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“Everything is perfect for him, but others slandered me so badly!”

Lily whined angrily.

Amidst the comments, she saw a few netizens who tried to explain the truth on her behalf. They said that Nathaniel was only putting up a show to appear heartbroken.

There was someone who even analyzed her fallout with MN Inc. in detail.

Lily did not know the person, but their explanation was close to the truth.

However, most netizens' criticism had drowned out such an article that outlined the situation's truth.

The other netizens called the writer a troll, and some even told the writer to shut up because even Lily was staying silent regarding the matter.

“You want to get back at them?”

Alexander asked, leaning down as he placed the tablet down.

“Of course! I don't care if he wants to put on a show! Nate can pretend he's sad or whatever he wishes, but dragging me into this mess isn't the right way to go about it.”

Lily puffed her cheeks.

“Besides, I must throw the blame back to him for the few netizens who stood up for me.”

Alexander sat down next to Lily and said casually, “That's easy.”

“I don't need your help!”

Lily pressed Alexander's hand down on the couch and said, “I can handle this myself!”

Sighing, Alexander looked at his hand.

“I'll feel useless if you do this. Why would you need me in your life if you can do everything by yourself?”

“You're not useless. There are a lot of things I need you for.”

Lily buried herself in Alexander's embrace.

“For instance, you can warm me up on a cold day like this. You can even be my blanket and pillow. Don’t you see how useful you are?”

Her words made Alexander helplessly chuckle as he hugged her back.

“You don’t need me to do anything?”

Lily’s smile stiffened as she shook her head, saying, “Although this matter may seem complicated, it’s pretty simple to deal with. An eye for an eye. It’s as easy as that.”

In this situation, Nathaniel took advantage of the public’s pity toward him as the ‘victim’. His plans went smoothly only because Lily focused on creating a new product instead of ending things with him.

Nathaniel even settled their previous lawsuit in private.

Lily had enough evidence to prove her innocence, which would be the best way to get back at Nathaniel.

Alexander said nothing as he noticed Lily’s persistence. novelbooks.com He trusted that Lily would succeed with her plan.

On the other side of the coin, Nathaniel happily prepared to recruit more talents. He had ordered his HR department to publish a post to announce that MN Inc. was recruiting talented perfumers.

They encouraged anyone passionate about the perfumery industry, regardless of their experience, to attend the interview and prove themselves.

This post caused a huge commotion on the internet as soon as it was released.

As Nathaniel was the hot topic on social media, many went to MN Inc. for the interview.

He sat in his office, watching the interview session’s live stream.

At that moment, Nathaniel felt that everything in his life was moving in a great direction again.

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Just as Nathaniel thought he had successfully turned the situation around and was on the road to a better future, a newly posted video on the Internet caused considerable commotion.

An anonymous account posted the video with the caption, “I almost believed in love if it weren’t for the time I took the video.”

What was in the video, then? It showed Nathaniel standing in front of Rebirth’s office building, holding a bouquet of 99 roses in his hand. He even released many balloons into the air while he waited for Lily.

Lily could easily get this video as the scene had attracted many people’s attention.

Several people recorded what had happened that day.

There was also surveillance footage of it. Of course, Lily had prepared the material and hired someone to post the video online. She did not want to use a low-class method — posting sensational words and leading the netizens' emotions — back then, but since Nathaniel loved this game, Lily would play with him.

Nathaniel saw the video but paid no mind to it. ιονελεβσοκ.ζσm He was even glad that the public discovered his romantic gesture.

However, when the video became increasingly trending, he finally noticed something was not right, especially with part of the caption, "If it weren't for the time I took this video."

He wondered what it meant.

Among the netizens were those inquisitive and attentive ones, who quickly picked up the location where the video was taken — outside Rebirth's office building.

As for the balloons mid-air, they captured the words "I love you, Lily" printed on ribbons attached to the balloons.

The netizens could be almost sure about the time the video was taken with those few words.

Many had seen Nathaniel's face in the footage, and he had been the hot topic recently, so many quickly linked him to the video, recognizing that he was the main character in it.

Some netizens who had initially taken pity on him switched sides.

"Someone took this video not long after Melanie got into trouble, correct? Goodness! Isn't he upset and guilty about what happened? Am I missing out on something? Did I lose a part of my memory?"

"You're not alone on that."

"I pitied him before this and felt sad because a good man like him is troubled by love. Now I feel embarrassed for being on his side!"

"Do you guys remember this b*stard saying Lily was the clingy one who kept pestering him? The video shows us who the real clingy one is."

"Exactly! He calls her clingy but do you guys see what he's doing? He's the one bothering her! How disgusting!"

"That b*stard has got to be the most shameless person in history!"

"B*stard! What a b*stard!"

Nathaniel could do nothing but sit by and watch as the netizens labeled him a b*stard.

Until now, he had not understood how the tables had turned again so quickly because of a video.

Still, some of Nathaniel's supporters were defending him.

"He broke up with Melanie two months ago, and they ended things peacefully, so why can't he look for a new love? Love is hard to explain. Also, people can easily fabricate videos these days. This video might even be fake!"

