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Chapter 518 Olivia and Lily fell silent as Jenny had misunderstood the entire situation. "Where did you hear these false rumors from, Jenny? I don't have any relationship with Mr. Russell," Olivia raised both hands, expressing her innocence. Alexander's real wife was right beside her, and she dared not take away Lily's position.

Jenny thought Olivia did not want to admit it. She patted Olivia's shoulder with one hand and said, "Oh well, you don't need to keep pretending. There are no outsiders here. The photos clearly showed both of you together. So, do you want to wait until the wedding day before you will tell us the truth?"

"Photos? What photos do you mean?" Lily suddenly realized something amiss.

"It's all over the newspapers and magazines. It's also everywhere on social media. Did you not read the news?" Jenny was even more surprised than the duo. How could they not know such shocking news?!

The duo shook their heads simultaneously and looked at each other. They were in a bad place and busy with personal affairs recently, so they did not pay much attention to the news and gossip. Olivia and Lily knew nothing about the pliotos Jenny mentioned.

"Oh, you guys are something else," Jenny helplessly said as she took out her mobile phone and found a relevant report to show them, "Here, look at these photos. The man in it is Mr. Russell, and the woman is you, right?" She pointed at the photo with her fingers and looked at Olivia.

Olivia was shocked. "W-What?"

'If anyone looked at the photo from this angle, it would look like me, and Mr. Russell looks like he's looking at me. Still, the photo is somewhat blurry.

"Others may not recognize you since the photo is unclear, but I know you, so I can tell at a glance that's you in the photo. So, why are you still hiding it? Just be honest about it instead." Jenny tickled Olivia, and Olivia giggled as she tried to get away from Jenny.

"Help me hold her, Lily. We must make her tell us the truth today!"

"Jenny, you can tell it's me at a glance, but don't you see the other people in the photos besides Mr. Russell and me?" Olivia asked as she looked at Lily. She wanted to know how Lily wanted to deal with this matter.

"There are other people?" Jenny stopped and looked down at the phone. She squinted her eyes as she looked in detail, "The others are the hospital staff and Mr. Russell's bodyguard. Do you take me for a fool?! How can you keep this a secret from us? Do you even treat us as your friends? Aren't I right, Lily?" Jenny sought an agreement from Lily, but Lily remained silent. "Lily?"

"I should have told you this carlier, Jenny. However..." Lily touched her nose and looked at Jenny. "Actually, the person in a relationship with Alex is not Liv." "Not Liv? Do you know who it is?" Jenny looked at Lily with widened eyes. She started to feel that something was wrong as slie looked at her. Jenny looked back and forth between Lily and Olivia. Then she thought back on their words and zoomed in with her fingers to carefully look at the photo on her phone. She finally saw a half–figure at the edge of the photo. As she mentioned, she could immediately recognize the person she knew at a glance

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"I—Is that..." Jenny still found it unbelievable even though the answer was right before her eyes. "I—It's you?!"

"What's wrong? Why can it be me?" Lily felt amused by her reaction. She might have considered telling Jenny about this earlier if she knew low interesting Jenny's reaction would be.

"No. That's not it. I– It's...." Jenny found it difficult to accept this sudden turn of events. "Is it genuinely you?! Didn't the rumors say that..."

"Lily and Mr. Russell visited me at the hospital that day, but all my attention was on my mother at that time. There's a problem with the angle in this photo. It's an optical illusion due to misplacement. That's why it caused such a misunderstanding," Olivia explained. She felt sad again at the mention of her mother.

"Oh right, it's as you say if I look at it this way!" Jenny felt there was indeed a problem with the angle of the photo after scrutiny. "These reporters are so clumsy. They didn't get the facts right before spreading gossip. I almost made a joke out of myself!"

Lily gently placed her hand on Olivia's shoulder, trying to comfort her.

Even though her mother's incident caused her to feel sad, many days have passed since then. Olivia had learned how to stay strong. She only felt a little sad and did not immerse herself in grief.

Lily did not understand why Brittany misunderstood the person to be Olivia. However, she could somewhat understand it after she saw the photo. It seemed like Olivia took the blame for her this time.

