joining."

Chapter 90: What's Your Relationship With Him

Were those words targeted at her?

Seeing a flood of responses below, Suzy quickly sent a message acknowledging receipt.

The meeting continued until one in the morning, but with the CEO as the host, no one dared to yawn.

Finally, the CEO's secretary concluded the meeting and announced, "That's it for today's meeting."

Suzy breathed a sigh of relief. She was about to turn off her camera and stretch when Liam added at the end, "The person in charge of the new car technology project mentioned in the meeting earlier will meet me separately."

"Are you referring to the project led by Jeffrey Palmer?" Alec asked directly.

"Yes."

"Alright! Miss Chase from the Investment Department, you will connect with Mr. Park separately."

Suzy really hadn't expected this surprise.

Under the watchful eyes of everyone, she nodded quickly. " Okay."

Exiting the meeting room, she stared at Liam's personal

account for several seconds but couldn't muster the courage to request the connection.

She was afraid and embarrassed.

Earlier, with many people in the meeting, she could hide in the background.

But now... she had to talk to him one-on-one!

Suzy wished her computer would malfunction right now.

This conflicted feeling was really tormenting her.

Suzy hesitated, pacing back and forth three times before finally taking a deep breath and sending the request.

It took nearly a minute for the connection to be established, and Liam didn't choose to turn on his camera, so they could only communicate through voice.

"I just took a quick look at this Jeffrey Palmer's project. The due diligence is insufficient, and the production data is too vague. It's still in the experimental stage, and they're already seeking financing, which carries high risks."

Suzy cleared her throat and immediately entered work mode.

"Indeed, there is a certain level of risk, and I have already noted this in the application. However, most of the patents involved have been recognized by the government, which indirectly confirms its feasibility. "After conducting investment analysis, I believe that once it receives production approval, the potential return on investment is substantial."

"But it's still in the conceptual stage. If actual production encounters issues, all the invested capital will be at risk."

"No, Mr. Palmer told me that they have already manufactured actual vehicles, not just the concept car shown in the video. He has a lot of confidence in this model, and I can tell he is very confident."

"Suzy Chase."

Suddenly, Liam called her by her full name. "This is business.

Suzy was speechless.

"The company wants a quantifiable reduction of risk, not assurances from investors that they have everything under control."

Suzy lowered her head, speechless.

Indeed, she had a habit of instinctively judging a project's risk rate based on her impression of a person.

"And also, what's your personal relationship with him?"
Liam's voice was low and carried a hint of roughness as if
he was interrogating.

She raised her head abruptly, rushing to explain, "We're just

friends! That time at the hospital-"

"This project should be handled by Mr Lincoln. You shouldn't personally get involved in a project when you know the project lead on a personal level. It might raise suspicions regardless of your actual relationship," Liam interrupted her, focused on business matters.

"Regardless of your relationship, based on what you just said, I believe you might not be able to objectively assess the feasibility of this project."

"Oh, I see."

So, it was just about work for him, not seeking an explanation about their relationship.

Chapter 91: Reconciled With Sophia

Without waiting for Suzy to say anything, Liam had already hung up on the other end.

It appeared as if their connection had instantly returned to the dynamics of a CEO and an employee.

Right, he had reconciled with Sophia. What position could her substitute still have?

She closed her computer. After changing into her pajamas and taking a shower, Suzy lay in bed but unexpectedly couldn't fall asleep.

She tossed and turned, unable to sleep.

It was already early morning, and if she didn't sleep soon, she would have to get up for work!

Suzy closed her eyes tightly, but no matter what, she couldn't feel sleepy. She decided to get up and restart her computer to continue working.

Just as she logged into the company's server, she noticed that Liam was still online.

Hadn't he gone to sleep?

She stared at the screen for a while before suddenly remembering that Liam was currently abroad, in a different

time zone. It was afternoon there.

She tugged at her lips, chuckling with a hint of selfdeprecation.

She had indeed become quite presumptuous to be actively monitoring her boss' every move.

Suzy summarized the information related to GrowthTech and archived it. Then, she handed over all the projects related to Jeffrey to Alec.

She had no objections to Liam's decision.

She also knew that he made this request after considering all factors, believing that she might not be up to the task or that mistakes could easily occur if she continued to handle it.

However, it was his calm analysis and decision-making, devoid of any emotions, that made Suzy feel he was like a stranger.

Liam was still the high and mighty CEO, holding the entire company's fate in his hands. It was as if... the tender and caring version of him from before had been a figment of her imagination, and this cold, stern version was the real one.

Early the next morning, Suzy, who had not slept all night, had to go to work with dark circles under her eyes.

Fortunately, there was foundation makeup to help conceal them, along with the small cut on her face.