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"Lily isn't even saying anything about the matter. Why are you guys making a fuss about it?"

Their arguments were invalid because many netizens soon posted their own videos of the scene to prove that the earlier video was real and not fabricated.

Some even suggested that people could visit the office building and ask around, as there were many witnesses that day.

The embarrassing fact that Nathaniel was taken away by the authorities was revealed, and people started making fun of him because of this.

Nathaniel was upset by this turn of events, but he assumed that a random netizen was responsible because he had not seen Lily's response.

Hence, he retweeted the video and even quoted it with "My love is fearless."

Nathaniel managed to come up with that after pondering for a long time, thinking that he sounded pretty cool.

'What's the big deal? I broke up with Melanie before pursuing Lily, so I have nothing to hide. Mom taught me that if I want to win people's favor, I must first show them I'm not guilty of anything. Winning a battle is all about its strategy'

Less than an hour after Nathaniel retweeted the video with the so-called "cool" caption, a verified account quoted him with the text, "How shameless!"

Nathaniel almost exploded in rage.

When he checked out the verified account's profile, it riled him up even more because it belonged to none other than Olivia! Olivia had used her real name as her username, and her introduction read, "A past research assistant at MN Inc. and a current research assistant at Rebirth."

Olivia enjoyed sharing cosmetics and skincare advice in her free time.

With a couple hundred thousand subscribers, she had the makings of a successful beauty vlogger. She was able to escalate this war using her popularity due to the uniqueness of her identity.

It started as a discussion among those who followed developments in the perfume industry, but as word spread, more and more people joined.

Nathaniel's follower count was growing at an incredible rate.

Many netizens swarmed his page, but most were there to watch the show while others trashed him.

Olivia's statements were so strong that it seemed as if she were lecturing Nathaniel directly.

Many people believed there was an inside story and asked for the truth.

Nathaniel was so mad that he called Olivia immediately, and she answered the call, which he did not expect.

Without beating around the bush, he scolded, "Olivia Hart! What the h*ll are you doing? What are you trying to say? You better explain everything to me now!"

"It is what it is"

Compared to his fury, Olivia appeared to be much calmer.

"Don't you remember the things you've done?"

"What did I do? Tell me then! You wanted to leave the company, and I let you go. You caused all sorts of problems for me after you left, but I let you off the hook. What have I ever done to you that you needed to slander me this way? Did I owe you your salary or bonuses? You tell me!"

After lashing out at Olivia, he seemed to remember something again and continued, "Was it Lily? Did she tell you to do this?"

"Yes, you allowed me to leave MN Inc., but that's because Lily made a deal with you. In exchange for my freedom, she had to give up on suing you for stealing her creations! You even came to my place and threatened my mother! Are you saying that you did none of those things?"

Olivia sneered.

"Pfft! Do you think I'm afraid of her suing me? Also, I went to your house to talk to your mother. When did I ever threaten her? Just ask your mom if I made her feel threatened if you don't believe me!"

“Mr.Hall, you don’t need to put on a show for me.You know very well what went down between you and Melanie.Lily and I are crystal clear about it too!”

“You’re admitting that Lily ordered you to do this then, aren’t you?”

Nathaniel pulled his tie, loosening it, and thought bitterly, ‘I knew it was her!’

“It’s all me.I can’t bear this anymore because you’re too shameless!”

Glancing at her phone recording everything, she said slowly, “I want to ask you this.Do you have the guts to admit that Lily created the past perfumes of MN Inc.? Do you have the guts to admit that she was your girlfriend while Melanie was your mistress? Are you brave enough to tell everyone that you were the one who cheated on Lily?”

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“I...” Nathaniel almost blurted something, but a thought hit him.

“Why should I admit that? I’ve never done such things, so how could I admit them? Olivia, don’t spout nonsense just because you have Lily’s support now.I did nothing wrong, so I’m not afraid of anything!”

Then, Nathaniel hung up.

‘Thank God I came back to my senses quickly.It’d be over for me if she were recording the call earlier’ he thought, rubbing his chest.

He felt relieved and proud of himself that he did not give Olivia a chance to get any evidence.

On the other hand, Olivia was frustrated because he had hung up the call.She was so close to getting him to admit to his faults.

If she could get the recording and post it online, that would be the best evidence for this case.

However, he had stopped talking at the most crucial moment, refusing to answer her question directly, no matter what.

‘I can’t get any solid proof if he doesn’t admit to the questions.He’s a careful one!’ “I told you he won’t get fooled so easily.”

Lily disapproved of Olivia’s plan of provoking the answers out of him.If Nathaniel could be tricked easily, he would not have been able to fool Lily for so long.

Lily acknowledged that he was a cunning character.

“I’m so pissed off! He did everything but doesn’t have the guts to admit it.What a coward!”

Olivia fumed, throwing her phone on the desk.

“There are tons of people like that in the world. If everyone dared to admit to their faults, we wouldn’t need cops to solve crimes, would we?”

Since Lily did not have high hopes for Olivia’s strategy in the first place, the outcome did not bother her much.

Calmly, she asked, “Have you sorted out the information I told you about?”

“Yeah. It’s a good thing that we still have the notes.”

