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inherited by Aurora after Dahlia's death. In other words, once the will took effect, Dahlia could only rely on the interest for her livelihood.

Keegan left most of his money to Stella and only a pitiful amount of interest for his own mother. This made Dahlia absolutely furious.

She believed that Stella was the one who persuaded Keegan to make such a will and sabotaged her relationship with her son. Keegan used to be very respectful toward her, but everything changed ever since Stella came into their lives.

Stella was the reason why Keegan kicked her out of the Kane residence. So, she figured that since Keegan did not give her anything according to his will, it must be because of Stella.

Dahlia's resentment toward Stella grew even stronger, and she hated her to the core, "I was still wondering why Keegan would make such a will. I finally understand it now. You were the one who forced Keegan to do it, right?"

"He was still so young; why would he suddenly make a will? And why would he allocate most of his assets to his ex- wife? He got into the accident shortly after he made the will, and he was with you when it happened, too! What are the odds? I know that you're the one who caused his death because you can't wait to inherit his money!"

Stella had no intention of arguing with anyone before coming here, but Dahlia's words struck a nerve in her. Her face immediately darkened.

"Since you brought up the will, let me ask you this. Just one week after Keegan's accident, the Kane family started reducing the manpower of the search and rescue team.

Who was the one who made that decision? The police haven't even confirmed whether he is dead or alive, yet you're in such a hurry to apply for a death certificate. It's only been two weeks. Are you really so worried about him being alive?

"Do you even know what injuries he suffered before falling into the water? You know he doesn't know how to swim, but do you know why? You said that he

treats you badly, but he did everything he could to seek your worthless motherly love, yet you're still not satisfied!

"Keegan is soft-hearted, afraid that you wouldn't be able to live if he was gone, so he left you a source of income. What about you? Do you really hope he's alive, or do you hope he's dead?"

Aurora looked at her mother in disbelief. She had no idea that Dahlia had gone to report Keegan's death.

'Even if the hope is faint, his body hasn't even been found yet. Isn't that a little hasty?' Aurora thought to herself.

Dahlia was shocked by Stella's intimidating demeanor, and it took her some time to regain her composure. When she met Aurora's questioning gaze, she appeared somewhat flustered, "Nonsense! Absolute nonsense! What are you all standing around for? Stop her!"

Stella's eyes turned cold. Just as she was about to ride past the security guards, Baldwin came out of the house and stopped the commotion.

Stella heaved a sigh of relief upon seeing Baldwin. She dismounted Juno and walked toward him, "Baldwin, how's grandma?"

"She's fine. Just feeling a little unwell," Baldwin said flatly.

"I'd like to see her if it's possible."

Baldwin shook his head, "Mrs. Kane Sr. doesn't want to see anyone now. You should head back."

Dahlia looked a little uneasy when Baldwin came out, but when she heard what Baldwin said, her arrogance flared up again. "Did you hear that? No one wants to see you here. Get lost!"

Stella scrutinized Baldwin's expression and saw that it looked normal, showing no signs of being threatened.

She pursed her lips before speaking, "There's something about Keegan I hope to talk to her about."

Having signed the divorce papers, Stella considered the significance of the matter and felt it necessary to inform Cordelia about it.

“Ms. Hall, if it’s about something Mr. Kane had already arranged, you can make the decisions independently.

There’s no need for you to inform her about anything.” 2

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Stella frowned. She was about to say something more, but Baldwin turned and walked away. She wanted to follow him but was blocked by the security guards.

Dahlia said without holding back, “Get lost now! Don’t think you can do whatever you want here just because you’re a part of the Hall family!”

Stella stopped walking, turned around to glance at Dahlia, and left without saying anything.

Dahlia glowered at her receding back and cursed under her breath.

Aurora did not say anything. Instead, she looked at her own mother somewhat strangely and asked in a low voice, “Mom, did you really get a death certificate for Keegan?”

Dahlia paused and immediately got angry again, “Do you believe in her or me?” Aurora lowered her gaze and kept quiet.

She did not know if she should believe in Dahlia anymore. When Dahlia reduced the manpower earlier, the reason she gave Aurora was that Cordelia did not want to escalate the matter and affect the company.

