

Our Billion 721

Chapter 721-However, the door was made of really good soundproof materials!

Miles could not hear anything from the outside...

He crossed his short hands on his waist while scanning the door from top to bottom.

Could he even pry open the door?

Suddenly, Cedrick's manly voice answered, "Because I'm your father."

"So Dad can go in, but not me?" wailed Miles. He was like a little monkey, moving his ears along the door, and eventually, he stopped at the crack of the door.

He listened intently, desperately wanting to know what was happening inside the kitchen.

"Yes," answered Catelyn.

"Then I want to be a dad too!" blurted out Miles without hesitation.

Catelyn and Cedrick went silent. After a short while, Catelyn laughed and said, "oh, silly! You can't just be a dad that young, you have to grow up!" She continued, "Anyway, go wash your hands. Food will be ready soon. Be a good boy, go!"

With that, Miles ran away.

The crisis was lifted, but Catelyn was still feeling all tensed within.

Her Intuition was telling her that her son had never been easily fooled.

A thumping sound suddenly came from the door.

“What are you doing?” Miles yelled childishly.

Catelyn looked back in shock as she saw Miles’ sticking his head against the transparent top part of the kitchen door.

It was obvious that he had gotten something to step on so he could reach the door.

Miles could see Cedrick hugging Catelyn while pinning her down on the countertop.

Her back was close to his chest, leaving no gap in between. Miles wanted to barge in to get a clearer picture of everything, but Cedrick had locked the door.

All the passion and intimate moments between Catelyn and Cedrick vanished instantly.

Cedrick had not expected Miles to actually get a bench so he could stand on it and look at them.

If he were to separate from Catelyn at this moment, his dignity as a masculine dad would be lost!

In response, Cedrick turned his head and shouted at Miles, “Go away!”

“So it was you who locked the door! Why didn’t you let me in?” said Miles as he knocked on the door repeatedly.

He just kept knocking and knocking, and Catelyn was actually afraid that the door would fall over, she intended to persuade Miles to leave, but something even more embarrassing happened...

Chapter 722-Javier was there!

At first, he was hanging out with Ollie in the living room, trying his best to convince Ollie to invest in his company. However, Ollie was unshakable, and all of Javier's persuasion failed.

He went to the bathroom in frustration and happened to see Miles dragging a bench toward the kitchen.

He went after him, and what he saw next made him burst out in laughter.

Like Miles, Javier's head popped out at the top transparent part of the kitchen door. He screamed, "Damn! Hold your horses! Your cute and pure little boys are going to be influenced by you! Are you sure you don't want to lend them to me for a few days?"

Catelyn wanted to dig a hole and bury herself.

Cedrick's face darkened. "Take the kid away and go!" he yelled at Javier.

"No, no!" Miles struggled aggressively in Javier's arms. "I want to see everything!"

"Do you know what tough love is? Hitting your loved ones to show that you love them," Javier yelled.

Smack!

The tiny slap landed on Javier's chest. Although it was not painful, he could not help but feel surprised.

Javier groaned and stared at Miles. Miles looked back at him arrogantly. "I'm giving you tough love. You should be happy." What a little brat!

Javier quickly carried Miles away and left. The kitchen was instantly quiet again, though the atmosphere previously was never the same anymore.

The soup in the pot was overboiled, and it became really dry.

Catelyn was furious. How could Cedrick be so rash?!

Javier and Miles arrived at the living room, only to hear the sudden sound of the kitchen door being banged open by force, followed by Catelyn's extremely loud roar, "Get out of here!"

Miles slid down from Javier's arms. He folded his arms around his chest as he stared at Cedrick.

Cedrick's home clothes were a little messy, but he still looked really good in them. Even his jet-black short hair was very stylish.

Miles raised his eyebrows proudly and yelled, "Ha! Serves you right for bullying Mummy!"

Ollie also came over, not knowing what had just happened.

On the other hand, Javier was rolling on the floor, laughing out loud.

He had only come here for dinner, not expecting to witness so much drama, what an awesome night!

Cedrick looked at Javier and straightened his messy clothes expressionlessly. "Tomorrow onwards, you will be responsible for the project in Ostralia. I believe you're capable. Make sure you handle it well."

Project in Ostralia? Javier stopped laughing immediately.