Olivia nodded, and her spirits lifted again.

“I’ll post it online right now.”

“Great. Cover up the important sections, but make sure that the time and location are clear to the viewers.”

Lily browsed through the material, ensuring everything was good before giving Olivia the green light.

Lily was well-prepared when she left MN Inc. back then.

Nathaniel thought she would no longer have access to the research data after he took them away, but little did he know that she had a habit of keeping backup copies of those things, be it in her laptop or notebooks.

Lily often got inspiration at home, not only when she was in the lab.

Hence, she would need somewhere to jot down her ideas.

How would a copy of her handwritten note be enough for everything? On top of that, Olivia was Lily’s assistant, and Olivia needed to keep her own records of the data and her learnings from the experiments.

These two research data records were the best evidence to prove everything.

As they expected, Olivia’s post caused considerable commotion online as soon as she released it.

The indecisive netizens who wanted to stay neutral regarding the matter had turned to support Lily.

After all, their evidence was solid, showing the truth more than anything else could.

This spoke louder than words.

Olivia uploading only Lily's notes would have given internet skeptics reason to wonder if Lily had plagiarized Melanie's work.

However, Olivia's notes were part of the evidence too.

Who could she copy from? Lily? Anyone with even some knowledge of the perfume industry could tell that the notes were authentic. It was not something that could be copied overnight.

The records, learnings, reflections, and corrected sections recorded a perfumer's effort in repeating the experiments to get the targeted results.

Although some of Olivia's records were covered up, it also showed the hard work a research assistant put in.

In an instant, Nathaniel became a lowlife everyone detested.

The netizens were using the hashtags "plagiarism,"

"corporate cheating,"

"Nathaniel is ab*stard," and "Nathaniel owes Lily an apology" in their posts, resulting in the rising popularity of the topic.

"No! It isn't like that!"

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Nathaniel broke out in a cold sweat in his office as he stared at his monitor intensely.

He never imagined that Lily would have such a trick up her sleeve. He did not expect Olivia to have a record of the research data either.

"No! I can still turn this around!"

Nathaniel stumbled to his feet. He remembered getting Melanie to rewrite a copy of the notes when they wanted to sue Lily back then.

It could serve as evidence for him this time around.

After digging around the entire room, he found the new notebook buried deep in one of the drawers. He put it on the table, preparing to take a picture of it, but he froze abruptly.

Nathaniel had forgotten an important detail.

When Lily left, she left problems behind for him, too, because part of the records was incorrect.

They were not glaring mistakes, so Melanie copied everything without making corrections since it was impossible for her to find them in the thick books.

If he published the notes he had now, netizens might find those mistakes, and the situation would become even worse for him. $\mu\sigma\nu\epsilon\lambda\epsilon\nu\sigma\kappa.\zeta\sigma\mu$ He hung up the phone and tousled his hair helplessly, trying to find some positive spin on the situation.

Nathaniel looked at his monitor and saw tons of new notifications and his almost-exploding inbox filled with private messages. He did not need to read them because he already knew what they would say.

What else could they be if not reprimands and criticisms? Nathaniel's mind was blank, and he slumped back in his chair while staring at the ceiling. It was funny.

Those were just words and comments on the internet, and they were something he could stop seeing if he just switched his computer off.

However, the words seemed like an invisible net trapping him. It made him feel suffocated from not being able to escape. He was aware of the terrifying power of public opinion in the current age.

On the one hand, he could cause a stir, gain prominence, and cash in on the public's pity to boost sales, but on the other, he could find himself on the receiving end of harsh words.

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The calls for customer returns and boycotts were warnings of a potentially disastrous start.

After taking a deep breath, he decided to try one last time.

Nathaniel vaguely recalled that Lily had posted a short message to tell everyone that she was innocent and that she did not care what others thought of her.

Her brief words were so well received that they drowned out the scandals surrounding her job hopping and betrayal. It even won her new followers, who thought she was cool.

Nathaniel decided to employ a similar strategy.

Instead of blocking the netizens from commenting on his posts or sending him private messages, he retweeted Olivia's post.

He left a comment, saying, "I did nothing wrong, and I'm not guilty of anything."

After replying to the post, Nathaniel retracted his hands from the keyboard. He called the manager of the customer support department. "Create a special helpline for product returns. Tell the customers that we'll accept their return requests only in the purchase sequence. Slow down the process, but remember to accept some return requests."

The manager was surprised, “Mr. Hall, there are numerous applications for product returns now. Some had already used the products, and it’s vicious of them to do this.”

“It doesn’t matter. Just do as I say. Tell the customers that’s the procedure, and we hope they’ll wait patiently. Remember to emphasize that we’ll try our best to meet their needs.”

After telling the manager how to navigate the issue, Nathaniel notified the public relations department to release a statement similar to what he had said to the manager earlier.

Once he settled everything, he walked over to the floor-to-ceiling window and looked over the horizon.

The wind was blowing strongly, making him feel chilly even though the glass separated him and the world outside his office.

It was a gamble to him. He was gambling for the public’s pity and good impression of him, hoping everything could turn out differently.

‘Lily, I’m going to gamble with you this time!’