"I noticed you transferred the new car development project to me. Are you upset with Mr. Park?" Alec approached her as soon as she saw her.

Suzy shook her head.

"During the meeting yesterday, Mr. Park mentioned that I'm too emotional and can't objectively handle this project.

Transferring it is the right decision.

"Otherwise, if the company suffers losses because of me, I'd be remembered as a villain for eternity."

Alec chuckled at her response.

"You don't have to think that way. Actually, Mr. Park is quite fair. I've been with him for so many years, and I've never seen him single out anyone. Every decision he makes is well thought out."

Every decision?

Suzy wondered if that included the absurd contract they had signed.

"Don't worry, I genuinely have no ulterior motives. I'm grateful for the opportunity to work at the headquarters."

"That's good to hear. I was worried that you might not understand Mr. Park's personality and become even more discontent with him!

"Besides, you don't need to worry. Since this project was

brought into the company through your efforts, if it achieves success, you will definitely be recognized."

"You really don't need to explain all this; I understand."

Alec nodded and said with a smile, "Alright then, you can get back to work. You can rest assured that I will communicate effectively with the other party regarding this project."

Suzy gave a thumbs-up gesture and then returned to her seat.

Ding ding-

Her phone, placed nearby, started ringing with a notification for an unread WhatsApp message.

She immediately picked it up and opened the message.

It still wasn't from...

It was from Melissa.

"Both you and Jeff must come to accompany me for the surgery this weekend!"

Suzy furrowed her brow and replied, "Mom, he's really busy."

Melissa responded, "Don't make excuses! I just called him, and he said he's available this weekend."

Chapter 92: Liam's Personal Attire

Suzy couldn't believe her mother actually called Jeffrey!

Suzy's eyebrows furrowed deeply, and she felt a powerful surge of anger welling up inside her, like an unstoppable force.

The feeling of being controlled and coerced in every aspect was really infuriating her.

"Why didn't you tell me and just go contact him yourself? I told you he's busy, but he agreed to your call just to show you some respect!"

"Are you interrogating me?" Melissa's tone became just as fiery.

"Everything I do, I do it for whom? You got married without even telling me, and now you're blaming me! I just want him to do more for you, to spend more time with you. Why are you so upset about this?"

Suzy slammed her phone down loudly.

That same old phrase again.

"For your own good!"

But what exactly did "for your own good" mean? Was it good just because she thought it was?

Suzy tried to calm herself down, not wanting these matters to affect her. After all, no matter what, the upcoming surgery was the most important thing.

After a brief pause, she called Jeffrey.

Soon, his warm and gentle voice came through.

"I was just about to call you, and someone called Alec Lincoln contacted me today."

"It's like this, because your project is really important, they've chosen to appoint someone with better skills to work closely with you to ensure everything goes smoothly."

He smiled. "I think your abilities are already more than sufficient."

"Thank you for the compliment." Suzy hadn't forgotten the favor he did for her yesterday. "And also, I wanted to thank you for yesterday. I was in a hurry for the meeting, and I didn't get a chance to properly express my gratitude."

"It was no big deal." Jeffrey could already guess the purpose of her call, and it definitely wasn't to chat about these trivial matters. "Regarding Mrs. Chase's surgery, I've agreed to accompany her."

As soon as that topic came up, Suzy started to feel a headache coming on.

"I'm sorry about this. I didn't expect her to contact you

directly, bypassing me."

"No worries, in her eyes, I'm her son-in-law. Accompanying my mother-in-law for surgery is the right thing to do, isn't it?" Jeffrey said, but Suzy couldn't help feeling awkward about the situation.

She had thought that after the last act, everything would be successfully wrapped up. She hadn't expected this twist.

"You don't have to go that day. I can explain it to her myself.

After all, everything has already been prepared and the
money has been spent, so there's no turning back now."

"Suzy." Jeffrey had become quite comfortable with addressing her casually. "If my presence can ease her worries and even make her happy, why not do it? Besides, I don't have any classes this weekend."

"But..."

"No need to overthink it. Just consider me a friend. It's a simple gesture I can do."

After some thought, Suzy politely declined, "Telling one lie leads to countless more lies to cover it up. I don't have the time or energy to maintain the lies I've told before. It's better to let her know the truth sooner."

On the other end of the phone, there was a long sigh from Jeffrey.

"Alright, I'll go along with your decision. If you ever need

anything at the last minute, you can call me."

"Thank you."

After ending the call, Suzy realized that Sophia had sent her a message. Since she was on the phone, she was quick to see it.

"Sorry to disturb you. Do you happen to know Liam's clothing size for his personal attire? I'm worried that I might buy something too small, and it might not fit him well."