Was Cedrick being serious? That project was a really difficult one!

Without giving Javier a second look, Cedrick returned to his bedroom to change his clothes.

An overnight success, this was probably how people would describe Quinn Weir at the moment.

Ever since that day, people have been coming to her doorsteps one after another, tailoring a series of high-end dresses and items for her.

Chapter 723-In addition to that, Granny Atherton had given Quinn a credit card with no limits and even announced publicly that she was her most beloved granddaughter and would give her anything she wanted.

Quinn got a little too carried away at the moment and almost said that she wanted a house, a car, and her own company.

Fortunately, she had not completely forgotten Lola's instructions, so she reminded herself to stay cool.

Occasionally, Granny Atherton would ask Quinn questions about Lisa and her tomb, she would just give a vague answer, saying that Lisa was cremated.

Quinn also mentioned that Lisa lived in the countryside so that she could cover up the whereabouts of her body after her death.

Granny Atherton's hands trembled as she heard Quinn's words, and she just continued eating as if nothing had happened.

Quinn had worked in the Mason Group. Now that she was the new granddaughter of the Atherton Family, she was instantly promoted and did not need to do any petty work anymore, such as serving other people coffee.

Granny Atherton asked Quinn about her preferred job field. Eventually, she was given the position of managing a construction company with Eugene Atherton.

As a result, Quinn called up Mason Company and immediately announced her resignation.

Charles received the news and told everything to Cedrick through the phone later after.

At that moment, Cedrick was in the middle of a family photoshoot session with Catelyn and the boys.

His eyes sank after hearing the news from Charles. "Go and check on Stella. If she's alright, then we don't have to worry too much about Quinn."

Cedrick knew Catelyn only cared about Stella.

If Stella had nothing to do with Quinn, then Cedrick would not even bother about her.

"Understood," said Charles and hung up the phone.

Cedrick put his phone away and continued with the photoshoot session.

Miles was trying to do a funny pose, while Ollie just stood there expressionlessly. Cedrick and Catelyn held them both in their arms as they fixed their posture according to the photographer's instructions. In the end, they all smiled at the camera.

Cedrick never enjoyed taking pictures, and the photographer had a hard time making him smile.

Miles snuggled in Catelyn's arms, deliberately making all kinds of lively expressions to annoy Cedrick.

Ollie also did not like to smile, but he had very big, soft eyes, and he showed the tenderness of a child, all of which the photographer captured perfectly.

On the other hand, Cedrick just stood there with a blank expression.

Monday arrived in a blink of an eye.

Suddenly, all the big news broke out one after another!

Jolene told Catelyn that the long-lost granddaughter of the Atherton Family had been found.

Other than that, she was also told that this granddaughter of the Atherton Family had taken over the managing position for Pentaland Group. The company was about to launch a luxurious real estate project, which also happened to overlap with the market targeted by the VSA Group, which would create a lot of competition.

The Atherton Family was spoiling their new granddaughter so much that they had spent a lot of money to hold a grand wedding ceremony for her next month, inviting celebrities from all over the country to the event. Even the Mason Family, who had an awkward relationship with the Athertons, were invited to the wedding.

However, what concerned Catelyn the most was the fact that Pentaland Group would be a big competitor to their company.

Who was the granddaughter of the Atherton family? Catelyn could not be bothered to know.

Chapter 724-In order to quickly turn the company's bad reputation around, Catelyn and Jolene implemented a series of actions, other than hiring some influential celebrities as their ambassadors and organizing press conferences, they also put a lot of effort into promoting charity events, hoping to turn their image around in the public's eye.

However, it was something that would take more than a night to change.

When she knew that Pentaland Group would launch a new project by next Friday, Catelyn intended to avoid clashing with that. She then discussed with Hunter to delay their new project launch.

Hunter did not seem pleased by that. The company was short on cash flows currently, and they had only just agreed to collaborate with Deluxe International.

If there were no significant cash inflows, they were afraid that might result in a default of the collaboration with Deluxe International!

If that really were the case, they would be suffering tremendous loss.

However, before Hunter could make a decision, Louis Joe, the VSA Group Western Market Ambassador, posted on Twidder.