But there was no proof that Keegan was dead. Plus, considering how much Cordelia loved him, Aurora figured it seemed strange for Cordelia to make that decision.

After not getting any response from Aurora, Dahlia softened her tone, “Of course, I hope that Keegan is safe. He’s my son, and I do care about him. But it’s been so many days, and the rescue team has said there’s no chance of him surviving. What else do you expect me to do? He’s gone, and you’re not married yet. I’ve got to plan for our future, after all.”

Dahlia played her trump card, worrying that Aurora would turn against her, “Don’t let Stella fool you. She doesn’t care about your brother as much as you

think. Your brother went missing, yet she's messing around with Marshall. How could we ever trust a fickle woman like her? She has bewitched both your brother and Marshall. You and Marshall would've been together long ago if it weren't for her."

Aurora was taken aback as she stared at Dahlia for some time without speaking.

Her feelings for Marshall had long faded. She did not know if Marshall was interested in Stella, but Stella was definitely not as Dahlia had described. She was sure Stella did not mess around with Marshall when Keegan was still missing.

Aldor had told her that the kidnapper jumped into the river and pulled Keegan with him. Without hesitating, Stella jumped in, too.

Stella was willing to risk her life for Keegan, so why would she throw herself into Marshall's arms now?

Aurora suddenly remembered that Cordelia had wanted to raise her personally after her father's death, but Dahlia opposed the idea. One day, Keegan brought her out to play. When they returned, Dahlia immediately gave her a cold shower.

She was afraid of the cold water and insisted on not taking it. However, Dahlia told her that only by doing this could she keep her by her side and prevent Cordelia from taking her away.

After taking the cold shower, she immediately got a fever. Cordelia asked her about what happened. Following Dahlia's instructions, Aurora told her she was caught in the rain after Keegan took her out to play.

Back then, after Quentin died, Keegan had indeed treated her coldly for a while.

It was something that everyone in the Kane family knew.

After listening to what Aurora said, Cordelia mistakenly believed that Keegan had done that on purpose and was still harboring resentment toward Aurora because he had not recovered from Quentin's death.

Cordelia was worried that her relationship with Keegan would worsen if they lived together, so she agreed to let her live with Dahlia.

Of course, Keegan did not let her get soaked in the rain. Instead, he had removed his jacket, draped it over her head, and carried her back.

Aurora had always believed that Dahlia did everything because she loved her.

But now, she suddenly felt that her mother was simply using her to achieve her own motives of staying in the Kane family.

Just like what she was doing, stirring rumors about Stella and Marshall, provoking Aurora's anger for Stella so that she could inherit Keegan's wealth.

Aldor told her that she was different from her brother as Keegan never received any motherly love from Dahlia, so everything he did was justifiable.

Aurora did not believe it before.

As the person who had been favored, she never felt like anything was unfair.

But now, as she thought about everything that had happened in the past from her brother's perspective, she suddenly felt a chill run down her spine.

While Dahlia was still talking to Aurora about the will, she had long lost interest in listening.

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When she got lost during a vacation once, Aurora remembered the relief on Keegan's face when he finally managed to find her under the scorching sun, drenched in sweat.

She remembered when the laboratory caught fire, Keegan had saved her and kept repeating, "It's okay," as they escaped from the flames.

She remembered that no matter what she wished for on her birthday, Keegan would do everything in his power to make it happen.

Then, she thought about Keegan, who might still be immersed in the icy river, yet their mother's only concern was the will. She could not bear it anymore and came up with an excuse to leave.

Three days had passed, but it felt like an eternity for Stella. However, she felt somewhat relieved because there was still no news from the rescue team.

For now, no news was the best news for her.

Stella woke up very early in the morning. After she changed and went downstairs, she bumped into Jaylene, who had just returned home.

Jaylene had not come home last night. To be precise, she had rarely been at home for the past few days.

Darcie said that Jaylene went to spend time with her friend who had just returned from overseas, but Stella remained skeptical about it.

She guessed that Jaylene probably had a boyfriend. They were still in their honeymoon phase, so they wanted to spend as much time as possible with each other.