"You hid this secret so well!" Jenny slapped Lily's shoulder after she understood the whole matter.

"When did you get together? Why did you not tell me?! Oh, you knew about it, too? When did you know? How could both of you lide it from me?!" Jenny was angry and crossed her arms. Olivia hurriedly replied, "I just found out about it not too long ago. I didn't hide it from you on purpose. It's just that..." She stopped lialfway, as she did not know how to explain it. Then she glanced at Lily. "This is my fault. I don't want to disclose our relationship because of Alex's identity." Lily continued after a brief pause, "You should be able to understand. There were a lot of rumors when I just joined Rebirth. If we made our relationship public, I wouldn't have been able to work in peace."

There were still many doubts about Lily even now. However, it was of no importance any longer as she no longer minded it. She had proven hier ability, won an international award, and gained recognition

from Mr. Parker. All of these gave Lily great encouragement. She wanted to achieve better results with her own hands and abilities.

"Ah... that's true, "Jenny recalled her doubts about Lily at that time and came to understand her reasons. She had firmly rejected Lily then, and so did others. "Still, if you had made your relationship public earlier, you would've had an easier path. Some may question it, but no one would dare to find fault with you."

Even if Jenny were unwilling to accept Lily then, she would still let Lily in as someone significant supported her from behind the scenes. However, she would not be assigned any vital work, and others would treat her as an idler in the company.

Lily smiled and said, "Yes, that's right. While it's true that no one would dare find fault with me, at the same time, no one would dare to use me. I knew you wouldn't have let me into the laboratory, Jenny. Even if you somehow did, you wouldn't have handed me any projects. Am I right?"

Her words were the same as Jenny's thoughts. Jenny laughed along, "It's good that you know that."

They had gotten along for a long time, after all. Jenny knew Lily's capability and talent. Therefore, even if she knew about her relationship with Alexander, she would not assume that Lily relied on relationships. "This news genuinely surprised me. Mr. Will knows about this, too, right?" Jenny felt emotional, but she gradually digested the fact and accepted it. Lily nodded. "So, I was the only one in the dark?!" Jenny reigned her anger.

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"No, not many people know about it. I'm sorry for hiding this from you," Lily apologized sincerely.

After staring at her for a while, Jenny waved her hand. "Fine, I'll forgive you!"

She was not a petty person, not to mention that this was someone else's affair. It was up to Lily if she wanted to share it witli Jenny.

"By the way, I've basically found all the information you wanted here. See if there's anything you can use. The company has been urging us. After all, once the research is successful, it'll be put into production immediately." Jenny instantly got down to business.

Lily nodded as she listened. "I know. In fact, we're almost done. There's just one last step left. Once that succeeds, we can officially kickstart the production. Olivia, come and help me."

Jokes aside, they were all very serious when it came to working. Before they knew it, the day had already passed. Just as Lily was about to leave, she noticed Alexander's car parked at the company's entrance.

"You're early today," Lily said as she got in the car and rubbed her neck. "Turn around," Alexander ordered. "Huh?"

"Turn around!"

With a suspicious look, she slowly turned her back to him. Then, she felt a pair of hands on her shoulders, gently kneading them. "It's fine. I'm a little sore from sitting for so long. I'll do some stretches!" Lily hurriedly said.

"Stop moving!" Alexander said as he squeezed her shoulders, massaging her.

After being massaged, the soreness in her shoulders dissipated. She succumbed to a comfortable and relaxed state instantly, enjoying his massage. "I told Jenny about us today," she said quietly with her eyes closed,

"Mm?" Alexander hummed casually.

"Her reaction was hilarious. The news scared her because I think she believed that Olivia was with you rather than me. It's so funny." Lily couldn't help but laugh when she recalled what had happened. Alexander listened to her uncontrollable laugh and leaned over, whispering, "Is it that funny?"

His proximity made Lily's eyes widen as she turned to look at him. "I thought it would cause an uproar if we officially announced our relationship."

"Isn't it already announced?" He asked disapprovingly. "Isn't the photo posted?" "Photo? You know about the photo?" Lily was surprised. "Of course," Alexander answered. "They wouldn't dare to post the photo if I didn't agree." Lily was speechless to hear this.