[There was a potential safety concern regarding VSA Group's project, the Group disregarded the safety of other people and their finances. I announced to withdraw single-partially from the collaboration and was willing to pay the compensation!] Soon after, his management company also reposted his post, and other marketing accounts followed suit.

A lot of users were commenting below his post.

A user named WaterMelon commented, [VSA Group did a lot of charity recently.

Their official website even posted a lot of visits to the old folks' homes! Luckily we were not blind-sighted by these. I almost wanted to view their properties...] LuckyStar commented, [I heard that this company was launching a high-end property soon, @WaterMelon, perhaps it was their intention to put on a show.] Lovejoe commented, [Support Louis! Formaldehyde is carcinogenic, and I hope people remember that! I have always disagreed with Louis supporting this kind of company!] Pinksauce commented, [Tsk tsk... It is such an anecdote for their own ambassador to accuse the company of wrongdoings.] The topic rose to popularity within a short time.

It had been many years since VSA Group's property was exposed to issues.

Initially, the new batch of target customers almost forgot about the incident, but after the ambassador voiced out about it, it was a hot topic in town again!

Some people even posted photos of people protesting at VSA Group's office entrance back then, and the posts went viral.

When Hunter knew about it, the situation was out of control.

The comments hit their plan to launch the new Marine Pearl Bay project like a tsunami. Meanwhile, Pentaland Group's new project sales were on the rise.

Pentaland was having a good time as they stepped right on VSA Group!

There was chaos throughout the company. Hunter quickly gathered the senior management to discuss it. Everyone was panicking about it.

Maribel was concerned too, and her face was pale. She was very anxious about the situation.

The project that Louis exposed was under her purview before this!

The project went smoothly. How would Louis suddenly expose it?

Where did Louis get the information from?

As soon as she sat down at the meeting table, she could not help but want to direct the blame on Catelyn.

"We have always been a parallel of Pentaland Group and never interfered with them. It must be because we were being too loud with charity and were picked on by them. I saw many marketing accounts were on good terms with the Pentaland Group! Miss Clark, I said it before, we have to be low profile and humble!"

Someone seconded, "Pentaland is aggressive. The people behind them are the Atherton family. I think we better lie low for the time being. After all, we have already been dragged about quality issues before. We don't want to..."

"However, we cannot allow Louis's fans to continue attacking us! We need to arrange for crisis public relations immediately and hold a press conference to promise to provide a satisfactory explanation to the general public regarding this matter.

Hunter got the lawyer, ready to sue Louis for defamation anytime. They had no choice but to delay the launch of the new project. Catelyn felt strange as she listened to everyone's suggestions.

Chapter 725-For Louis to be tearing apart the capitalists with his bare hands was equivalent to betting against his own future and reputation. The Pentaland Group must be behind him to provide support.

However, even if that were the case, he would probably not have the guts to create rumors like that, otherwise, he would be facing a defamation lawsuit.

In other words, more or less, the project was destined to be problematic.

Therefore, she voiced it to Hunter, "sir, I intend to go and inspect the construction of the project that Louis had accused."

Hunter thought it was necessary too and was about to agree to it. Maribel suddenly stood up guiltily, and she said hastily, "Miss Clark, it is such a cold day. The project site is very far. Perhaps I should go? This project was under my purview before this!"

"Miss Lionel is not afraid of the cold, and so am I," Catelyn faked a smile and replied.

She had found Maribel to be acting strange since she first stepped into the meeting room.

As soon as she suggested inspecting the site, Maribel was so anxious she doubted anyone would believe that there was nothing fishy about it.

Maribel's smile was a little stiff now. She looked at Hunter subconsciously.

However, Hunter was curious to know if the project had quality issues too.

It was commonly known that, just like the food industry, the biggest fear for construction projects was safety.

Years ago, problems about the Group's property surfaced, causing their company name to be tarnished. Even though many years had passed, the brand was damaged beyond repair and could not be turned around, no matter how hard they tried.

As though without hesitation, Hunter appointed Catelyn to handle this.

Maribel had no choice but to say she would follow Catelyn to the site.

Before departing, she went to the toilet.

When she came out, Catelyn noticed that the makeup on her right cheek was smudged, as though being wiped away by her phone when making a phone call.

The problematic project was a newly built skyscraper located in the newly developed Creekshire area in Sapphire City. It was not very populated.