Chapter 93: Suzy Seduced Other Men

Honestly, Suzy couldn't help but admire Sophia.

She was willing to ask her about such a private matter without any hint of embarrassment.

Seriously...

They were discussing Liam, and Sophia was Liam's crush for years. Now that Sophia's feelings for him were mutual, Suzy couldn't help but wonder why she was involved in this situation, being asked for advice on such personal matters.

Moreover, considering the time difference, it was likely late at night in Ashington.

During this passionate time of day, it was hard not to wonder what they had been up to that required Liam to change his personal attire.

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

Frustrated, she turned her phone off and set it aside to avoid interrupting her work.

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Meanwhile, in a luxury hotel suite in Ashington.

Liam had just finished dealing with company matters and was preparing to change the dressing on his wound before

resting when suddenly, there was a knocking at the door.

He furrowed his brow and walked over, opening it slightly.

It was Sophia.

"Liam, the doctor reminded you to change the dressing after 36 hours when you were discharged. The wound on the back of your leg isn't easy to reach on your own, right? I'll help you.

"No need, the hotel has service staff."

She smiled. "With your OCD, I'm sure you don't plan on asking them for help."

She hit the nail on the head.

Indeed, Liam had no intention of doing so.

However, he also hadn't thought of having Sophia help him.

"I can manage it myself."

Sophia looked at his distant and indifferent demeanor, feeling a sudden wave of sadness wash over her.

"After so many years, are you still reluctant to even consider me as a friend?"

In fact, this was the first time she had attempted to break this barrier and speak with him about it.

Although Liam's parents had subtly tried to matchmake the two of them countless times, every time Sophia understood

Liam's thoughts and helped him brush it off ambiguously.

She always remained by his side as a friend, rather than embracing the title of "the future daughter-in-law" given by his parents.

"We are friends, good business partners," his reply was always impeccable, gentlemanly, and official.

Sophia pursed her red lips. "Is that so? Then am I the same as Suzy?"

Suddenly mentioning that name caught Liam off guard, and his handsome face finally showed some different emotions.

"Not the same."

"Is it because you two got married?"

He furrowed his brow, knowing that it must have been something Clive had said.

"Don't blame him! It was because of your accident. Both Clive and I were upset, so he blurted it out in frustration," she recalled that scene, lowering her gaze.

"Clive said that you had registered your marriage with Suzy, but she even went to seduce other men."

Back then, even though Clive pulled her away, she could still hear their conversation because she stood close by.

"I don't want to talk about this. Is there anything else?" Liam's expression grew even gloomier, and his whole demeanor seemed to darken.

Sophia stayed silent for a while before sighing. "You really aren't afraid that Mrs. Park will find out and trigger a relapse of her illness."

In reality, what she wanted to say was...

How could he marry Suzy this easily?

That position should have been hers, plain and simple.

The name on the marriage certificate should have been Sophia's!

She had thought that for Liam, Suzy was just a crush, an attraction, a youthful memory that never faded, a fresh sensory experience upon their reunion.

However, she hadn't expected... it was actually a calculated and deliberate move.

Chapter 94: Definitely Jeffrey's Voice

Liam granted Suzy the official status and legal confirmation of marriage!

This was something the Park family had always desired for him to give Sophia!

"For now, don't let her know."

Liam took his mother's condition into account, but he also realized that if he didn't secure Suzy's commitment now and make the most of the current situation, he might lose the chance later on.

"Yeah, don't worry. I won't say anything." Sophia took a few steps back. "Since you don't need my help, I won't disturb your rest. Get some sleep."

After saying this, Liam only nodded faintly.

He didn't even say goodnight and simply closed the door.

He walked back to the bed, and suddenly, he recalled the conversation he had overheard through Suzy's phone during the meeting.

"Suzy, can I come in?"

"Don't mention it. I thought even during overtime work, you need to eat something! If it weren't for Wendy insisting on

buying a few pieces of clothing, we could have come back earlier.

"Tomorrow, I'll ask her to prepare some ready-to-eat food at home, so you won't have to worry about overtime."

It was clearly Jeffrey's voice.

Even though it seemed like Wendy was also present, instead of just the two of them being alone together, it was late at night in their home country, and they were still together!

Furrowing his brows, Liam sent a message to Alec.

"Go to New Valley for an on-site inspection of GrowthTech Company, and bring Suzy with you."

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Receiving the news that she was being sent on another business trip by the company, Suzy felt a bit dazed.

Considering that GrowthTech's project was incredibly important and one of the Park Group's major endeavors for the year, the fact that they were including her was quite surprising.

She thought that as her relationship with Liam became strained and ended, her privileges within the company would disappear as well.