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Chapter 521 "That meant he gave the green light to use the plioto? Is die aware that the shot was taken at an awkward angle that invites misinterpretation?' "Have you seen the photo?" Lily asked again. Alexander shook his head. Since he was so busy, he had simply said yes when his assistant came to ask and then did not follow up.

He only knew that the newspapers and magazines liad published the photo as gossip. Whenever he wanted to look it up, something would interrupt him, and he would forget about it. It was only now that he was reminded of it again. "Why? Did you see it? How is it? Do we look like a perfect match?" Alexander asked with great interest.

Lily didn't know if she wanted to laugh or cry. 'Perfect match?! We're so perfect that by only showing half of my body, you can tell we're a

couple!'

"Look at it yourself," Lily said as she took out her phone and searched the Internet for the news before showing it to him. Alexander fell silent when he saw what was on the phone. His eyes narrowed as he studied the photo. "Where are you?" "Exactly. Where am I?" Lily nodded thoughtfully before pointing to

the corner of the picture." Who do you think this is?" Alexander continued to stare at the photo quietly before passing Lily back her phone and taking out his own. Then, he punched in some numbers and asked, "Which news outlet took our photo?" Lily had no idea what was being said on the other end of the phone when Alexander said, "The reporter that took the photo can be laid off." Lily was speechless! 'How could this man be so cruel? He just made a call to lay someone off without a second thought. This must be the beliavior of a devil!'

"How could you blame someone else for this?" Lily whispered. "Didn't you agree to it?"

"I didn't know that the photo was taken like this! What an idi*t! How could they publish this photo?!" Alexander was furious. 'What the h*II is this?!'

"Maybe they thought you and Olivia were a couple." Hearing this, Alexander narrowed his eyes threateningly. "Are you making fun of me?" "I won't dare to!" Lily quickly defended herself and stuck her tongue out. However, the smile on her lips betrayed her duplicity. "I just think that Olivia has suffered a lot for me."

"Don't worry. I'll help you get justice!"

Initially, Lily didn't know wliat he was talking about.

Soon, she understood what lie ineant. When the car drove to a gated community, another car was already waiting for them outside. Once the other vehicle saw them approaching, the people in the car got out.

Lily recognized the man as someone she had met two days ago—Brandon Oakley. As for the woman, she looked very familiar.

Alexander rolled down the window and glanced over lightly as Brandon came over with a gleaming smile. "Well, if it isn't Fourth Russell."

Brandon rarely called Alexander by his nickname, making Alexander narrow his eyes slightly.

"We're together," Alexander said to the security guard, then he rolled up his car window and slowly drove in. When Lily looked back, she saw that the two got back into the car and soon followed suit.

After parking the car, Alexander did not bother waiting for them as he took her hand and brought her into the house. Lily looked back, but Alexander tugged her forward. "Don't worry about ther!"

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Chapter 522 Upon entering the house, Lily was about to change out of her shoes whien Alexander unexpectedly crouched down and helped her.

Lily was startled and subconsciously retracted her sect. "Wliat are you doing?"

"Let me help you with your shoes," he raised liis head and answered naturally. However, there was nothing natural about this, and Lily felt highly uncomfortable. "It's fine. I can do it mysell!"

Then, she quickly changed out of her shoes, feeling the pressure from behind her. Looking back, she saw Brandon and the woman at the door. The woman's gaze was almost murderous. If looks could kill, Lily would have been dead.

The uncomfortable feeling in Lily grew as she frowned slightly. Then, slie put on her slippers and got herself a water bottle. "Come in," Alexander ushered casually. Only then did Lily notice that the servants that usually left after cleaning were still there.' What's Alex planning? One of the servants quickly brought over a pot of tea, but only with two cups. They were placed in front of Alexander. Obviously, the drinks were for Alexander and Lily and not the two guests.

Alexander was doing this on purpose!

Lily stood at the island's edge with her drink and shot him a glance. She had no idea what he was doing. Although she had no idea who the woman was, she quickly pieced it together.

That woman that came with Brandon seemed hostile toward Lily. Looking at how she dressed, Lily guessed that she must be Brandon's younger sister, Brittany. On top of that, the bruises on her face were still noticeable, although she had tried to conceal them with makeup. It seemed that Olivia wasn't exaggerating when she said she had the upper hand.