It was lunch hour, and the construction workers were oblivious to the drama on the internet and were sitting together having lunch.

Even though they sell labor for wages, their smiles are genuine.

The company had a responsibility to ensure their safety!

However, before they even stepped foot into the lift, suddenly, they all heard a loud commotion, followed by someone's shriek.

"Oh no! It collapsed! Quick! Someone's injured! Help!"

This was unexpected. Even Maribel herself was shocked and frozen at where she was.

The construction supervisor was about to welcome Catelyn, but his face turned green upon hearing that.

Catelyn immediately called the hospital and fire brigade. Maribel suddenly leaped forward to snatch her phone away.

“No! You cannot make a call! It’s too common for the construction foundation to collapse. Don’t panic! If the fire brigade is here, the media will know about it. Then our company will just be like what Louis accused US of being, and then everything will be gone...”

Catelyn flung Maribel’s arm away and looked at her coldly. “Are you scared of ruining the company’s name or your own?”

III II “This project was yours, and the blueprint was drafted by you! Did you not consider the worker’s safety before? Director Lionel, if you knew this would happen, why would you have done it?”

Dust particles filled the air due to the partial collapse of the construction site. A thick layer of dust hovered like a serious haze situation.

Catelyn pressed the dial button without hesitation and called the fire brigade.

Luckily, it was lunch hour, and most of the construction workers were out of the structures. Plus, the fire brigade came on time.

There were no deaths, but only one heavily injured and another two with light injuries.

Chapter 726-Both the ambulance and fire brigade arrived, blocking the entrance of the construction site.

It was like Maribel predicted. Louis had already caught the news reporters and journalists’ attention. Now that this had happened, all of them were rushing to take photos and write articles about them.

All of the interview questions revolved around one matter. Louis just made his statement in the morning, and in the very same afternoon, the project collapsed. What would the company’s official statement say about it?

Jolene turned all the reporters away and gave the excuse that they were still investigating the matter.

Catelyn did not appear in the media either. She was running through the construction site throughout. She was examining the blueprint, examining around the site, and incessantly asking the workers about the construction, the foundation, and whether or not it had collapsed before.

The place was near the riverbank. Due to its unique geographical location, the soil was extra soft.

Therefore, there were more questions to consider when building the foundation.

However, after examining the blueprint and the overall design, she realized that other than the mistake in Maribel's design, the foundation was not firm enough. There was also a problem of subpar quality of the building materials.

If this skyscraper was finished as planned, she bet that in five years, there would be a big accident!

At the same time, the media had already turned up the heat around this incident.

It went viral and became the hottest topic on the internet. There were billions, reading on the topic of VSA Group neglecting safety.

Catelyn did not regret calling for the fire brigade. One reason was that she needed to save the injured, and the second reason was that the project needed to be stopped to get examined thoroughly.

Hunter heard that not only did Catelyn not cover up the incident but attracted the media, so he immediately reprimanded her for it. Before she could explain, he hung up furiously, In his eyes, this was no different from suicide.

All gone, everything was all gone.

Even so, he ordered the public relations department to work hard to explain and clear the company's name.

However, no matter how much money they burned on this, it was nothing as much as what Pentaland Group did.

Plus, the internet's emotions were already stirred up, and all their efforts were in vain.

Hunter aged by a decade overnight and gave up working on it. He gave Catelyn the autonomy to handle the rest and left early.

Pentaland Group.

It was Quinn's first time sitting in the main seat by the end of the meeting table, in the chair that was polished shinily. She was wearing a pair of tailored suits, and her hair was tied up. Her face was serious when she was not speaking.

In fact, she listened as the senior managers were having a meeting but could not comprehend a word.

She tried her best to fight her sleepiness. Finally, she concluded, "No matter what it takes, we will need to ace the sales for this project. We cannot lose it to VSA Group! We must give Granny a satisfactory answer!"

After the meeting, Eugene did not leave immediately but held his thumb up and grinned ear to ear.

"Quinn, well done. You had leveraged on the internet and the media to tear VSA Group apart and took the opportunity to promote our safety-guaranteed properties.

The market is now booming!"

"Thank you for your compliments, Uncle. I was just giving it a try..." Quinn sat in the meeting room for the entire afternoon and finally found a conversation that she was interested in.