'Is it normal for her to forget about someone so easily?' Stella paused as she thought, 'The person she likes is still missing, yet she still has the mood to hang out with her friend. Is that normal?' As she thought about that, her gaze turned somewhat doubtful as she looked at Jaylene.

Jaylene looked drained. After she greeted Stella, she headed straight to her room upstairs.

"Jaylene," Stella called out to her, "Is your classmate still here?"

Jaylene smiled, "My classmate plans to stay here for another two weeks. So, we want to make the most of our time left."

Do you want me to show your friend around? You've spent so much time abroad, and you might not be very familiar with the city. I've grown up here and know which streets have the best eateries. Since your classmate will only return once in a long time, I'd be happy to show him around."

Jaylene was taken aback. As she looked at the gentle expression on Stella's face, she said, "It's fine. You're probably not in a good mood these days anyway. I'll just take them to wherever I'm familiar with."

Stella smiled back, "Are you sure? It had happened for so many days now. I'm starting to accept it already."

Jaylene scrutinized Stella and could not figure out what she was thinking.

“Okay then. I’ll let them know about it. If you’re free tomorrow, we’ll make plans.”

“Sure.” Stella nodded.

Once Jaylene went upstairs, Stella’s expression turned cold. Then, she took out her phone and called Felicity, “Felicity, I need your help...” 1 In Vinci Rivera, the executives were having a meeting.

Compared to the evenly matched competition three weeks ago, the balance had shifted along with Keegan’s disappearance. Chandler and Jackson taking over Vinci Rivera was almost a done deal. Many people had decided to switch sides, offering them their full support.

Meanwhile, on Keegan’s side, they had lost their backbone. Though his team was still intact, their morale had taken a significant hit.

“Mr. Kane, it’s about time. Let’s begin.”

Just as Chandler was about to nod, Aldor said, “Wait a moment. Our team’s leader will arrive shortly.”

Everyone was shocked upon hearing that.

‘What does that mean? Is Keegan back?’ They wondered to themselves.

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The executive across from Aldor said, “Surely, you must be joking. I haven’t heard any updates from the search and rescue team.”

“It’s not Mr. Kane, but someone he designated,” Aldor explained.

The man chuckled lightly, “To my knowledge, Mr. Kane has never officially appointed someone to lead in his absence. It’s odd that this is only being brought up now, especially since he’s been missing for quite a while. Are you sure he designated this individual, or was it your choice, Aldor?”

Aldor glanced at the man, his expression composed, “Mr. Kane is accustomed to being prepared for any situation. If he took the step to create a will, it’s reasonable to assume he would also consider appointing a representative. He

chose the current acting representative through a legally binding contract overseen by a trusted lawyer. In his absence, they are authorized to attend crucial company meetings on his behalf. Any decisions made by them directly represent Mr. Kane's intentions. Do you have a problem with that, Mr. Walker?"

The executive was momentarily taken aback, looking somewhat disgruntled.

Jackson glanced at Aldor and casually remarked, 'Without the board's approval, I think they can refuse to acknowledge the appointed representative.'

Aldor nodded, "For someone at your professional level, indeed they can.

However, given Mr. Kane's position in the company, he doesn't need to inform the board. He only needs to pledge certain assets to the company to designate a representative."

He opened the folder before him and said, "This is the asset pledge agreement Mr. Kane used. You may take a look."

Jackson remained unruffled. He could sense Aldor's disdain for him in the tone of his voice.

As he was about to tell him off, Chandler spoke up, "Being an acting representative doesn't exempt them from following company policies. Failure to arrive on time should be automatically deemed a forfeit."

Aldor furrowed his brows.

As per company guidelines, no one could enter the meeting room after fifteen minutes from the allocated time; tardiness resulted in automatic forfeiture. It was apparent that the board did not want the acting representative to attend this meeting.

Aldor was about to speak when someone pushed the door open. A woman's voice echoed in the ears of everyone present, "I'm sorry for being late. I was looking for something, and it took longer than expected. Hello everyone. I'm Stella Hall, Alex's temporary leader."

Alex was the codename for Keegan's research and development team.

The unexpected introduction left many people puzzled.