Ever since Brittany entered the front door, lier eyes had been fixated on Lily. When Brittany noticed Lily was looking back at hier, hier gaze became more vicious and hateful. Lily believed that if the two men weren't around, Brittany would have rushed over and punched Lily until she was black and blue, given that she still had the strength.

Once Lily pieced the puzzle together, she understood what was going on. However, with how Brittany was acting, were they really there to apologize?

"Ah, Fourth Russell..." Brandon smiled, trying to close the gap between them by calling Alexander his nickname, However, Alexander was cold. "I don't think we're at the level of calling each other by our nicknames."

Altliough he looked polite, he drew the line between himself and the two very clearly. Alexander was far from happy. He did not need Brandon's friendship.

Brandon let out a dry cough, a little embarrassed. Then, he continued smiling, "Don't be like that. I know that this time Brittany went a little too far, but... your wife—"

Before she could finish speaking, Brittany pinched him hard, causing him to groan in pain. "What do you mean 'wife'? What nonsense are you talking about?!" "Brittany!" Brandon was helpless. They had come over to apologize, yet she was still acting like this. "Seeing that you're not here to apologize, i'll get my servant to send you off," Alexander said coldly with a wave of his hand.

"That's not-"

Brandon was about to speak, but Brittany interjected, "Why should I apologize? It's me who was beaten up. Alex, can't you tell?!" She then stood up abruptly and took a few steps forward, almost touching Alexander's legs." Look! Look at my face! I'm almost disfigured! Can't you see?! How could you be so heartless?! Alex, we grew up together. Now, you'd push me aside for another woman?!"

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Lily raised her brows when she saw this and noticed Alexander calmly pulling his legs away from her.

"Another woman?" Alexander turned his head to look at Lily. "Did you mean her?"

After being put in the spotlight, Lily felt a little uncomfortable and shot him an angry look, which he then laughed at. The interaction between the two seemed natural, and anyone could easily see the chemistry between them in the room. Brittany was fuming when she saw this. After all, she and Alexander had known each other for more than ten years. Even after so long, Brittany had never seen him look at her that way. How he smiled dotingly at Lily was something Brittany would die for. Yet, Alexander had never looked at her that way. However, this woman managed to make him smile at her like that. 'Why?! Why?!'

Today was the first time Brittany found out who the mysterious woman was and what she looked like. The woman she fought with was just an imposter. Brittany was depressed even just thinking about it.

"Come here, you!" Alexander called out warmly and gestured for Lily to come over.

Although she did not want to, guests were still around, so she had to comply. She walked toward him and stood two steps away, squinting at him. "What do you want?" "I'm not going to eat you. Come here." He frowned, unhappy that she was keeping a distance from him.

Lily quietly took a step forward before Alexander suddenly grabbed her by the wrist and pulled her into his arms. Then he turned to look at Brittany and said, "Let me officially introduce you two. This is my wife, Lily Christian. She isn't just another woman.' She is someone very important to me. If anyone dares to lay a finger on her, they will have to answer to me!"

The whole room fell silent at the sound of that.

At this moment, Brittany's face twisted uglily. She tried her best to control herself, but every word Alexander said was like a stab to her heart. Then she asked through gritted teeth, "That's her?"

"Yes, this is her!" Alexander nodded affirmatively. "Brittany, I've said it countless times. For the sake of the friendship between our families, I've always treated you as my younger sister, but if you don't want me to, I won't force it upon you. However, I won't let anyone who tries to hurt my woman go!" Seeing how Brittany had gone straight to Olivia's door and fought Olivia, she would undoubtedly go after Lily after discovering she had gotten the wrong person the first time. Alexander intended to warn Brittany not to even think about that. "Why can't you love me?!" Brittany clenched lier lists and yelled almost hysterically. "I just can't," He answered decisively. Brandon could not help but pity his sister because of how cruel Alexander's words sounded. Tears rolled down Brittany's face, and she could not hold herself back anymore as she

screamed at Alexander, "I hate you! I hate all of you!" Then she turned and ran out.