Eugene thought he had underestimated Quinn.

When she first arrived at the Atherton family, he thought she was young and incapable. However, after joining Pentaland for a short while, her strategy was implemented so smoothly!

He then asked, "How did you know that VSA Group's project had a problem?"

Of course, Quinn could not say that she heard it from Lola.

"When I first moved to Sapphire City, I happened to have a friend's boyfriend working on the site."

Eugene nodded and asked, "Then what is your next plan?"

Chapter 727-"I have thought about it. Now that Louis has the traction and fame, if we can get him over to become our ambassador, that will be great, other than that, I also plan to add another ambassador as well."

Eugene was curious and asked, "Who?"

"You know about this person too, Uncle. Plus, I could make it back to the Atherton family. It was all because of you and her. I will never forget about the people who have been kind to me."

Eugene was excited, and he could already tell who that was.

As the heat around the incident continued, even if Hunter tried to lie low, he still received queries from many partnering companies.

Some were asking to conclude the payments as soon as possible. Some were asking to withdraw from their collaboration.

Hunter then decided to ghost all of them and ignore his phone.

However, he was surprised to notice that Deluxe International did not ask anything about that.

In fact, Windy had already called Catelyn straight away, and her demands were clear-cut.

“If your company wants to continue the collaboration with Deluxe International, then we will have to see if you are capable of resolving this elephant in the room. If this cannot be resolved, Deluxe will be paying the compensation and withdraw from this collaboration,” Windy’s icy cold voice said.

Catelyn knew that this was a big challenge. “I understand that. Thank you for not canceling the collaboration right away.”

“Don’t thank me, I just want to see if Cedrick will help.”

Catelyn dragged her tired body back to the office. However, standing in front of the meeting room, she had to keep herself awake and alert.

The CEO had already hired a lot of internet users in an attempt to cleanse the company’s name, but the outcome was weak.

Catelyn did not plan to continue burning cash either. She laid out the blueprint that she brought back from the construction site.

Even if the design was flawed, it should not have ended up in such a serious collapse.

Everyone gave their opinions, and some even told her in private about some insider news.

VSA Group’s official social media accounts were already flooded by seven or eight in the evening.

She saw that everyone was tired after a long day of hard work and decided to call it a day, to give everyone a good rest. The next morning by six, everyone needed to be at the office for another day of war.

Even by eight in the evening, the office phones were still ringing non-stop.

Jolene removed all the receivers so that the phones were all 'engaged', and nobody would be able to call in.

On the other hand, Cedrick of Mason Group got to know about the news too.

Obviously, the incident was caused by Pentaland Group.

He asked Charles to do a simple background check, but the outcome caught him off guard.

That night, Catelyn called and said that she had to put in extra hours and would not go home. Even worse, a bunch of reporters blocked the office lobby downstairs.

Cedrick frowned and said, "This should not be your responsibility."

"Hunter blamed me for forcing the company into a corner and decided to keep his hands off." Catelyn said helplessly on the phone.

Her instincts told her that, to save the company, she could only take risks.

It would only be a ticking time bomb if she continued to cover it up.

Once it exploded, everyone would be on the losing end.

Cedrick paused and then said, "Come down, and I'm going to pick you up."

Catelyn stood stunned in front of the glass windows, her slender finger opened the curtains, and she could immediately see the reporters crowding downstairs.

“No, the reporters are still here. Things will only get more complicated if you are here!

Plus... There are many other things at the company...”

Chapter 728-“Then do you plan to hang around in the office forever?” Cedrick’s tone was stern.

Catelyn explained, “I had ordered food delivery, plus, the office is quite cozy. I have a big couch here. There’s no problem for Jolene and me to stay here for a night! You better go home soon, don’t let Ollie and Miles know about this...”

“Too late. Your son just called me and asked if something happened to you,” Cedrick said straightforwardly.

Catelyn’s eyes widened. “Are children so up to date with web dramas?”

“Don’t you compare them to normal children. That’s it. I will think of ways to distract the reporters, I will arrive in twenty minutes,” Cedrick replied briskly.

To cover up the news, the best way would be to create some other news that was even more shocking.

The entertainment paparazzi were focusing much on VSA Group because of Louis.