They had assumed that the person Keegan designated would be a high-ranking executive of the company. Never in their wildest dreams did they expect that the person he appointed was a woman who had never worked in this field before.

The executives immediately broke out into discussion.

“Who is this woman? Why did Mr. Kane appoint her to represent him?”

“She’s Mr. Kane’s ex-wife and also Wenham’s daughter. I heard she’s an actress.”

“Actress? You must be kidding me.”

“Mr. Kane is missing because of her, they say. With his love- struck mindset, it’s not surprising he would designate her as his acting representative.”

“This is a serious matter. He’s playing with the company’s future.”

Despite being surrounded by all the talk, Stella remained composed as if she had not heard a thing. She walked straight in, followed by Ted and a middle aged man in his forties.

Aldor stood up and pulled out Keegan’s seat at the table. ‘ Please have a seat, Mrs. Kane,’ he warmly said.

Just as Stella was about to take her seat, Chandler suddenly spoke up, “Hold on, Ms. Hall. If I remember correctly, your father’s company is also involved in businesses similar to Vinci Rivera, right? Is it really appropriate for you to be the head of Alex?”

Stella looked at him and said, “Are you concerned that I would leak Vinci Rivera’s secrets to my father, Mr. Kane?”

Chandler met her gaze, “My duty extends to the entire company. I hope you understand, Ms. Hall.”

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Stella nodded, “I understand. That’s why I’ve brought a lawyer. In the event that any Vinci Rivera secrets were to be leaked to my father, and he uses

them for personal gain, I'm prepared to compensate Vinci Rivera for triple the losses. I'm also willing to bear all legal liabilities associated with such actions. Relevant authorities have frozen my properties and assets. Should the described scenario unfold, these frozen assets can be directly leveraged to compensate your company through a mortgage arrangement with the bank."

"The total value is approximately twelve billion dollars," Ted added.

Everyone in the room was left speechless. While twelve billion dollars might not be significant for a company like Vinci Rivera, Stella's firm stance was equivalent to her solemn pledge on behalf of the entire Saun family. This inherently diminished the questioning voices.

Stella looked at Chandler, "May I take my seat now, Mr. Kane?"

Chandler was not happy. He let out a slight hum as a response.

Stella took off her coat, draped it over the back of her chair, and settled into her seat.

Ted and the middle-aged man accompanying him sat down beside Aldor.

With everyone in place, the meeting officially began.

The initial thirty minutes of the discussion consisted of reports from different departments detailing their weekly activities. Upon their completion, the meeting transitioned to the main agenda. Several executives outlined accusations against Alex following Keegan's incident, including delayed research and development and a lack of motivation.

In the end, they concluded with the importance of leadership and order. They proposed appointing a new team leader for Alex, who would continue the research and development progress.

After the executives had their say, Chandler turned to Stella and asked, "What do you think, Ms. Hall?"

"I find it acceptable," Stella replied calmly.

Chandler was momentarily taken aback by her straightforward response.

“However,” Stella paused for a moment, then continued, “there’s something I need to inform everyone in advance to avoid future problems and shifting of responsibilities.”

Chandler felt her words were ambiguous. He looked at her and inquired, “What is it?”

“I think it would be best for Mr. Powell to address this with everyone,” stated Stella.

With that said, she looked at the middle-aged man behind her. He nodded, and with Aldor’s assistance, they began the presentation.

Others gazed at the middle-aged man and whispered to each other in hushed tones.

“Is that Jasper Powell?”

“Jasper Powell? The founder of Semiconductor Technology?”

“It seems to be him. I saw him once before at a business reception. He had a good relationship with Mr. Kane.”

“What is he doing here?”

“He’s probably here at Aldor’s request for support.”

“With Keegan absent, I doubt anyone can cope with the overwhelming pressure imposed by Chandler.”

The entire group was restless.

After a moment, the projector lit up, and the screen displayed the presentation slides.

Jasper humbly nodded to the crowd and said, “Apologies for the delay.”

With that, he began to showcase the contents of the documents.

Most people initially paid little attention, thinking it was just Aldor’s way of resisting the company’s decision to appoint a new team leader. However, as more content was revealed, everyone’s expressions gradually changed.