"I know your mother is having surgery, so we'll leave on Monday. What do you think?" Alec was considerate and had already scheduled the dates, leaving her with no room for choice.

"I have no problem, but I wonder if my name will be credited for this GrowthTech project?"

Although opportunities to gain experience with the company were rare, if the company was willing to give her some credit on this project, her resume would look even better!

"I'm not sure. This is up to Mr. Park to decide, I'll mention it to him later."

"In that case, there's no need." Suzy didn't dare to grab Liam's attention at this time.

"What are you afraid of?" Alec didn't know what she was thinking, but he thought she was afraid of Liam.

"When Mr. Park returns from his business trip and lands in New Valley, I'll arrange for you to pick him up alone. At that time, you can say some nice words and get close to him. Whether your name is on the project or not will be solely up to Mr. Park."

She did participate, and there was no problem with her inclusion, but if Liam didn't approve, no one would dare to act on their own.

"Liam Park will come directly to New Valley after his business trip?!" Suzy asked instinctively, surprised at herself for calling Liam by his full name. It also startled Alec. "It's better to address him as Mr. Park at the company."

"I'm sorry, I'm sorry... I thought Mr. Park would return to the company after his business trip."

"Originally, the plan was for him to travel directly to New Valley from Ashington."

However, in the original plan, there was no intention to take Suzy to New Valley.

Alec gave her a reassuring look. "You make sure to seize the opportunity when the time comes."

"Yeah, I will..."

Suzy watched Alec leave, and then suddenly remembered what he had said earlier.

What did he say?!

Did he want her to go to the airport alone to pick up Liam?!

Chapter 95: Divorce Him

On the evening before Melissa's surgery, Suzy didn't spend the night at Wendy's house; instead, she stayed with her mother at the hospital.

Suzy understood that even though Melissa appeared brave and fearless, it was only natural for her to feel anxious inside, considering the seriousness of the upcoming surgery.

"The doctor said the success rate of your surgery this time is very high, and in another ten days or so, you'll be able to leave the hospital."

Suzy could only say some positive things to ease her mother's worries.

"I know, the lead surgeon came and talked to me yesterday."

Melissa had been instructed to fast before the surgery, so she had to lie in bed and minimize her movements, with even limited water intake.

"You don't need to worry about me; I'm more worried about you."

She was gently wiping her mother's arm and hesitated for a moment.

"There's nothing you should be worrying about me."

"Both of you are legally married but haven't held a wedding yet! Is that Jeff guy intimidating you? Even though he's your husband in the eyes of the law, he might still be seeing other women behind your back."

Melissa's greatest fear was still this.

Because she had experienced this herself, she naturally worried that her daughter would follow in her footsteps.

"It won't happen."

Suzy was aware that her mother held a dim view of all men.

"I thought the same when I was young."

Suzy kept quiet at her mother's comment.

"Seeing you like this, it's exactly like me back then! No, I have to talk to this Jeff guy, and his parents must come to be witnesses for you."

Saying that, Melissa was about to make a phone call.

Suzy quickly intervened, "It's late, what are you doing? They are all resting!"

"It's not that late; it's only seven o'clock! Besides, I intentionally cause trouble at inconvenient times to see how sincere the Palmer family is!"

Her mother's approach and thoughts always took Suzy by surprise.

"If you keep causing a scene like this, even if my marriage is trouble-free, it will be tainted."

Luckily, Jeffrey wasn't her real husband, and once her mother's surgery was over, the drama would come to an end!

If she were actually married to Jeffrey, she doubted any man could withstand her mother's unpredictable behavior.

In fact, this was the fundamental reason why Suzy had no interest in relationships over the years.

She didn't want to inflict a normal person with such a dysfunctional family environment.

"Are you criticizing me again?" Melissa was displeased.

"Suzy, think about it. Have I ever done anything that wasn't in your best interest? I'm your mother, and I'm afraid you'll be deceived like I was!"

Suzy sighed. "I know you're looking out for me. How about this? After your surgery and once my company project is nearly completed, and I receive the bonus, I'll pay them back, and then... I'll get a divorce."

Of course, when she said "him," she meant Liam.

"No way!" Melissa immediately rejected the idea without hesitation. "You, a young lady in your prime, can't just divorce him after being together for a while!" "Don't you think that if you were to be so calculative in a relationship, it's better off staying single?"

As Suzy spoke to her mother, she was also speaking to herself.

During this period, starting from the moment Liam unexpectedly became a part of her life to when she started adapting to his presence, and at times, even feeling uncertain about his relationship with Sophia.

It was just exhausting.

Being single, on the other hand, meant going to work, earning money, and not having to think about anything else every day except eating and sleeping, without another person stirring her emotions.