Cedrick intended to expose some other celebrities’ private lives or some shocking news about them to distract them.

As for the finance or social topics columnists, Cedrick got his people to pretend to be VSA Group’s senior management and distracted them.

There was one reporter who was doubtful of the situation and did not leave.

However, this was enough for Catelyn to leave quietly.

Jolene did not want to leave so soon. Maribel sensed something fishy and immediately disguised herself and followed Catelyn downstairs.

At the construction site, Catelyn was almost putting Maribel on the spot.

Maribel's unpleasant photos were widely spread among the construction workers.

However, Maribel herself was now very flustered with the situation too. She entered the elevator and said to Catelyn, "Miss Clark, it was my fault before this.

Since you have the guts to allow this incident to escalate, you must have some backup plan, don't you?"

"Miss Kingsley did not withdraw from the collaboration. You guys must have a good relationship."

"Can you ask Miss Kingsley for help? To shut people up about this!"

"As for the injured construction workers, I will be paying them compensations..."

Maribel was finally panicking and was blabbering away. Catelyn was a little annoyed and looked at her unhappily. Her cold gaze was a sword made of ice that pierced through Maribel's heart.

"One of the contractors for this project is your cousin, isn't it?"

Maribel's face turned slightly green as she pretended to be innocent. "Miss Clark, what are you talking about? I don't know any contractors..."

“Your annual salary is only six hundred thousand dollars, but you are using the latest season designer bag, which costs over four hundred thousand dollars.

You drive a Mesarati, paid by cash, costing two to three million dollars. You also happen to have a suite in the middle of the city that costs more than ten million.

May I know how you can afford all these without stealing from the project funds?”

Maribel was stunned.

How did Catelyn know about all these?

She was always jealous of Catelyn for taking her Director position away, other than being lowered in the office hierarchy, it was also because she did not have as much power anymore, making it difficult for her to allow her cousin to slack and deliver less than they were supposed to.

“This was indeed gifted by my cousin, but I am not aware that he is involved in any corruption! You have to believe me, that I will never betray the company...”

The elevator reached the ground floor. Catelyn took one look around and was surprised to see no reporters around.

She was delighted and did not want to continue the conversation with Maribel anymore.

“You know very well whether or not you are involved in this. I have nothing more to say, goodbye.”

Before Maribel could reply, Catelyn ran out of the tower and straight into Cedrick’s car.

Cedrick quickly drove away. Maribel wanted to pursue her but could not.

She was worried and immediately called her cousin. He said he would only take a little back then. Who knew it would end up so badly?

However, she could not get through to her cousin!

Chapter 729-Was it because he was feeling guilty and did not dare to pick up her phone call?

When she was panicking, her phone rang.

She thought it was from her cousin and pressed the answer button happily. She then realized it was not her cousin but was a completely strange number...

However, the voice of the person was not unfamiliar!

She had been to Ocean Path Residence to look for Catelyn and the voice who told her the address was this exact one!

In the car, Catelyn took out a bottle of water from the car compartment and gulped it empty. She then flipped open the documents that she did not finish going through.

She was very focused. Even if the light was not bright enough, her eyes were still glittering.

Cedrick forced himself to look away so as not to disturb her.

When she finished organizing her train of thoughts and placed the documents back into her bag, he only said, “

Do you know why Pentaland picked on you?” Catelyn shook her head, “Perhaps we were too high profile about the charity.

Pentaland felt threatened and did not want to give US a chance to turn ourselves around.”

Catelyn could only think of this one possibility.

After all, VSA Group did not have a presence before this. Everyone hated their company.

Phillip Kingsley would not even look at them before.

Cedrick said sarcastically, "The person in charge of Pentaland now has a beef with you."

Beef with me? Catelyn was so busy today that she had never thought that the competitor was picking on her. She asked, "Who is the person in charge now?"

What beef?"

She did not remember offending the new person in charge of Pentaland...

Wait for a second, Jolene told her before that Pentaland was now managed by the long-lost granddaughter of the Atherton family.

Does that mean that the new addition to the Atherton family had a beef with her?

Catelyn's eyes were locked onto Cedrick, but he still did not tell her right away.

Instead, he gave her another hint, "Last week, when we went out to take our family photo, I received a message from Charles, saying that Quinn resigned."

The car was quiet for a few seconds.

Catelyn felt her throat dry as though stuck with a piece of sponge. She cried lowly, "Are you suggesting that Quinn turned into Granny Atherton's granddaughter overnight?"

Then she would be Edwin's cousin?

No wonder Edwin and Joanne were quiet recently. They must have been busy welcoming this new family member.

Catelyn then frowned. She could not believe it. "Didn't you just find out that Quinn was my mother's biological daughter?"

"I guess Quinn found a way to make the Atherton family accept her." Cedrick did not believe that Quinn was capable enough to get the entire Atherton family to believe her.

There must either be someone behind her, or the Atherton family deliberately allowed her to do so.

"Don't they conduct background checks? Even if the entire Atherton family did not doubt it, what about Edwin? He is so smart. Could he also have been fooled..." Catelyn mumbled. No wonder as soon as she took over, Pentaland came right at her.

With the Atherton family behind it, of course, it would be natural for Quinn to launch an attack on herself.

Cedrick said, "The Atherton family has always been in the hands of Granny Atherton all these years. Edwin is the eldest grandson but did not take over the business. As she aged, the morale in the company got lower, office politics were widespread.

Perhaps Granny Atherton wanted to use Quinn to help do some housekeeping."

Chapter 730-I was always skeptical toward Granny Atherton. Now that I think about it, she is pretty pitiful too. She is already so old, but someone is still trying to use the person she cares about most to lie to her..."

Catelyn herself also felt that things did not add up at first, but now that she connected the dots with Quinn, everything made sense. She also felt overwhelmed by it.

Other than that, she was concerned about Stella.

Stella thought Quinn was sincere toward her and was delightfully planning to make amends for her.

However, Quinn ditched Stella right away and went to be Miss Atherton instead.

There was also something else that Catelyn could not understand.

Quinn did not have any foundation, but how did she make it to become Miss Atherton?

Even if someone within the Atherton family intended to get a fake girl to fool Granny Atherton, why would they choose Quinn?

Cedrick did not expect Quinn to turn over a new leaf overnight and decided to get someone to do a thorough investigation. He was careless to have underestimated Quinn.

As soon as Catelyn arrived at Green Island, she received a phone call from William from the headquarters in Franche.

There were a few senior managers in the video call too.

William expressed that he could not reach Hunter, and therefore he reached out to her.

He even mentioned sacking her.

“Miss Clark, you better give US an explanation on the construction quality issue.”

“How did you make your promise to US back then?”

“We expected the sales to double but not to flop like this! It “If you continue this, we are considering exiting the western market altogether.”

The questions were thrown in her way like rapid fire.

Catelyn remained calm and replied to everyone steadily, “Please don’t worry, the company flopped in the western market years ago. Now that we want to turn this around, it is natural to face pushbacks, but every challenge is an opportunity...”

William immediately asked, “Are you saying that you have a way to resolve this now?”

Catelyn smiled and said to everyone, “I am waiting for the right time. I will not let the company go down just like that. For the company and for myself. Even if you want to sack me, could you find a more suitable person to replace Mister Wilson and me in such a short time? If not, please trust me.”

The audience could not continue to question her.

After all, Catelyn was a sudden hire. Logically, Hunter bore a bigger responsibility this time.

After hanging up the conversation with the senior managers, Catelyn contacted Jolene.

Someone had to bear the responsibility for the construction problem, no matter to the public or to the officials.

Obviously, given the current situation, that person had to be either Maribel or her cousin.

Jolene had a wide network in Sapphire City herself too. She had already arranged for someone to investigate early on.

“Kitty, I followed up based on what you pointed out and found out that Maribel’s cousin had created many problems over the recent years! There was also some problem with the last project that he handled, he got lucky that it did not escalate into a bigger issue, but he recently got addicted to

gambling and lost a lot in Las Vegas. He even lost the money that he stole from the corrupt deals. That was why the skyscraper's construction was severely compromised."

In the middle of the quiet night, Catelyn did not feel sleepy at all but was even calmer.

"Then, did you find out his whereabouts now?"

"I asked my friend to stop him, but he had already fled away."

"No matter what it takes, we need to find him."

"Don't worry, I know what I need to do," Jolene agreed briskly.